



TOWN OF EDENTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
Tuesday, April 7, 2020

The purpose of this notice is to summarize the most important items from the meetings and is not comprehensive. Go to [Town of Edenton's Youtube Channel](#) for a video of the full meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this meeting was conducted virtually.

Items Approved by Town Council

- Council approved a Resolution, adopting a Policy for Electronic Participation in Town Council Meetings & Electronic Meetings of the Town Council in order to continue holding Town Council meetings (virtually) during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton updated Council on Preparedness Efforts taken by the Town to mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Edenton residents and reviewed current Resources accessible to the Town. Updated information on the Covid-19 Pandemic can be found on the Town's [website \[townofedenton.com\]](http://townofedenton.com).

Administrative Committee

- Council reviewed the process taken by Council and Staff to create the new 2020 Vision Statement and recommended that in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Council defer the adoption of the 2020 Vision Statement indefinitely until after the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- The Administrative Committee agreed to recommend Council delay actions on appointments to Boards and Commissions until after State of Emergency. Council policy has been to meet with applicants prior to appointments and due to social distancing guidelines, these meetings will need to be postponed.
- Lead for North Carolina Fellow Saoirse Scott presented an update to Council on the process to update Edenton's Minimum Housing Codes. Once a draft of the Codes has been finalized and reviewed by legal experts, the Town will allow for interested parties and property owners to review the Codes before they are presented to Council for adoption.
- Fire Chief Billy Bass presented to Council on the need to adopt a Resolution, Encouraging Businesses to Allow Firefighters to Respond to Calls during Working Hours so that the Edenton Fire Department will be adequately equipped to respond to fires in the case of an emergency.

Finance Committee

- Lead for North Carolina Fellow Saoirse Scott presented the process (Upset Bid) by which the Town will be able to sell properties acquired in Redevelopment Zones pending approval from Council to begin that process.

Public Works Committee

- Public Works Director Corey Gooden presented to the Council on the benefits of considering proposals from private Landscaping and Grounds contractors in order to more efficiently and effectively maintain Town owned cemeteries without accruing undue financial burdens. This agreement, if approved, would allow for the Town owned cemeteries to be maintained in good condition while giving the Public Works Department the flexibility with staff to maintain other Town owned properties without going into overtime hours.