

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	(absent)	John E. Grogan
Mayor Pro Tem:		Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:		Donna Turner
		Darryl Carter
		Jerry Epps
		Gene Hagood
		Jim Burnette
	(absent)	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:		Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:		Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:		Erin Gilley
News Media:		Latala Payne, Eden News

Representatives from Departments:

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Pro Tem Tuggle called the special meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mabe Trucking Company – 25th Anniversary  
Rockingham Insurance – 60th Anniversary  
Eden Salvation Army – Angel Tree Program

Mayor Pro Tem Tuggle asked Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Business & Economic Development to come forward for the presentations.

Mr. Dougherty recognized Mr. Mike Ussery, representative of Mabe Trucking who was present to receive a plaque recognizing their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. Dougherty also recognized Mr. George Robertson and several representatives of Rockingham Insurance in observance of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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Lastly, Ms. Cindy Adams welcomed members of the board of the Eden Salvation Army and they were recognized for their Angel Tree Program. Ms. Carol Kasten was then honored with a proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem Tuggle as follows:

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Carol Kasten has been a loyal and diligent member of the Eden Salvation Army Board of Directors since the mid-1980s and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Kasten has for years facilitated the Salvation Army Angel Tree and food distribution program, a model for all Salvation Army organizations and

**WHEREAS,** The Salvation Army distributed almost 300 food boxes, and served 519 children and 296 families this year with the Angel Tree program and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Kasten often contributes her personal resources to ensure that all children are provided with gifts to give them a Merry Christmas and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Kasten has orchestrated capital campaigns, the Annual Easter Luncheon, the Annual Golf Tournament, and renovation of the house quarters among other vital tasks associated with the Salvation Army and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Kasten has been intimately involved with the Rockingham County Salvation Army Board to successfully consolidate the individual city entities and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Kasten has been an inspiration to all Salvation Army Board of Directors and volunteers by her dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of those less fortunate citizens of our community and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I** John E. Grogan, Mayor of the City of Eden do hereby express our sincere appreciation of Carol Kasten and all that she has done for our community and with the Salvation Army on this 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2013.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Eden, North Carolina January 15, 2013.

John E. Grogan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

**REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:**

*No one came forward to speak at this time.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(a) Board and Commission Appointments for 2013.

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Ms. Carol Helms was nominated for reappointment by Mayor Grogan to the Planning Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Turner to re-appoint Ms. Carol Helms to Planning Board. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

The following citizens were appointed or re-appointed to serve on Boards and Commissions:

Ward 1: Board of Adjustment – Ken White

Ward 2: Community Appearance – Pam Adkins; Planning Board – Giles Hunnings

Ward 3: Board of Adjustment – Barney Walker; Community Appearance – Janice Hagood; Tree Board – Bob Futrell

Ward 6: Community Appearance – Martha Corum; Historic Preservation – Ed Holbrook; Planning Board – Jerry Holland

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Hagood to approve the appointments of Ward 1: Board of Adjustment – Ken White; Ward 2: Community Appearance – Pam Adkins; Planning Board – Giles Hunnings; Ward 3: Board of Adjustment – Barney Walker; Community Appearance – Janice Hagood; Tree Board – Bob Futrell; Ward 6: Community Appearance – Martha Corum; Historic Preservation – Ed Holbrook; and Planning Board – Jerry Holland. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Consideration and adoption of an Ordinance to amend the ward boundaries for the City of Eden to add the Northridge Annexed areas and to reflect the changes in the census.

Mayor Pro Tem Tuggle asked Ms. Stultz, Director of Planning & Development, to come forward.

Ms. Stultz explained that the City of Eden lies in a Voting Rights Act County. This requires that changes to the City's electoral districts be approved by the Department of Justice. North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160-A, Article 4, Part 1, General Provisions, sets out procedures and requirements concerning amending district or ward boundaries. Ward boundaries must be reviewed after each new federal census and to account for territory that has been annexed.

Article IV of the Eden City Code sets out the manner for elections and for the number of wards. A candidate must live in the district for which he or she is running but all members of the electorate are permitted to cast one vote for Council from each electoral district in which a seat is up for election.

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Each member of the electorate is entitled to cast one vote for Mayor. The City of Eden's electoral districts are required by the Voting Rights Act to be within narrow margins of population numbers as per the latest census and areas annexed.

It was determined by an opinion from the NC Attorney General that the City did not have to change the districts purely on the basis of the 2010 census alone. However, now that they have annexed the former Northridge now Summit Place area, they have reached the point where changes need to be made. One thing to remember is that when they make changes they cannot split census blocks. The 2010 census data changed the lines for several of our block areas.

Council Member Burnette questioned who drew the boundaries.

Ms. Stultz replied that Anne Edwards of Piedmont Triad Regional Council's GIS and data staff sent the information to Ms. Madison in such a form that it could be downloaded with the city's own GIS and she then put the streets in them so that the Council could know exactly what and where.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Carter to approve and adopt the ordinance amending the ward boundaries in the City of Eden. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) Approval and adoption of minutes: December 18, 2012, January 15, 2013.

(b) Consideration and approval of a request to award contract – Holland Street Grant Area Roadway and Drainage Improvements.

In October, 2010, a grant agreement was executed with the North Carolina Department of Commerce so that the City of Eden could receive Community Development Block Grant assistance for the improvement of the Holland Street Area in the amount of \$850,000. We opened the bids for the roadway and drainage improvements on December 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. We received confirmation from the consulting engineers of the validity of the bids and recommend that you award the contract to Country Boy Landscaping, Inc.

A motion was made by Council Member Turner seconded by Council Member Burnette to approve the Consent Agenda. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

CLOSED SESSION:

(a) Closed session according to G.S. 143-318.11(a) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

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A motion was made by Council Member Turner seconded by Council Member Burnette to go into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-318.11(a) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body which privilege is hereby acknowledged. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Burnette to return to Open Session. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Approval of Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation and Adoption of Resolution to Approve the Execution and Performance of Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Carter to approve the agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation and Adoption of Resolution to Approve the Execution and Performance of Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Burnette to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted

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Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Wayne Tuggle, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem