

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 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, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

Mayor Stallings noted Council is meeting tonight in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order which bans mass gatherings of more than 10 people. The Town made arrangements for the public and staff to join the meeting via remote video and audio access. Mayor welcomed those who were participating remotely.

First on the agenda was a public hearing on a proposed Installment Purchase Contract for the repair and resurfacing of certain town-maintained streets. Town Manager Anne Marie Knighton briefed the Council on the purpose of the hearing which was to receive comments on the proposed Installment Purchase Contract per NC General Statute 160A-20, for the repair and resurfacing of certain town maintained streets. Ms. Knighton reviewed the proposals received from banks for the financing and the repayment plan.

Mayor declared the Public Hearing open for comments from the Public. No one from the public was present to give comments. Mayor asked for comments from remote participants and there were none so the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor stated that due to the Declaration of Emergency as declared by the Governor of North Carolina, members of the public are permitted to submit written comments on this item within 24 hours after the hearing. Any member of the public desiring to submit written comments should deliver written comments to the Town Manager's Office in Town Hall or email her annemarie.knighton@edenton.nc.gov for consideration by the Town Council before action is taken on this item. Since Council is unable to take action on this matter for at least 24 hours, the Council will be asked to recess this meeting to a date certain to reconvene to consider any written comments received and consider taking action on Agenda item B. Mayor stated the Council would handle the recess at the end of the Special Meeting Agenda.

The next item was an update on the Employee Health Insurance Plan Renewal, FY 2020/21. Mayor welcomed Tammy Woodley to the meeting and introduced Rand Williams via Zoom. Ms. Knighton reported there would be adequate funds in the FY 2020/21 Budget for the approximate 8% rate increase, without need for new revenue. Mr. Williams reviewed the rate plans with the Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Bond to approve the health insurance plan with Cigna. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the special meeting agenda, was a resolution authorizing upset bids for the sale of 123 E. Gale Street, the Town's first proposed sale of property within the North Oakum Street Redevelopment Zone. Saoirse Scott, Lead for North Carolina Fellow, briefed the Council on this action

item. After Saoirse's report, Councilman High made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bond and carried unanimously.

Mayor stated that we have now come to the end of the special meeting agenda however in order to act on the matters for which have to wait 24 hours for written comments, he would entertain a motion to recess this meeting until 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 27th at which time Council will again meet in the Council Chambers to consider any written comments received and take action on the public hearing item, the proposed installment contract for the repair and resurfacing of certain streets.

Motion was made by Councilman High and seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

At 6 pm on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, the Town Council met in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Bond.

Mayor Stallings called the recessed meeting to order. Councilman High made the motion to reconvene the meeting. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Knighton reported that no written comments were received.

Councilman Miller made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of the application to the NC Local Government for approval of Financing Agreement authorized by NC General Statute 160A-20 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon and carried unanimously.

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned