

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Darryl Carter Gerald Ellis Jerry Epps Angela Hampton Phillip Hunnicutt Bernie Moore Bruce Nooe
City Manager:	Jon Mendenhall
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
News Media:	Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update Mike Moore, Mike Moore Media

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. Pastor Cynthia Nanney of First United Methodist and Spray United Methodist Churches gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Chief Todd Harden.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Recognition of Senator Phil Berger.

Mayor Hall called on Director of Economic Development Mike Dougherty.

Mr. Dougherty said in 2015, Eden received assistance from Senator Phil Berger in relation to Karastan Rug Mill, which served as the main reason the facility remained open today. However, the good news of that announcement was overshadowed by the closing of MillerCoors. In the ensuing years, Senator Berger's staff was in frequent communication with the City and County's Economic Development staff, supporting their efforts to backfill the facility. On September 30, Secretary of Commerce Tony Copeland made the Nestle Purina announcement and noted how Senator Berger had remained in constant communication with him in regards to the project. Senator Berger wanted to ensure the company would come and bring jobs and investment to Eden. Mr. Dougherty added that the state incentives he supported helped bring the project to fruition. Senator Berger had assisted Eden and Rockingham County in many ways over multiple years, and the City was grateful for his help. Mayor Hall presented Senator Berger with a plaque showing the City's appreciation.

Senator Berger said it was always special to receive recognition from a hometown. He appreciated the support he had received from the City and people of Eden and Rockingham County. He was hopeful that the recruitment of Nestle Purina was the beginning of more great things to happen in Eden and Rockingham County. He thanked Mr. Dougherty and Council for everything they were doing.

Mayor Hall asked Parks and Recreation Director Johnny Farmer to come forward.

Mayor Hall stated that Council wanted to say farewell to Mr. Farmer, a longtime employee who was in attendance at his last Eden City Council meeting as a City employee due to his upcoming retirement. Mr. Farmer began working part time at age 15 with the Madison-Mayodan Recreation Department, working his way up and eventually moving to Alabama and Florida to head recreation departments. The City was fortunate Mr. Farmer was looking to return to the area when the City needed a parks and recreation director in 2005. Under Mr. Farmer's leadership, parks and recreation had done many great things, such as securing big name tournaments to play at Freedom Park and adding many features for citizens and

visitors in Eden to enjoy, including the extremely popular splash pad at Freedom Park – the first one of its kind in the region. Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Farmer for his service and wished him many happy years in retirement with his wife Donna.

Mr. Farmer thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the citizens of Eden. With the City’s great leadership and employees, he believed things would continue to go well for the City. He wished everyone the best.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to set the meeting agenda. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Consideration and adoption of an ordinance annexing the property located at 106 Fireman Club Road pursuant to a request submitted by the owner, Judy Robertson. A-20-02.

Mayor Hall declared the public hearing open and called on Director of Planning and Inspections Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz stated the property of 106 Fireman Club Road contained the Eden Drive-In. The owner filed a petition to be annexed and it was deemed sufficient. All requirements had been met and therefore, staff recommended the property be annexed.

As there was no further discussion, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to adopt an ordinance to annex the property located at 106 Fireman Club Road. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina, has been petitioned under G. S. 160A-58.1 to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at the City Council Chamber, 308 East Stadium Drive at 6:00 o’clock p.m. on the 17th day of November, 2020, after due notice by publication on November 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.1, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Eden as of December 31, 2020:

Tract 1: BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the old Leaksville-Madison County Road, now abandoned and obliterated, same being the northwest corner of the tract of land deeded to John & Sam, Incorporated, by B.W. Walker and John Dyer and runs thence South 34 deg. 46 min. East 40.34 feet with the John & Sam, Incorporated, line to the center line of the newly constructed road, or street; thence South 56 deg. 58 min. West with the center line of the said new street, 280.8 feet to an iron driven in the center line of said street; thence North 56 deg. 35 min. East 54.84 feet and North 46 deg. 54' East 228 feet, both with the old Madison Road to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and is a triangular shaped parcel of a land and is a part of the 3.26 acres tract of land deeded by Walker & Dyer to Smith River Water, Incorporated, and contains 0.12 acres of land, less 1/2 of the street area of 0.07 acres, leaving a total of 0.05 acres of land, more or less.

Tract 2: BEGINNING at an iron pipe driven in the center line of the old Leaksville-Madison Road and being a corner of George D. Robertson tracts and runs thence South 71 deg. 18 min. West 104.94 feet to an iron; South 52 deg. 21 min. West 59.7 feet to an iron; and South 46 deg. 54 min. West 293.9 feet to an iron; and South 56 deg. 35 min. West 54.84 feet to an iron, each with the center line of the old Leaksville-Madison County Road, now abandoned, and obliterated; thence a new line, North 30 deg. 47 min. West passing through an iron at 25 feet, a total length of 604.7 feet to a Spanish oak tree marked "fore and aft"; thence North 7 deg. 48 min. East 170 feet to the run of a branch; thence down the run of the said branch as it meanders South 60 deg. East 55 feet; North 35 feet; South 80 deg. East 140 feet; North 20 deg. East 50 feet; North 56 deg. East 130 feet; and South 84 deg. 5 min. East 232.3 feet to a point opposite a small oak on the south bank of said branch, corner with George D. Robertson; thence South 18 deg. 2 min. East 490.8 feet with Robertson line to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and contains 7.825 acres of land less 1/2 of the street area abutting of 0.03 acres, leaving a total of 7.795 acres, more or less, and is a part of Tract #1 of the Suttentfield Farm.

Tract 3: BEGINNING at an iron pipe, original corner between Sam and Fred Swiney, now the Southeast corner of Robertson's tract, and runs thence North 29 deg. 29 min. West 316.4 feet with Robertson's line, originally Fred Swiney, to an iron in the center of the old Madison-Leaksville Road; thence South 71 deg. 18 min. West 30.54 feet to a point in the Southern line of a new 30 foot street and continuing South 71 deg. 18 min. West 74.4 feet and South 52 deg. 21 min. West 59.7 feet to an iron, and South 46 deg. 54 min. West 65.9 feet to a point, all with the center of the old Madison-Leaksville Road; thence South 34 deg. 46 min. East 468 feet, a new line with Smith River Water, Inc., to a point in the Western line of the above referenced Highway No.770; thence North 20 deg. 36 min. East 96.8 feet to an iron and North 20 deg. 19 min. East 103.18 feet to a point in the Southern line of a new 30 foot street and continuing North 20 deg. 19 min. East 39.27 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and contains 1.66 acres, more or less, excluding said 30 foot street from area, and is a part of tracts purchased by the grantors from E.M. Swiney on May 1, 1948, and recorded in Book 388, page 107, and all of tract purchased from Sam Swiney on November 12, 1948, and recorded in Book 389, page 369, and through a part of this tract of land runs the transmission line of the Duke Power company and references made to their right of way. Also, all right, title, and interest that grantor may have in a 30 ft. street, contiguous to this property, shown on the map of Walker & Dyer property (near Matrimony Creek) made by J.S. Trogdon, C.E., for John & Sam, Inc."

The above described properties being more commonly known as 106 Fireman Club Road and identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7969-12-75-9920 and Parcel Number 133124.

Section 2. Upon and after December 31, 2020, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Eden, and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Eden. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G. S. 160A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Eden shall cause to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham, and in the Office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territories described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall be delivered to the Rockingham Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Section 4. Notice of adoption of this Ordinance shall be published once, following the effective date of annexation, in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Eden.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, CMC, City Clerk

- b. Consideration and adoption of an amended Zoning Map and the Outdoor Advertising Overlay Map, Water Supply Watershed Map and Flood Hazard Map which is required as a result of the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance at the October 20, 2020, meeting. Z-20-05.

Mayor Hall declared the public hearing open and called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said in response to the adopted text of the new ordinance at the October City Council meeting, the maps also needed to be adopted by Council. The Flood Hazard Map, Outdoor Advertising Overlay Map and the Water Supply Watershed Map did not change but would need to be readopted due to the regulations being readopted. The existing Zoning Map contained more than 20 districts as well as some inconsistencies that the City attempted to correct both with the text and the new map. The Planning Department had received a few calls over the past few weeks from owners questioning if the amended map would change their property. One caller stated they intended to apply for a mixed-use district in January as the current map did not allow for what they desired to do but the amended map would. The property

at the corner of Harrington Highway and 135 was rezoned to business years ago. Because it was one parcel and it was not good planning practice to have split parcels, it was zoned as residential when staff proposed the map. After speaking with the property owner, staff would like to recommend that the map presented to Council be changed to include the parcel as neighborhood mix, which was the same zoning as the nearby Dollar General and convenience store. It was a much less intense district from what it used to be but would work well for what the owner had planned for it.

Mayor Hall questioned if the change was on the draft of the map.

Ms. Stultz answered yes. She said the property owner, Ben Edwards, was passionate about another use for the property and therefore, she recommended that Council change the map and amend it to include the parcel as neighborhood mix.

Council Member Hunnicutt asked if the neighbors were given adequate time to voice any concerns regarding the maps.

Ms. Stultz said the piece of property was rezoned a few years ago as business. Because the City was at the point in time where the entire map was being adopted, it was not necessary to send out notices. Staff ran two half-page ads in the newspapers and sent approximately 1,200 letters to property owners who lived outside the circulation area of the newspaper.

Council Member Nooe asked how the property was currently zoned.

Ms. Stultz replied business general.

Council Member Nooe stated it was not a significant change from what it currently was compared to if the City rezoned it to residential.

Mayor Hall stated the property was located in a more restrictive district which would allow less uses.

Council Member Moore asked if Ms. Stultz had received any feedback out of the 1,200 letters that were mailed.

Ms. Stultz answered yes. She stated the vast majority wanted to know what their property currently was and what impact the amended map would have on their property. The City had eliminated a lot of the R-20 that was spread out over the ETJ because it was inappropriate. Hence, it was now more well suited to the people who lived in those areas.

As there was no further discussion, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton to adopt the amended Zoning Map and the Outdoor Advertising Overlay Map, Water Supply Watershed Map and Flood Hazard Map as well as the consistency statement. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notice of a public hearing and the holding of a public hearing relative thereto, and as a result of adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance, the following computer generated maps are adopted and effective as of January 1, 2021:

1. City of Eden Zoning Map;
2. City of Eden Outdoor Advertising Overlay Map;
3. City of Eden Water Supply Watershed Map; and
4. City of Eden Flood Insurance Rate Map.

The Official Zoning Map, Outdoor Advertising Overlay Map, Water Supply Watershed Map and Flood Insurance Rate Map of the City of Eden are hereby designated as the official Land Use Maps of the City of Eden.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of November, 2020.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, CMC, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE CASE NUMBER Z-20-05 MAP AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A-383, all City of Eden zoning decisions must be made in accordance with the Land Development Plan. Prior to adopting or rejecting any zoning amendment, the City of Eden Planning Board shall advise and comment in writing as to whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the Land Development Plan and why the Board considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the Eden City Council adopted the Land Development Plan. Plans such as the City of Eden Land Development Plan are not designed to be static but are meant to reflect the City of Eden's needs, plans for future development and to remain in compliance with North Carolina State Law and the City of Eden's ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the new Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes consolidates current city and county enabling statutes for development regulations (formerly in Chapters 153A and 160A) into a single, unified chapter. These changes require that the City of Eden Land Use Regulations be amended to conform with the legislative changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden initiated an action to convert the City of Eden Land Use Regulations to a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and conform to the changes in NCGS Chapter 160D.

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend to the City Council that the amended Zoning Map be approved and that the Outdoor Advertising Overlay, Water Supply Watershed and Flood Hazard Maps be readopted.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The City of Eden Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1968 and since 1993 has been amended over 100 times. The use of a UDO rather than a Zoning Ordinance is widely accepted as a more usable document. With the changes required by the consolidation and amendments of Chapters 153A and 160A to Chapter 160D, it is an appropriate time to convert the City's Zoning Ordinance to a UDO. The UDO reduces the number of zoning districts in the City's jurisdiction as well as creating some new zoning districts. It is necessary to amend the Zoning Map for the City of Eden.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

The goals of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended, are to make smart growth decisions by carefully managing growth to:

- A. Strategically locate new land development in the most appropriate places.
- B. Maintain and enhance Eden's community character and heritage.
- C. Use infrastructure investments as effectively as possible.
- D. Attract new jobs and a more diverse tax base.
- E. Protect natural, cultural and historic resources and open space as we grow.

WHEREAS, The Eden City Council has considered the written recommendation of the City of Eden Planning Board and has held a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Map, and the Council desires to adopt a statement describing why the adoption of the proposed amended Zoning Map is consistent with the City of Eden Land Development Plan, and why the City Council considers the proposed amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD THAT:

1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed map amendments are consistent with the goals and recommendations of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended.
2. At no time are land use regulations or plans of the City of Eden, nor any jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina, permitted to be in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes.
3. Therefore, based upon the foregoing information, the adoption of a new Zoning Map and the readoption of the Outdoor Advertising Overlay, Water Supply Watershed and Flood Hazard Maps are reasonable and in the public's best interest.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 17th day of November, 2020.

CITY OF EDEN PLANNING BOARD

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, CMC, City Clerk

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

There were none at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none at this time.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mayor Hall called on City Manager Jon Mendenhall.

Mr. Mendenhall welcomed any questions about the submitted report.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Mendenhall for the detailed information and offered extra copies to anyone desiring one and stated it was also available online and in Eden's Own Journal.

City Manager's Report
November 2020
City Manager Jon Mendenhall

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Industry

Nestle Purina

Below is a FAQ section about the Nestle Purina facility in Eden:

Q: How do I apply for a job there?

A: Be among the first to know when new roles are posted in the area by signing up for job alerts here: http://adtrk.tw/tp/rj6_31uwR.e.K

Q: When are they going to start hiring/interviewing?

A: Positions are estimated to be posted mid-2021 and phone interviews will begin shortly following.

Q: How many jobs will be created?

A: Approximately 300 jobs by 2024.

Q: How much will Purina pay?

A: Pay rates at this time have not been established. When determining starting wages, they pull local market research and consider unique talent, skills and experience to offer very competitive hourly and salary rates.

Q: How big of an investment was made to open a facility in Eden?

A: \$450 million.

New Technology Brings More Advanced Radiation Oncology to UNC Cancer Care at Rockingham

On September 16, UNC Cancer Care at Rockingham, a Service of UNC Hospitals, began operation of its new \$3.8 million linear accelerator, a machine used to deliver high-dose radiation beams to tumors inside the body.

The Elekta Infinity linear accelerator provides newer, faster and more precise treatment to patients undergoing radiation therapy. It replaces an older linear accelerator at the facility that remained in use during the construction and installation phase for the linear accelerator, ensuring that there were no disruptions to care for patients requiring radiation.

“This is a state-of-the-art therapy device that brings the same cutting-edge technology available at major hospital centers, directly to our community,” said Dr. Ted Yanagihara, radiation oncologist at UNC Cancer Care at Rockingham.

The partnership and collaboration with UNC Health, UNC School of Medicine’s Department of Radiation Oncology and the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center not only advance upgrades such as the linear accelerator, but also provides our Eden-based oncologists with access to the latest research and clinical trials. UNC Rockingham treats a wide variety of cancers using both radiation and chemotherapy.

“This upgrade is another example of UNC Health’s investment in the care for people in Rockingham County and its commitment to our mission to improve the health and wellness of all North Carolinians,” said Steven Eblin, President and CEO at UNC Rockingham Health Care.

The cancer center is at 516 South Van Buren Road, across from the Emergency Department at UNC Rockingham Health Care. For more information, phone (336) 623-9713 or visit <https://www.uncrockingham.org/care-treatment/cancer/>.

Now Hiring!

Night Owl National Stoneworks

This company is a granite and quartz fabrication center located in the former K-Mart building on Meadow Road. They are hiring electricians, electricians’ helpers, granite polishers, CNC machine operators, forklift operators, finish carpenters, sheetrock workers and framers.

Visit www.noncstoneworks.com/careers or call 888-283-6303 for more information.

Eden Venture Business Park

The former Eden Mall is under new management. The building is being painted and outside appearance being dramatically improved. The new owner is seeking professional and light industrial tenants. They will build to suit your needs. Visit www.edenventurebusinesspark.com for more information and to apply.

Gildan Yarns

Gildan is seeking machine electricians, spinning and carding technicians, spinning and carding operators, and can haulers. There are some day shift positions, but the majority of these openings are on the night shift. Most positions are for 12-hour shifts on a 2-2-3 schedule. For more information, visit their 335 Summit Road facility.

Weil-McLain

Hiring 10-15 full time employees, including machine operator, assembler, material handler and paint operator. Visit www.weil-mclain.com/careers for more information.

Armor Express

Openings for a ballistic sewer, carrier and ballistic spread and cut, packout clerk, customer service representative, customer service supervisor, ballistic pad prep, warehouse clerk, carrier sewer and ballistic material handler. Applicants should apply by visiting armorexpress.com under Resources<Careers<Current Openings.

Josh Smith Auto Repair

Looking to hire an automotive technician. If interested, you may apply and submit your resume in person during their regular business hours of Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or email it to joshsmithauto536@yahoo.com. They are offering a referral reward: if you refer an applicant and they are hired, you will receive a \$200 reward!

Blow Molded Solutions

Immediate openings for machine operators at Blow Molded Solutions in Mayodan! They offer 12-hour shifts (day or night) and up to \$11.75/hour. Contact AmeriStaff at www.ameristaff.com or 336-623-6252 for more information. Applications may be filled out onsite Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Henniges

Openings for a quality engineer, quality systems coordinator, industrial engineer, engineer and HR generalist. You may submit your resumes to dana.huskey@hennigesautomotive.com

Royalty Adult & Home Care

They are now hiring CNA's. For more information, call 336-623-2547; visit their website at www.royaltyhwr.com; or email angela@royaltyhwr.com.

Workforce Unlimited

Hiring for positions in Blairs, V.A.; Martinsville, V.A.; Eden, N.C. and Reidsville, N.C. They have openings for order picker,

packaging and general laborer positions in all shifts. For more information, call the Reidsville branch at 336-347-7783 or visit wfunlimited.com.

Commercial

H & B Hardware

This is the former Builder's Mart, located at 137 Cox Street. New owner Greg Beasley is transforming the business into a full service hardware store. The store will have significantly more items for your shopping convenience. Stop by there or call 336-623-3194 for more information.

Main Street

Simply MK will open December 1 at 708 Washington Street in the former Harrington Law office. The retail store features clothing, home décor gifts and much more. They also have further expansion plans.

ENGINEERING

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

Survey crews from LKC Engineering, PLLC began work on four water main replacement projects the first week of November. The proposed replacement projects are along a section of Maryland Avenue between S. Rickman Street and Bay Street, along Maple Lane from Dishmon Loop to the dead end, along Circle Drive from Shedd Street to Hodges Street, and another section of Circle Drive from Pitcher Avenue to Hunter Street. No construction work is planned during this fiscal year for any of these project areas.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

If a citizen has any issues concerning solid waste, streets, or collection and distribution during the normal business hours of Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., please call 336-623-7789 and choose from the extension list below:

Jessica Joyce- Warehouse Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant ext. 3052

Dusty Curry- Solid Waste Superintendent ext. 3061

Darren Gatewood- Streets Superintendent ext. 3060

Darryl Tilley- Collection and Distribution Superintendent ext. 3062

Paul Dishmon- Director of Municipal Services ext. 3053

If you have an emergency after normal business hours, please call the 24/7 on-call personnel at 336-415-4444.

PARKS AND RECREATION

COVID-19 Updates-Phase 3

All Parks and Recreation facilities are open in a limited capacity due to Governor Roy Cooper's Phase 3 regarding COVID-19. Please note, at all open indoor facilities, staff will have participants sign in and answer questions regarding symptoms of COVID-19 before they are allowed into the facility. Staff will also sanitize the facility before, during and at the end of each evening.

Bridge Street & Mill Avenue Recreation Centers

These two facilities will be open Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be a maximum of 25 participants allowed at any given time.

Citywide Playgrounds

All playgrounds are open.

Eden City Hall

City Hall is now open to individuals needing to conduct business within the Finance Department. In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask and remain six feet apart from others as there will be markings in the lobby appropriately spaced.

Staff from other departments within City Hall can meet with individuals in the lobby or in the front Conference Room if needed.

Facility Rentals

There will continue to be no facility rentals due to the limited number of individuals allowed in a facility only being 25.

Freedom Park

The park will continue to operate by maintaining social distancing during the use of the park by citizens. This includes the walking track, basketball courts, skateboard park, nature trail and dog park. The Splash Pad is closed for the season. There will continue to be no shelter rentals at this time.

The Freedom Park Softball Complex and Multi-Purpose Field will continue to operate as it did in Phase 2 with no weekend tournaments being held.

Garden of Eden Center

This facility is operating with a limited capacity of 25 participants at any given time and will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Matrimony Creek Nature Trail Repair Update

Eden's greenways and trails are typically built on sewer line outfalls that run along creeks and rivers. They have multiple uses, such as walking, jogging, biking and horseback riding, which make for a great environment to be out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

The first three-quarter mile of the Matrimony Creek Nature Trail is now open for public use.

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment will hear an application for a special use permit for Solar as a Principal Use at their November meeting. This project is located adjacent to the Purina property on Meadow Road.

Draper CDBG

Currently, we await approval from the Department of Commerce to begin the inspections and document verification to begin the repairs of the structures identified by the scoring process.

Unified Development Ordinance

At the October City Council meeting, City Council voted to approve text of the UDO that will be effective on January 1, 2021. The map amendments will be considered at the November City Council Meeting.

COVID-19 CDBG Assistance to Low and Moderate Income Citizens Grant

The City is partnering with Rockingham County United Way on this project. The City was notified that it would receive \$900,000 to assist its citizens with utilities, rent and mortgage payments that are delinquent due to issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This will include payments of bills owed to the City of Eden for water, sewer and garbage fees.

Stadium Drive Sidewalk Project with NCDOT

The Stadium Drive Sidewalk Project is expected to begin construction in the spring of 2021. The City of Eden has already paid its share of \$98,800, leaving the state's portion of the project being \$394,000.

Pedestrian Plan

This is a project that was funded before the COVID-19 pandemic. The City received word from NCDOT that the project would begin in November.

Nantucket Mill Project

City staff has been working together to help find a way to close the funding gap for this project. We have had calls with our state legislature, the State Historic Preservation Office and other outside agencies to find resources. Mike has contacted a number of potential lenders and Erin has spoken with attorneys that have handled such projects for their jurisdictions. Additionally, we had a call with the Cannon Foundation concerning potential funding assistance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department's final in-service training sessions will run from November 16 through December 8. This training is for all sworn officers and includes annual taser re-certification, nighttime firearms qualification, OC spray training, ASP baton training, subject arrest control training and fire extinguisher training.

- b. Update on the Matrimony Creek sewer repair.

Mayor Hall called on Director of Public Utilities Terry Shelton.

Mr. Shelton said that information was given to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over three weeks ago and the City was waiting for their direction on what kind of permitting would be needed in order to complete the repair work.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Shelton for keeping Council updated as they were anxious to get it open.

- c. Update on code enforcement for 617 Spring Street.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz called on Chief Inspector Bob Vincent to discuss the project.

Mr. Vincent said there had not been any activity on the property. Pictures taken one week prior were shown that confirmed no changes had been made to the property. Mr. Vincent stated that he instructed the owner to secure the dwelling when the permit was pulled in October. At the present time, that had not been done. Mr. Vincent visited the property that morning and established there was still no change in its condition.

Mayor Hall stated that Council had been quite clear and fair on what they were going to do as far as allowing an extension of time and it was apparent there had been no effort on behalf of the property owner.

Council Member Hampton asked Ms. Stultz if the property owner had been in contact with City staff.

Ms. Stultz answered no.

Council Member Ellis asked if anyone representing the property was present at the meeting.

Mr. Vincent said no.

Mayor Hall requested the property be voted on at the December Council meeting.

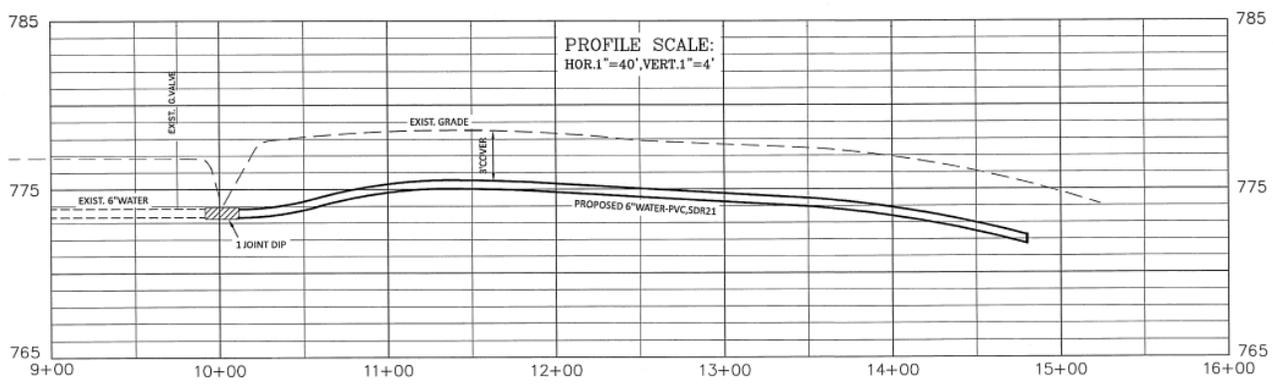
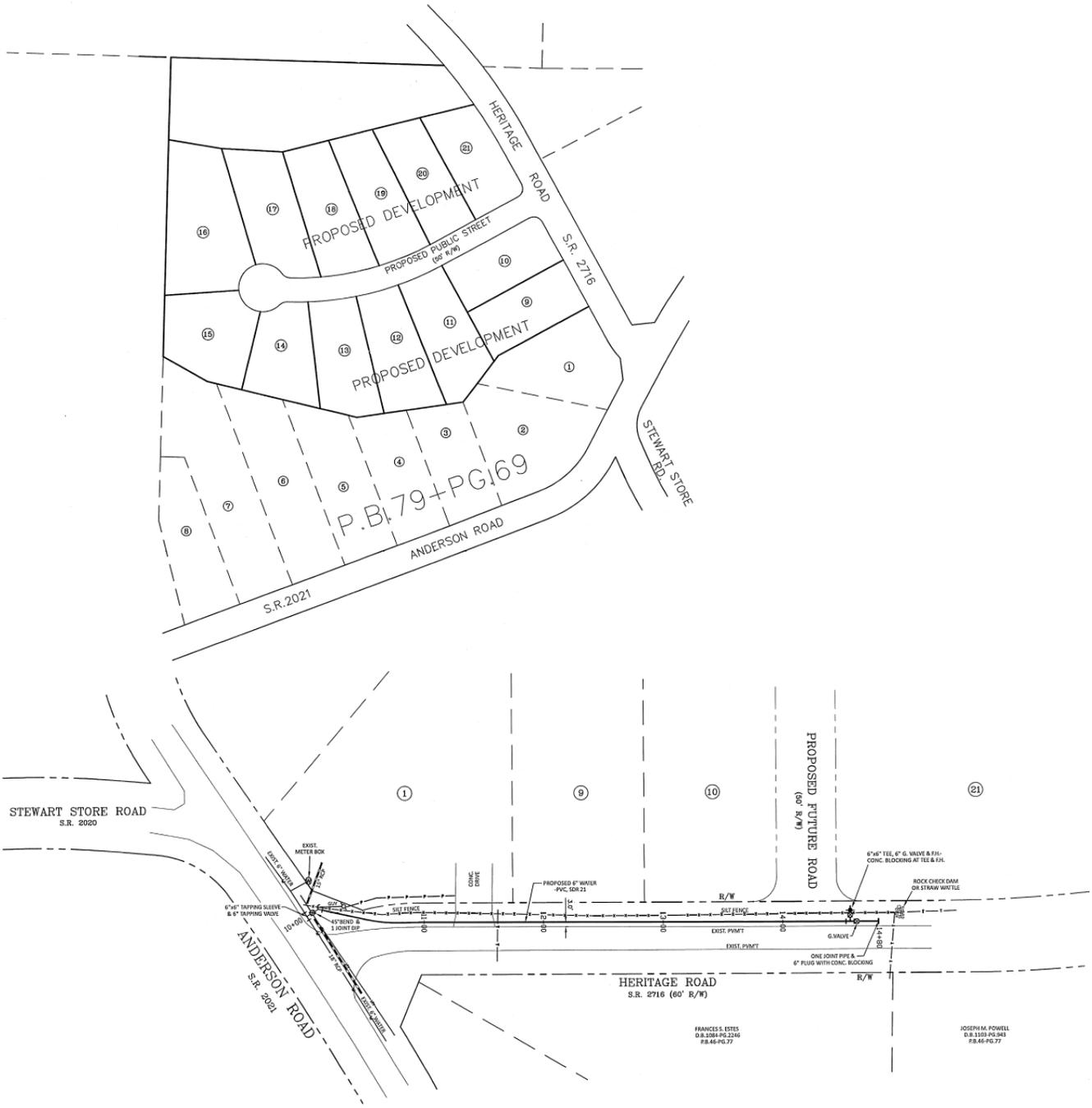
Mr. Vincent said he would issue an order to secure the dwelling the following day and if the property owner did not secure it, the City would send someone to do it.

Mayor Hall stated securing the dwelling was the main concern and thanked Mr. Vincent and Ms. Stultz for the update.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the October 20, 2020 minutes.
- b. Approval of proposed water main extension by Dan River Water, Inc. along Heritage Road.

Director of Engineering Bev O'Dell wrote in a memo that Mike Lemons, Utility Supervisor for Dan River Water, Inc. was requesting that City Council grant approval for the proposed installation of about 480 LF of 6-inch diameter PVC water main along Heritage Road (SR# 2716), northward from the intersection with Anderson Road (SR# 2021). Preliminary plans for the project had been prepared by William E. Mitchell Associates and approval of the proposed improvements were being requested in accordance with the water purchase agreement between the City of Eden and Dan River Water, Inc. The improvements were intended to serve two single-family residences that were to be built off Heritage Road along the proposed project route. A future road off Heritage Road, near the end of the proposed water main extension, was being considered by the property owner. According to Mr. Lemons, if that road were to be built in the future, eight to ten houses could be built along it that could be served water by a future extension off the current proposed water main. It was recommended that the proposed Dan River Water, Inc. water main extension along Heritage Road be allowed to take place.



Council Member Epps made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Hampton thanked everyone who participated in The Boo-levard event held on The Boulevard for Halloween. She invited everyone to attend the Magic of Christmas event being held on The Boulevard on December 11 from 6 - 8 p.m. The event would include a tree lighting ceremony, Christmas Zumba at 6:45 p.m. and an opportunity to vote for the best decorated merchant window.

Council Member Epps congratulated The Boulevard merchants for the improvements they had made to the area.

Council Member Hampton thanked Mr. Mendenhall and the various department heads for meeting with The Boulevard merchants to help them figure out what they could do to make the area even better.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Farmer again for his contribution to the City over the years.

CLOSED SESSION:

- a. To discuss economic development matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4).
- b. To discuss the acquisition of real property pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5).
- c. To consult with the attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to go into closed session. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to return to open session. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor