

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Bernie Moore
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Ellis
	Jerry Epps
	Sylvia Grogan
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
News Media:	Robin Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council met the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and worked from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda. He recognized Rockingham County Board of Commissioners Chairman Reece Pyrtle for attending.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Buddy Reed of Central Christian Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation: Black History Month.

Mayor Hall noted the Proclamation named some people of prominence, including several females, who had made a difference in the country. Throughout history, they fought alongside men for equal rights. He called forward UNC-Rockingham Health Care President and CEO Dana Weston, noting she was the first female and first black person to hold that position, and Council Member Angela Hampton, the City's first black Council Member. Both of the women had worked hard and were leaders in the community. He wanted them to stand alongside him as he read the Proclamation.

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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, this annual observance is an opportunity to remember the challenges of our past, but also to honor countless African American heroes who inspire us to shape our country's future, and

WHEREAS, we remember and celebrate the lives of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and countless other African Americans who triumphed over ignorance, oppression, and injustice to make indelible contributions to our American history. They are an integral part of our Nation's story. We are indebted to the individual and collective perseverance and patriotism of these outstanding men and women;

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we recommit to being a community of opportunity and hope for every citizen;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 to be BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the City of Eden and encourage all City of Eden residents to join me in celebrating the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures and traditions of African Americans and commit ourselves to raise awareness and appreciation of Black History Month by participating in educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

Presented this 19th day of February, 2019.

Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

b. Eden Youth Council Kickball Tournament update.

Mayor Hall called on Eden Youth Council Chair Cody Dunn. Also introduced were Youth Council Members Nicole Hernandez, Grace Blaylock, Jaden Martin, Michael Hall, Ainsley Pyrtle, Larson White, Felix Calderon, Victoria Calderon, Will Twilla and Bay Twilla.

Mr. Dunn said they were present to talk about their third annual elementary school kickball tournament, which in the past had been only for Eden students. In speaking at a countywide principals' meeting, they found that principals outside the Eden area were interested in having their schools participate. The Youth Council agreed a countywide tournament would be a good idea. Parks & Recreation Director Johnny Farmer was allowing them to use all three baseball fields at Freedom Park on Friday night and Saturday morning and recreation employees would keep score and run concessions. Police Chief Greg Light and his officers would umpire the games. The Youth Council would serve as coaches.

Mr. Dunn read the slides from a PowerPoint presentation: The goals for the project were to provide positive interaction with high school and elementary students from grades three through five. The interaction was designed to benefit both sets of students. Kickball was the chosen sport because it was something most every child could do and most every child loved kickball. High school students served and provided role modeling in areas of competitive activity and team work scenarios. They modeled good sportsmanship and being part of a winning or losing team. The elementary students received role modeling and encouraging, positive interaction with the high school students. The project coordination also taught responsibility, accountability and leadership

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for the high school students. The Youth Council was responsible for coming up with the projects they wanted to coordinate and produced a timeline of events that must take place in order for the project to be accomplished. A project leader was named and a committee was created and each member assigned and delegated different responsibilities. The project required coordination with the Central Office as well as the principals and PE teachers. Preparation included securing a time that the fields could be used, when staff could be utilized as scorekeepers and police officers would be available to be the umpires. Teams were organized into brackets and supplies were provided for the night and the day of the tournament. Two coaches were assigned per team. The Youth Council would serve as coaches. The coaches would lead the kids in warm ups and then explain the rules and the schedule. Games would begin after that. In the past, they had gone to every elementary school in Eden. They met with the third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students in assembly style in the gym. The high school students put on a skit that engaged the students and explained the tournament. Due to the invitation to all the elementary schools in the County, they were making a video that would be provided to each school. The kids would sign up for a kickball tournament on Friday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Freedom Park. This let them know everyone from the school who signed up and those students would be placed on a team with their fellow schoolmates. Games were played against the other elementary schools. This was a single elimination tournament, meaning that once a team lost, they were eliminated from the tournament. The winners advanced to play in a final game for a trophy. Registration was \$5 per child and the kids needed a signed permission form from their parents returned to their teachers. If the \$5 fee was a problem for any child, kids were advised to speak to the PE teacher and the Youth Council would take care of it. The Youth Council wanted everyone who wanted to play to be able to participate. All proceeds of the registration went to the winning school's PE Department. Kids were called up to show their best kicks. On the day of the tournament, the Youth Council members concentrated on positive interaction with the kids. That was the best part of the tournament for the Youth Council. The winning team would be invited to a City Council meeting for a presentation of the trophy and check.

City Attorney and Youth Council Advisor Erin Gilley explained the primary goals behind the Youth Council were to build leadership, learn how to analyze problems and offer solutions. Each year after the project, they analyzed what went well and what could have been better. There had been different issues, cold and rainy weather had forced them to move to the Mill Avenue Recreation Center the first year. As a remedy, they moved the second tournament to a later date and had a double elimination tournament. They realized the tournament went on too long and kids tired out. The Youth Council had also served as referees and umpires. There were some disputes between the parents and Youth Council about calls made. The third tournament would address those situations and let the elementary students see police officers in a completely different way and positive environment. The Youth Council would work directly with the officers and staff, so it would accomplish multiple goals. The success was dependent upon the participation of the elementary students. Every year, they had representation from every school invited. Most schools had enough participation for one team and sometimes two. If they could get the information into the schools to pump up the kids about the tournament, participation would grow. Teacher encouragement was also extremely important. PE teachers were asked to practice kickball in their weekly activities the few weeks prior to the tournament using tournament rules. She thanked the Council for allowing the Youth Council to come and explain the project.

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Mayor Hall thanked the Youth Council present. He also thanked Council Member Burnette, Ms. Gilley and Administrative Assistant and Youth Council Advisor Jennifer Woods for working closely with the Youth Council.

Council Member Ellis asked Mr. Dunn to tell his plans after high school.

Mr. Dunn replied he had enlisted in the National Guard as a 91 Bravo, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, and would leave for basic training July 2. He would like to work for Cummings Diesel afterwards as they have an apprenticeship program. He enjoyed being on the Youth Council and he was a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in Morehead High School's ROTC.

Council Member Ellis congratulated Mr. Dunn on a job well done.

Mayor Hall said they looked forward to the visit from the winning team.

c. Annual report from the Strategic Planning Commission.

Mayor Hall called on Strategic Planning Commission Chair Ms. Weston.

Ms. Weston said in late 2017, the Positively Eden Strategic Plan was created with guidance from consultants, input from hundreds of citizens and the approval and encouragement of the City Council. The areas developed inside the plan focused on five key goals: broaden the impact of Downtown Eden, increase economic vitality, boost neighborhood development, integrate health and recreation opportunities, and engage citizens. In 2018, the City formed the Strategic Planning Commission to ensure the investment in and implementation of the plan and to promote economic development and quality of life for Eden's citizens. She felt it had been a success. City Council received a report that highlighted work done in some of the goal areas in just one year. Citizens wanted them to focus on the beautification of neighborhoods. Therefore, the Commission worked with Planning and Inspections on land use ordinances to bring codes up to date and be more user friendly, new and innovative methods for local code enforcement, and beautifying neighborhoods by prioritizing the removal of disabled vehicles across the community. Under the goal to engage citizens, they approved an amenities package for the Matrimony Creek Trail that included a large trailhead sign, information kiosk, mile markers, educational signs and wooden benches. The parking lot at Matrimony Creek was scheduled to be paved in the spring. Marketing initiatives were approved after citizens expressed they wanted to know what was going on in the community and to attract tourism to Eden. The marketing package included 20 "Did You Know" videos, the popular "A Few Minutes with the Mayor," infomercials, Our State Magazine digital marketing package, and a new rivers and trails brochure. A two-acre sunflower field would be developed by the Smith River Greenway. It would be a beautiful site to sit and look at but also draw people for photography. For the economic vitality goals, they were working on additional parking opportunities for Washington Street, making downtown Draper more inviting by improving the Draper Public Space, and promoting successful events like Grown & Gathered. Coordinator of Tourism and Special Events/Projects Cindy Adams agreed to have the event twice a year. The Wire Animal Public Art would be unveiled in Grogan Park on February 25. Citizens wanted more outdoor art and things to attract people to public areas. She thought they had been able to do that through the Strategic Planning Commission. That was a brief summary of what was done and

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completed with allocated funds. Much more was done on the actual plan thanks to the tireless work, creative ideas and the amazingly successful grant writing of the staff. She thanked City Manager Brad Corcoran, Economic Development Director Mike Dougherty, Planning & Inspections Director Kelly Stultz, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Adams, Main Street Manager Randy Hunt, Local Codes Administrator/GIS Analyst Debra Madison and Council Member Burnette for their continued guidance. She felt the Commission did a great job implementing what the City Council wanted to see them do. On behalf of the Strategic Planning Commission, she asked the Council for funding of \$300,000 to continue implementing strategic initiatives to move them forward towards Positively Eden.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Weston and the Strategic Planning Commission for all they did for Eden. It was a very positive board and he was thankful for the people from different parts of the community willing to serve on the Commission.

Council Member Grogan said she saw the Commission completing projects that the public wanted. There were things that were so unique, like the wire art and sunflower field. Those attractions brought people to a community.

Ms. Weston said they referred back to the plan often because the Commission engaged the citizens for a reason. The citizens had told the Commission what they wanted Eden to be and she felt like they could get there. It would take more than a year and they were fortunate to have the staff working to get grants and supplemental funding.

#### SET MEETING AGENDA:

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

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Consideration and approval of an installment purchase contract for General Fund projects: splash pad, resurface tennis courts, Matrimony Creek Phase II, Klyce Street & Draper Landing, Stadium Drive sidewalk match and street resurfacing; and, adoption of the BB&T Governmental Finance Agreement, the BB&T Governmental Finance Resolution, and the Local Government Commission's Findings Resolution.

Mayor Hall declared the public hearing open and called on Finance & Human Resources Director Tammie McMichael.

Ms. McMichael explained the 2018-19 Budget included approval to spend \$945,700 for the projects. The City needed to proceed with the financing. On December 19, staff sent out requests for proposals to eight local banks. Two proposals were received, with BB&T Governmental Finance offering the lowest interest rate. The purpose of the public hearing was for Council's consideration on the Finance Agreement submitted by BB&T Governmental Finance. Staff believed BB&T Governmental Finance had met all the contract specifications and proposed what

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staff considered a fair rate. Staff recommended in favor of approving and adopting the Agreement and Resolutions.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition. As no one came forward and there was no discussion, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve the installment purchase contract for General Fund projects: splash pad, resurface tennis courts, Matrimony Creek Phase II, Klyce Street & Draper Landing, Stadium Drive sidewalk match and street resurfacing; and, adoption of the BB&T Governmental Finance Agreement, the BB&T Governmental Finance Resolution, and the Local Government Commission's Findings Resolution. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

*A copy of the Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust is located in the Clerk's Office.*

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS

WHEREAS, the City of Eden, North Carolina (the "City") has previously determined to finance the (a) resurfacing of a tennis court at the Bridge Street Recreation Center, (b) construction of splash pad a Freedom Park (including restroom/dressing facilities and a concession stand), (c) extension of the greenway/pathway to be known as Matrimony Creek Phase II, (d) Klyce Street and Draper Landing improvements, (e) Stadium Drive improvements, and (f) other street resurfacing projects in the City (the "Project"), and the Finance Director has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The City hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T") in accordance with the proposal dated January 3, 2019, or as such proposal may be supplemented or amended by BB&T and the City verbally or in writing. The amount financed shall not exceed \$945,700, the annual interest rate shall not exceed 3.63%, and the financing term shall not exceed 15 years from the date of closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust and such other documents as BB&T may request. Pursuant to the Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust, (a) BB&T will advance moneys to the City to pay the costs of the Project and the financing costs related thereto, and the City will repay such advance in installments, and (b) the City will grant a lien on portions of the site of the Project, together with all fixtures and improvements located thereon, to BB&T as security for such advance.
3. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to the Finance Director's satisfaction. The Finance Director is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by City officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Director shall approve, with the Finance Director's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.
4. The City shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the

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interest payment obligations. The City hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265.

5. The City intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the City’s official intent to reimburse expenditures for the Project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The City intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the City’s general fund, or any other City fund related to the Project, for costs of the Project may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of City officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 19 day of February, 2019.  
Neville Hall, Mayor  
ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to enter into a fifteen year installment financing agreement in the principal amount not to exceed \$945,700 for the purpose of financing the cost of Street Resurfacing Projects (the “Project”) to better serve the citizens of Eden; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eden desires to finance the Project by the use of an installment contract authorized under North Carolina General Statute 160A, Article 3, Section 20; and

WHEREAS, findings of fact by this governing body must be presented to enable the North Carolina Local Government Commission to make its findings of fact set forth in North Carolina General Statute 159, Article 8, Section 151 prior to approval of the proposed contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council Members of Eden, North Carolina, meeting in regular session on the 19th day of February 2019, make the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed contract is necessary or expedient because it allows the City to complete the following General Fund Projects (i) Splash pad, (ii) Resurface tennis courts, (iii) Matrimony Creek Phase II,(iv) Klyce Street & Draper Landing, (v) Stadium Drive Sidewalk Match, (vi) Resurface city streets that are in poor or very poor condition. and (vii) obtain reimbursement of General Fund expenditures related to general fund projects. Each of the improvements financed by the proposed contract serves a public purpose for the citizens of the City of Eden.

2. The proposed contract is preferable to a bond issue for the same purpose because (i) the up-front costs are lower than a bond issue, (ii) the time frame to complete the financing is shorter than a bond issue, and (iii) it allows for prepayment of the debt if future financing through revenue or general obligation bonds is needed. The \$945,700 exceeds the amount that can be prudently raised from current appropriations, unappropriated fund balance, and non-voted bonds that could be issued by the City in the current fiscal year pursuant to Article V, Section 4, of the North Carolina Constitution (the “two-thirds limitation”).

3. The sums to fall due under the contract are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose because the payments are amortized over 15 years at an interest rate not to exceed 3.63%, yielding annual payments of \$82,871.44. Additionally, prepayment premium shall be calculated as a percentage of the principal amount prepaid, as follows: prepayment of the principal balance in whole with a 1% prepayment premium for the first half of the term and then shall allow for prepayment in whole at any time without a prepayment penalty. It is anticipated that the payments will be paid through general fund revenues.

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4. The City of Eden's debt management procedures and policies are good because of good financial practices. The City of Eden's outstanding debt as of June 30, 2018 was \$19,108,372.64. The legal debt margin for the City of Eden as of June 30, 2018 was \$71,374,122. The City of Eden's debt management policies have been carried out in strict compliance with the law, and will henceforth be so carried out.

5. The proposed agreement should not create an increase in taxes to meet the sums to fall due.

6. The City of Eden is not in default in any of its debt service obligations.

7. The attorney for the City of Eden has rendered an opinion that the proposed Project is authorized by law and is a purpose for which public funds may be expended pursuant to the Constitution and laws of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Eden in filing an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the Project and the proposed financing contract and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 19 day of February 2019.

The motion to adopt this resolution was made by Council Member Ellis, Seconded by Council Member Carter, and passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the City of Eden Council Members on the 19 day of February 2019.

Deanna Hunt 2-19-19  
City Clerk

b. (1) Consideration of a zoning map amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property at 354 W. Meadow Road from Office & Institutional to Business-General. ZONING CASE Z-19-01.

(2) Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed map amendment request to rezone property at 354 W. Meadow Road from Office & Institutional to Business-General.

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

Ms. Stultz said the property considered for rezoning used to be the Fieldcrest Water Plant. At the time the Office and Industrial District was created over 30 years ago, it was applied in some unusual places. In her opinion, the particular property never should have been in O & I but it was put there because the property next door was the old City Hall. There had never been an office or institution of any type in the building. The property owner asked for it to be rezoned in order to make it more readily available for use for some business purpose. Due to its historic nature and other issues, staff made a recommendation to the Planning Board to rezone to Business-General and they approved it. The property was located in the watershed area and in order for it to stay vital and not fall into disrepair, she hoped Council would approve the rezoning.



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Mayor Hall asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition.

Council Member Burnette said from the surrounding area, it made sense to rezone the property. He said it looked like some other properties nearby might need to be rezoned also.

Ms. Stultz replied they would likely bring those to the Council later for consideration.

Mayor Hall said from an economic aspect, he was excited to see someone want to revitalize a building that had been vacant for many years and without disturbance to any neighbors.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve the zoning map amendment request and adopt an Ordinance to rezone property at 354 W. Meadow Road from Office & Institutional to Business-General and to approve a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed map amendment request to rezone property at 354 W. Meadow Road from Office & Institutional to Business-General. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notice of a public hearing and the holding of a public hearing relative thereto, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 - Change from Office & Institutional to Business-General the following parcel: BEGINNING at an existing concrete monument located in the southern right-of-way margin of N. C. 700 and 770 as shown on Map for central filter plant prepared by W. T. Combs in July 1942 (See Deed Book 442, Page 469) said monument lies South 52° 04' 33" East 299.94 feet from a point located in the centerline of Meadow Road at the end of a bridge that crosses the Smith River; thence from the point of beginning and with the southern right-of-way margin of said road South 72° 52' 00" East 91.90 feet to an existing concrete monument, South 84° 38' 00" East 124.25 feet to an existing concrete monument, North 88° 15' 00" East 45.43 feet to a point and North 88° 15' 00" East 354.57 feet to an iron stake; thence a line with the right-of-way margin of Stadium Drive South 59° 20' 50" East 133.69 feet to an iron stake that is set North 52° 04' 33" West 1.97 feet from a concrete monument; thence a line with the City of Eden (See Deed Book 661, Page 21) South 30° 39' 11" West 211.25 feet to an iron stake; thence a line with the City of Eden (See Deed Book 706, Page 866); South 88° 15' 00" West 558.38 feet to an iron stake; thence with the eastern margin of a road which is not open and was formerly known as Bottoms Road North 13° 58' 24" West 288.90 feet to an iron stake; thence North 35° 12' 25" East 16.00 feet to the place and point of beginning and containing 3.773 acres more or less as per plat of survey prepared by C. E. Robertson and Associates dated October 8, 2002 and entitled "Plat of Survey for William John Cameron and Nancy Wise Cameron".

The above described property being commonly known as 354 W. Meadow Road and identified by the Rockingham County Tax Department as PIN 7070-16-82-0815 and Parcel Number 106622.

Section 2 - The Official Zoning Map of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of February, 2019.

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BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING  
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE

CASE NUMBER Z-19-01  
MAP AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A-383, prior to adoption or rejection of any zoning amendment, the Eden City Council is required to adopt a statement as to whether the amendment is consistent with the Land Development Plan and why the City Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Planning Board received a request to rezone property at 354 W. Meadow Road from Office & Institutional to Business-General;

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2019, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend that the rezoning request be approved.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The property was most recently used as a garden center, but has been vacant for some time. There has been no recent development pressure in the area. There is commercial BG property directly across Meadow Road and to the east, as well as across the Smith River to the west. Due to the proximity to the other commercial uses in the area, and the location on a major commercial thoroughfare, staff is of the opinion that rezoning the subject parcel to BG would be a good use for the existing building and the property, would not be detrimental to the neighborhood and would be in harmony with the surrounding area. The property is located in an area designated as Commercial Center in the City of Eden Land Development Plan. The rezoning of the property would bring it in compliance with the Land Development Plan.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

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

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

WHEREAS, The Eden City Council has considered the written recommendation of the City of Eden Planning Board and has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, and the Council desires to adopt a statement describing why the adoption of the proposed amendment not is consistent with the City of Eden Land Development Plan, and why the City Council does not consider the proposed amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EDEN CITY COUNCIL THAT:

- 1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed amendment to the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the goals and recommendations of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended.
- 2. At no time are land use regulations or plans of the City of Eden or any jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina permitted to be in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- 3. Therefore, based upon the foregoing information, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public's best interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 19th day of February, 2019.

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BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

c. (1) Consideration of a zoning text amendment request to amend Section 11.29(a) Definitions to include a definition for Disabled Motor Vehicles and to amend Section 11.22 General Provisions to include provisions pertaining to the regulation of Disabled Motor Vehicles. ZONING CASE Z-18-06.

(2) Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed text amendment request to amend Section 11.29(a) Definitions to include a definition for Disabled Motor Vehicles and to amend Section 11.22 General Provisions to include provisions pertaining to the regulation of Disabled Motor Vehicles.

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

Ms. Stultz said the change was a result of some limitations they had with removing junk and abandoned vehicles from neighborhoods. Currently, the State enabling legislation for the junk car ordinance said that any vehicle with a valid tag could not be declared junk or abandoned. The problem with that was at times they sent notices to people who would then just put a tag on the vehicle and it would still sit. The Planning Department could not do anything about it and it was a nuisance to the neighborhood. Junked vehicles were an important issue for the Strategic Planning Commission. The Planning Department learned from research that some other jurisdictions used the term disabled motor vehicle. The definition was slightly different from how the City described them in the junk car ordinance. It said a disabled motor vehicle was defined as any motor vehicle that met one or more of the following criteria: did not display a current license plate; or was partially dismantled or wrecked; or cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended; or was more than five years old or was worth less than \$500. Ms. Stultz said she had received suggestions from some Council Members to change the wording in the last part to vehicle was more than five years old and was worth less than \$500. She said that change would not impair the amendment's ability to help the neighborhoods. The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment and she hoped the Council would approve it.

Mayor Hall asked if a car that was only four years old but had been practically totaled in an accident would be covered in the amendment.

Ms. Stultz replied it was still disabled.

Council Member Ellis asked if having a current license plate meant having an inspection.

Ms. Stultz replied State law required an inspection to get the license plate.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition. As no one came forward and there was no further discussion, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

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A motion was made by Council Member Epps to approve a zoning text amendment request to amend Section 11.29(a) Definitions to include a definition for Disabled Motor Vehicles and to amend Section 11.22 General Provisions to include provisions pertaining to the regulation of Disabled Motor Vehicles, with a revision to number four to change the word “or” to “and,” and to approve a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed text amendment request to amend Section 11.29(a) Definitions to include a definition for Disabled Motor Vehicles and to amend Section 11.22 General Provisions to include provisions pertaining to the regulation of Disabled Motor Vehicles. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notice of a public hearing and the holding of a public hearing relative thereto, Section 11.29 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended by adding the following:

Disabled Motor Vehicle: A Disabled Motor Vehicle shall be defined as any motor vehicle that meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Does not display a current license plate; or
2. Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
3. Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended; or
4. Is more than five (5) years old and is worth less than \$500.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed to apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner and the vehicle being necessary to the operation of the business enterprise, or to a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the City.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notice of a public hearing and the holding of a public hearing relative thereto, Section 11.22 General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended by adding the following:

(t) Disabled Motor Vehicles – The parking, storage or use of vehicles may be allowed as accessory to any use allowed by this Ordinance, subject to the following standards:

(1) Residential Uses

- a. One disabled vehicle is allowed on a lot with a single-family dwelling or duplex dwelling, provided the disabled vehicle is parked or stored behind the front building line of the principal structure.
- b. Additional disabled vehicles on a single-family or duplex lot and any disabled vehicle parked or stored on a lot with any other residential use shall be located within a fully enclosed principal or accessory structure.

(2) All Other Uses

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- a. A disabled motor vehicle may be parked or stored on a lot containing an agricultural, institutional, commercial, or industrial use, provided it is totally screened from view from any street or residential zoning district or use.
- b. The disabled vehicle shall be stored within a fully enclosed building or fully screened by a building, opaque fence, wall, or other approved method, to a height of six (6) feet above grade level.

(3) For non-residential uses: unless otherwise specifically allowed as a permitted use in a particular zoning district, (i.e., Automobile Repair Garages, Automobile Storage and Temporary Towing Services), one (1) disabled motor vehicle is allowed to be kept or stored on a lot as an accessory to a principal use, provided the disabled vehicle is parked or stored behind the front building line of the principal structure and is fully screened and not visible from the street or from any residential use or district. Acceptable screening may include a solid fence, a tarp or similar type of covering, and or a fully enclosed structure.

(4) No disabled motor vehicle shall be permitted to be kept or stored on any vacant lot without a principal use structure.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING A PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE

CASE NUMBER Z-18-06

TEXT AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A-383, prior to adoption or rejection of any zoning amendment, the Eden City Council is required to adopt a statement as to whether the amendment is consistent with the Land Development Plan and why the City Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Planning Board initiated an action to amend to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
To amend Section 11.22 General Provisions and Section 11.29(a) Definitions, to include provisions pertaining to the regulation of Disabled Motor Vehicles.

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2019, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the zoning text amendment.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The subject parcel is located on the fringe of a residential district and a commercial district. The residential area is composed of older, small- to medium-sized residential properties, containing both owner-occupied and rental properties. The commercial area contains established retail and other businesses. There has been no development pressure in the area and the residential/commercial mix of uses has not changed in many years. The request is to rezone a residential property which adjoins existing BG property. Staff is of the opinion that rezoning the subject parcel to BG would not be detrimental to the neighborhood and would be in harmony with the surrounding area.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

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

- A. Strategically locate new land development in the most appropriate places.

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- B. Maintain and enhance Eden's community character and heritage.
- C. Use infrastructure investments as effectively as possible.
- D. Attract new jobs and a more diverse tax base.
- E. Protect natural, cultural and historic resources and open space as we grow.

WHEREAS, The Eden City Council has considered the written recommendation of the City of Eden Planning Board and has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, and the Council desires to adopt a statement describing why the adoption of the proposed amendment not is consistent with the City of Eden Land Development Plan, and why the City Council does not consider the proposed amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EDEN CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed amendment to the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the goals and recommendations of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended.
2. At no time are land use regulations or plans of the City of Eden or any jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina permitted to be in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes.
3. Therefore, based upon the foregoing information, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public's best interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

*There were no Requests and Petitions of Citizens at this time.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of 2019 Boards and Commissions appointments.

Council Member Grogan nominated James Cherry to serve on the Community Appearance Commission.

Mayor Hall nominated Blanche Hailey to continue to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve Ms. Hailey to serve on Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. Cherry to serve on the Community Appearance Commission. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request to approve Strategic Plan funding to pave the Leaksville Landing parking lot.

Mayor Hall called on Mr. Farmer.

Mr. Farmer said at the February 1 Strategic Planning Commission meeting, the Parks and Recreation Department requested the funds to pave the parking lot at Leaksville Landing. The lot

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was built around 2007 and had been used tremendously. One of the problems with the lot was the parking spaces were not outlined. The new paving would allow for lined parking spots, which would also help with the traffic flow in and out of the lot. From the street entrance to the Leaksville Landing was not paved but had some concrete placed from the top to the bottom. Mr. Farmer consulted with Director of Transportation Engineering Tammy Amos and they decided to tie in with concrete and then continue with paving. They had several price estimates and believed it could be a little less than \$20,000. Continuing to upgrade and add to their facilities was one of the goals of the Strategic Plan. He asked the Council to approve the amount not to exceed \$20,000 to pave the Leaksville Landing parking lot.

Mayor Hall said the lot was used by many people accessing the river. He felt anything to make the area look nice would be an asset to the City.

Council Member Carter asked if the project went out for bids.

Mr. Farmer replied yes, they had three bids for the asphalt and two for the concrete.

Council Member Burnette asked Mr. Farmer when he anticipated the work being done.

Mr. Farmer replied early April to early June. They hoped to do it around the same time they paved Matrimony Creek and the Freedom Park walking track.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve Strategic Plan funding to pave the Leaksville Landing parking lot. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

- b. Request to approve Strategic Plan funding for contracts with WGSR TV, CTT Productions and Irving Farms Landscape, a Spring Grown & Gathered, a tourism brochure, social media promotions and a mural.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Adams.

Ms. Adams said each of the projects was very exciting. They were very different and touched different people inside and outside the community.

\$18,000: 12-Month Contract with WGSR TV to run:

1. 10 “Did You Know” videos per day
2. 3-Minute Infomercials – 3 times per week
3. 30-second spots – 3 times per day
4. “A Few Minutes with the Mayor” – monthly, show not to exceed 28 minutes

\$7,500: 12-Month Contract with CTT Productions to produce:

1. Four 3-minute infomercials
2. Four 30-second spots
3. Ten “Did You Know” videos

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The contract with CTT productions was the professional production of all of the things that appeared on WGSR TV.

\$4,250: Contract with Irving Farms Landscape to plant a two-acre wildflower field on the Smith River Greenway. The sunflower field would get more people on the trails for reasons other than to walk. The cost included land prep, lime, fertilizer, seed and labor. In subsequent years, it would be a little less expensive due to the initial land prep removing the dense sod for planting.

\$7,000: Spring Grown & Gathered Event – Thursday, May 23

The Commission heard many positive comments about the tremendous success of the first event held in August 2018 and they wanted to see two conducted in 2019. The cost included advertising, food purchased from local farmers, the chef's food prep, marketing and anything else related to the event.

\$6,300: New Eden brochure to highlight rivers, trails, hotels, Eden Drive In, downtown and other features to promote Eden. The brochures would be placed in brochure racks in City Hall, the County, regional visitor centers and Southern Virginia. Ms. Adams said Eden currently did not have that presence but it was needed.

\$450: Facebook boosts to help reach a larger audience on social media. Boosts were a huge success.

Ms. Adams asked for approval of \$43,450 from Strategic Planning funds for the projects. The Strategic Planning Commission had approved the funding unanimously at their February 1 meeting.

Council Member Ellis commented it was an excellent job. Everything in the plans was positive and that was what the Council and City were going for.

Ms. Adams invited the Council to come to the Wire Animal Art Unveiling on February 25 in Grogan Park.

Council Member Hampton asked for the location of the sunflower field.

Ms. Adams said the sunflower field would be on the Smith River Greenway in the field across from the Rotary overlook or in the curve before the straight part of the trail on the left side walking from the Meadow Road entrance.

Council Member Burnette said it was about a five-minute walk on the trail from the picnic shelter.

Ms. Adams said if Council approved the sunflower field, there were plans to have Sunflower Day events.

Council Member Burnette said the items were important because the community had said they wanted them. The Strategic Plan gave the City a direction. There were many things happening



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because of it, like the Freedom Park splash pad and nature trails that Mr. Dougherty had secured grants for. The plan was an inclusive thing of what the community wanted.

Council Member Grogan said she knew people loved visiting gardens. She and her family loved to visit Brookgreen Gardens at the beach to view the flowers.

Council Member Hampton agreed and said she had not heard of any other Rockingham County areas having anything like the sunflower field. She felt like it would draw people to Eden.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve Strategic Plan funding for contracts with WGSR TV, CTT Productions and Irving Farms Landscape, a Spring Grown & Gathered, a tourism brochure and social media promotions. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Hall called on Mr. Hunt.

Mr. Hunt said the riverboat men mural was placed at the Henry Street pocket park in 2008. The Strategic Planning Commission felt it was time for a new mural. He had contacted Brandon Hardison, the artist who painted the Coca-Cola mural near J-Mart and the mural in the Draper Public Space, to do the replacement mural. He had presented a lithograph done for the Spray Water, Power and Land Company for the Council to examine. The plan was to loosely base the mural design on it, but would use more color, to reflect the textile heritage. He asked the Council to approve \$20,000 for the project.

Council Member Ellis asked how soon the artist would start on the project.

Mr. Hunt replied immediately. He said the artist was working on a mock-up of the mural.

Council Member Ellis asked if they could view that before the artist started the mural.

Mr. Hunt replied it would be tough to do that and he brought the lithograph as an example of the type of mural they were proposing. He said they planned to incorporate the German American Mill, Fieldcrest Mills, American Warehouse, Leaksville Cotton Mill, Spray Cotton Mill, Nantucket Mill, Karastan Rug Mill and Fieldcrest headquarters.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve Strategic Plan funding for a mural. Council Member Burnette seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

#### REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mr. Corcoran said each Council Member should have received a copy of the report. It was posted on the City's website the previous week and submitted to the Eden's Own Journal for publication.

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There were hard copies available for anyone wanting one. He would be happy to answer any questions.

### **City Manager's Report – February 2019**

#### **Take Pride in Your Community and Don't Litter**

We hate litter! There is absolutely no reason for a civilized place to have an issue with litter, but Eden, like most communities, does. Please help us combat unsightly trash around our beautiful city.

There are a couple of ways you can help:

Did you know that littering North Carolina roadways is illegal and can result in fines for those that commit the offense. Some litterbugs simply need to be informed and reminded that littering – whether deliberate or unintentional – can end with a personal commitment to stop.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has a fantastic program - Swat-A-Litterbug. This program encourages the public to report people who litter in an effort to help make North Carolina roadways cleaner. The program provides every individual an opportunity to be an active participant in reducing litter on North Carolina roadways. It's almost impossible for law enforcement to catch someone dumping litter from a vehicle because who in their right mind would roll down a window and throw out a bag with a police officer behind them? With this program, any citizen can report the offending vehicle and NCDOT will take it from there. If you see someone throw out trash from a vehicle, please visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Pages/swat-a-litterbug-report.aspx> or call the NCDOT Customer Service Office at (877) 368-4968.

NCDOT notifies the vehicle owner of the littering offense; informs the vehicle owner of the penalties for littering; and urges the litterbug to stop littering. A formal notification is signed by the Colonel of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. This letter helps educate and remind citizens of their civic responsibility to protect the environment.

Please keep the area around your property clean by picking up trash that lands on or along it. It is frustrating when someone throws out something and it lands in or next to your yard or it blows off the back of a vehicle and gets caught in your ditch. It's not your fault at all, but picking up the litter and disposing of it if you are able is showing your pride in your property, your neighborhood, and best of all, your city.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help us in our fight against littering.

#### **Eden Youth Council**

Are you ready to serve? The City is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 City of Eden Youth Council. Membership is open to individuals who live in the Morehead High School Attendance Zone (MHS, college, homeschool or private school students) and are between the ages of 14 and 20.

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What can you expect?

- Service opportunities
- Develop leadership and professional skills
- Networking with civic leaders
- Coordinate opportunities for Eden youth
- Great experience to list on resumes and college applications

If you are interested in applying, you can get your application at Eden City Hall - Administration, or Morehead High School Student Affairs Office. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Woods at [jwoods@edennc.us](mailto:jwoods@edennc.us).

### **Economic & Tourism Development Department**

#### **SGRTex Facility**

Two companies are conducting due diligence processes on this Summit Road property. They would both operate the yarn spinning plant and hire 70-80 employees. Decisions may come as early as April of this year.

#### **Rockingham County Economic Development**

Leigh Cochram, formerly of Martinsville/Henry County, VA Economic Development and the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance is the new Rockingham County Economic Development Director. Ms. Cochram has worked with the City of Eden on regional cooperation in her previous role with the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance which is a four-county collaboration including Patrick, Henry, Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties in Virginia.

#### **Walgreens Pharmacy**

The Rite Aid pharmacy located at 109 S. Van Buren Road was formally converted to a Walgreens Pharmacy on February 7, 2019. Walgreens officially acquired Rite-Aid in 2018 and has been converting or closing stores since that time.

#### **Eden Drug**

The Eden Drug Education Center received the 2018 Eden Community Appearance Commission Award at the Eden Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. The renovations the company made to the Education Center next to its retail store were significant. Eden Drug's Sandra Rakestraw accepted the award on behalf of the retailer.

#### **Yono Express Japanese Restaurant—New location**

This long-time restaurant has moved into the former Popeye's Chicken location at Fiddle Stix convenience store located at 700 S. Van Buren Road in Eden. The drive-thru window will add to the convenience of patronizing this business.

#### **Lidl**

The status of the Eden store remains "on-hold." Discussions with the Lidl Communications Director in January revealed that the company is continuing to monitor consumer feedback about its operations. They are also focusing on more urban areas as they learn the U.S. market. There will be no change in the Eden building status for at least the next three months.

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**Wright Memorial Event Center**

This facility is located at 184 Slaydon Road on Hwy 770 outside of Eden. It is a wedding, anniversary and other special event venue. They host outside events as well. This summer, they will be adding a barn for outdoor wedding enthusiasts. Those who attended the recent Eden Chamber of Commerce Award Dinner there raved about the accommodations. If you are looking for a beautiful facility for your next event, contact them at 276-620-7479 or email jamesjeffrey9@aol.com

**John E. Grogan Lifetime Achievement Award Winner—Sylvia Grogan**

Longtime Eden resident Sylvia Grogan was honored as the 2018 John E. Grogan Lifetime Achievement Award Winner at the Eden Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. Ms. Grogan moved to Eden when she married her late husband John. She was a teacher at Morehead High School and Rockingham Community College. As Marketing Director for Morehead Memorial Hospital (now UNC Rockingham Healthcare), she was instrumental in establishing the Parrish Nurse Program, Student Health Centers in all four Rockingham County High Schools, and was one of the founders of the Rockingham County Education Foundation. The Student Health Centers and Education Foundation were two of the three Eden projects the City submitted to become a 2011 All-America City Award finalist and ultimately be selected one of the ten winning communities that year.

One of Ms. Grogan's former students was so impressed with her that she made a significant donation to the privately-funded John E. Grogan Park at Eden City Hall. She also has made substantial donations to Ms. Grogan's church, Leaksville United Methodist. Eden Director of Economic Development Mike Dougherty presented the award to Ms. Grogan. He referred to her as a "Trailblazer of Innovative Programs" who has made a significant difference in the Eden community and was richly deserving of the award. Ms. Grogan's children, grandchildren and close friends attended to help her celebrate this award.

**Wayfinding Project**

New wayfinding signs have been installed on their former signs throughout the city. The signs are designed to help newcomers navigate their way around the city. Often visitors find it difficult to locate their destinations because Eden does not have a natural streetscape to follow, having been created from the consolidation of three communities more than 50 years ago.

**Bridge Street Parking**

The newly paved parking lot off Bridge Street that flows behind Washington Street continues its improvements. The lot has been striped and a pedestrian walkway added in the alley leading to Washington Street. Eden Police Administrative Sargent Jim Robertson has completed a traffic study to recommend signage and parking ordinances. Locations for concrete pads to mount the seating benches have been identified. Landscaping and a dedication sign will complete the project. This portion of the project was made possible with a grant from Home Trust Bank. Previous funding was provided by a recommendation from the *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Commission through the Eden City Council.

**Fieldcrest Public Space**

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This public space in Draper on Fieldcrest road is having its benches installed by the City's Facilities and Grounds Division. Windows were installed in January. Corrugated sliding metal doors should be completed by the end of February. The equipment to install the lighting arrived Friday, February 8. We plan to install the lighting on Saturday, February 16. Funding for this project was provided by a recommendation from the *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Commission through the Eden City Council.

**Entrepreneurship Program**

City of Eden representatives, staff from Rockingham Community College and Rockingham County Economic Development staff continue to meet to discuss the R.E.A.P. (Rockingham Entrepreneurial Assistance Program). Identifying clients for recruitment, targeted buildings and outlines for curriculum are main topics. A vacant property owners association was also discussed. The REAP would assist with our objectives found for economic development in the *Positively Eden* Strategic Plan. Plans are being made for the REAP to feed into a future local SCORE chapter involving the City, Eden Chamber, and county partners.

**Eden Downtown Development Inc.**

Our Planning and Inspections Department is working together with the EDDI to create a pamphlet promoting the QR historical markers that are located in the Old Leaksville Commercial District. We are tentatively planning to call it the Old Leaksville Commercial District Walking Tour. It could include some historical buildings just out of the district also.

**Henry Street Mural**

The *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning Commission agreed to ask City Council for \$20,000 from monies set aside in the 2018-19 budget to fund a new mural on Henry Street. Artist Brandon Hardison is producing a mock-up of the proposed mural so it can be presented to the City Council.

**Boulevard Merchants Association**

The Boulevard Merchants Association will be holding their second annual Food Truck Rodeo on Saturday April 13. In addition, continuing the beautification efforts, members voted to change out their sidewalk planters to an Easter tree theme. The work to demolish the former electronics store has begun. Our Municipal Services Department will be replacing faded street signs as well as adding a new directional sign featuring artwork from our recent branding study.

**Available Property Listing**

The City of Eden website has been updated to include new properties that have become available in the city's downtown commercial areas.

**Public Art Project**

The public art project supporting painting fire hydrants has had a great response. Hydrants in our downtown areas have been identified as priorities and several local artists have volunteered to take on the project initially. This is open to the public; contact Randy Hunt at rhunt@edennc.us for more information.

**Wire Animal Public Art Project**

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We would like to invite everyone to join us as we unveil our six (6) wire animals in Grogan Park located at 308 E. Stadium Drive on Monday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow and our artist, Josh Cote, will be on site. This has been a very exciting public art project and we think you are going to be amazed!

**“Did You Know” Videos**

We are creating some new “DID YOU KNOW” videos that will air on WGSR TV, our websites and social media. Let us know if there is a subject dealing with the City of Eden that you would like to know more about. We just might feature it in a new video. Email [cadams@edennc.us](mailto:cadams@edennc.us) with your suggestions.

**Mad Hatters Tea Party**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 for the new “MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY” in Grogan Park. This will be a children’s event. Stay tuned for more information.

**Oink & Ale Barbecue Cookers**

Oink & Ale will take place Saturday, May 11. We will be featuring the band ON THE BORDER – THE ULTIMATE EAGLES TRIBUTE and are expecting a large crowd. We would love to feature some of our local barbecue cooks that day as well. Please call Cindy Adams at 336-612-8049 or email her at [cadams@edennc.us](mailto:cadams@edennc.us) if you are interested in being a part of this fun event.

**2018 Distinguished Citizen Award – Mike Dougherty**

We would like to congratulate Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development for the City of Eden, on receiving the Eden Chamber of Commerce’ 2018 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Mike worked very hard on the ¼ cent sales tax that passed in May and will enable a much needed workforce development center to be built on the campus of RCC. He has also pursued and received various grants for Mega Park water line project and construction of nature trails that are used by many of our citizens. Mike is also a Board member on the Rockingham County Education Foundation. Mike works hard on a daily basis to help make Eden and Rockingham County the best it can be. Congratulations Mike!

**Chamber of Commerce 2019 Chairperson – Cindy Adams**

Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events/Projects, was installed as the 2019 Chairperson for the Eden Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on February 5 at the Chamber’s Annual Award Dinner. Plans are being made for new After Hours events, a partnership with the City Eden to help fight litter, more educational opportunities, recognizing young people in business, growing the membership and so much more. We hope you will consider joining and help us all make Eden a better place together. Congratulations Cindy!

**Newsletter**

You can get information about upcoming local events by email through our monthly Explore Downtown newsletter. If you want to subscribe, please send your email address to [godowntown@edennc.us](mailto:godowntown@edennc.us)

**Engineering Department**

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**Street Resurfacing Projects:**

The Eden City Council approved the award of the FY 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 2 to Waugh Asphalt, Inc. on January 15. The Notice of Award and the Notice to Proceed have been issued to the Contractor. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start sometime in April.

**Restriping of Country Club Drive:**

Triad Road Maintenance installed the new pavement markings on Country Club Drive between Stadium Drive and Greenway Street on February 7. The changes included the addition of a third lane of traffic designated as a right turn lane to accommodate the vehicles parked along the west side of the street prior to the afternoon release.

**NCDOT State Resurfacing Schedule**

City staff received a list of state roads scheduled to be resurfaced this year. The list includes portions of NC14, Kings Highway, Landfall Drive, Short Union Street, Lincoln Loop, Aiken Road, Summit Road, Friendly Road, Northridge Drive and Wilshire Drive.

**Waterline Replacement Projects Update**

Reports showing that the water samples taken from the new water main installed along Ridge Avenue passed the bacteriological analysis testing were received on January 14. A crew from City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. made three new water taps the next day, and completed making the last water tap and reconnection on January 16. The crew dug a couple days later at the intersection of N. Hale Street and Ridge Avenue to see how the old 2-inch galvanized water main connected to the 6-inch water main. Due to the lack of a valve or corporation stop at the connection to the larger line, the crew will return at a future date to cut and plug the old water main after a CodeRED announcement has been sent out for the area expected to be temporarily impacted by shutting down the water.

Joyce Backhoe Services, Inc., low bidder for the Morehead Street WL project, dropped off the last of the required contract documents on January 23. Based on the current workload, a notice to proceed date of February 6 was established. A meeting was held on February 6 to discuss possible shifting of the proposed alignment a short distance to the south for a portion of the street. A subcontractor was on site a couple days later to saw cut the asphalt pavement for about half the project. A crew was on site Wednesday the 13 to dig and locate a few marked utility mains at the intersection of Glovenia Street and Morehead Street. After making a wet tap there, the crew will proceed with the installation of a 6-inch diameter water main towards Hollingsworth Street.

A pre-construction meeting for the Jackson Street and W. Moore Street waterline replacement project was held on February 5, with representatives from Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. presiding. Executed contract documents were handed out to the various parties after the notice to proceed date of February 18<sup>th</sup> that City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. asked for was agreed upon. Submittals for materials to be used during the project have been received, reviewed and approved. Depending on weather and delivery of materials, work should begin on the installation of about 900 feet of 6-inch diameter water main during the week of February 18 – 22.

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Two versions of revised plans for the West Avenue waterline replacement project were received from Stoltzfus Engineering Inc. during January, with the second version including a sheet of detail drawings. A few comments were sent on January 28<sup>t</sup> for use during preparation of the final drawings. A signed application for the water main extension was sent to the engineering firm on February 6. Contract and bid documents should be finalized on February 13, and a bid opening date has been set for March 5 for the project that will include the installation of about 550 feet of 6-inch diameter ductile iron pipe, and about 120 feet of 2-inch diameter schedule 80 PVC pipe.

### **Fire Department**

The Eden Fire Department played host to sixty kindergarteners from Douglass Elementary School on February 8. The children were treated to a variety of activities including a fire truck demonstration, which allowed the children to get a close up view of the inside of a firetruck and explanation about the equipment and how it is used. During the visit, the children were given a fire safety message on the importance of smoke detectors and practicing a home escape plan with the rest of the family.

### **Information Technology**

February is traditionally the coldest month of the year for us Southerners. While you're layering on your sweater and heavy coats, now is a good time to start thinking about layering your online security. Just like those extra layers of clothing keeps you warmer, extra layers of security will keep your personal information and bank account safer.

The first and most important layer is making sure you're using a different password for each and every online account you have. I know that sounds like a hassle, but, if your password is exposed as part of a data breach, hackers now have the keys (your password) to all of your online accounts. Using a different password for every site ensures that when a breach happens, your other accounts are safe.

Password managers make using different passwords for all of your accounts a whole lot easier. Some great free options are:

LastPass <https://www.lastpass.com>

Dashlane <https://www.dashlane.com>

KeePass <https://www.keypass.info>

The second, and perhaps most important layer is two factor authentication. Two factor authentication (2FA), sometimes referred to as two factor identification, is an additional layer of protection beyond your password. It significantly decreases the risk of a hacker accessing your online accounts by combining your password (something you know) with a second factor, like your mobile phone (something you have). Even if a hacker has your username and password, they still would not be able to access your accounts. Many of the world's largest websites have made 2FA readily available from the security settings of your online accounts, but it's up to you to turn on this free feature.



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How you access and turn on 2FA is different for every site or service you use. Telesign has put together some tutorials on how to turn on 2FA for specific applications, online services, and social media. <https://www.turnon2fa.com/>

You can find tutorials on some of the more popular sites and services here: <https://www.turnon2fa.com/tutorials/>

### **Municipal Services Department**

#### **Compost for Sale**

The City of Eden will be offering compost for sale on the following Saturdays: March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 2:30pm. Costs are as follows: pick up load - \$5, Tandem axle trailer \$15 and large dump trucks \$25 each.

#### **Code Red Notification System**

The City of Eden has a Code Red Notification System to help make residents aware of changes to garbage collection due to weather or holiday closings, missing persons and any road closures. The system is also used for other public service and emergency related announcements. If you are not receiving the notifications and are interested in being included, please contact Georgette Spence at 336-623-2110 option 3 and have your name and number(s) added to the Code Red notification list. If you are an Eden resident, there is no cost to receive these notifications.

#### **Reminder Concerning Snow Events**

During snow events, our Municipal Services Department requests that all residents avoid parking their car(s) on the roadway. Please park any and all cars OFF the roadway, if possible. This would allow better access for the snowplows to clear the roadway in a timelier and efficient manner, thereby allowing all residents access to clear roads much faster. Thank you so much for your assistance.

### **Parks, Recreation & Facility Maintenance Department**

#### **Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program**

Staff will be participating in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on February 8 and will be participating in the same program again on March 8. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on January 23 and will be participating in the same program again on February 27 to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of March and April. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

#### **Be Healthy Rockingham County**

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham County initiative. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on February 13 and will attend the next meeting scheduled for March 13.

#### **Freedom Park Splash Pad Update**

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VORTEX is continuing their work on the construction of the splash pad and should be completed by May 30, weather permitting. Cirrus Construction has received the building permit for the bathhouse and construction is scheduled to begin before the end of this month, weather permitting.

**Matrimony Creek Greenway Parking Lot**

The Matrimony Creek Greenway Parking Lot will be paved in the spring of this year.

**Freedom Park Walking Track and Road Repairs**

The Freedom Park parking lots were re-stripped the week of January 25 – 27 and the Freedom Park walking track will be completed in the spring of this year.

**Collaboration with UNC-Rockingham Health Care**

Staff has met with Liz Penn, Director of Rehabilitation Therapy & Sleep Center, at UNC-Rockingham Health Care, and the City will be collaborating with them to provide workshops at the Garden of Eden Center. These will include Build Your Bones Workshop, Falls Prevention, and Change Your Joint Pain to list a few. They will also be working with Terry Vernon, Athletic Director, to provide workshops on Injury Prevention/Education Screening and Functional Movement Screening. All of these services will be free. A schedule for these offerings will be planned in the upcoming months and advertised accordingly.

**Chiller & Cooling Tower for Eden Municipal Building**

The installation of the new Chiller and Cooling Tower for the Eden Municipal Building will begin on February 16 and will be completed by mid-April.

**Softball Tournaments @ Freedom Park**

There was a NSA Softball Tournament at Freedom Park on February 9. In addition, there is a USSSA Tournament at Freedom Park February 23–24, NSA Tournament March 2-3, Freedom Sports Tournament March 9-10 and a USSSA Tournament March 16-17.

**Planning & Inspections Department**

**Code Enforcement**

The paperwork to start the non-residential maintenance actions against the Eden Mall, Kingsway Plaza and old Winn Dixie Shopping Center is being prepared and will be sent out during the week of February 11-15. This comes as a result of many complaints concerning the parking lots at each of these facilities along with other apparent violations.

Monthly statements were mailed to all property owners that owe the City of Eden for abatements during the first week of February.

**1220 Front Street**

Since the last report, we have sent yet another violation notice to the owner of 1220 Front Street. We have a court date set for February 21, to hear the case. Our last Notice of Violation included a Notice of Chronic Violator, which allows us to clean up the junk without further notice this year.

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**Planning Commission**

**Zoning Case Z-18-06**

Prepared case report to amend Section 11.22 General Provisions to include provisions pertaining to regulation of Disabled Motor Vehicles and to amend Section 11.29(a) Definitions to include a definition for Disabled Motor Vehicles. The Planning Board has recommended that the request be approved. It will go to Council in February.

**Zoning Case Z-19-01**

Prepared case report and maps for request to rezone property located at 354 W. Meadow Road from O & I to BG. The Planning Board recommended that the request be approved. It will go to Council in February.

**Demolitions**

At the November 2018 regular meeting, the City Council approved the demolitions of seven properties

**Stadium Drive Sidewalk**

A representative from NCDOT recently came and met with staff regarding this project. NCDOT has requested that the funds be released for the engineering and design work. NCDOT has a particular set of standards concerning the way grants like the one we received are handled. We are working on a Request for Proposal document so that when we receive final clearance, the documents will be ready to be sent to prospective firms and to be advertised.

**Community Appearance Commission**

The Community Appearance Commission met on February 5. They discussed plans for a citywide clean up during “Great American Cleanup” (Mar. 1 – May 31) and discussed ideas to involve civic groups, church groups and school groups. They also discussed issues with parking lot maintenance (particularly Kingsway Center, the Eden Mall and the old Winn Dixie shopping center on the west side of town.). It was determined that this could be addressed using the non-residential maintenance code, and the Commission wishes to follow through with this. Inspectors have inspected these parking lots and notices will be sent to property owners for violations. Each Commission member took an area of the City to do a “litter assessment” as well as a sweep for junk, junk cars, and other nuisance issues. From this, we will target areas for cleanup and try to develop an anti-litter campaign.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

The Historic Preservation Commission met on February 11. Staff has prepared a list of all historic properties currently in our inventory. Each Commission member took an area and they will do an assessment of the condition of our historic properties (vacant, occupied, drastically altered, demolished, etc.). Commission members discussed the possibility of creating some type of revolving fund or incentive grant (“carrot vs stick”) to encourage historic property owners to help maintain or make repairs to their properties. We will come up with a plan to propose to City Council to test the viability of this plan. The members also discussed issues with non-residential maintenance with plans to push for better enforcement of this before a building gets in too bad a shape that there is no choice but to demolish. Also discussed reviving the historic walking tour.

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**Historic Walking Tour**

Staff has met to discuss reviving the walking tour in the Leaksville area. We will be working on maps and brochures, with the idea of expanding this to other areas of the city, possibly initiating “heritage tours” in each area.

**Eden Single Family Rehabilitation Program Proposal**

In our preparations for the FY 2019-20 budget, we have prepared a draft of a City funded Single Family Rehabilitation Program. In light of changes and limitations to grants available to the City, we believe that we must act to assist our citizens. If approved, the program will address the following:

1. Life Safety issues
2. Energy Conservation
3. Appearance and General Upgrades

We plan to model the program after the old Single Family Rehab grant programs from the State. We will include the same protections (Deed of Trust) to prevent us giving grants and then owners taking the windfall and selling. We will report more on this in the future.

**Police Department**

**Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Training**

On January 22 and 23, the police department administration and supervisors received training on Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS). This training integrates location based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. Using GIS mapping to identify areas that have high incidences of crime and crashes, DDACTS uses traffic enforcement strategies that play a dual role in fighting crime and reducing crashes and traffic violations. We believe this will be a beneficial tool to strategically target crime in our community.

**Junior Achievement Program**

The Eden Police Department will be participating in the Junior Achievement Program, for the second year, at Central Elementary. Junior Achievement helps students realize that the education they are getting today will help them to have a bright future tomorrow. Junior Achievement is a unique volunteer delivered program that helps show the students all of the possibilities that lay before them. Junior Achievement programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills by using experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential. Junior Achievement of the Triad is expanding the program at Central Elementary this year to include a kindergarten and first grade class and we have two officers who have volunteered to provide the classes, Sergeant David Stepps and Lieutenant David Lamberth.

**Facebook and Outstanding Warrants**

On January 29, we implemented a new power point presentation (video) for individuals with outstanding warrants. This power point presentation will be utilized on our Eden Police Department Facebook page every three to four weeks. The slide show highlights individuals with outstanding warrants to include a photo, name, and current outstanding charges. This will be another way of keeping our citizens informed and up to date by the Eden Police Department.

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**Public Utilities**

**2018 Drinking Water Quality Report is Now Available**

The City of Eden Water Filtration Plant has released their 2018 Water Quality Report, detailing specific information pertaining to the quality of drinking water that it provides to its customers. As part of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mandate, water utilities across the country produce annual reports that are designed to educate and inform consumers. This report is an opportunity for the public to understand what is involved with making the water safe. The report is available at <https://www.edennc.us/DocumentCenter/View/11061/2018-Water-Quality-Report>. If you would like a printed copy of the report, it is available in the Billing and Collections Department at City Hall, 308 E. Stadium Drive, Eden, NC.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval and adoption of the January 15, 2019 minutes.
- b. Approval and adoption of a Resolution in favor of accepting a Rural Authority Grant.

Mr. Dougherty said the City received a \$997,000 NC Department of Commerce Rural Authority Grant to upgrade New Street sewer facilities. This grant was announced in December of 2017 but the full application was not submitted in the fall of 2018 because the area was considered for a project that may have changed its scope. That issue was eliminated, the full application was submitted, and approval received on January 3, 2019.

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDEN

WHEREAS, the NC General Assembly has determined that it is the policy of the State to stimulate economic activity and help create new jobs for citizens of the State by affording grants to local governmental units in the state's economically distressed counties for infrastructure improvements, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Authority has offered a Rural Economic Development Grant to the City of Eden in the amount of \$ 997,000 for the construction of a sewer upgrade on New Street, and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDEN:

That City of Eden does hereby accept the Rural Authority offer of \$997,000. That the City of Eden does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Commerce that all items specified in the grant offer will be adhered to. That Brad Corcoran, City Manager, and successors so titled, and Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development and successors so titled are 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 City of Eden 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.

Adopted this the 19th day of February 2019 at Eden, North Carolina.  
By: Neville Hall, Mayor

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CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

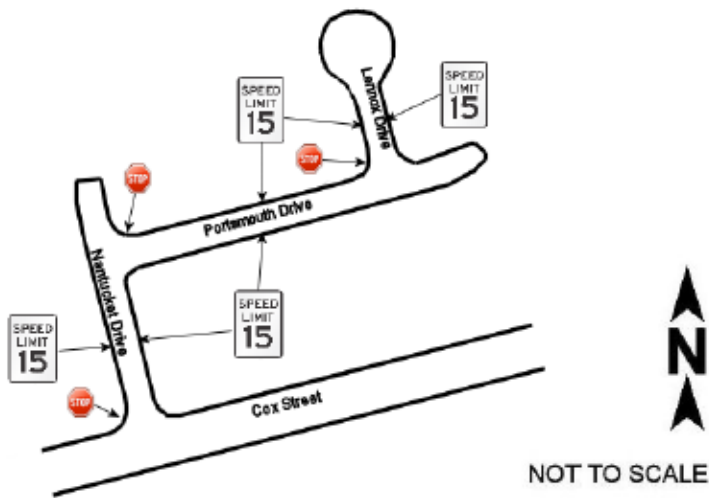
The undersigned duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Eden does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council of the City of Eden duly held on the 19th day of February 2019 and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19 day of February, 2019.

By: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- c. Approval of a traffic study recommendation and adoption of Ordinances regulating the speed limit and stop signs on Nantucket Drive, Portsmouth Drive and Lennox Drive.

On January 9, Eden Police Sgt. Jim Robertson spoke with a citizen who was concerned about the absence of speed limit signs and stop signs in “The Village” housing development. After speaking with the citizen, he contacted Council Member Carter about the concern. Council Member Carter confirmed he would like a traffic study conducted. “The Village” is a housing development currently comprised of three adjoining roadways: Nantucket Drive, Portsmouth Drive, and Lennox Drive. There were currently no stop signs at any of the intersections of the streets. Furthermore, there were currently 24 residential parcels with plans to build more. Due to the density of the residential area and the foreseen growth, the department’s recommendation was that stop signs be erected at the indicated intersections and the speed limit of 35 MPH be reduced to 15 MPH for the following streets: Nantucket Drive from the intersection of Cox Street northward to the Dead End; Portsmouth Drive eastward to the intersection of Lennox Drive; Lennox Drive from the intersection of Portsmouth Drive northward to the dead end/cul-de-sac.

Proposed Locations for Stop Signs and Speed Limit Signs



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AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SPEED LIMIT ON LENNOX DRIVE FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PORTSMOUTH DRIVE TO THE DEAD END/CUL-DE-SAC

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, pursuant to authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 20-141(f) that:

Section 1 – The City Council of the City of Eden has determined that operation of a motor vehicle 35 miles per hour on Lennox Drive southward to Portsmouth Drive is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions existing upon Lennox Drive from Portsmouth Drive northward to the Dead End/Cul-De-Sac.

Section 2 – It shall be an infraction to operate a motor vehicle on Lennox Drive from Portsmouth Drive northward to Dead End/Cul-De-Sac in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Section 3 – Signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of Lennox Drive from Portsmouth Drive northward to the Dead End/Cul-De-Sac giving notice of the speed limit to traffic traveling in each direction on said Lennox Drive from Portsmouth Drive northward to the Dead End/Cul-De-Sac.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

Section 5 – All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SPEED LIMIT ON NANTUCKET DRIVE FROM THE INTERSECTION OF COX STREET TO THE DEAD END

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, pursuant to authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 20-141(f) N.C.G.S. § 160A-301 that:

Section 1 – The City Council of the City of Eden has determined that operation of a motor vehicle 35 miles per hour on Nantucket Drive from the intersection of Cox Street to the Dead End is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions existing upon Nantucket Drive to the Dead End.

Section 2 – It shall be an infraction to operate a motor vehicle on Nantucket Drive to the Dead End in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Section 3 – Signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of Nantucket Drive from the intersection of Cox Street to the Dead End giving notice of the speed limit to traffic traveling in each direction on said Nantucket Drive from the intersection of Cox Street to the Dead End.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

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APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SPEED LIMIT ON PORTSMOUTH DRIVE  
FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NANTUCKET DRIVE TO THE INTERSECTION OF LENNOX DRIVE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, pursuant to authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 20-141(f) that:

Section 1 – The City Council of the City of Eden has determined that operation of a motor vehicle 35 miles per hour on Portsmouth Drive eastward to Lennox Drive is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions existing upon Portsmouth Drive from Nantucket Drive eastward to Lennox Drive.

Section 2 – It shall be an infraction to operate a motor vehicle on Portsmouth Drive from Nantucket Drive eastward to Lennox Drive in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Section 3 – Signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of Portsmouth Drive from Nantucket Drive eastward to Lennox Drive giving notice of the speed limit to traffic traveling in each direction on said Portsmouth Drive from Nantucket Drive eastward to Lennox Drive.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

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CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF LENNOX DRIVE AND PORTSMOUTH DRIVE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:

Section 1 – It shall be an infraction for the driver of a motor vehicle travelling in a southerly direction of Lennox Drive to fail to stop said vehicle before entering the intersection of Lennox Drive and Portsmouth Drive in obedience to a stop sign erected at said intersection.

Section 2 – A stop sign shall be placed, erected or installed on the west side of Lennox Drive at its intersection with Portsmouth Drive directing traffic on Lennox Drive to stop before entering said intersection.

Section 3 – All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF NANTUCKET DRIVE AND COX STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:



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Section 1 – It shall be an infraction for the driver of a motor vehicle travelling in a southerly direction of Nantucket Drive to fail to stop said vehicle before entering the intersection of Nantucket Drive and Cox Street in obedience to a stop sign erected at said intersection.

Section 2 – A stop sign shall be placed, erected or installed on the west side of Nantucket Drive at its intersection with Cox Street directing traffic on Nantucket Drive to stop before entering said intersection.

Section 3 – All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

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CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF PORTSMOUTH DRIVE AND NANTUCKET DRIVE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:

Section 1 – It shall be an infraction for the driver of a motor vehicle travelling in a westerly direction of Portsmouth Drive to fail to stop said vehicle before entering the intersection of Portsmouth Drive and Nantucket Drive in obedience to a stop sign erected at said intersection.

Section 2 – A stop sign shall be placed, erected or installed on the north side of Portsmouth Drive at its intersection with Nantucket Drive directing traffic on Portsmouth Drive to stop before entering said intersection.

Section 3 – All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

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CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

d. Consideration and approval of water and sewer flat rates for 10” meters.

Ms. McMichael said the City of Eden’s current rate schedule did not provide water and sewer flat rates for a 10” meter. There had not been a need for the base rate in the past due to large industrial customers having a contract rate. Due to the industrial customers closing, the City needed to have the rates in place for new customers or until negotiated contract rates were requested. Staff recommended approval of the following flat rates for a 10” meter:

Inside the City 10” Water Flat Rate \$2,625.55 per month  
Outside the City 10” Water Flat Rate \$5,251.11 per month  
Inside the City 10” Sewer Flat Rate \$2,460.14 per month  
Outside the City 10” Sewer Flat Rate \$4,920.29 per month

Current Rates:

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RESIDENTIAL WATER		
Meter Size	1-Jan-16	
	Inside City Monthly	Outside City Monthly
3/4"	12.35	24.7
1"	22.08	44.16
1 1/4"	32.07	64.14
1 1/2"	58.45	116.9
1 3/4"	80.09	160.18
2"	109	218
3"	226.15	452.3
4"	418.66	837.32
6"	973.75	1,947.50
8"	1706.35	3,412.70
10"	2,625.55	5,251.11
Per 1,000 Gallons Usage Charge		
	5.09	10.18

RESIDENTIAL SEWER		
Meter Size	1-Jan-16	
	Inside City Monthly	Outside City Monthly
3/4"	11.72	23.44
1"	28.68	57.36
1 1/4"	30.21	60.42
1 1/2"	54.9	109.8
1 3/4"	75.22	150.44
2"	102.31	204.62
3"	212.02	424.04
4"	392.38	784.76
6"	912.52	1,825.04
8"	1598.85	3,197.70
10"	2,460.14	4,920.29
Per 1,000 Gallons Usage Charge		
	6.50	13.00

COMMERCIAL WATER		
Meter Size	1-Jan-16	
	Inside City Monthly	Outside City Monthly
3/4"	16.58	33.16
1"	30.50	61.00
1 1/2"	58.45	116.90
Per 1,000 Gallons Usage Charge		
	5.09	10.18

COMMERCIAL SEWER		
Meter Size	1-Jan-16	
	Inside City Monthly	Outside City Monthly
3/4"	15.68	31.36
1"	28.74	57.48
1 1/2"	76.82	153.64
Per 1,000 Gallons Usage Charge		
	10.20	20.40

e. Consideration and approval of uncollectible Code Enforcement fees.

Ms. Gilley and Ms. McMichael said after review of the following accounts, it was evident that they were legally uncollectible. Based upon that and upon recommendation of City Auditor Judy Rouse, they requested that the following amounts be written off so they would no longer show as delinquent accounts receivable. Continuing to include such amounts in the financial records of the City could result in a distorted age trial balance.

1. The property at 628 Monroe Street was the subject of a foreclosure proceeding by the Rockingham County Tax Department. The proceeds were less than the taxes due; therefore, the City of Eden did not receive payment for the code enforcement fees due. Foreclosure was the sole remedy for debt owed and must be removed.

Account Number: 21018, Owner: Jonathan K. Wise, Amount Due: \$30,436.40

The removal of this line item would more accurately reflect the amounts actually due and collectible by the City of Eden.

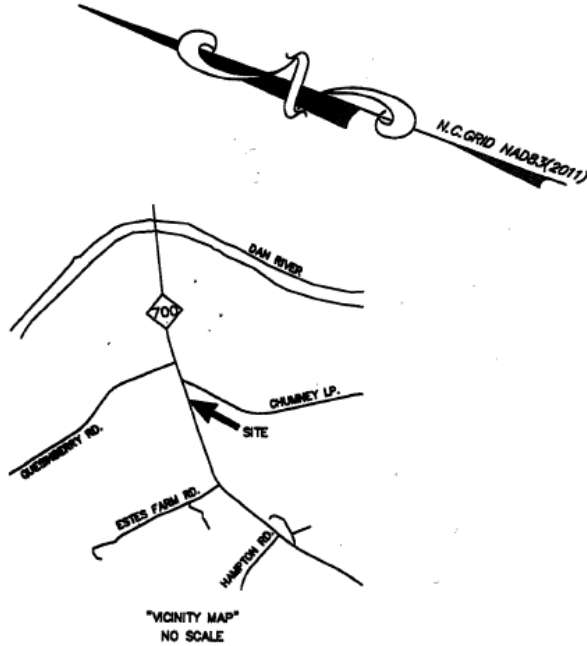
f. Consideration and approval of proposed booster pump station replacement by Dan River Water, Inc. on NC 700.

Engineering Director Bev O'Dell said Mike Lemons, Utility Supervisor for Dan River Water, Inc., requested City Council grant approval for the proposed replacement of their booster pump station located on the east side of NC 700, about 325 feet southeast of the intersection with Chumney Loop. Construction plans for the project were being prepared by William E. Mitchell Associates. Approval of the proposed improvement was being requested in accordance with the water purchase agreement between the City of Eden and Dan River Water, Inc. The improvements were intended to replace aging equipment and improve the reliability of delivering water to existing

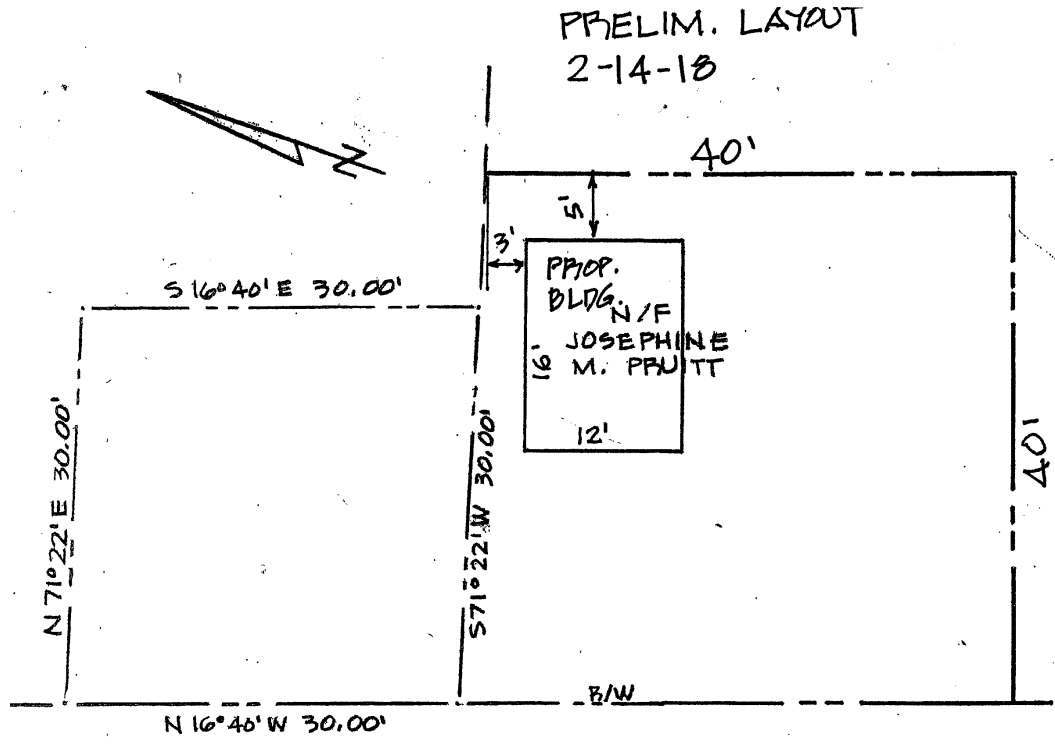
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customers. The new pump station building would be located on a small lot adjacent to the existing booster pump station location. It was recommended the proposed improvements for the Dan River Water, Inc. facility on NC 700 be allowed to take place.



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N.C. HWY. 700

WE ASKED KELLY STULTZ TO LOOK AT BLDG. SETBACKS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CITY ZONING, ETC. - SHE WAS O.K. WITH THEM

Bill M.

5001 N.C. HWY. 700

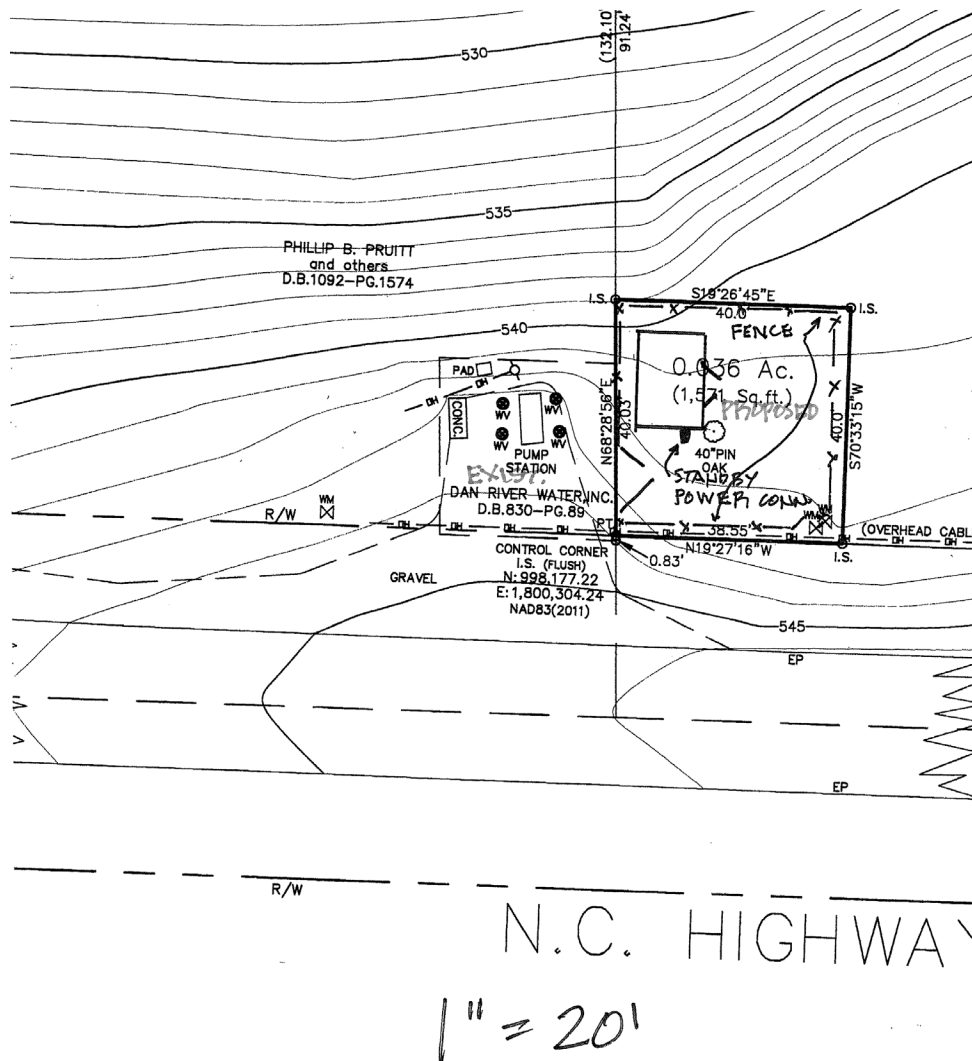
DAN RIVER WATER, INC.

WENTWORTH TOWNSHIP  
ROCKINGHAM CO., N.C.  
SCALE: 1" = 10'

PIN: 890900083109

PARCEL: 176437

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- g. Approval and adoption of a Resolution declaring surplus equipment.

Municipal Services Director Paul Dishmon said the division had items they wanted declared surplus and advertised for sale on the GovDeals auction site: surplus low band radios, a 2002 Ford Ranger, and surplus of outdated stoplights.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL  
OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Eden owns certain surplus equipment and property listed below in Exhibit A and hereinafter referred to as “the property”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to dispose of the property by public auction as authorized by North Carolina General Statute §160A-270; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-270 (c), the City Council must authorize the use of the public electronic auction service and the means of publication; and

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WHEREAS, the property will be sold at a public electronic auction to the highest bidder excepting any reserve placed on the property. The property will be listed at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) starting on February 25, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and will be posted continuously until it is sold; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to publish this notice solely by electronic means via the City of Eden website; and

WHEREAS, Paul Dishmon, Municipal Services Director, is an appropriate city official to dispose of the property by public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the property listed above be disposed of by public auction, that the publication of this sale be solely by electronic means, and that Paul Dishmon be authorized to dispose of the property by public auction.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 19th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Exhibit A

Approximately 30 Low band radios

1 2002 Ford Ranger

Approximately 30 Out-of-date stoplights

Approximately 30 Broken stoplights

h. Approval of a traffic study recommendation and adoption of Ordinances regulating parking and stop signs in the Bridge Street Municipal Parking Lot.

Sgt. Robertson said on January 30, the department received a traffic study request from Council Member Burnette in reference to signs needed in the Bridge Street Municipal Parking Lot. The parking lot was situated behind the businesses (south) of Washington Street and adjoined S. Bridge Street to the west. The parking lot was recently paved and pavement markings were made to facilitate parking and traffic flow. The new markings directed traffic to flow one way in the alleyway northward to Washington Street. Also, several areas were striped for no parking or conditional parking and would require signage to be enforceable. The orientation and design of the new pavement markings would necessitate the placement, erection, or installation of several signs within the parking lot and connecting alleyway.

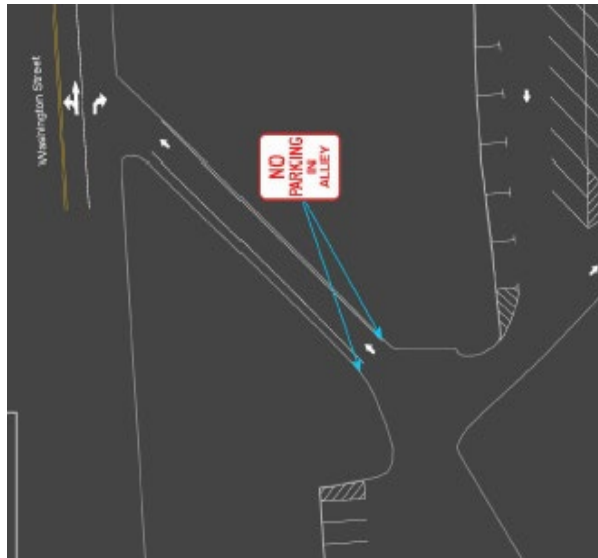
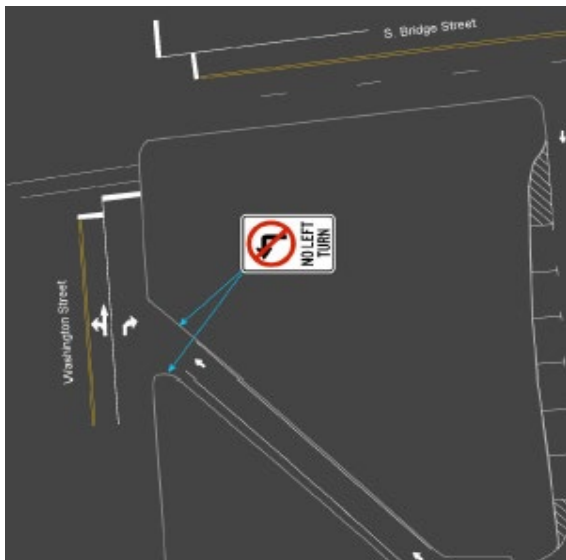
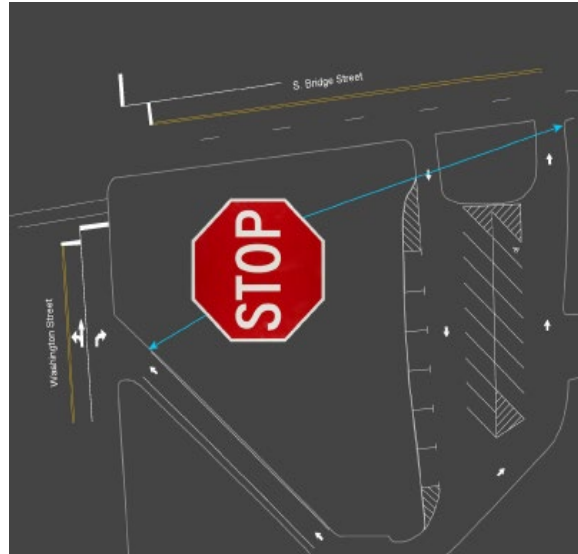
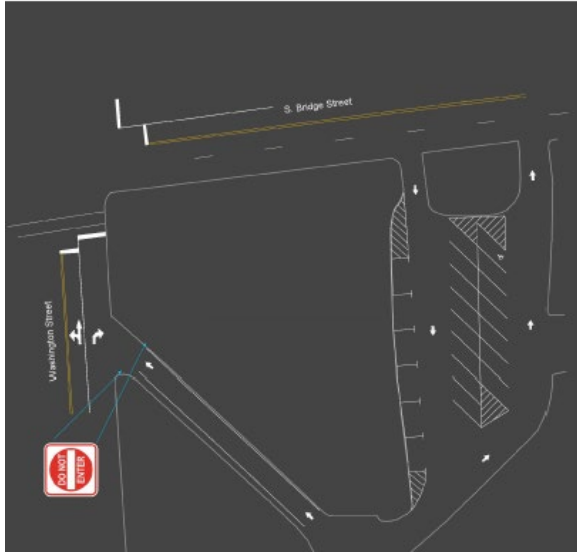
In order to provide for the safety and security of citizens utilizing the parking lot, the department's recommendations were as follows:

- 1) Two "DO NOT ENTER" signs placed, erected, or installed at the exit of the alleyway onto Washington Street to inform motorists that the alleyway is not an entrance.
- 2) One "STOP" sign placed, erected, or installed on the east side of the alleyway at the intersection of Washington Street directing motorists to stop before proceeding onto Washington Street from the alleyway. Another "STOP" sign placed, erected or installed at the exit from the lower lot onto S. Bridge Street directing motorists to stop before proceeding onto S. Bridge Street from the parking lot.
- 3) Two "NO LEFT TURN" signs placed, erected, or installed on both sides of the alleyway at the intersection of Washington Street to direct motorists traveling north through the alleyway that no left turn is allowed (right turn only when exiting the alleyway) onto Washington Street.
- 4) Two "NO PARKING IN ALLEY" signs placed, erected, or installed on both sides of the alleyway at its south-most point to alert motorists that parking in the alleyway was forbidden due to its narrow nature and presence of pedestrian walk lane.
- 5) Three "RESERVED PARKING" handicapped/disabled parking signs placed, erected, or installed at the parking spots marked/striped as reserved for handicapped/disabled motorists.
- 6) Two "NO PARKING LOADING ZONE" signs placed, erected, or installed along the northern edge of the pavement marked as "NO PARKING" at the western-most portion of the upper lot.

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7) Finally, if the City Council directed the hours of parking to be regulated, the department recommended signs notating the hours of forbidden parking, citing the City Code, and listing possible consequences for violation placed, erected, or installed at highly visible locations throughout the lot.



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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTION OF THE BRIDGE STREET MUNICIPAL LOT EXIT AND S. BRIDGE STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:

Section 1 – It shall be an infraction for the driver of a motor vehicle travelling in a easterly direction of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Exit to fail to stop said vehicle before entering the intersection of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Exit and S. Bridge Street in obedience to a stop sign erected at said intersection.

Section 2 – A stop sign shall be placed, erected or installed on the south side of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Exit at its intersection with S. Bridge Street directing traffic on the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Exit to stop before entering said intersection.

Section 3 – All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 19 day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTION THE BRIDGE STREET MUNICIPAL LOT ALLEY AND WASHINGTON STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:

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Section 1 – It shall be an infraction for the driver of a motor vehicle travelling in a northerly direction of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley to fail to stop said vehicle before entering the intersection of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley and Washington Street in obedience to a stop sign erected at said intersection.

Section 2 – A stop sign shall be placed, erected or installed on the east side of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley at its intersection with Washington Street directing traffic on the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley to stop before entering said intersection.

Section 3 – All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 19 day of February, 2019.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF THE BRIDGE STREET MUNICIPAL LOT ALLEY EXIT AND WASHINGTON STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, pursuant to authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 20-160A-300 that:

Section 1 – It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to proceed in a southerly direction into and/or through the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley.

Section 2 – It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle proceeding in a northerly direction on the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley to turn left (west) onto Washington Street upon exiting the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley.

Section 3 – Two (2) “DO NOT ENTER” signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley exit at the intersection of Washington Street directing traffic that is proceeding or attempting to proceed in a southerly direction from Washington Street that such action is prohibited.

Section 4 – Two (2) “NO LEFT TURN” signs shall be placed, erected or installed on each side of the Bridge Street Municipal Lot Alley exit at the intersection of Washington Street directing northerly traffic that is proceeding or attempting to proceed left (west) onto Washington Street that such an action is prohibited.

Section 5 – The OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

Section 6 – All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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CITY OF EDEN

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A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall said February 23 would be the Budget Retreat starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Eden Room. On February 20, there would be a Town and State Dinner in Raleigh where elected municipal officials were invited to dine with elected State officials. He and the City Manager would attend to represent Eden. Eden was one of four cities chosen to be profiled for a video presentation about the direction or the progress they were making in their cities. A camera crew came to Eden and he, Mr. Dougherty and Commissioner Pyrtle talked about the collaborative effort with the County on the Duke Energy Site and what the hopes were for that joint project. He heard from N.C. League of Municipalities Associate Executive Director of Public and Government Affairs Rose Williams and she told him he would love the video as it turned out great. Eden was fortunate to have been selected and receive the positive publicity.

Council Member Burnette said there was a meeting in Raleigh on February 11 at which Ms. Weston was asked to speak about the urban and rural divide in healthcare. A 20-minute video of her speaking about that issue and about Eden was on YouTube. He encouraged everyone to watch. Ms. Weston did a fantastic job and was on stage with Governor Roy Cooper and other impressive people.

Council Member Ellis said he heard Ms. Weston received a standing ovation. He thanked her for all that she did for Eden.

Council Member Grogan said elected officials were invited to a meeting with the Rockingham County Education Foundation. The Foundation looked at groups of people in Eden who were in the learning process. They were currently concentrating on babies from birth to three years old. The reason they chose that age group was the greatest brain development happened during those three years. There were about 3,000 children in Rockingham County from birth to three years old. Of children aged birth to five years old, 49 percent were 200 percent below the federal poverty level. Statistics stated that 33 out of 1,000 children from birth to three years old had suffered abuse or neglect; therefore, in Rockingham County that would equate to about 100 of those aged children having suffered from abuse or neglect. She said 60 percent of the children in Rockingham County lived in poverty. When churches and civic groups were putting together food and backpacks, they needed to remember children below the age of three. The new term for hungry was food insecure and 24 percent of children in Rockingham County were food insecure. The information given out at the Foundation meeting was informative. About 75 elected Rockingham County officials attended. The Foundation was something worth supporting.

Council Member Burnette noted the Annual Eden Chamber of Commerce was held February 5. Two very honored awards were given that night. He was disappointed in the lack of press coverage those two had received. He read from the following and requested it be included in the minutes in its entirety:

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John E. Grogan Lifetime Achievement Award Sylvia Grogan

The 2018 recipient of the John E. Grogan Lifetime Achievement Award was very close to the award's namesake. Sylvia Grogan grew up in the Tidewater area of Virginia but moved to Eden when she married John and has spent a lifetime giving to her adopted hometown.

She was a teacher at Morehead High School and RCC. Sylvia later served as the Marketing Director of Morehead Hospital, now UNC Rockingham Healthcare.

She has been an active member of Leaksville United Methodist Church where her dedication has been demonstrated in many ways such as renovating the church fellowship hall and serving on and chairing multiple committees throughout the years.

When she was employed with Morehead Hospital, Sylvia was responsible for writing the Duke Endowment Grant that funded the Parish Nurse program at her church. In the 1990's, Jim Boles was the church's beloved pastor. Unfortunately, Jim succumbed to cancer after a brave fight. Our Parish Nurse Sandra Rakestraw cared for him during his illness. A few years after Jim's death I reminded Sylvia that her foresight in helping to establish this program enabled this fine man to be comforted by one of God's earthly angels when he needed one most.

In 2011, Eden successfully competed for the prestigious National Civic League All-America City Award against 25 other finalists. Three Eden projects were submitted and incorporated into a ten-minute presentations before the Award panel in Kansas City, MO. Two of those projects would were either started or facilitated by Sylvia:

In 1994, when Eden Drs. Nigel Buist and Bill McLeod were alarmed at the Eden teenage pregnancy rate Sylvia was instrumental in helping to establish Student Health Centers inside our four county high schools. All Centers are certified and staffed by a medical team when school is in session. Students' physical needs are assessed and help provided but what we learned from participants in the Award process .....was the emotional support these centers provided.

Annie Kate's brother tried to commit suicide and a Student Health Center psychologist helped her cope with this crisis.

Thomas discussed the bad decisions his mother made and the countless times her boyfriends hit her. The counseling he received helped him deal with his anger over these circumstances. Chelsea's mother abused drugs something she discussed with her Counselor who offered much-needed consoling.

In 2008, Sylvia and Carol Kasten helped establish the Rockingham County Education Foundation. This organization may be best known for helping to fund the college advisor program at all four County High Schools. The program has made a difference in many students' lives providing opportunities that may not have been available to them otherwise.

Kasha attended UNC- Chapel Hill and now works at the State Employees Credit Union in Eden.

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Jesse stated that the idea of attending college was like being put down in a foreign country and told to live there. But he graduated from RCC and now has a promising career with the City of Eden.

Edgar is an immigrant who graduated from RCC and has continued his education. He has a very bright future whatever he does.

Eden came away from Kansas City with a sense of pride at having won the Award but it wouldn't have happened if Sylvia had not worked diligently to make these successful programs a reality.

As a teacher, Sylvia made a difference in many of her student's lives but there was one particular individual who did not forget her favorite teacher. This woman resurfaced in 2014 after it was announced that the John E. Grogan Park would be established on the grounds of Eden City Hall. Sylvia's student worked with City Manager Brad Corcoran to secretly donate money to help fund this facility—more than \$80,000 for this privately-funded park. The donor wanted to honor Sylvia for what she had done for her so many years ago.

This same former student has funded a Leaksville United Methodist Church bus and recently made a significant donation to establish the Grogan endowment. She also makes a very generous annual contribution to the church which is simply remarkable. All because Sylvia was such a positive influence in her life so many years ago.

When Neville Hall was elected Mayor in 2017, Sylvia was by far the most qualified candidate to fill his City Council seat. She has worked diligently to learn the issues that affect her constituents and has supported many projects to improve our city. She is always curious, always looking for ways to make Eden the best place it can be.

Finally, you cannot fully appreciate Sylvia Grogan's courage and resilience unless you know about the adversity she—and her husband John—had to overcome. Quite frankly Sylvia has suffered tragedy in her life that would have incapacitated most people.

Although she suffered loss multiple times, each time, she choose to pick up the pieces of her life and continue as a devoted partner to her husband John, a loving mother to her son Michael and daughter Meredith, a proud grandmother of her beautiful and talented granddaughters Marcia and Madeline, a teacher, a business professional, a volunteer, a trailblazer of innovative programs, a City Council representative and one of the most consequential members of the Eden community.

It is because of her dedication, passion, and giving heart that she has made a significant difference in our community and richly deserves this award. Please join me in a well-deserved round of applause for the 2018 John E. Grogan Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Sylvia Grogan.

- Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development, City of Eden

Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award Mike Dougherty

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Every community needs those people who aren't just a one time wonder. We need those individuals who consistently, day by day, care for others when no one is looking. They aren't afraid to be good to their families and protect them fiercely. They serve on boards and work into the night carrying a vision for the city and its wellbeing. They teach classes in church , even to middleschoolers that many are afraid of. They pick up strangers on the side of the road and give them rides to safety or for a meal, even when their family has asked them to be cautious of this behavior. They take their jobs seriously and when they are afraid they can't find all the answers, they look to education and the future of our young people and search for ways to enable them to move forward...even if it means making a way to provide them transportation to the community college. They take out the trash when everyone is gone and no one can see, even when it's not their job. They listen and listen and listen to each person who shares their story and then instead of walking away, they carry the burden and seek an answer.

And ...they do all this year after year- consistently. This is a description of our recipient tonight.

Just this past year he was a huge part of the campaign for the ¼ cent sales tax that passed in May and will be used for a much needed workforce development center at RCC. He put in hours and hours going all over the county educating citizens and groups about the benefits of the tax. He saw parts of our county that he did not know even existed.

He pursued and received a \$1 million grant for the Berry Hill Mega Park water line project from the NC Drinking Water Reserve Fund. He also pursued and received a \$100,000 grant for the construction of the very popular Matrimony Creek Nature Trail from the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund. And, just recently received a \$27,000 commitment from the Strategic Planning Commission for the construction of the soon to be constructed Dan River Trail.

City Manager Brad Corcoran said, I think his efforts to get grants for the Mega Park and Trails is quite significant because those are dollars saved to our taxpayers. Also the ¼ cent sales tax was crucial because a key ingredient in industrial development is having an adequate workforce that is properly educated and trained.

He has also has been involved in the ST8 Crossing Regional Marketing group since its inception in 2017. He helped develop the Get Fit Eden program that has been very popular. He has worked with many small business owners over the years to make sure they are successful. Continually is meeting with potential clients, showing property, gathering data, working with existing industry, marketing Eden, helping the Chamber, the Salvation Army, Rock. Co. Education Foundation and I could go and on. If you know him, you know his strong work ethics and dedication to our City. He is usually one of the first to arrive and the last to leave the building. And I can say the same with our events. I can always count on him being there with me when we set up and with me when we break down.

Pam Cundiff who sits on the Rural Infrastructure Authority for the NC Dept. of Commerce and long time Eden business owner said, "Having worked with Mike on several Ec. Dev. Projects I know him to be someone who strongly believes in Eden. Dedicated to his community and his family Mike demonstrates the passion and desire to make Eden and Rockingham County a better

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place for all those who chose to retire here, those seeking employment, as well as those enjoying our recreational opportunities.

We can talk about all the professional successes he has had but I bet if you ask him his greatest success would be his family – his wife Brenda, their 4 children and their spouses. And we cannot forget the Grand Dogs. He loves them all but CHARLIE is quite attached to him and he to Charlie. Charlie is a big yellow lab that has captured his heart.

This is just a sampling of the great things this individual has done for our community. You all have your own stories and experiences. City Manager Brad Corcoran also said, “As someone who has had the honor and pleasure of working with Mike for the past 17 years, I can tell you that his love and passion for the Eden community, coupled with this consistent commitment to the citizens, industries and businesses of Eden is what defines him. Mike is an all around great person and his recognition as Citizen of the Year is well deserved.”

It is my great honor to present the 2018 Distinguished Citizens Award to my dear friend and long time colleague – Mr. Mike Dougherty.

- Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events/Projects, City of Eden

Council Member Carter said he and Ms. Stultz would attend the Piedmont Triad Council of Regional Governments in Kernersville on February 20. Eden was selected as a host city and Ms. Stultz would share a presentation about Eden.

Council Member Ellis thanked Chief Light, Assistant Police Chief Simpson and the entire department for all they did for Eden.

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