



Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary
Tuesday, July 11, 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., Aaron Coston, Elton Bond, Craig Miller, and Roger Coleman, and Town Manager Corey Gooden.

Public Comment

- **Three members** of the public spoke, inquiring about parking, the social district and the Hotel Hinton.

Public Hearings

- **Closure of 25' alley - Hewes Street – 809, 811, 813, 815 N. Broad Street**
 - Council held a public hearing over the closure of an undeveloped “paper street” behind 809, 811, 813 and 815 North Broad Street. This closure was requested by Cue Properties, LLC, which now owns the former Chicken Kitchen property nearby.
 - **No members of the public** spoke during the hearing.
- **Public Hearing – Social District Ordinance & Management Plan**
 - Council held a public hearing to allow residents to voice their opinions on the Downtown Edenton Social District, a proposed area where residents and visitors can drink beer, wine, or cocktails as they walk through a defined area of downtown.
 - **One citizen spoke** during this hearing, expressing concern about businesses on East King Street being affected by the proposed Social District.

Committee Reports - Administrative Committee

- **Employee Policy Update - Residency Requirement for Electric Department**
 - Council unanimously approved updating the employee policy in regards to a residency requirement for the Electric Department, expanding the distance in which employees can live away from the department from **30 minutes to 45 minutes.**

New Business

- **Resolution for Partial Closure of Paper Street – Hewes Street**
 - Council unanimously approved the closure of the “paper street,” known as Hewes Street on the GIS, behind the properties addressed as 809, 811, 813 and 815 North Broad Street, at the behest of Cue Properties, LLC, which now owns the former Chicken Kitchen location.
- **Contract Agreement – Alliance Code Enforcement**
 - Council unanimously approved a contract with Alliance Code Enforcement to begin assisting with code enforcement. Town staff felt it necessary to enlist the services of this contractor upon hearing public outcry about vacant buildings and nuisance properties.
 - Alliance Code Enforcement will be contracted from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for up to 16 hours a week, to assist code enforcement and building inspection efforts. The Town provided the contractor with an initial priority list of 10 properties.

Items Considered Timely and Important

- Councilman Craig Miller asked the Town Manager about updates on the park survey that the Town released several weeks ago. The Town Manager said that the adult survey has mostly wrapped up, while a kid-friendly version is being shared by the Public Information Officer at a neighborhood park event on July 19 – titled Scoops and Hoops – where free ice cream will be given out to kids by an ice cream truck upon completion of the survey.
- Councilman Aaron Coston inquired about lighting downtown at Colonial Park. The Town Manager said that lighting updates have been in the works and that he is working with the Electric Director to make said upgrades.
- Councilman Roger Coleman sought an update on the return of curbside recycling. The Town Manager said that the Town is still aiming for a Fall 2023 launch date, with promotional from the Public Information Officer ramping up in the coming weeks while staff await the purchase of a recycling trailer.

Closed Session Per NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(6) to conduct performance evaluation of Town Manager.

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