Edenton Town Council Minutes Special Meeting August 22, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Aaron Coston, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Craig Miller.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The Town of Edenton recognized NC House Representative Ed Goodwin by presenting him with a proclamation of appreciation for all his years of service to the State, the First District of North Carolina, Chowan County, and the Town of Edenton. Representative Goodwin worked very hard to bring great opportunities to the Town of Edenton.

The second item was boards, commissions and committee appointments.

Mayor Stallings stated that the following have applied for appointments to the Tree Committee and Planning Board

Rick Naccara- Tree Committee Ellen Colodney- Tree Committee Earl Willis- Planning Board

The Town Council interviewed each applicant.

Mayor Stallings stated that there were two reappointments for the Edenton Tree Committee. Each of the applicants are eligible for reappointment and both applicants have requested reappointment. John Morehead- Tree Committee

April Lane- Tree Committee

Councilman High made a motion to appoint the three applicants to the respective boards as applied and reappoint the two members to the Tree Committee. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stallings stated that Kristina Whitfield of Kimley-Horn Group was present to give the final draft of the Edenton Bike and Pedestrian Plan.

Kristina Whitfield shared the draft Bike and Pedestrian Plan and answered any questions from the Mayor and Town Council.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that Andrew Pleninger with Urban & Community Forestry Program Head, NC Forest Service reached out to Town administration about a Tree Canopy Cover Assessment Grant. Mr. Gooden explained that the tree canopy cover assessment would use land cover mapping from past and current aerial photography and remote sensing data. The Town uses this information provided by the assessment to address land use changes, environmental concerns, tree planting

priorities based on canopy cover and open space available, and the ability to secure grant funding to address needs.

Mr. Gooden stated that the in-kind match to complete the assessment is \$544.61 this is 20% of the \$2,723 cost for the assessment, which will be paid by the NC Urban Forest Council. He stated that the Town of Edenton would meet the 20% match by the use of in-kind services (i.e., Staff time commitments).

Dewayne Whealton, Assistant Town Manager/Planner stated that an update was recently sent from the NC Forest Service on the pricing and the total price is \$6,995.03 with a 20% match of \$1,399.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that with the in-kind services estimated that would leave the Town spending \$850.00 for the assessment.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the grant opportunity. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further items on the special meeting agenda, that meeting was adjourned.