

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall, 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 - absent
	Bernie Moore
	Bruce Nooe
	Tommy Underwood
City Manager:	Jon Mendenhall
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
Media:	Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the special meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He noted the issue on the agenda was time sensitive and could be a great opportunity for the citizens.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR THE CDBG-NR PROGRAM:

Mayor Hall called on Planning & Community Development Director Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said Council was familiar with the CDBG-NR (Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization) program as one was in progress in Draper and had been for the past two to three years and was about to finish up. The target area for a new CDBG application was around the old Boys Club. Staff was not released to make application as early as they wanted to because of the Draper grant. Council needed to adopt a resolution. The application included an application summary, federal requirements and certifications, certification of ability and signature, disclosed report with signatures, state CDBG program regulations, disclosure of civil rights complaints, certifications regarding the bond and other responsibility matters. The application required 28 signatures from the Mayor which staff would get if the resolution were approved. Staff would seek the maximum amount of funding that could be applied for. Many of the citizens needed better quality housing than they had. She referred to a spreadsheet and noted one of the families made 10 percent of the median income of the community, which was \$43,000. There were none close to median. They were the kind of people who needed help, and staff wanted to help them.

Mayor Hall noted he had signed one the other day where the housing work was worth \$165,000 to rehab a house on Fieldcrest Road.

Ms. Stultz said in every one of the Draper CDBG-NR houses that had been done, staff had to go back and request to spend more money on the individual houses because the cost of building had gone up so dramatically and because of the conditions of the property.

Mayor Hall said that showed the program worked.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve an application for the CDBG-NR program. Council Member Underwood seconded the motion. All members of Council present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF EDEN APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council has previously indicated its desire to assist in community development efforts for housing within the city; and,

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit primarily low-to-moderate income individuals in the city by providing housing improvement activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council wishes to pursue a formal application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit primarily low-to-moderate income individuals in the city by providing housing improvement activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Eden City Council that the city is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for approval of a Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Revitalization Program in order to provide housing improvement activities benefitting primarily low-to-moderate income individuals in the city.

Adopted this the 2nd day of November 2023, in Eden, North Carolina.

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

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