

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
February 27, 2023

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, February 27, 2023 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 Aaron Coston.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

Presentation – FY21/22 Audit – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams-Austin Eubanks

Austin Eubanks with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. PA., gave a brief presentation summarizing the audit for fiscal year 2021/2022. It was noted that the fiscal year audit had no findings to report to the LGC. It was also noted that the LGC has recommended that the Council review the performance indicators that Mr. Eubanks shared and that Finance Director will present a statement of response for Council to consider at the next regular meeting to execute before submitting to the LGC.

Presentation-SnapBack NC – Courtney Butler

Courtney Butler, Co-President & CEO and Mitchell Wynn, Co-President of SnapBack NC, Co. provided the Town Council an overview of the SnapBack NC group and shared their mission and the types of services they offer. SnapBack NC office is located at 703 North Broad Street in Edenton.

Resolution-Surf, Wind and Fire Food Truck Sunday Event-Timmy Turner

Timmy Turner, representative from Surf, Wind, and Fire requested that the Town Council consider adopting a resolution to allow for the possession of malt beverages and unfortified wine for two special events, Food Truck Sunday on March 5, 2023 and Sunday, April 2, 2023. The events would be located in the 100 block of East King Street and require all forms and permitting from the Town of Edenton staff and the ABC Commission for the event. The resolution would require an updated report from the requestor for evaluating the event and a report from the Edenton Police Department.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

License Agreement-Down and Out East Investments – Dawson Tyler

Joe Wach, reviewed this request with the Town Council. He stated that the Herringbone Restaurant is requesting that the Town of Edenton consider an encroachment agreement between the Town of Edenton and the Restaurant/Property Owner. The agreement would allow an exterior deck, along the southwest side of the building, to be extended 5 feet past the restaurant's property line into the Colonial/Sunfish Park area. The deck would be built along the western edge of the building and would roughly be sixteen (16) feet by fifty-five (55) feet in total size, of which five by sixteen (5x16) feet would be over into the park area. The deck addition would encroach into an area formerly utilized for the area where the kayaks are currently stored. In the proposed plans and agreement, the decking will include additional storage spaces (cubbies) for the Town of Edenton's kayaks and a reversionary clause if the

location is no longer a restaurant. Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that the encroachment agreement will have minimum impact to park guests and the Town will gain more organized storage and use of the Town's kayaks.

Councilman Bond asked what type of barrier would be installed between the adjoining property owner.

Mr. Wach reviewed the current screening that was already in place around the property that adjoins abutting property owners.

There was discussion amongst Council members sharing concern about screening for adjoining property. There was a recommendation to have a meeting between all parties to see if there can be an agreement on the screening concerns.

Joe Wach expressed concerns about maintaining site lines that are established. He did not want to see screening installed to restrict those site lines. He stated that they would give up the 5 foot request if that meant no screening would be installed to obstruct the established view.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller to approve the 5 foot encroachment agreement and requested a review of screening on town property at a later date. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion.

Voting Affirmative: Councilman Coleman, Councilman High, Councilman Miller, Councilman Dixon.

Voting Negative: Councilman Bond

The motion carried.

Councilman High asked if a group could meet with the property owners and look at the new deck.

Purchase Agreement-R&M Trailer Park Water Distribution System

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that during the AMR Water meter replacement project, the Public Works Department identified and surveyed all of the water meters in the entire system that include public and private-owned meters. Part of these efforts were taken to consider improving customer service in billing, as well as, improving overall water quality where any waterlines were classified as "dead ends".

Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that these private-owned system can create unwarranted billing issues when multiple customers are supplied from one source. The property owner Mr. Granby and his wife have agreed to sell the Town the water system for \$1.00. This purchase will allow the town to increase its customer count by 17 endpoints, install necessary flushing equipment to provide clean drinking water, and to eliminate any future billing concerns from any large leaks.

Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that the agreement was drafted by the Town Attorney.

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

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