



Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary Monday, April 22, 2024

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 W. Hackney High Jr, Bob Turner, Samuel Dixon, Aaron Coston, Craig Miller, Patrick Sellers, and Town Manager Corey Gooden.

Public Hearing - Rezoning Application

- A rezoning application to rezone property located at 102 Virginia Road, from CH, Commercial to R10, Residential (PIN 780515734097).
- No public comments were provided for the hearing.
- **Council unanimously approved the rezoning, after unanimously approving the following considerations:**
 - a) Will not endanger the public health or safety
 - b) Will not injure the value of adjoining or abutting property
 - c) Will be in harmony with the area in which it is located
 - d) Will be in conformity with the Land Use Plan, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Town Council

Special Meeting

Special Presentation - Chowan Arts Council Annual Update

- Ms. Meredith Timberlake, Executive Director of the Chowan Arts Council, presented before the council and provided an overview of the CAC's past year.

Contractor Award Summary – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- **Council unanimously awarded** projects to three contractors for four projects. Insight Planning provided an overview to the Town Council of the awarded contractors in regards to the ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project, to rehabilitate four homes in Edenton. One is on Dr. MLK Jr. Avenue, one on N. Broad Street, one on Cabarrus Street, and one on Bond Street.

Resolution – Project WIF-1944 Funding Increase

- **Council unanimously approved this funding increase.** Council originally approved the NCDEQ Loan for Water Supply Rehab & Ground Storage Tank in September 2018, then amended it on May 24, 2021 and again on August 10, 2021, to the current **\$1,854,924** budget.
- Due to increased costs across the board, the project exceeded budget. With the assistance of Stroud & Son, the Town was able to increase the loan amount to **\$1,999,950** to cover the difference in project costs.

Budget Amendment – Project WIF-1944 - Well Rehab & Ground Storage Tank Funding Increase

- **Council unanimously approved this amendment,** which partners with the prior agenda item for increasing the loan amount for Project WIF-1944.

Work Authorization - Project No. 2402-2401 - Airfield Lighting Vault

- **Council unanimously approved this work authorization,** which allows the Town of Edenton to accept **\$73,920** from the N.C. Division of Aviation (DOA) NPE funds to install an airfield lighting vault, as part of ongoing airport improvement projects.

Budget Amendment – Project No. 2402-2401 - Airfield Lighting Vault

- **Council unanimously approved this budget amendment,** which partners with the prior agenda item for accept **\$73,920** from the N.C. Division of Aviation for an airfield lighting vault.

Resolution – The America 250 & Edenton Tea Party 250th Anniversary Celebration

- **Council unanimously approved this item,** which would acknowledge the establishment of a group of local leaders and nonprofit directors to coordinate community programming between the Edenton Tea Party's 250th anniversary and the upcoming America 250 anniversary in 2026.
- The group includes the Public Information Officer, the DDE Executive Director, Chamber Executive Director, TDA Executive Director, the Historical Commission's Director of History & Communications, the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library Head Librarian, Arts Council Executive Director, and any local state representatives.

Finance Committee

2024 National Main Street Conference Travel Request

- **Council forwarded this request to the next regular meeting.** On May 5 - May 8, 2024, the Town of Edenton plans to send three (3) attendees to the 2024 National Main Street Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. These attendees include Mayor High, Councilman

Dixon, and Manager Gooden, and their travel arrangements would include the lodging, registration, and airfare for the trip. Each individual attendee travel cost is **\$1,978.41** and has a group total cost of **\$5,935.23**.

Public Works Committee

Wharf Landing Underpass Traffic Signage

- **Council forwarded this request to the next regular meeting.** The Town Manager has received multiple messages from residents in the Wharf Landing condominium area along the Chowan River. This area, while not contiguous with town limits, is in fact part of the Town of Edenton. Residents indicated that recently, there were multiple collisions and near misses while vehicles entered and exited the property using the underpass beneath the Chowan River Bridge. Residents have requested additional signage be added to assist travelers leaving the neighborhood and getting onto Wharf Landing Road.
- If approved, “One-Way” traffic signs and “Do Not Enter” traffic signs will be added to both entryways to Wharf Landing under the Chowan River Bridge. Staff will work with NCDOT on this project, as NCDOT’s right-of-way is in the area of the request.

Colonial Park Marina Pump-out Station Fee Reduction

- **Council forwarded this request to the next regular meeting.** The Harbor Advisory Committee previously brought forward an idea to reduce the pump-out station fee. After a study, it was found that the pump-out station fee was not in line with other areas, to make the harbor more attractive to boaters. The reduction would bring the fee from \$25 down to \$5. The recommendation of the Public Works Committee would be to make this change on July 1 with the new fiscal year.

Closed Session Per NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(5): Council entered into a closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.