



**Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2024 (Rescheduled from 1/9/24)**

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Present: Mayor W. Hackney High Jr, Aaron Coston, Elton Bond, Craig Miller, Bob Turner, Patrick Sellers, and Town Manager Corey Gooden.

**Public Hearing**

**Public Hearing for the Text Amendment to Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) - Case No. TA 23-01**

- A text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) amending Article X, Permissible Uses Article XI, Supplementary Use Regulations to add Private Campground/RV Park as a permissible use in the R-40 and R-20 Zoning Districts and to establish supplemental use regulations governing Private Campground/RV Park in Article XI, Section 11.41.
- No members of the public spoke during the public hearing.

**New Business**

**Budget Amendment – Bolton Bridge Utility Line Relocation**

- Council unanimously approved a budget amendment accepting a \$31,436.77 reimbursement from NCDOT to relocate utility poles back to their original location, following the completed construction of the new bridge on Mexico/Macedonia roads.

**NC Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services StRAP Grant**

- Assistant Town Manager Dewayne Whealton presented the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP), which provides grants to projects that help reduce flooding by protecting and restoring the drainage infrastructure of North Carolina's waterways. The Town of Edenton is requesting financial assistance for funds (\$35,000) to remove instream sediment and vegetation from the Filbert's Creek wetlands, located between Virginia Road and W. Hicks Street. This project will help reduce localized flooding and stream backup and provide a more functional wetland area for proper drainage.
- No action was needed from council.

### **Professional Service Procurement – CDBG Grant**

- Council unanimously approved this professional service procurement. Mr. Chris Hilbert requested the approval for asbestos proposals so Insight Planning, of Wilmington, N.C., can start the inspection process on the properties selected for the Community Development Block Grant in 2021. Insight planning recently solicited proposals for the lead-based paint inspections and surveying but did not receive enough bids from the first request. These services will be rebid for additional bids. They can be found on [www.townofedenton.com/rfps](http://www.townofedenton.com/rfps).

### **Manager's Report**

- Mayor High requested that council consider adding a Manager's Report item to the agenda going forward, so that the Town Manager can report back to council on various pressing items presented at earlier meetings or from the general public during the public comment period. This proposal would have to go through committee (Jan. 22) before returning to full council for a vote in February.
- Town Manager Corey Gooden provided updates on two items from the previous meeting:
  - The Broad Street road diet and four-way stops at MLK/Granville and Terry Ave/Robin Lane. The proposals will return to council during the committee meeting on January 22 for an updated review.
  - The Fairfield Inn & Suites proposed for Claire Drive (behind Speedway) is still slated to be constructed, but the developers have two other projects to complete first. An anticipated groundbreaking is late 2024 to early 2025.

### **Items Considered Timely & Important**

- **Councilman Coston:** Inquired about potholes at the entrance to the Edenton Housing Authority at Oakum Circle and Oakum Street.
  - **Manager Gooden:** Public Works will address the situation within the week.
- **Mayor High:** Thanked the Public Works and Electric Department staff who cleaned up during and after the recent storm system on January 9, and thanked the Public Information Officer for online updates during the storm. Mayor High encouraged the public to follow the Town on social media to monitor storm updates.
- **Councilman Bond:** Inquired about Broad Street paving, the Edenton Village Shopping Center, the Hotel Hinton, and adding curb and gutter to some streets.
  - **Manager Gooden:** 1.) A pre-paving meeting is slated for the coming week to discuss Broad Street (set to be paved this year). 2.) Early discussions with potential tenants are underway for Edenton Village, but any possible names are undisclosed at this time as is the nature of the process. 3.) SAGA has received its first code violation letters for the Hotel Hinton, so that process has begun. 4.) Streets without curb and gutter will be identified for the next round of paving.

- **Councilman Miller:** Inquired about improvements to neighborhood parks and an update on the timeline, as well as an update on the Harbor Towns Ferry Project.
  - **Manager Gooden:** 1.) Park site plans are expected within the next month or two. From there, architectural renderings can be drafted and displayed for public feedback. The Town hopes to begin work by the spring on some parks. 2.) The Harbor Towns Ferry Project currently has no new update, but the board wishes to launch in the spring, given Coast Guard inspections are completed.
- **Councilman Sellers:** Inquired with Mayor High if discussions were had about fentanyl and drug overdoses during the recent meeting between U.S. Attorney Michael Easley Jr. and local law enforcement leaders.
  - **Mayor High:** Assured Councilman Sellers that there was, and that the discussion was productive about how to combat these issues across northeast North Carolina, as well as establishing the connection between the drug trade and violent crime.
- **Councilman Turner:** Inquired about the proposed market-rate apartment complex from SAGA for the Paradise Road area, as well as an update on street paving for 2024.
  - **Manager Gooden:** 1.) The Town is working on scheduling a time to meet with SAGA to discuss their plans forward for the apartment complex, but no proposed meeting dates have been aligned yet. 2.) A new street condition assessment may be needed for 2024 to identify the condition of Town streets and to figure out which ones may be paved during a potential smaller round of paving this year.