

MONDAY-6:30 P.M. JANUARY 31, 2011 JOINT CITY/COUNTY

The City Council met in a Joint City/County Meeting with the Pasquotank County Commissioners on the above date at the K. E. White Graduate Center. Mayor R. A. McLean presided. Those Council members attending were: J. M. Baker, M. E. Brooks, L. Hill-Lawrence, L. A. Hummer, R. E. King, B. S. Meggs, J. A. Stimatz and J. B. Walton. City staff attending was: City Manager R. C. Olson, City Clerk D. S. Pierce-Tamplen, Finance Director S. E. Blanchard, Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White, Commissioners: L. Griffin, B. Trueblood, C. Perry, G. White, J. Winslow, J. Dixon, B. Sterritt, County Manager R. Keaton, Assistant County Manager R. Bunch, County Attorney M. Cox, County Finance Director S. Small, County Parks and Recreation Supervisor J. Simpson and County Clerk K. Jennings.

Chairman L. Griffin opened the meeting and called upon Councilwoman L. Hill-Lawrence for the invocation after which everyone enjoyed dinner.

1} CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Lloyd Griffin opened the meeting.

Following Chairman Griffin calling the Pasquotank County Commissioners meeting to order, Mayor R. A. McLean established a quorum was present and call the City Council meeting to order. Jeff Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Scott Lilley, Marshall Leadership Institute, talked about his reason for being in Elizabeth City. They are in town interviewing students for scholarships. His team is the team that goes on campuses to recruit students.

2} RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MATT WOOD:

Chairman Griffin stated nineteen men and women from across the state make up the NC Board of Transportation. Each member represents a specific Transportation Division or at-large area of interests and works with NCDOT staff members to make decisions about transportation priorities. We believe that Matt Wood would be an excellent candidate for this appointment. Stan White was a member until recently when he was appointed to fill Marc Basnight's Senate seat. Matt Wood has served our community well in a variety of public service capacities over the years. Pasquotank County is asking the City Council of Elizabeth City to adopt a resolution supporting the appointment of Matt Wood to serve on the NC Board of Transportation.

Mayor McLean asked City Council pleasure regarding a resolution of support for Matt Wood.

A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer to adopt the following resolution of support for the appointment of Matt Wood to the North Carolina Board of Transportation. Those voting in favor of the motion were: R. E. King, L. A. Hummer, J. M. Baker, M. E. Brooks, L. Hill-Lawrence, B. S. Meggs, J. A. Stimatz and J. B. Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2011-01
APPOINTMENT OF MATT WOOD
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Governor Beverly Perdue will be considering the appointment of an individual to the North Carolina Board of Transportation to fill the seat vacated as a result of Board Member Stan White being appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Senator Marc Basnight in the North Carolina State Senate; and

WHEREAS, George Matthew (Matt) Wood, Jr. recently retired from the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, having served a total of twelve years with distinction, and having gained experience in all facets of local government; and

WHEREAS, Matt Wood's political accomplishments include eight years on the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education in addition to his twelve years as a Pasquotank County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Matt Wood has served not only Pasquotank County, but the state and region well through his involvement in the Centennial Authority, the College of the Albemarle Board of Trustees, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Albemarle Economic Development Commission, the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the YMCA of South Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, he has vast business experience including his partnership in George Wood Farms, Inc., and he is a former owner of Albemarle Propane, Inc. and a former owner of Astro, Inc. Fuel Distribution and Convenience Stores; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has the largest population of any of the counties in District I, and in recent history has not been represented on the Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Matt Wood has worked tirelessly for Northeastern North Carolina, will bring the type of business and political experience that is necessary on the Board of Transportation, and would be a tremendous asset to the State of North Carolina:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City endorses the appointment of George Matthew Wood, Jr. as the District I representative on the North Carolina Board of Transportation and urges Governor Beverly Perdue to seriously consider his appointment.

ADOPTED, this 31st day of January 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

3} UPDATE - CHANCELLOR WILLIE GILCHRIST ON ECSU PROGRAMS:

Chairman Griffin recognized Chancellor Willie Gilchrist for comments.

Chancellor Gilchrist gave a presentation on the activities of Elizabeth City State University. Some of the small areas are: Teacher Education, Pharmacy, Aviation, Audio Visual and Entrepreneurial. These are just a few of the small areas and the ones that we focus on over the last few years. He briefly explained each program.

4} UPDATE – JOINT RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White advised that the departmental merger allowed us to combine resources such as equipment and personnel and we are able to complete large tasks and projects in a more efficient manner. Pursuant to the Interlocal agreement, the City and County appointed citizens to the Recreational Advisory Board. At the Board's first meeting, Mr. Steve Moler, a consultant with Recreation Resources Services spoke on the purpose of the Recreation Advisory Board, the structure of the Board and the relationship between the Board and the City/County governing bodies. He suggested that a seventh board member is needed in order to break ties and that this board

member be chosen at-large on a two-year rotating basis. The Advisory Board suggested that the City choose an at-large member for a two-year term and then the County appoint someone for the next two-year term. She stated that if the park is sprigged, the facility will not open until spring/summer of 2012 but if sod is installed on the ball fields, the Park can open in August 2011. The irrigation system should be expanded to include the common areas between the fields and between the outfield fence and the sidewalk around the complex. Expanding the irrigation system will cost an additional \$53,200.00. Sodding the facility will cost an additional \$40,000 but it will decrease the cost of water necessary to increase the root systems of the grass sprigs. These two costs will increase the cost of the facility by \$93,200. (\$46,600 for both the City and County). The City currently has funds available for this in Parks and Recreation impact fees. Finally, the Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the Parks and Recreation Department be allowed to solicit sponsorships and naming rights for the athletic fields. Naming rights for these five fields can assist in defraying the cost of the recommended upgrades of the irrigation system and sod. Naming rights will give businesses and organizations the "right" to have their names located at the top of the scoreboard at the field and will be used to identify the field in commentaries, printed materials and on signage.

Mayor McLean asked Council's pleasure to increase the number of board members from six to seven.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the increase in the number of board members on the Recreation Advisory Board from six to seven and have this at-large member selected by the City and County on a rotation basis for a two-year term. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, King, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor McLean called for a motion to increase the funding of the South Park facility by \$93,200.

A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Councilwoman J. M. Baker to designate \$46,600 contingent upon Pasquotank County designating \$46,600 to the South Park facility to expand the irrigation system and sod the five softball/baseball fields. Those voting in favor of the motion were: King, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor McLean called for a motion to adopt the following Budget Amendment.

A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hummer to adopt the following budget amendment. Those voting in favor of the motion were: King, Hummer, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT
NUMBER 2011-03
JANUARY 31, 2011**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011:

SECTION I. That the General Fund Balance Appropriated (103990.0000) and Parks and Recreation South Park Project (105300.7308) be increased by \$46,600.

(To appropriate development fees for irrigation and sod at South Park.)

ADOPTED, this 31st day of January 2011.

Roger A. McLean
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

5} 911 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

City Manager Olson advised last year there was a great deal of discussion concerning the quality of service provided by the Central Communications staff. A section has been added in the proposed Interlocal agreement to address how complaints must be handled and the standards which will be followed. The Central Communications Advisory Board would be responsible for developing the standards. The make up of the Central Communications Commission has been modified to reflect that the two county managers and the city manager are non-voting, ex-officio members. The percentage each entity pays remains the same. However, the Central Communications Commission in conjunction with the Pasquotank County manager must submit the proposed budget to Camden County and Elizabeth City by April 1st of each year. All entities must approve a

budget by June 1st. If a governing body fails to take action by June 1st, the budget is deemed approved. Standard insurance, notice and general provisions have been added to the Interlocal agreement. What we are trying to create is a common template with all our agreements that we will follow. We are trying to nail down all the issues so at the eleventh hour we don't have one entity that fails to fund at a certain level.

Commissioner Trueblood along with Commissioner Perry made a motion to defer action on this Interlocal agreement until after the Commissioners hold their retreat on February 14, 2011.

City Manager Olson went over a couple of sections of the proposed agreement that the City would like to see enclosed in the agreement. Realizing that the Board of Commissioners are holding a retreat he would hope that they would give serious consideration not just to this Interlocal agreement but also the lack of Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management where the City has been paying for a number of years for services that we have never agreed to pay for though we believe emergency management is a County department that we should be involved with.

Councilman Stimatz stated he would like to see added is what if one of the governing bodies does not approve the budget. He doesn't see that reflected in this proposal. It doesn't show how this issue would be reconciled if it were to happen.

6} COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Meggs stated she appreciated the County's hospitality.

Councilwoman Baker stated she had no further comments.

Councilman Brooks stated he had no further comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer stated she had no further comments to make.

Councilman Stimatz stated he had no further comments.

Councilman Walton stated both bodies have shown solidarity tonight on certain issues. He would like to see that same vote of confidence before the election. He feels like a better job would have been done. We need to bridge the gap that we are missing. We are missing out on some positive things. With that said he wants to appeal to you guys that during the budget session he always talks about taxes. We cannot tax the community too much. Since the last revaluation you guys have gone up higher than we have. This time give us a chance to be a little bit more aggressive in order that we can do some things that we need to

do. He knows you guys have some things too. We are targeting a bridge and if we don't get the infrastructure corrected we will have problems. If you would, consider allowing us to have a more aggressive property taxes evaluation.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence stated she had no further comments.

Councilman King said he had no further comments.

Mayor McLean asked the Councilors to give the County a round of applause for the delicious dinner and well carried out meeting. He has been in Elizabeth City for 35 years and he loves Elizabeth City. Elizabeth City is his home. He knows by working with the County and the County working with the City we can do a lot of good things. We have to find a place where our kids can swim this summer. We have to find a way to bring the Boys and Girls Club back to Elizabeth City.

7} ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Joint Units of Government, Mayor McLean entertained a motion for adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to adjourn. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Baker, King, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Meggs, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

Roger A. McLean
Mayor