

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
November 22, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Craig Miller. Absent was Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation from Liza Layton, Executive Director of the Edenton Chowan Partnership to give the annual update.

The second item was a budget amendment for the Bola Wrap.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that the Edenton Police Department recently received a grant totaling \$20,872.40 from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Governor's Crime Commission. Currently the Town has four (4) of the Bola units and this grant would allow the town to purchase sixteen (16) more. Staff recommends the approval of the budget amendment to allow the Police Department to purchase sixteen (16) more of these units. The BOLA wrap is a non-lethal weapon that can be used by officers to restrain individuals without the use of force.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item was the DOT Historic Marker Application-St. George's Orthodox Church.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that staff received an application for a right of way (ROW) encroachment agreement for Non-Utility encroachments on primary and secondary highway agreement on behalf of the St. George's Orthodox Church. The church and town staff requests this application due to the historic nature of the St. Georges Orthodox Church. Dialogue was included in the agenda packet to explain the historic nature of the Church and the proposed placement of the marker. The first step of the process will be Council approval of the application to submit to NCDOT. This applicant will be in the Town's name. If approved, there will be additional approval needed which are a certificate of appropriateness (COA) and a resolution. These steps will not occur until after NCDOT approval.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the marker application. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was closed session to consult with Town Attorney regarding NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with Town Attorney regarding a legal issue.

Councilman Bond made a motion to enter closed session. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bond made a motion to exit closed session. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken during the closed session.

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