

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, September 20 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:	Gerald Ellis Jerry Epps, absent Phillip Hunnicutt Kenny Kirkman Bernie Moore Bruce Nooe Tommy Underwood
City Manager:	Jon Mendenhall
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
Media:	Mike Moore, Mike Moore Media Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. Pastor Rennie Salata, Leaksville United Methodist Church, gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Fire Chief James Slaughter.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- a. Recognition: Sam W. Smith, Inc., for 75 years in business

Mayor Hall called Sam Smith Jr. to come forward. Mayor Hall said that Sam Smith Sr., along with John Smith Jr., started a company back in the 1940s that was now known as Sam W. Smith, Inc. Primary services included utility work, underground water and sewer, grading and some paving. At present there were 24 employees with the company, with some having been there 20 plus years. The company had worked on numerous projects, large and small, around the area including Miller Brewery in Eden, RF Micro in Greensboro, Guy M. Turner in Greensboro, as well as doing work for the City of Eden and other government entities over the years. When Sam Smith Sr. passed in 1978, his son Sam Smith Jr. became president and with the help of many good people, he has been able to continue the business making this the 75th year of the establishment. He presented Mr. Smith with a plaque on behalf of the City.

- b. Recognition: Eden Jewelry for 40 years in business

Mayor Hall called Michelle Hyler and Denise Hall to come forward. Mayor Hall said the store got its start in 1982 after owner Eddie Hyler realized some of the scrap gold and coins he was buying was too nice to scrap. He decided to open a retail store to sell them, as well as new jewelry and watches. Mr. Hyler eventually retired and his sister-in-law Ms. Hyler took over ownership of the business. She continued to oversee store operations and partnered with her son JT in some of the store locations. The owners, manager and associates worked hard every day to provide excellent customer service to the communities they served, including their very successful store in Eden at 234 E. Meadow Road. He presented them with a plaque on behalf of the City.

- c. Proclamation: Constitution Week

Mayor Hall called Ginny Jones forward and presented her with a copy of the proclamation he read:

PROCLAMATION
Constitution Week 2022

WHEREAS, September 17, 2022 marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

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WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Neville Hall, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Eden do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Eden to be affixed this 20th day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Ms. Jones thanked the City for supporting the local DAR George Reynolds chapter. The national motto was God, home and country. That was their main objective, to support the Constitution.

d. Proclamation: Remember Me Thursday

Mayor Hall called Lisa Goldsworthy and any members from the Friends of Eden Rescue forward. He presented Ms. Goldsworthy with a copy of the proclamation he read:

PROCLAMATION
Remember Me Thursday 2022

WHEREAS, Friends of Eden Animal Rescue is participating in Remember Me Thursday®; and

WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers of Friends of Eden Animal Rescue have agreed to devote their time, resources, and energy to this united effort to bring attention to orphaned pets; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Eden Animal Rescue will hold a public candle-lighting ceremony with the goal of remembering those orphaned animals who died without a loving home and shining a light on the orphaned animals still waiting for their forever homes throughout the City of Eden and Rockingham County, North Carolina area; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Eden Animal Rescue is working in cooperation with animal organizations and rescue groups from around the world in partnership with Remember Me Thursday® founder Helen Woodward Animal Center; and

WHEREAS, the Remember Me Thursday® campaign will assist in not only bringing attention to the orphaned pets in Eden, North Carolina but will therefore result in increased adoptions of these pets,

NOW THEREFORE, let it be proclaimed that the City of Eden declares that the fourth Thursday of September 2022 is the official Remember Me Thursday® day.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Ms. Goldsworthy noted their board group had expanded as they were trying to make a bigger impact in their efforts to rescue animals in the community. Council Member Kirkman was on the board of directors and she introduced member Debbie Ellis and secretary Mia Brunson who were at the front, along with volunteer Katie Crouch seated in the back. They had many more volunteers. She invited anyone who had a passion for dogs or cats to join their efforts. They had done a number of things to increase their ability to rescue the animals out of the shelter and/or prevent animals from entering the shelter. In 2021, nearly 1,500 dogs and cats were euthanized. They never made it out of the shelter, which was the purpose of Thursday – remembering those animals who did not make it out. It was currently a dire situation across the country with the number of animals being surrendered. Around a year or so prior, the group had opened up their pet pantry where they tried to

provide food and supplies to low income residents and seniors in need of help that hopefully would keep them from turning their animals out or surrendering to the shelter. The group had a spay/neuter assistance program. As a team, they volunteered with the county shelter. She welcomed anyone to come help. It was not necessarily about scooping poop, it was walking dogs and cleaning kennels and promoting the animals for adoption. The group had also grown its foster base so they were taking animals from the shelter, including special needs, and they were getting them into actual homes, helping them be good family members and hopefully getting them into new homes.

Mayor Hall noted that organization provided his family with a lot of joy from the pet they adopted. The City appreciated Ms. Goldsworthy and all the board and volunteers who provided their time and efforts for that.

- e. Oaths of Office for 2022-23 Eden Youth Council: Kylie Draughn, Kyndall Garrett, Nathan Howard and Valerie Howell

Mayor Hall called Staff Advisor Erin Gilley forward along with the members to be sworn in. He noted Ms. Gilley was the staff liaison for the group and she did a good job, making sure they had plenty of things to do and helped them understand what it took to serve on the board. He appreciated Ms. Gilley and the rest of the staff who dedicated their time to the Eden Youth Council.

The following members took their oaths of office for the 2022-23 Eden Youth Council: Kylie Draughn, Kyndall Garrett, Nathan Howard and Valerie Howell.

Ms. Gilley explained the Eden Youth Council started around 2012. The idea was to have the vision and voice from the youth translated to City Council. The new members were sworn in because they were a creation and commission of the City Council. It worked by the Eden Youth Council representing their community of youth and they could take their opinions, views and interests and things they wanted to make a difference in and give those voices to the City Council to possibly implement those plans. The Eden Youth Council had been going strong close to 10 years. The group had done some really good projects in the past and they looked forward to some more. She thanked the parents and family members who were in attendance for their support. Sometimes it took a lot of effort throughout the year so she was glad they were there and understood what it was about. She invited them to wait until after the meeting to enjoy the reception set up.

Mayor Hall said they did have a reception set up at the back of the room for after the meeting.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Hall said Council wished Council Member Epps well as he was tending to an ailing family member. They appreciated thoughts and prayers for Council Member Epps and his family.

A motion was made by Council Member Underwood to set the meeting agenda. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

There were none at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of appointments to the Community Appearance and Historic Preservation commissions.

Planner Debbie Galloway wrote in a memo: The following seats on the City Boards and Commissions are vacant and need to be filled. When making appointments, please consider whether these persons have the time or the ability (for whatever reason) to attend regular meetings and participate in the activities of the board or commission. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call. Ward 3 Councilman Kirkman: Karla McDonald – Community Appearance Commission – Resigned due to schedule conflict; Ward 5 Councilman Underwood: Jim Fink – Historic Preservation Commission - Resigned due to schedule conflict; Ward 7 Councilman Ellis - Rick Willis – Historic Preservation Commission - Attended no meetings since 2021.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said they did have some vacancies – two appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and one to the Community Appearance Commission. She noted the employee who wrote the memo had retired after 20 years of service to the City.

Council Member Kirkman did not have an appointee at that time to which Mayor Hall said the appointment would be tabled to the next meeting.

Council Member Underwood nominated Jackie Valentine to be appointed from Ward 5 for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member Ellis nominated Wanda Stophel to be appointed from Ward 7 for the Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to appoint Jackie Valentine and Wanda Stophel to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Underwood seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hall thanked those who served on the City’s boards and commissions – new members and those who had served for a long time.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- a. City Manager’s Report.

Mayor Hall called on Mr. Mendenhall.

Mr. Mendenhall said since their last meeting, the City had some grants come in and he wanted to make that announcement for the benefit of Council as well as the public. The north basin had been funded at \$9.1 million of state funding. There was a state grant for the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and the fuel depot at Public Works of \$860,000. He and Ms. Stultz had discussed that day grants her office had under management or were seeking approval to apply for and those were approximately \$3.5 million. The total currently allocated, under management or in the process of being applied to was about \$13.5 million in grant funds. He wanted to let that be known and shared with Council and the public.

Mayor Hall said he appreciated that. He thanked the staff and everyone who was working on the grants as they went a long way in the City’s budget. He appreciated what everyone had done to secure the funding. He noted the City had some really big events since the last meeting that had great weather and were a smashing success. He commended Marketing and Special Events Manager Cindy Adams and all the staff that worked on those.

ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Water Main Projects Update

Most of the 6,665 LF of 16” WL installed by Haymes Brothers, Inc. as part of the SoVA WL Phase 2 project that had already passed the hydrostatic pressure tests, passed the bacteriological testing on August 12. One section had to be chlorinated again, before both samples at the last site were able to pass the bacteriological testing on the 16. A conference call between Dewberry, Norfolk & Southern and Railpros yielded a possible path forward to allow the contractor to proceed with the final bore east of Dry Creek. After Dewberry and the contractor supply additional information for review by Norfolk & Southern, it is hoped that nothing else will stand in the way of the bore taking place other than Railpros personnel and the crew from Haymes Brothers, Inc. agreeing on a timeframe to start the work.

MARKETING & SPECIAL EVENTS

Touch -A-Truck 2022 was BIG FUN!! We had over 45 vehicles and pieces of equipment for kids to explore and experience. A huge thank you to the City of Eden Public Works Department, Fire Department, Police Department and all the other generous operators and volunteers who partnered with us to create an awesome day of memories for the kids!! Another huge thank you to all who came and donated a huge amount of school supplies!! You are the best!!

Our Summer Grown & Gathered may have been the best yet!! It was a beautiful evening shared by 100 guests who enjoyed delicious food and drink, great music and a beautiful and historic venue. Thank you to Jarrett & Heidi Nycamp and your team at Blissful Palette Catering for all the awesome food, Real Jazz for your smooth tunes and Mark Bishopric for allowing us to enjoy your beautiful Spray Mercantile Canal and Garden area. We also want to thank the special team who pulled it all together to create the beautiful setting. We could not do this without you!!

Our delicious local food items came from Rudd Farm, WG Bee Farm, Sunset Market Gardens, Locust Farm, Fogwood Foods, Bee Sweet Orchards, Piedmont Farmers Market, Vernon Dairy and Cakes by Bonnie Smith. We encourage you to visit these farms and EAT LOCAL!!

PARKS & RECREATION

Bridge Street & Mill Avenue Recreation Centers

In August, the Bridge Street. Rec Center had 1,264 visits by residents. We have had a lot of walkers on the track especially in the mornings and evenings since it is so hot during the day. The weekends have seen hundreds of people here for parties and cookouts. Our seniors continue to have exercise classes as well as pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis games as well as lessons, basketball (inside and outside). We had Halicia Thompson give out free school supplies for any children that needed them. We also had Weil-McLain employees donate school supplies to Parks & Recreation to distribute to children that couldn't afford them. We still have supplies if anyone needs any. Meals On Wheels plates are picked up here each day and delivered to those that can't get to the center. The Morehead High School Girls Tennis team has been using our tennis courts for practices since their courts are being resurfaced. We had 3,254 visits to the Mill Ave. Center by residents that participated in our activities. Those attending walked the track, played pickup basketball, played pickleball or played on the playground. Our morning pickleball at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays continues to grow in numbers.

Mill Avenue Pool/Freedom Park Splash Pad

The Freedom Park Splash Pad had 1,967 visitors and 37 rentals in August while the Mill Avenue Pool had 1,570 visitors and 14 rentals. Our free swim lessons at the pool finished up August 13 with 193 students participating. The pool is now closed for the season and the splash pad will close Saturday, Sept. 17.

Freedom Park Activities

Freedom Park continues to be a very busy place for the citizens of Eden. Each afternoon the park is full of children as well as adults on the playground, at the basketball courts, at the skate board park, at the dog park, at the walking track, or just using our shelters for picnics or relaxation. We also have the sand volleyball court as well as the bocce court and the batting cage that get used from time to time. Football and cheer leading practices are being held throughout the week. Flag Tag and Cheer practices are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tackle football practices are being held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Our Concert In the Park/Cruz In was held on August 27 with “Remedy” performing. The Holmes Middle School Girls Fastpitch Softball team is using our field for practices on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. The dog park is now relocated to the back of the park next to the skateboard park.

Senior Citizens Activities

Garden of Eden Senior Center participants have been busy this month with an average of 38 people per day. Our programs are onsite and some, like pickleball, are held offsite. We had approximately 880 check ins for our activities. We held two shuffleboard clinics and had pickleball clinics for beginners. We had training opportunities and held a program to help seniors recognize scams online in emails and on the phone. We also offered a tech class for those needing help with their cell phones. Meanwhile our regular activities are: bingo, knitting and crocheting, crafting, cards, exercises and line dancing and more still continue.

Special Events

Our Prowler Football teams won all of their first games against Rockingham except the flag players who were tied. Find the complete schedule on our website at edennc.us

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Collections

Rockingham County Tax Department collected \$2,530.33 and the City of Eden collected \$1,711.14 in code enforcement fees in the month of August. Note: The City has been mowing 1218 E. Stadium Drive since 2014 when the owner died. This property was sold and all fees were paid.

GIS

The staff at Public Works has started sending in screenshots of data for lines and hydrants that were moved in an effort to keep our map information up to date.

Local Codes and Inspections

Inspection volume has increased during the month of August. The Purina project is still ongoing and new construction documents are released almost weekly. The Spray Cotton Mill rehab project is underway and still in the demolition stage. The Dayspring project is nearing completion for the medical offices and chiropractic clinic and construction is beginning for the pharmacy upfit. The 2-story office/classroom addition at OBC has been completed with the sanctuary addition remaining. A building permit has been issued for the new Shoe Show Mega which will be located in the Kingsway Plaza. We also currently have 7 new single-family residences under construction.

Welcome to Draper Sign

This is a Community Appearance project. A purchase order has been issued for the sign, which will be located in the traffic island located at Fieldcrest Road and Main Street.

Grants

COVID-Draper: The Rehab Specialist with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council has scheduled appointments to visit the first four houses to do a walk through and write up the repairs needed.

POLICE

The AXTON FLEET 3 Cameras installation is complete and we are fully operational with our AXON bundle. This has been a very smooth transition and our officers are taking full advantage of the technology advancements offered. We are currently in the middle of a two-week trial phase with the FLEET 3's ALPR capabilities. Tait radios have been ordered consistent with the capital plan (\$292,722) to replace all existing 800mhz radios with TDMA compliant 800mhz radios. These radios should arrive late November- early December. Officers Ashley Ryals, Dominic Hamlett, and Rhett Martin have been sworn in and are currently in the Field Training Program with their assigned patrol shift.

PUBLIC WORKS

Eden Recycle Center

The following recyclables are currently being accepted at the City of Eden's Recycle Center and distributed in the following manner:

MIXED PAPER, PLASTICS and CARDBOARD are taken commingled to a local vendor to be recycled. USED OIL and OIL FILTERS are picked up at our facility by a vendor from Sanford, NC.

The PAINT we receive is poured into drums and picked up by a hazardous waste vendor from Greensboro, NC.

ALUMINUM and TIN CANS are hauled to a metal recycling vendor by the City of Eden Solid Waste employees.

WHITE GOODS and other scrap metal are picked up by the same company in Madison, NC. Everything that enters our facility is recycled except for glass and we are currently seeking a source for the glass recycling. In addition, Fleet Maintenance located at the Klyce Street Public Works Facility recycles used motor oil to heat the shop along with two vehicle storage sheds. If you have any questions, please call the Solid Waste Division at 336-623-2110.

b. Report on advisory committee proceedings.

(1) Strategic Planning Commission.

Mayor Hall called on Staff Advisor Cindy Adams.

Ms. Adams advised she had nothing to report.

(2) Planning Organization Boards.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said as they could see, the Planning Board did not meet that month because she had no cases for Council. The Board of Adjustment did not meet either. There was a quorum issue with the Community Appearance Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission did meet. While she was there, she wanted to talk about some of the grant programs the City was dealing with. They were in the process of an application for a new grant from the state in the rural center called the Rural Transformation Grant. There were all kinds of things that were eligible to be included and it was dependent on census tracts and qualifications. She provided a list of the things she and the consultants were considering at the moment: Draper - streetscape plan and design for downtown, crosswalk improvements for that area, design and construction for those projects with \$40,000 estimated for small-area plan recommendations that would come from the group; Spray and The Boulevard - \$350,000 would be requested for paving. As Council knew, the Powell Bill funds were not what they used to be and paving costs had gone up. After consulting with the Design and Construction staff, a list had been put together of things that needed to be done. It would include Washburn, Caleb, Turner, Hopper, Riverside and The Boulevard. Beyond that, they would request \$50,000 for a public space project they hoped to do in the downtown area and crosswalks on Washington Street. Currently, the maximum they would apply for was \$950,000. They were shooting for the 800 and some odd thousand range because there had to be some for administration and contingency funds. During a conversation she had with the Department of Commerce about something else, she had mentioned the current situation with the fire station in Draper. The City was able to get some grant money to work toward that project. The bids would be opened Thursday. Because they were Community Development Block Grant funds, the City had to follow some fairly strict procedures as required. She hoped the number she provided was sufficient. Council would likely be asked to have a special meeting in order to approve those bids. Additionally, consultants had finally been out and interviewing property owners for the Draper Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG. They were working with the property owners to establish what improvements needed to be made to the properties. There were a couple of people on the original list who had sadly passed away and a couple of people who had ended up with too much income. The City was working to get some other residents added to the list. Regarding the Covid grant and Draper School project, the City was waiting on a deed to be agreed upon by the school system and hopefully they could get that moving shortly. There had been a sidewalk discussed on Stadium Drive between Pierce Street and Edgewood Road for what seemed like an eternity to her and she was sure it did to the community. They were down to the point where they were ready to bid it. She said Ms. Gilley was diligently working to get two easements from the church and school system. She had hoped it would be bid already because it would get close to concrete time but hopefully it would be done by spring. Information was brought back by Council Member Hunnicutt from the RPO meeting. She followed up with RPO and someone from DOT. There was the potential to apply for a grant, and the City intended to do so, that should be let in October concerning a feasibility study for the rails to trails project that had been discussed within the Spray Mill complex.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Stultz for the update and the work to secure grants.

(3) Parks Commission.

Mayor Hall called on Staff Advisor Terry Vernon.

Mr. Vernon said the commission had not met in a while but he would report on what was happening in the Parks and Recreation department. They were full speed ahead with the football program with 97 players and 41 cheerleaders, a total of 138 participants. A couple of Saturdays ago, it was very rainy and he did not think they would be able to play on the high school field in Wentworth. He drove over to Wentworth and the flag tag teams were on the field and went into four overtimes ending in a tie. The three other teams won against Rockingham. It was a good day but he did not think he had ever been outside that long watching football with an umbrella over his head. The next week, the Prowlers were at Laurel Park High School in Martinsville and did not fare as well. Flag tag lost, 8u won, 9 and 10 year olds went into overtime but lost and the 12u lost. All the teams were at least 500 so far. They enjoyed it so far. They played again this weekend at Morehead against Northwest Guilford. He invited anyone to come watch the games Saturday. He hoped to have a lot of support. When they played in the rain, he thought at least 95 percent of the kids were there along with their families. He thought there was more attendance from the Prowlers than there was on the Wentworth side. A new cornhole league had been started a week before with over 30 players signed it. It was a growing sport. They continued to have activities with the seniors. Pickleball was still growing and was played several places. Morning at the Bridge Street Recreation Center saw exercise, shuffleboard and all kinds of activities. A lot of the people who came for the meals at lunch came early to fellowship and have a good time in the nutrition center. It was good to have them back after the break that happened with Covid.

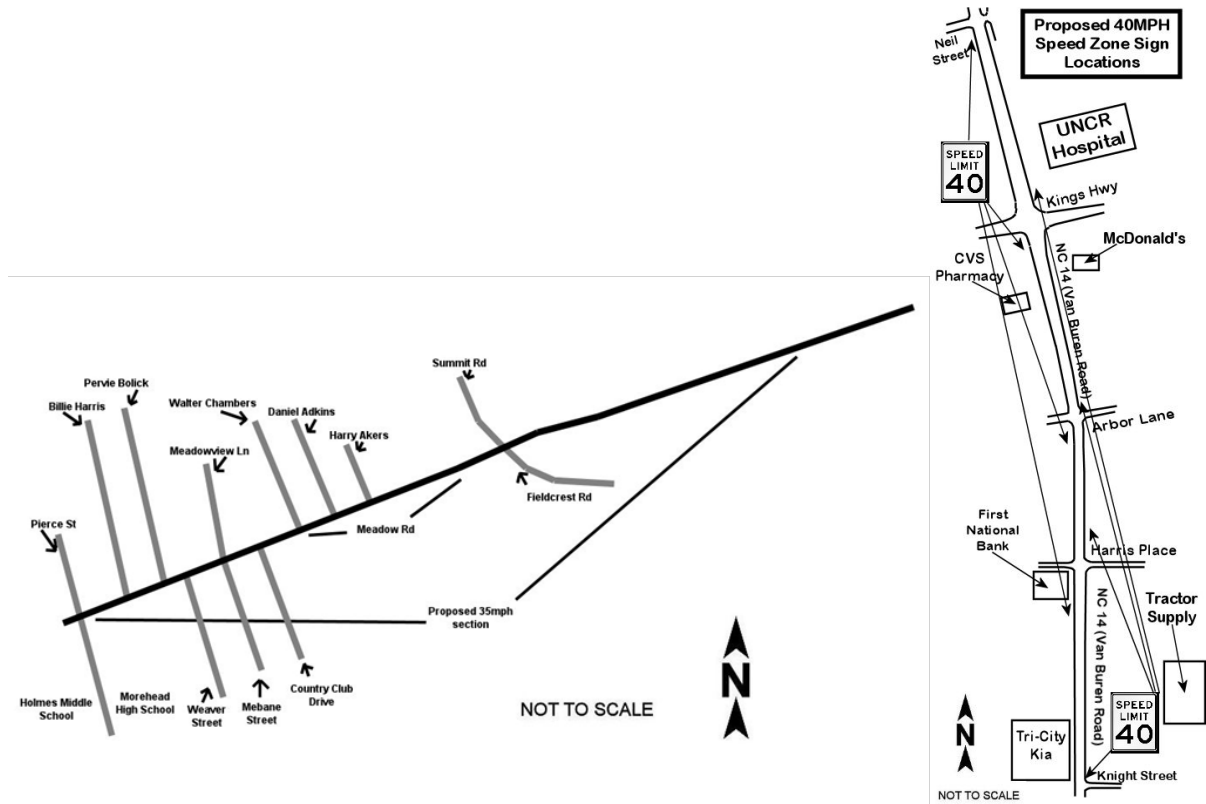
Mayor Hall said there were a lot of good things going on with Parks and Recreation. He was proud of the football program because three or four years prior, there was serious discussion about doing away with football in different organizations. The City had done a good job of getting it together and coming up with a good product. He thanked them and the coaches and volunteers for the Prowlers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the August 16, 2022 Council meeting minutes.
- b. Approval and adoption of a resolution for NCDOT requesting speed limit changes on N.C. 14 (Van Buren Road) and U.S. 311 (Meadow Road).

Sgt. Jim Robertson wrote in a memo: On August 19th, 2022, I received a request from Chief Clint Simpson to compose resolutions to change the speed limits on Meadow Road (Pierce Street to Summit Road) and Van Buren Road (Tractor Supply to UNCR). Based on a recent meeting with NCDOT representatives, Mr. Jon Mendenhall (City Manager) advised that NCDOT would be agreeable to reducing the speed in these two locations provided the Council authorize City initiated resolutions. The first location for a speed change would be a reduction to Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on NC 700-770 (Meadow Road) from SR 1962 (Pierce Street) eastward to a point 0.88 of a mile east of NC 700 (Fieldcrest Road)-SR 1714 (Summit Road) [the 45mph section of Meadow Road, see Attachment #1]. Traveling west into the City on Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) from the City Limits, the speed limit is 35mph for 1.3 miles. The speed limit then increases to 45mph for 1.7 miles and then reduces once again to 35mph at the intersection of Pierce Street (SR 1962) until it terminates another 1.2 miles west at the Spray Traffic Circle. There are at least twelve roadways that intersect Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) in the 1.7 mile section that is currently posted 45mph. The majority of these roadways are residential in nature, with the traffic along the 1.7 mile stretch both residential and commercial in nature. Both Morehead High School and Holmes Middle School are located just south of the Pierce Street (SR 1962)/ Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) intersection. The majority of buses for these two schools and a great number of car riders utilize this intersection. Concerns include: the high volume of students/parents going to and from school in cars and buses; the difficulty in entering the roadway in a safe manner; data collected in the area indicates a traffic count of approximately 4,300 vehicles per day traveling westbound and 7,000 vehicles per day traveling eastbound; the confusion of constantly changing speed limit for such a short length of roadway; and the impending opening of the Purina Plant which will increase commercial/freight traffic. The second location for a speed change would also be a reduction to Forty (40) miles per hour on NC 14 (Van Buren Road) from Neil Street southward to the intersection of Knight Street (near the area of Tractor Supply, see attached). The area of NC 14 indicated has five (5) street intersections (one major roadway [Kings Hwy] and 2 other well-traveled roadways) and over thirty (30) side access points from which vehicles enter/exit the roadway. Concerns include: there is a major intersection at Van Buren Road (NC 14) and Kings Highway (SR2066); data collected in the area indicates a traffic count of approximately 9,500 vehicles per day traveling southbound and 8,700 vehicles per day traveling northbound; there were over eighty (80) reported traffic collisions on S. Van Buren Road in 2021; the impending opening

of the Purina Plant which will increase commercial/freight traffic; the numerous (over thirty) unregulated access points to various businesses along this stretch of roadway; emergency and private vehicles entering and exiting the Emergency Department of UNCR. The Police Department’s recommendations are: the speed limit on Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) from a point 1.3 miles west of the City Limits west to Pierce Street (SR 1962) should be reduced to Thirty-five (35) miles per hour with an ordinance being drafted to concur with the state ordinance that covers this 1.7 mile stretch of roadway; the speed limit on Van Buren Road (NC 14) from Neil Street southward to Knight Street should be reduced to Forty (40) miles per hour with an ordinance being drafted to concur with the state ordinance that covers this 1.0 mile stretch of roadway.



RESOLUTION 23-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON A PORTION OF NC 700-770 (MEADOW ROAD) OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden recognizes the current speed limit on NC 700-770 (Meadow Road) from SR 1962 (Pierce Street) eastward to a point 0.88 of a mile east of NC 700 (Fieldcrest Road)-SR 1714 (Summit Road) is Forty-five (45) miles per hour in either direction (eastward and westward); and

WHEREAS, traveling west into the City on Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) from the City Limits, the speed limit is 35mph for 1.3 miles. The speed limit then increases to Forty-five (45) miles per hour for 1.7 miles and then reduces once again to Thirty-five (35) miles per hour at the intersection of Pierce Street (SR 1962) until it terminates another 1.2 miles west at the Spray Traffic Circle; and

WHEREAS, there are at least twelve roadways that intersect Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) in the 1.7 mile section that is currently posted Forty-five (45) miles per hour. The majority of these roadways are residential in nature, with the traffic along the 1.7 mile stretch both residential and commercial in nature; and

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WHEREAS, both Morehead High School and Holmes Middle School are located just south of the Pierce Street (SR 1962)/ Meadow Road (NC 770, 700) intersection. The majority of buses for these two schools and a great number of car riders utilize this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the future Purina Plant opening will increase commercial, freight, and civilian traffic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Eden City Council formally requests for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider reducing the speed limit of Forty-five (45) miles per hour to Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on the 1.7 stretch of roadway of NC 700-770 (Meadow Road) from SR 1962 (Pierce Street) eastward to a point 0.88 of a mile east of NC 700 (Fieldcrest Road)-SR 1714 (Summit Road).

In the COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
Adopted this 20 day of September, 2022.
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk
Approved as to form: Erin Gilley, City Attorney

RESOLUTION 23-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON A PORTION OF NC 14 (VAN BUREN ROAD) OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden recognizes that the current speed limit is Forty-five (45) miles per hour in either direction (northward or southward) on NC 14 (Van Buren Road) from Neil Street southward one (1.0) mile to Knight Street; and

WHEREAS, this one (1.0) mile portion of NC 14 (Van Buren Road) has five (5) street intersections (one major roadway [Kings Hwy (SR2066)] and 2 other well-traveled roadways) and over thirty (30) side access points from which vehicles enter/exit the roadway; and

WHEREAS, there is a major multi-lane intersection at NC 14 (Van Buren Road) and SR2066 (Kings Highway); and

WHEREAS, there were over eighty (80) reported traffic collisions on S. Van Buren Road in 2021 which includes this portion of roadway; and

WHEREAS, the main entrance/exit to the Emergency Department of UNCR is located on this portion of NC 14 (Van Buren Road);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Eden City Council formally requests for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider reducing the speed limit from Forty-five (45) miles per hour to Forty (40) miles per hour on this 1.0 mile portion of roadway on NC 14 (Van Buren Road) from Neil Street southward to Knight Street.

In the COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
Adopted this 20 day of September, 2022.
Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk
Approved as to form: Erin Gilley, City Attorney

- c. Approval and adoption of a resolution to apply for financial assistance from the State and a ten-year Supplemental Sewer Specific Capital Improvement Program for sewer construction.

Special Projects Manager Terry Shelton wrote in a memo: I am asking the Council to support our effort to apply for a \$400,000 planning grant that can be used to do engineering work for planning the rehab and repair of the Railroad and Covenant Branch Force Mains. The application requires a Resolution by the Council requesting financial assistance. A supplemental sewer specific capital improvement plan (CIP) must also be submitted with the funding application that has been approved by Council. We are preparing a spreadsheet showing a spending plan of what we plan to do to maintain our sewer systems over the next ten years. Council would be asked to approve this supplemental sewer specific

CIP. This would be a guide of what the staff recommends be done to maintain the systems subject to availability of grant funds.

RESOLUTION 23-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF THE RAILROAD & COVENANT BRANCH FORCEMAINS OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as the Railroad & Covenant Branch Force Main Improvements; and

WHEREAS, based on the age and current condition and recent failures in the pipe, it is evident that it is time for the City to begin planning and preparing to make structural repair on these structures in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Eden, the Applicant, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the Applicant will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the Applicant will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the Applicant agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the City of Eden to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the City of Eden any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That Jon Mendenhall, City Manager, the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the Applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

In the COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

Adopted this 20 day of September, 2022.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Approved as to form: Erin Gilley, City Attorney

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Tammie McMichael, Finance Director

Minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting of the City Council, City of Eden:

City of Eden
Supplemental Sewer Specific Capital Improvement Program
Fiscal Years 2022 - 2032
Sewer Construction

Description	Total Cost	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25**	FY 25-26**	FY 26-27**	FY 27-28**	FY 28-29**	FY 29-30**	FY 30-31**	FY 31-32**
1 Covenant Branch Force Main Rehabilitation (Spot Section Replacements as Evaluation)	\$ 1,450,000			\$600,000	\$850,000						
2 Railroad Force Main (Spot Section Replacements as Evaluation Indicates)	\$ 900,000			\$500,000	\$400,000						
3 Air Release Valve Inspection and Repair/Replacement	\$ 220,000		\$200,000					\$20,000			
4 Reroute Purina sewer to Industrial pump station with 10" sewer	\$ 475,000		\$50,000	\$425,000							
5 Karastan Sewer Relocation (Delayed Parts of EPA Project)	\$ 840,000				\$840,000						
6 Bridge Street Sewer Line Rehabilitation (Delayed part of EPA Project)	\$ 1,200,000					\$1,200,000					
7 Junction Sewer Line Rehabilitation (Delayed parts of EPA Project)	\$ 1,100,000						\$1,100,000				
8 Junction Pump Station Update (Currently Bidding this EPA Project)	\$ -										
9 Bridge Street Pump Station Rehabilitation (Under Construction EPA Project)	\$ -										
10 Immediate Repairs in Junction Siphon and Outfall between Siphon (Bidding October 22)	\$ -										
11 22)	\$ -										
11 Roadroad Pump Station Improvements	\$ 67,000.00	\$17,000	\$50,000								
12 Inflow and Infiltration Repairs/Sewer Fix It Program	\$ 1,750,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$250,000
13 line/replace/point repairs on RCP SS on W. King's Hwy	\$ 290,000.00		\$290,000								
14 Elimination of SD connections to SS south of MGM warehouse, feeding into Metro PS	\$ 10,000.00		\$10,000								
15 partial replacement of SS outfall east of Lake St near DRPS	\$ 35,000.00		\$35,000								
16 upsize 4" SS in Beech St and Lake Drive to 8"	\$ 340,000.00			\$30,000	\$310,000						
17 replace section of 8" SS near old Edwards abattoir/slaughter house, north of Landfall Dr.	\$ 60,000.00			\$10,000	\$50,000						
18 eliminate 4" SS behind houses south side of Front St. between N. Hale & N. Hundley	\$ 325,000.00			\$25,000	\$300,000						
19 elimination of SD connections to SS at old mill off Riverside Dr., near W. Aiken Rd.	\$ 10,000.00					\$10,000					
20 Roadroad Pump Station Improvements	\$ 67,000.00	\$17,000	\$50,000								
21 Access and Easement Improvements	\$ 125,000.00		\$20,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
22 High Priority Aerial Crossing Replacements	\$ 300,000.00		\$50,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$50,000		\$30,000		\$50,000	
23 Flow Monitoring (Maintenance and Data Interpretation)	\$ 200,000.00		\$25,000						\$175,000		
24 SS relocation away from branch, Neil St/Thompson St area (if not EPA work)	\$ 393,000.00				\$150,000	\$243,000					
25 upsize 4" SS in Mill Ave., west of N. Rickman St. to 8"	\$ 167,000.00							\$22,000	\$145,000		
26 upsize 4" SS in Water St to 8"	\$ 188,000.00							\$25,000	\$163,000		
27 upsize 4" SS in Elam Ave., west of Pervie Bolick St. to 8"	\$ 80,000.00							\$8,000	\$72,000		
28 upsize 4" SS in Barnett St, south of Harris St. to 8"	\$ 157,000.00							\$12,000	\$145,000		
29 replace <8" SS in Glovenia St., west/NW of Boone Rd to old RR R/W w/8"	\$ 145,000.00							\$12,000		\$133,000	
30 replace <8" SS east of Riverside Dr. w/8"	\$ 114,000.00							\$10,000		\$104,000	
31 replace <8" SS in N. High St. & west of same, near Mill Ave. & Balmar Theater	\$ 201,000.00							\$20,000		\$181,000	
32 add manholes where just VCP cleanouts exist at few spots in Bear Slide	\$ 20,000.00							\$20,000			
33 replace 8" SS in Washington St. from S. Hamilton St to Bridge St prior to next DOT resurfacing	\$ 50,000.00									\$50,000	
34 consider installing gravity outfall from E. Harris PS to eliminate the PS	\$ 25,000.00							\$25,000			
35 replace upper section and add MH, north end of Carrington Lane (in house)	\$ 6,000.00					\$6,000					
Total	\$ 9,860,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 880,000	#####	#####	#####	#####	\$ 424,000	\$ 935,000	\$ 758,000	\$ 260,000

Yellow Highlighted projects are funded with low interest loan and Grants

** Due to current inflation and wildly fluctuating costs of labor, equipment, and technology these cost are subject change up or down significantly.

d. Approval and adoption of an easement and encroachment agreement for Mitchell’s Discount Drugs, Inc.

Ms. Gilley wrote in a memo: City Staff was contacted by the owners of Mitchell’s Discount Drugs, Inc. to request an easement and encroachment from the City of Eden with regard to their property on 546 Morgan Road. The property owners need to install two HVAC units, one on the northern side of the building and one on the southern side of the building. Their building is essentially the property line and butts up all the way to the parking lot of the city Fire station # 3 and also to the City’s right of way (Jones St.) on the southern side. The HVAC unit will extend 4’ x 4’ on to the City parking lot and will extend 4’ x 4’ into Jones Street as shown on the attached drawing. I have prepared an easement agreement whereby the City would formally grant and easement of 4’x 4’ to Mitchell’s Discount Drugs (Fire station parking lot) and an encroachment agreement whereby the City would allow Mitchell’s Discount Drugs to encroach 4’x 4’ into Jones Street. Both of these areas would terminate if and when the units are removed and no longer used by property owner. The Deputy Fire Chief, Division of Design and Control, as well as Public Works and the Police Chief have been consulted to assess any potential safety issues with this. None have been identified. As such, we would recommend that you authorize the execution of these agreements in assistance to a local business owner. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Copies of the deed of easement and encroachment agreement are on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Report on external committees by the liaisons.

Mayor Hall said he had spoken with Council Member Moore and was told the Solid Waste Committee had not met in several months. Council Member Hunnicutt had sent his message through Ms. Stultz that there was an opportunity for a grant that would fit right in with what the City had been looking to do for a couple of years with rails to trails. He appreciated Council Member Hunnicutt going to the meeting representing the City and bringing back the information. He wanted to say how much he appreciated and enjoyed RiverFest the past weekend. It was a huge success both nights with a lot of people in town. He thought the staff did a great job

putting a good representation of the City together. He appreciated Ms. Adams and all the staff and volunteers who worked the festival. It was a great event. The City had a new fire chief as of the following day – Chris White. He welcomed him.

Ms. Adams said there would be a very detailed thank you article in Eden’s Own Journal the first of October thanking a lot of people. She came before them with a grateful heart. It was an amazing weekend with beautiful weather. She said it from the stage and she had said it many times – she would put Eden’s event team against anybody in the state. They knew their duties and what to do. They kept it safe and clean. If you came through Sunday, you would never know there was a festival in Uptown Eden along Washington Street and the perimeter there. It took a lot of work and a lot of dedication. People stayed on it all day and they stayed late. She thought the final crew left a little after 2 a.m. She thanked everyone who attended and all the vendors. She was sold out. There was no more space and no more power for food vendors. The music was fantastic. It was just one of those perfect scenarios. They were already diligently working on 2023, which was the 20th anniversary. They were working on a 9/11 exhibit and Native American performance and lots of cool things to bring people to Eden. RiverFest did bring people to Eden. She would share also in the article not only where the visitors came from, but where the vendors came from. The hotels were very busy with people from as far away as Brisol, Tennessee, who were vendors. It accomplished what the City wanted it to – it brought recognition to our beautiful city, to the Uptown Eden merchants who were all thrilled. Everyone just had a good time. She thanked Council.

Mayor Hall wanted to mention that extra copies were available at the meeting for the City Manager’s Report. It was also in Eden’s Own Journal and was available online.

Council Member Ellis congratulated the new Eden Youth Council members on stepping forward and making a commitment to their city. He thanked the parents for allowing that. He thanked Mr. Vernon for what Parks and Recreation was doing as he had two family members who were involved in flag tag and they loved every minute of it. The City continued to move in a positive direction. Not everything was perfect, but the City continued to work and strive toward that. He thanked the coaches for what they were teaching the children and thanked the parents for the good sportsmanship they were showing. He had noticed the good sportsmanship and thought that was what the kids would remember.

Mayor Hall reminded the audience that there was a reception following and he invited everyone to stay and meet the newest Eden Youth Council members.

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