

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
March 22, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, March 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 Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Samuel Dixon.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the Waiver of Right of First Refusal to Purchase 119 West Water Street – Conger Building.

Mayor Stallings welcomed Dawson Tyler with Down East Preservation, Joe Wach & Stephanie Stacey Wach with Out East Properties, LLC. The group reviewed their plans and proposed timetable for developing the property.

Councilman Coleman inquired if there would still be a brewery located at the building or if it would be some other type of business. Mr. Wach stated that was yet to be decided but it would be a restaurant serving beverages.

Councilman Coleman stated that he did not see a landscape plan that shows a screen/buffer on the public property included in the items submitted to the Council. Ms. Knighton stated that would come later as part of the plan review process from the Tree Committee.

Councilman Miller made a motion to waive the right of first refusal. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the annual presentation from the Albemarle Hopeline.

Courtney Cottrell, Executive Director was present to present the annual presentation to the Town Council.

The third item was the budget amendments – Street Repairs & Resurfacing.

Ms. Knighton stated that as part of the street resurfacing plan Barnhill encountered extensive poor soils, much more than the consulting engineers anticipated. Staff paused the contractor for two weeks to develop a plan of action. Ms. Knighton reported that staff identified several streets that were part of the resurfacing plan that can be deferred – E. Freemason Street and E. Queen Street (400 block has been resurfaced). The funds from this deferment along with an appropriation of \$245,000 from General Fund Reserves will fund the completion of paving of Oakdale Drive, E. Carteret Street, E. King Street and E. Eden Street.

Councilman Poole expressed his concerns about the conditions of the streets, repairs and equipment needed by the Public Works Department to make necessary repairs.

Corey Gooden, Public Works Director, explained the equipment that the Public Works does currently have to make repairs.

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

The last item was Amendment-Engineering Service Agreement, Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

Ms. Knighton stated that the Town Council approved an agreement with Terracon, Inc. to perform soil and groundwater evaluations for expansion of spray field sites at a previous meeting. She stated that The Wooten Company informed her that USDA, requires the engineer to sub contract with the consultants performing the geo technical work. She requested that Council rescind approval of agreement with Terracon and approve the amendment to the agreement with Wooten Company for the sub-consultant geo-technical services.

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

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