

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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
	Kenny Kirkman
	Greg Light
	Bernie Moore
	Bruce Nooe - absent
	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, including the media present. Pastor Michael Brady of Trinity Wesleyan Church gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Chris White.

PROCLAMATION:

a. Proclamation in honor of Reverend Lemuel M. Hardison.

Mayor Hall called Rev. and Mrs. Hardison to the podium to stand as he read the proclamation.

Rev. Hardison said it was the mid-1990s when he first came to Eden. He was chaplain of the Winston-Salem Police Department and came to Eden on weekends as an interim. He never thought about moving to and living in Eden but the longer he stayed, the more he liked it. His family finally bought a house, and as the old fella says “we ain’t going anywhere.” His family loved Eden. He wished God’s blessing on the group for all they did.

PROCLAMATION

In honor of Reverend Lemuel M. Hardison

WHEREAS, in December 2022, Reverend Lemuel M. Hardison, one of the City’s longtime beloved pastors and a treasured citizen, retired from his final pastoral post in Eden as the minister of North Spray Christian Church; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Hardison spent 27 years of his lifetime of ministry in devotion and service of Eden citizens both at Central and North Spray Christian Churches, and as the dedicated Chaplain of both UNC Rockingham Health Care and Hospice of Rockingham County; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Hardison was ordained in 1963 in Williamston, North Carolina, later graduating in 1966 from Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tennessee. His pastoral career spanned through Kentucky and Tennessee before he moved back to North Carolina, pastoring in Washington and Winston-Salem prior to his posts in Eden; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Eden has been blessed and our citizens’ lives enriched since Reverend Hardison’s arrival in our beautiful City. A pastor represents so many things – leader, spiritual guide, visionary, shepherd, teacher and preacher – and not only has Reverend Hardison been those to his congregations, he has been all of those to all of us in the City. The compassion, generosity and love shared by this humble man of God is an example to us all and we are better for having known him.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, along with the Eden City Council, congratulate Reverend Hardison on his much-deserved retirement and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Eden to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor  
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

SET MEETING AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

City Attorney Erin Gilley read the policy for speakers.

Shane Woodall, 126 Eisenhower Court, explained he was the local coordinator for the Special Olympics of Rockingham County. He retired in July. The spring games were normally held at a different school. This year he wanted to come to Freedom Park. Council Member Ellis had put him in touch with City Manager Jon Mendenhall and from there he spoke with Parks & Recreation Director Terry Vernon and Assistant Director Ray Thomas. The Special Olympics would be April 28 at Freedom Park, starting at 9:30 and it should be over at 2. He wanted to commend everyone. It had been flawless working with Mr. Vernon and Mr. Thomas. He would be meeting with Mr. Thomas again for the final logistics. He wanted Council to know he appreciated the City allowing it to be held at Freedom Park. He had always wanted it there and it just had not worked out in years past. This would be the first time at Freedom Park. He looked forward to seeing each member of Council there.

Council Member Ellis asked about the starting time.

Mr. Woodall said it started at 9:30, give or take. In past years they have had buses come in late but it should be no later than 10. What had been given to the teachers, schools and community was 9:30.

Council Member Ellis asked how many people he was expecting.

Mr. Woodall said it was currently around 250. Rouses used to come but had not in the last couple of years he thought due to Covid, and he understood that. They were always welcome, as was everyone to come and participate.

Council Member Ellis said he appreciated what Mr. Woodall was doing and he thanked him.

Mayor Hall said he thought Freedom Park would be a great place. There were other things to keep other people occupied while they were not involved. He was sure Mr. Woodall would find the City's staff was a pleasure to work with.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of boards and commissions appointments.

Ms. Stultz wrote in a memo: The following seats on the City Boards and Commissions are up for appointment or reappointment in 2023. 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 1 Councilman Moore: None to report

Ward 2 Councilman Nooe: None to report

Ward 3 Councilman Kirkman: None to report

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Ward 4 Councilman Epps: None to report

Ward 5 Councilman Underwood: Jennifer Shelton resigned

Ward 6 Councilman Light: None to report

Ward 7 Councilman Ellis: None to report

Mayor Hall: None to report

ETJ (Must be appointed by City Council and approved by County Commissioners): None to report

The following are the days and times that each board meets each month:

Board of Adjustment 1st Thursday each month 5:30 pm; Community Appearance Commission 1st Tuesday each month 5:30 pm;

Historic Preservation Commission 2nd Monday each month 5:30 pm; Planning Board 4th Tuesday each month 5:30 pm; Tree Board

3rd Monday of each month Noon

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said Council Member Underwood's representative resigned and there needed to be a replacement.

Council Member Underwood nominated Pamela Miskel.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to appoint Pamela Miskel to serve on the Community Appearance Commission. Council Member Underwood seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of an appointment of a Council Member to serve as a delegate to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Board.

Mayor Hall advised the group met in Kernersville. He had approached Council Member Light about assuming the position with the board on behalf of the City and he recommended that Council Member Light be appointed.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to appoint Council Member Light to serve as delegate to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Board. Council Member Epps seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hall thanked Council Member Light for his willingness to take on that additional responsibility.

- b. Consideration to adopt a resolution to direct the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of an annexation petition for 773 Summit Loop.

Ms. Stultz wrote in a memo: The City has received an annexation request for property located at 773 Summit Loop. The property is owned by Robert and Kathy Taylor. A motion to adopt a "Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received under G.S. 160A-58.1" is in order.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the new owners of 773 Summit Loop requested their property be annexed into the City's limits because they wanted to put a house there with sewer. Their petition had been received and the first step was to ask the clerk to investigate its sufficiency. She and her staff would take care of that on behalf of the clerk.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to adopt a resolution to direct the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of an annexation petition for 773 Summit Loop. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.



**PETITION REQUESTING A CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION**

Date: 2-19-2023

To the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina:

1. We the undersigned owners of real property respectfully request that the area described in Paragraph 2 below be annexed to the City of Eden.
2. The area to be annexed is contiguous to the City of Eden and the boundaries of such territory are as described in the attached Deed.
3. A map is attached showing the area proposed for annexation in relation to the primary corporate limits of the City of Eden.

Name	Address	Signature
Robert Taylor	773 Summit Loop Circle	<i>Robert Taylor</i>
Kathy Taylor	773 Summit Loop Cir	<i>Kathy Taylor</i>

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER N.C.G.S. 160A-58.1**

WHEREAS, a Petition requesting annexation of an area described in said Petition was received on February 19, 2023, by the City Council of the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 160A-58.2 provides that the sufficiency of the Petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden deems it advisable to proceed in response to these requests for annexation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eden that:  
 The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described Petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 21st day of March 2023.  
 CITY OF EDEN  
 By: Neville Hall, Mayor  
 Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

c. Review of the 2023-24 utilities and recreation fees schedule.

Finance and Personnel Director Tammie McMichael wrote in a memo: During the March 16, 2023 Council Budget Retreat, Staff was asked to bring the Parks & Recreation and Water & Sewer Fee Schedule to you for review. I have attached the Fee Schedule that is included in the Tax and Service Rates section of the FY 2022-2023 budget. If it is Council’s desire to change any of the current Fees/Rates, we will need Council’s direction as to whether you would like to see the changes take place in the 2022-2023 budget year or you would like to see the changes in the 2023-2024 budget.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. McMichael.

Ms. McMichael said during the March 16 Budget Retreat, staff was asked to bring the Parks and Recreation and Water and Sewer fee schedules for review. Council should have a copy of the 2022-23 rates. If it was Council’s desire to bring a rate up for discussion and make a change, they would need to direct if they wanted to see the change in the current budget year, or in 2023-24. She would not go over each fee but if someone had a question she would be glad to answer.

Council Member Underwood asked if the camping sites at Freedom Park were part of the item.

Ms. McMichael said they were.

Council Member Underwood said he had been approached by some people about those fees complaining that the rates were way out of line with neighboring cities like Reidsville. He would like to see the City's rates come more in line with the fees in the rest of Rockingham County. It was too high.

Ms. McMichael said in the proposed budget for 2023-24, Council would see there were changes in those rates by staff as indicated in bold. Staff recommended the city resident rate change from \$50 to \$30, and non-city resident rate change from \$75 to \$50.

Council Member Underwood said that satisfied him.

Council Member Ellis noted on the field rental, Mill Avenue would be discontinued. He thought Dehart and Freedom Park should stay the same. He had a question about the aquatic fees. As Council Member Moore had said in the Budget Retreat, they needed to look out for City residents first. He wanted to suggest a family pass for up to two adults and five children, also available to their caregiver or guardian who must be 18 or over, for \$200 a year. He did not think they had a family pass for the pool as well as the splash pad. The same pass should be available to non-city residents for \$300. There were quite a few non-city residents who used those facilities. He thought that was more in line with the surrounding areas. Instead of \$75, he suggested the non-city resident season pass increase to \$125. He asked Mr. Thomas if that was in line with his thinking.

Mr. Thomas answered from the audience that it was.

Council Member Ellis said the \$200 pool rental for two hours with two lifeguards was too strong. He could see the lifeguards getting a maximum of \$15 per hour to stay unless they were being paid overtime. He asked if they did get overtime.

Ms. McMichael said they would get overtime if they went over their 40 hours but she was sure staff regulated that.

Council Member Ellis suggested that rate change from \$200 to \$100 for two hours. That would make it \$60 for the lifeguards and \$40 for the City. There may be more people coming to use it than in the past. He asked if the summer fund pass, which included the seasonal pass for pool, splash pad and mini-golf, for \$100 had an age limit.

Ms. McMichael said she was unaware if there was an age limit.

Mr. Mendenhall said he did not think there was an age limit on that pass; however, there was an age concession at the splash pad which he thought was under three and over 55. A lot of the users fell into that concession which meant they entered the facilities at no cost to them.

Council Member Ellis said he would like to move that to five and under with the upper age 62 and over, which was retirement age.

Ms. McMichael asked if he wanted to keep the summer fund pass at \$100.

Council Member Ellis said please. He suggested an identification process be implemented and he thought Mr. Thomas would be looking into that. A staff member at the pool could maintain that so actual residents could be verified.

Mr. Mendenhall noted the splash pad would basically be free for most users. For 90 percent of the users going, there would not be any cost recovery. Teenagers did not go to the splash pad, it was pre-K maybe into second and third grades. It was fuzzy where the age hit.

Council Member Ellis said it could be worked on. A lot of places did not charge for five year olds. At wrestling and other tournaments at the schools, ages seven and under were free.

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Mayor Hall said he thought Mr. Mendenhall's point was that the splash pad was designed for about ages six and under. If the City did not charge until they were six, it would go into the hole on the splash pad.

Council Member Ellis said it was just an idea. It could be discussed.

Mayor Hall said he thought the item was just a review of the fees and was not anything that required action. He asked Ms. Gilley if that was correct.

Ms. Gilley said that was correct. It would be voted on when the budget was voted on.

Mayor Hall suggested Council Member Ellis get with Mr. Thomas and find out his opinion on it. The department did not want to lose all their business.

Council Member Moore said they needed to be able to maintain.

Mayor Hall said Council would continue to search those rates prior to the budget adoption in June.

- d. Approval of fire officer life safety upgrades and health risk management authorizing funding as part of the current fiscal year.

Chief White wrote in a memo: Due to the non-separation of turnout gear and evidence in the command vehicles, there is a higher risk and safety factor of cancer-causing agents contaminating the cab compartment and personnel in vehicle. By replacing the current vehicles with trucks, this would eliminate the contents of the vehicle and personnel from the exposure of being contaminated from harmful substances. This would start the process that would eliminate all members of the department from carrying contaminated gear in personal vehicles and fire apparatus.

Mayor Hall called on Chief White.

Chief White said this discussion was being continued from the Budget Retreat. He read the memo.

Council Member Underwood asked if he was talking about putting contaminated turnout gear in the back of a truck along with evidence.

Chief White said there were compartments the evidence would go in. The gear would not go in compartments. In his current vehicle, he had nowhere else to put the gear except in the vehicle. With a truck with a separated bed, they would separate the gear from the interior of the cab.

Council Member Underwood said he used a big Rubbermaid bucket to put his gear in when he was fire chief.

Chief White said air could still breathe through it.

Council Member Kirkman said he was the person who had the item pulled (from consent to business). He had checked visually with Greensboro, High Point and Thomasville, areas he worked in. None of those departments drove pickup trucks. They were all in Tahoes or Ford Explorers. Over the last five or six years, and he asked Council Member Underwood to correct him if he was wrong, the City had bought two new fire trucks.

Council Member Underwood said they got a new burn building.

Council Member Kirkman said they had gotten all new air packs and this year would get all new radios. His personal suggestion would be to wait until the budget year 2025 before they replaced any vehicles. That way they would go forward with some of the roof issues, not necessarily at the fire department, but overall in the City. There was a lot of money to lay out.

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Chief White said regardless if it was done that year, it would have to be done because the vehicles were 2009 and getting over 100,000 miles on them. They would have to be replaced regardless anyway.

Council Member Kirkman said he understood but he thought it was something that needed to wait another year or so.

Council Member Underwood said before the Tahoes were purchased for the department, he was driving a 1998 Chevrolet with 150,000 some miles on it. If you went back six years, as Council Member Kirkman was saying, and add up what the department had gotten over the years ... unfortunately, there were more departments in the City who needed items too. He understood where Chief White was coming from but thought it could be postponed a year or two.

Chief White said it would be up to Council to postpone because they had to approve it.

Mayor Hall asked if there were other options besides buying trucks. He asked if Chief White looked at a way to seal off the back.

Chief White said they thought about sealing it but asked if there was any way they could completely seal it off.

Mayor Hall said he did not know. He asked how many people it would affect, if was the chief and deputy chief.

Chief White said yes.

Council Member Underwood said two deputy chiefs.

Mayor Hall asked if they would have to buy three trucks.

Council Member Underwood said yes.

Mayor Hall said they were only talking about two the other day.

Chief White said the other reason they were talking about two was that the fire marshal position had not been approved yet. He was sure if that position was approved, they could work out something with another department to get a truck.

Mayor Hall said the concern was getting the contaminated gear back to the fire station. He asked if that was the only concern.

Chief White said and riding around with it all the time.

Mayor Hall said they ride around with it after it was clean.

Chief White said they rode around with it dirty too. He asked what they were supposed to do with it if there was a structure fire. They had to put it back.

Mayor Hall said his suggestion would be to get a trailer or put it on the back of a fire truck.

Council Member Underwood said they had a trailer.

Mayor Hall said they would do that and take it back and clean it, and then put it in the back of the car. It was a lot of money to spend. The title of the item was life safety upgrades and risk management. It was a dangerous job and he was not saying they should not try to eliminate every possible danger there was but they would never eliminate all the dangers. If his suit was so contaminated when he took it off that he could not be in the same vehicle with it blocked off for five minutes to get back, he should not even be wearing the suit. He understood the issue. He just could not understand why it could not be transported with some other means besides \$120,000 pickup trucks. There were pickup trucks in other departments the gear could be thrown on.

Council Member Underwood said there was another truck in their fleet they could throw it on – 118.

Mayor Hall said now Council Member Underwood saw how Council felt when he was asking for items (when he served as fire chief).

Council Member Underwood said it was hurting him too but he was looking out for the citizens.

Council Member Moore said as he had said before, Chief White was the chief and he knew what he needed. If he needed it, Council Member Moore was for him getting it.

A motion was made by Council Member Underwood to decline the purchase of two new pickup trucks for the Fire Department. Council Member Kirkman seconded the motion. Council Members Underwood and Kirkman voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Epps, Moore, Light and Ellis voted against the motion. The motion failed 2-4.

Council Member Moore asked if it was only two pickup trucks.

Council Member Underwood said yes, but they would need another one.

Council Member Moore said when that time came, they would look at it then. He made a motion that the Fire Department be allowed to purchase the two trucks they needed. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion.

Mayor Hall asked if the trucks would come from the 2022 budget or if they were just being ordered now and would come out of 2023.

Mr. Mendenhall said it would come from the 2022 current budget year. There were sufficient funds to do that.

Council Members Epps, Moore, Light and Ellis voted in favor of the motion to allow the purchase. Council Members Kirkman and Underwood voted against the motion. The motion passed 4-2.

#### REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mayor Hall called on City Manager Jon Mendenhall.

Mr. Mendenhall said he would be happy to answer any questions about the report. As an update from the Budget Retreat, Council had asked for a rate study they had heard earlier in the meeting. They had requested the trucks to come forward and that issue had just been heard. The radio purchase was on consent. They had a study to authorize the study of the bleach and based on Council's conversation they would authorize that study to get it moving forward. There was a Fire Station 2 update from Ms. Stultz. Before she provided that update, he would address any questions from the manager's report.

Mayor Hall said he did not have any questions but he saw a couple of announcements he would point out later in the meeting. Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Mendenhall. He said it could be found online and in Eden's Own Journal.

Council Member Moore noted the first section of the report discussing water main projects and that Haymes Brothers came back to Eden on February 6 without confirming their plans. He asked if that was how they normally would do.

Mr. Mendenhall said that was commentary from staff. He believed there was frustration that they were not coordinated enough. What the problem had been was they were trying to get underneath the railroad for the bores. To deal with the railroad they had to hire flaggers as a contract, and those were the RailPros folks. They were basically flaggers along the



rail line who were there to flag the trains. It became very, very expensive and the City incurred all the cost. If there were a lack of coordination, it increased the City's cost so that was the frustration expressed there.

Mayor Hall said he would point out, because it was a question brought up at the Budget Retreat, that the Senior Center had 1,059 visitors during February. That was over 1,000 people in February. He thanked Mr. Mendenhall for the report and asked Ms. Stultz to give her update.

Council Member Ellis asked if the visitors were at the Senior Center daily.

Mr. Mendenhall said it was and the number could be misleading. It was not exclusively to the Spray site. They did other offsite type things; for instance, pickleball was played at Mill Avenue Rec. Certain events like shuffleboard were done at Bridge Street. He believed the numbers were a combination of all senior activities citywide and not just at Spray.

Council Member Ellis asked about the awards banquet for the basketball league being on hold as noted in the report.

Mr. Mendenhall said he believed that had occurred because trophies were distributed.

Ms. Stultz advised the plans were received that day close to 5 p.m. Chief Codes Inspector Bob Vincent had not had a chance to look at them. The big document for the specifications for the rehab of the fire station she had not even had a chance to talk to Chief White about. The City did have the plans and could move along. The plans were part of the requirement the state had before the City could get started. She hoped to get the bid out and the work going in the next month to five weeks.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Stultz and said he was glad it was moving forward.

City Manager's Report  
March 2023  
City Manager Jon Mendenhall

#### ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

##### Division of Design & Construction

##### Water Main Projects Update

A crew from Haymes Brothers, Inc. came back to Eden on February 6, without confirming their plans with City personnel to attempt the bore at the railroad crossing just east of the City limits at Dry Creek. Timber bridge mats were installed that afternoon at two stream crossings, prior to starting the excavation of the bore pit located south of the railroad right-of-way. Final grading for the bottom of the bore pit was completed on February 7, with three representatives of RailPros on site. The crew could not start the bore due to not having a metal cradle needed to support a portion of the 30-inch diameter encasement pipe. Only two representatives of RailPros were on site on the February 8, but again the bore could not be started due to the cradle not being delivered to Haymes. Boring began on Thursday, February 9, with the cutting head making very slow progress through the shale rock. With the crew only working during daylight hours, they still had 7.5 feet to go as of 3:15 p.m. on the February 10, before the cutting head would enter the Theoretical Embankment Zone (TEZ) on the south side of the tracks, at which time the bore would need to be stopped, unless Haymes Brothers was prepared to provide adequate personnel to maintain a continuous boring operation through the TEZ under the supervision of two crews of RailPros personnel. The bore resumed on Saturday, February 11, with forward progress speeding up, such that RailPros stopped the bore operation at the south TEZ border at 8:55 a.m.

Leslie Mantiplay, PE, of Dewberry informed us at 1:25 p.m. on February 28 that Haymes Brothers and RailPros personnel had returned to the bore site on Monday, February 27, to begin continuous boring through the TEZ, with two crews working in 12-hour shifts. About 20 feet of the bore through the TEZ had been completed during the first 30 hours. Two weeks had been set aside to complete the work in the TEZ, as a worst-case scenario.

Marketing & Communications Office  
NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH POWWOW

We are so excited about hosting the first ever Native American Youth Powwow here in Eden, NC! The day will feature over 50 dancers, drums, 20 plus Native American vendors, food and so much more. This is a very unique experience for the entire family. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 1 in Grogan Park located on the campus of Eden City Hall at 308 E. Stadium Drive. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. with the Grand Entrance beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Come help us celebrate TRAILS DAY WEEKEND in Eden April 21-23. We will kick the festivities off on Friday, April 21 at Reynolds Brewing from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The evening will feature live music, food and drink, Year of the Trail swag, axe throwing and a twilight hike on the Smith River Greenway.

Saturday, April 22 will consist of hikes and paddles all over our beautiful Rockingham County and will end in Uptown Eden as we partner with the Eden Chamber of Commerce for Sip, Shop & Celebrate the Year of the Trail from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. along Washington & Monroe Streets. There will be food & beverage tastings, live music, vendors and the shops will be open late.

Sunday, April 23 will be all self-guided. A trail card is available at Eden City Hall that shows all the trails available in our county.

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Recreation Division

Bridge Street: In February, we had 1,622 visits from people of all ages. Meals with Friends has been going strong with the program allowing our seniors the opportunity to come out and enjoy fellowship and a hot meal. The tennis courts are being used by the Morehead High School men's tennis team several times each week since their courts are still being worked on. We still have a few seniors coming in at lunchtime to play pickleball in the gym. The facility was rented for several weekends during the month including Lifeline Screening that tested more than 70 people. Our Seniors are still doing exercise classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Our center hours are: Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

Mill Avenue: We had 2,654 visits to the Mill Avenue Center by residents that participated or watched activities. Our women's winter volleyball league is playing on Monday nights. A cornhole league is being played on Friday evenings. Many people come down and walk the track each day while others play pickup basketball, pickleball or play on the playground. Our staff helps with homework each afternoon after school and then has pick-up playground games like dodge ball, kickball or whiffle ball in the gym. Our morning pickleball begins at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the evening group is now playing on any available evenings and on Sunday evenings. Timmy Buck and the Rockingham County High School girls' varsity soccer team held a free soccer clinic on February 21 for elementary and middle school students. Over 50 participants were given a soccer ball as well as shin guards. Our regular center hours are: Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Mill Avenue Pool/Freedom Park Splash Pad: We are now accepting applications for lifeguards and splash pad attendants for the upcoming season. We will be interviewing applicants in March.

Freedom Park: We had two softball tournaments at the park this past month. We continue to have a lot of walkers on the track and around the park area. Many people walk their dogs around the parking lot and also utilize our dog park. The basketball courts are being used every afternoon in the warm weather as well as the cold weather. The volleyball courts are being used from time to time. The batting cage is staying busy each afternoon. The shelters are staying busy throughout the weekends. We started taking reservations for them the last weekend in February. Baseball and softball practices will begin on February 28 at the park with over 120 participants.

Senior Citizens: We had 1,059 visits during the month of February. We had 130 people join in for cards and games, 222 in fitness and exercise, 36 in classes/workshops, 6 in off-site excursions, 118 in socializing, 105 in special groups, and 323 in sports. A cornhole league will begin on March 6. Our walking group and all pickleball activities are all indoors now due to the weather.

Youth Athletics: Our youth basketball leagues completed their seasons are now waiting for the awards banquet.

Special Events: Special events for the February were registration for senior games, VITA – tax assistance, heart health by Eden Drug, valentine advocacy event, recipe for success by UNCG and a birthday breakfast.

## PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Local Codes and Inspections

Inspection volume has increased. There was a total of 209 inspections completed in the month of February. There are currently 8 single family dwellings under construction at this time along with dozens of full remodels. There are currently 2 commercial upfits underway in Uptown Leaksville along with the Stone Tower Joe café upfit on South Van Buren Road.

Inspections & Permits February 1-February 28

Local Code Notices sent 11

Local Code Violations Abated 3

Permits Issued 124

Total Inspections Performed 209

Permits

Building and trades permit applications are received in person, via e-mail and fax and issued from the office. Hard copies of permits are mailed to contractors usually once a week.

Boards & Commissions

The Community Appearance Commission met for the month of February and discussed future projects depending on the acceptance of the proposed budget.

The Historic Preservation Commission met for the month of February and discussed future projects depending on the acceptance of the proposed budget.

The Tree Board met for the month of February and discussed future projects depending on the acceptance of the proposed budget.

The Planning Board did not meet for the month of February due to not having a case.

The Internal Technical Review Committee met for the month of February to review the case iTRC-23-01 about installing a STOP sign at the intersection of Jackson Street & Farrell Street. The Committee voted in favor of the STOP sign.

After School Program Curriculum Research

Staff researched After School Program Curriculum's for purchase to be implemented at the old Draper Elementary School once the facility is adequate.

Mural Project

Staff researched potential sites for the Gus Shinn Mural Project. The mural project is spearheaded by the Historic Preservation Commission, which is to honor the achievements of Eden native Gus Shinn. Mr. Shinn was the first person to land a plane at the South Pole.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Tait mobile radio install is currently underway. This install should be complete by March 1, 2023.

Three FORD F-150 Police Responders have been delivered and are awaiting upfitting. Campbell-Brown has been selected as the vendor to complete the upfitting of these vehicles. Equipment has been ordered and the Purchase Order has been issued. All three vehicles should be fully upfitted by mid-May.


The two Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles we purchased have been upfitted by Brook's Public Safety in Gibsonville, NC. Both vehicles are currently assigned and fully operational.

We are very excited to have hired Philip Martin as our first paid trainee to attend BLET. We anticipate a very successful outcome and look forward to continuing this process in the future

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval and adoption of the February 21, 2023 Council meeting minutes.
- b. Approval to award the 2022-23 Street Resurfacing Contract to APAC-Atlantic, Inc. Thompson Arthur Division.

Division of Design & Construction Project Coordinator Kevin London wrote in a memo: Please find attached a copy of the Street List and Bid Tabulation for the FY 2022-23 Street Resurfacing Contract. Bids were received on February 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. A total of 4 responsive bids were received for the project. The successful low bidder was APAC- Atlantic, Inc. Thompson Arthur Division in the amount of \$396,080.00. The date of availability for the contract is April 3, 2023. The substantial completion date is June 15, 2023. The Division of Design & Construction is requesting Council's approval to award the contract to APAC- Atlantic, Inc. Thompson Arthur Division based on their bid amount shown above. If you have any questions or need any additional information prior to the Council meeting on this matter, please feel free to call me.

 <b>FY 2022-23 STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT (SRC 2022-23)</b> CITY OF EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA BID TABULATION SCHEDULE FEBURARY 14, 2023 11:00 A.M.											
Bid Item No.	Description	Unit	Est. Qty.	APAC-Atlantic NC License # 12459		Waugh Asphalt, INC NC License # 59882		Adams Construction NC License # 20677		Triangle Grading & Paving NC License # 17456	
				Unit Price	Extended Total	Unit Price	Extended Total	Unit Price	Extended Total	Unit Price	Extended Total
1	Adjustment of Manholes	EA	30	\$ 785.00	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 19,500.00
2	Adjustment of Valve Boxes	EA	27	\$ 740.00	\$ 19,980.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 21,060.00	\$ 1,145.00	\$ 30,915.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 17,550.00
3	Full Width Milling Asphalt Pavement, 0 to 2.5" depth	SY	7,630	\$ 3.50	\$ 26,705.00	\$ 4.08	\$ 31,130.40	\$ 4.80	\$ 35,098.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 83,930.00
4	Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type S9.5B Virgin Mix	TON	612	\$ 147.00	\$ 89,964.00	\$ 151.18	\$ 92,522.18	\$ 202.00	\$ 123,624.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 134,640.00
5	Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type S9.5C Virgin Mix	TON	1,801	\$ 136.00	\$ 217,736.00	\$ 149.65	\$ 239,589.65	\$ 157.00	\$ 251,357.00	\$ 191.00	\$ 305,791.00
6	Shoulder Reconstruction - Incidental Stone (ASB)	TON	183	\$ 115.00	\$ 18,745.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 17,930.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 37,853.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 11,899.00
<b>Bid Price (Items 1-6)</b>					<b>\$ 396,080.00</b>		<b>\$ 426,232.21</b>		<b>\$ 512,847.00</b>		<b>\$ 573,310.00</b>
The Lump Sum and Unit Prices in This Tabulation received on February 14, 2023 Are As Given In The Bidder's Respective Bid Proposals And The Totals Are Arithmetically Correct											
_____ Kevin London Project Coordinator, City of Eden											

CITY OF EDEN					
FY 2022-23 STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT, (SRC 2022-23)					
STREET LIST					
MAP NO.	STREET NAME	BEGINNING TO END	LAST RESURFACED	PAVING LENGTH (FT).	TOTAL SQ. YARDS
1	FIELDS	ELM TO BARNETT	05/2010	857	2,047
2	MONROE	WASHINGTON TO JAY	12/2005	660	3,960
3	GREENWOOD	TAYLOR TO MONCURE/REEVES	10/2010	1,100	3,670
4	HOLLINGSWORTH	EARLY TO BOULEVARD	11/2004	721	1,282
5	BLACKSTOCK STREET	HAMLIN TO STANTON	10/2004	840	1,587
6	HAMLIN STREET	MATTHEWS TO ROOSEVELT	07/2000	750	1,500
7	FARRELL STREET	MONTICELLO TO DEAD END	08/2012	2,015	4,478
8	BRIARWOOD DRIVE	NORTH END TO THE SOUTH END	05/2008	1,195	2,788
9	GRACIE STREET	CARPENTER TO GEORGIA	07/1997	903	2,157
10	FOURTH AVENUE	FIELDCREST TO DEAD END	11/2002	556	988
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>9,597</b>	<b>24,457</b>

- c. Approval and adoption of an Order of Collection for nuisance abatement fees to be collected as delinquent property taxes.

Ms. Stultz wrote in a memo: Beginning with the 2017/2018 fiscal year, all code enforcement fees are being sent to the Rockingham County Tax Department to be collected with the annual property tax assessment. Prior to that fiscal year, the code enforcement fees for demolitions and nuisances were brought to the City Council annually to establish these liens and have the Council authorize legal action. This action is necessary for the City Attorney to file legal action to attempt to collect these fees. The attached is a list of properties which have had nuisance violations from June 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 and the costs associated with the abatement of the violation (copies of the invoices have been delivered to the City Clerk with the Order of Collection). These particular liens are collected in the same

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manner as delinquent property taxes. We need for you to formally establish these liens and then to authorize legal action. When we appear in court, your formal action will be proven through the minutes. Statutory authority for enforcement is found in NCGS 160D-404 and 160A-175.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CITY OF EDEN

To the Tax Collector of the City of Eden:

You are hereby authorized, empowered and commanded to collect the nuisance abatement fees, authorized by the North Carolina General Statutes to be collected as delinquent taxes, set forth in the invoices herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such nuisance abatement fees are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the City of Eden, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law. The statutory authority for enforcement is found in NCGS 160D-404 and 160A-175.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21st day of March, 2023.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

June 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023 Nuisance Fees

Acct No.	Street No.	Street Name	Owner	Date Billed	Amount Billed
270	120	Boxwood Rd	Lettie D. Hairston Aiken Heirs (mow)	08/19/22	500.00
256	741	Caleb Ln	Pulliam, Milton Wayne & Reva Pulliam Jones (remove junk)	12/29/22	1,700.00
51	709	Circle Drive	Carter, Carol J. (mow)	10/31/22	325.00
319		Circle Dr. & Pitcher Ave.	Corey Brannock cleanup/ removal of trash, furniture, misc. household junk	12/29/22	1,300.00
49	844	Clarkway Drive	Ostwalt, Samuel O. (mow)	08/30/22	175.00
284	320	Coleman St	Glasgow, Lisa R. (mow)	09/12/22	500.00
301	722	Early Ave.	Mitchell, Richard Tyler (mow)	10/31/22	360.00
249		Ellerbe Ct	Covington, Darrell & Sharon (mow)	08/19/22	350.00
249		Ellerbe Ct	Covington, Darrell & Sharon (mow)	10/31/22	375.00
35	807	Fieldcrest Rd.	Deboe, Elga (mow)	09/12/22	300.00
105	1220	Front St	Liamani, Teresa Hill (mow)	08/19/22	185.00
304	2424	Harrington Hwy	Curtis Dean Rakes (cleanup & removal of Junk)	10/31/22	2,300.00
315	203	Highland Ave	Tumlinson, Thomas Ervin (junk removal)	12/02/22	1,700.00
285	854	Highland Park Dr	Dougherty, Stacey (Remove junk)	09/30/22	250.00
306	245	Kings Hwy W	G. Salim Properties LLC (mow)	10/31/22	175.00
302	402	Lake St	Keo, Somsmith (mow)	10/31/22	450.00
303	809	Lindsay Dr.	Jill R. Cairo ( securing dwelling)	10/07/22	400.00
180	1009	Maryland Ave	Estate of Roosevelt Galloway (mow)	01/30/23	375.00
253	1436	Maryland Ave	Garden City Properties, LLC (mow)	08/30/22	400.00
254	2049	Mill Ave	Hill, Robert Douglas L/E (mow)	08/30/22	500.00
294	111	Moir St	Prudenico Guevara Martinez (remove junk)	09/30/22	1,100.00
70	405	Moir Street	Goyette, Cynthia Estate	09/12/22	1,800.00
256	304	Morehead St	Pulliam, Milton Wayne (mow)	08/30/22	250.00
316	170	Plantation Rd	Foley, Phillip Lynwood, Jr. (junk removal)	10/02/22	1,020.00
99	422	Price St.	Mozingo, Shaun Kyle & others (mow)	08/30/22	175.00
283	1808	Ridge Ave	Van Zandt, Charles R. III (mow)	09/12/22	450.00
289	810	Riverside Dr.	Dorothy Jefferson & Others (mow)	08/19/22	2,350.00
295	810	Riverside Dr.	Dorothy Jefferson & Others (mow)	09/30/22	950.00
272	123	Roosevelt St	Brason Properties, LLC (mow)	08/19/22	750.00
273	237	Roosevelt St	Hazel W Fax Estate (mow)	08/19/22	750.00
252	340	Shamrock Rd	Johnathan Teeters Trust (remove junk)	08/30/22	68.00
80	617	Spring St.	Tina Lynn Church, Timothy Hodges & Others	10/31/22	350.00
255	109	Stephens St	Hopper, Jennifer & Kris (mow)	08/30/22	300.00
323	439	Washburn Ave	Washburn LLC (remove trash)	01/30/23	1,100.00
271	1021	Washington St	1021 Washington Eden, LLC	08/19/22	800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>24,631.00</b>

d. Approval to order fire radios.

Chief White wrote in a memo: Due to the Viper system expanding, the current radios are not sustainable in the update process. These radios are the main communication in the Fire Department. Due to a shortage and high demand of these radios, it is essential that the

order is done as soon as possible, so that the department will be able to receive them before the changeover date of July 1, 2025. Just to reiterate from the budget retreat, placing this order now should not affect the current fiscal year budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirkman 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:

Mayor Hall noted Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. was the Youth Powwow at Grogan Park. Marketing and Special Events Manager Cindy Adams had spoken to Council about the event at length during the Budget Retreat. It was an event that would draw people from all over the country. It would be great if people could make it. The following Saturday was the Easter Egg Hunt at Freedom Park. There was always a big turnout for that. A Food Truck Rodeo would be on The Boulevard from 12-5 on April 15. The merchants worked really hard to support that area and he would love to see everyone come out and support them. The next weekend was the Trail Days kickoff that Ms. Adams had told them about. It was Year of the Trail in North Carolina and Eden was selected as one of the sites. There were all sorts of activities going on starting Friday night at Reynold's Brewery and greenway walks and that type of thing. Friday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m. were the Special Olympics at Freedom Park as Mr. Woodall had mentioned. April 29 was the Fishing Derby, and it was always a fun event, at the Fireman's Hut from 9 to 11.

Mr. Mendenhall asked Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Clint Simpson to come forward and relay information about another event they wanted to make sure the community was aware of honoring police, fire and EMS workers.

Chief Simpson said for the last couple of years, Dr. Paul Sasser at First Presbyterian Church had been in talks with staff about a public safety, first responder day with a meet and greet bringing the community's kids together. It had finally materialized. It would happen on April 1 from 10 to 2 at First Presbyterian Church at 582 Southwood Drive and had been titled Hometown Heroes. Dr. Sasser, the church staff and congregation were putting a lot of work into it. The Eden Police and Fire departments, Rockingham County EMS, Eden Rescue Squad and even the telecommunicators from CCOM, who were often overlooked for the job that they did, would all be there. The Police Department would be cooking free hotdogs. There would be gift bags for kids from all the respective agencies who would be there. There would be a bounce house and things of that nature. The church had worked very, very hard on it and he wanted to make sure the information was out there.

CLOSED SESSION:

To discuss personnel and economic development pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)4 and 6.

Mayor Hall said the last item was adjournment which would be done when Council came out of closed session.

A motion was made to go into closed session by Council Member Epps. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made to return to open session by Council Member Moore. Council Member Underwood seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Deanna Hunt  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Neville Hall  
Mayor