



Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

The purpose of this notice is to summarize items from the meetings and is not comprehensive. This summary does not replace the official minutes. Go to the Town of Edenton's YouTube Channel for a video of the full meeting, or our website for the official minutes.

Present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Hackney High Jr., Samuel Dixon, Aaron Coston, Elton Bond, Craig Miller, Roger Coleman, and Town Manager Corey Gooden.

Public Hearing – Social District Ordinance & Management Plan

- Council held a second public hearing on the proposed Social District plan for downtown Edenton. During this hearing, residents were given the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed district.

Special Presentation – Energy Program Overview – Cheri Blount

- Cheri Blount of Chowan County DSS visited with Town Council to share with them options available to residents who need assistance with their utility bills. Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) are both available. Residents should visit DSS at 100 West Freemason Circle or call them at (252) 482-7441 to apply.

Administrative Committee

- **Edenton Downtown Social District Ordinance & Management Plan**
 - Council voted **4 to 2** to **approve** the Social District Ordinance & Management Plan, thereby establishing a Social District in downtown Edenton.
 - Councilman Roger Coleman and Councilman Elton Bond voted against this measure.

Utilities Committee

- **Electric & Water Utilities Customer Service Policy Review**
 - Council opted to **delay** consideration of a potential change to the Electric and Water Utilities Customer Service Policy. This matter may be reconsidered at a later meeting.

New Business

- **Town of Edenton RBAN Resolution – Interim Financing – Truist Bank**
 - Council **unanimously approved** this resolution.
 - On August 2, the Town Manager and Finance Director received the Revenue Bond Anticipation Note (RBAN) Resolution from the Town of Edenton’s Bond Counsel (M.R. Nash). The approved resolution will allow the Town of Edenton to request the sale of the 5.955 million dollars revenue bonds. This is related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant renovation project. This RBAN Resolution will allow the Town Manager and Finance Director to approve the sale of the bonds and to finalize any remaining paperwork with Bond Counsel.
- **Board and Commission Appointments**
 - Council **unanimously approved** the appointment of Fraser Kelly to the Town of Edenton Planning Board. This was the only application that the Assistant Town Manager received for this board.

Items Considered Timely & Important

- **Councilman Craig Miller** asked for a progress report on the Edenton Village Shopping Center. Town Manager Corey Gooden said that renovation activity has continued to take place at the center, while a follow-up phone call with the new property owners will be scheduled soon to figure out the interest of said owners.
- **Councilman Miller** also asked about street resurfacing for Spring 2024. The Town Manager said that if no paving occurs in early Fall 2023, additional paving will be delayed to 2024.
- **Councilman Roger Coleman** approached the idea of what may replace the Confederate Monument in the plaza at the foot of South Broad Street, in an event that the monument is moved. He suggested a committee be formed or assign the duty to an existing committee.
- **Councilman Hackney High** requested an update on the roster of boards and committees. The Assistant Town Manager said an opening has appeared for an alternate member on the Board of Adjustments. An alternate ETJ member is also needed for the Planning Board.
- **Councilman High** also asked about updates for the paving of State-owned streets in town limits. The Town Manager said a meeting with NCDOT has been scheduled for an update.

Closed Session Per NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(6) to discuss the performance review of Town Manager.

- The Mayor and Council went into a closed session to discuss the annual evaluation of the Town Manager.