



Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 22, 2024

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 W. Hackney High Jr, Bob Turner, Samuel Dixon, Aaron Coston, Elton Bond, Craig Miller, Patrick Sellers, and Town Manager Corey Gooden.

Special Presentation - Interchange Angels Program

- Mr. Dick Mayer, representing Chowan County as its Litter Control Coordinator, presented his ongoing program to clean up the five interchanges along U.S. Highway 17. Community groups are encouraged to participate and to contact Mr. Mayer about adopting interchange ramps (two at a time) to clean up before major local events and community gatherings, such as the Chowan County Regional Fair, the Pilgrimage of Historic Homes, Easels in the Garden, etc.
- Highway exits are split into two “sites” per exit, consisting of two ramps per site. Mr. Mayer will coordinate with NCDOT for pickups, and he will provide the pickup equipment required. There will be no cost associated with any group adopting a site. To reach Mr. Mayer, contact us via our website and we can put you in touch with him.

Administrative Committee

Rules of Procedure - Addition of the Manager's Report Agenda Item

- Council pushed this forward to the next regular meeting. This proposed item will allow the Town Manager (Corey Gooden) to report to the council and the public during meetings, typically following up on concerns or questions from previous meetings. This item would occur near the end of meetings, if passed.

Town of Edenton Recording Policy

- Council pushed this forward to the next regular meeting. Town staff have put together the town's first "recording policy," to address the growing trend of "first amendment audits" and video encounters between the public and government employees. Currently the Town of Edenton does not have a policy in place to mandate the expectations of general

employees (with the exception of the Police Department). Staff will be trained at some point in the future on recording encounters, if this policy is passed.

Public Works Committee

No Truck Traffic/Vehicle Weight Restrictions - Old Hertford Road

- Council pushed this forward to the next regular meeting. A proposal is on the table to prevent trucks from using Old Hertford Road as a thru route. The current proposed weight restriction is 38,000 lbs or higher. Existing businesses on this road can still host trucks over the weight limit, as can vehicles of agricultural use and government use, as outlined in NCGS § 20-118.

N. Broad Street NCDOT Road Diet

- Council pushed this forward to the next regular meeting. After considering public input, staff eliminated the proposed bike lanes, added “sharrows” (share the road bike markers) instead, and kept the proposed one northbound lane, one southbound lane, and one center turn lane. Without officially designated bike lanes, the two travel lanes are now much wider.

Granville Street and W. Albemarle Street/MLK Avenue Four-Way Stop

- Council pushed this forward to the next regular meeting, with four caveats. If approved, a four-way stop would not be implemented until four items are fulfilled:
 - a)** To have NCDOT assist with the review of the traffic impact of the stop signs on the roadway between MLK/Albemarle and Queen St intersection;
 - b)** To have Public Works Department to make some canopy pruning improvements along the area;
 - c)** To allow the traffic change to be shared with the public for a minimum of 30 days for their education of the future effective date for the changes;
 - d)** To introduce “Stop Ahead” signs or “New Traffic Pattern” warnings ahead of the new four-way stop (this item was added during the meeting, the first three were added prior).

Terry Avenue and Robin Lane Four-Way Stop

- The Town Manager recommended that the Public Works Committee abandon this proposal after receiving no positive input from neighborhood residents. The temporary speed bumps in the area were also recommended to be removed.