

MONDAY – 7:00 P.M.

MAY 14, 2012

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City held its first meeting of the month on the above date and time in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building with Mayor J. W. Peel presiding. Members attending were: Mayor Pro Tem J. B. Walton, J. M. Baker, M. E. Brooks, R. T. Donnelly, L. M. Hill-Lawrence, L. A. Hummer, K. K. Spence and J. A. Stimatz. City Staff members attending were: City Manager R. C. Olson, City Clerk D. S. Pierce-Tamplen, City Attorney W. H. Morgan, Deputy City Clerk V. D. White, Planning Director J. C. Brooks, Public Utilities Director P. A. Fredette, Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White, ECDI Director R. Cross, Finance Director S. E. Blanchard, Fire Chief L. M. Mackey, Human Resource Director K. W. Felton, Police Chief C. E. Crudup and Inspections Director S. E. Ward.

Mayor J. W. Peel established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He called for a moment of silent reflection after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

1} APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Peel called for adjustments and approval of the prepared agenda.

Councilman J. A. Stimatz asked to ***remove Item 8-a Adoption of Resolution regarding over-width farm equipment on all parts of US Highway 17 from the Consent Agenda and place on the Regular Agenda for discussion.*** He also asked to ***add discussion of Taxicab Ordinance and to add a Closed Session for consultation with the City Attorney as per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3).***

Councilwoman L. A. Hummer asked to ***add discussion of personnel as per NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) to the Closed Session.***

A motion was made by Councilman J. A. Stimatz, seconded by Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence to approve the prepared agenda to include the above noted items. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Stimatz, Hill-Lawrence, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hummer, Spence and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

2} PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Peel called upon the City Clerk for those individuals signed up to speak under this section.

City Clerk Pierce-Tamplen responded no one had signed up to speak.

3} PRESENTATIONS:

a} Mayoral Certificates of Recognition:

1} Lee Meads

Mayor Peel presented to Lee Meads a Mayoral Certificate of Recognition for his assistance in rescuing Ernest and Barbara Cooper whose car had submerged in water during the tremendous storm we had a few days ago.

2} Kendra McCormick

Mayor Peel presented to Kendra McCormick a Mayoral Certificate of Recognition for her assistance in rescuing Ernest and Barbara Cooper whose car had submerged in water during the tremendous storm we had a few days ago.

b} Proclamations:

1} Girls Inc. of the Albemarle

Mayor Peel presented a proclamation to Denise Rogers proclaiming May 7-11, 2012 as "**Girls Inc. of the Albemarle Week**" in appreciation of its 62 years of service to the youth of our community. Ms. Julia Sissler who has been a Girls Inc. member since the fourth grade shared a few words about what Girls Inc. has meant to her.

2} National Police Week – May 13-19, 2012

Mayor Peel presented a proclamation to Chief Charles Crudup proclaiming May 13-19, 2012 as "**National Police Week**" and May 15th as "**Peace Officer's Memorial Day.**"

3} National Public Works Week – May 20-26, 2012

Mayor Peel presented a proclamation to Maurice Brothers proclaiming May 20-26, 2012 as "**National Public Works Week.**" Mr. Brothers made brief remarks.

4} 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club

Mayor Peel presented a proclamation to Gus Smith recognizing May 22, 2012 as the 90th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Elizabeth City. Mr. Smith made brief remarks.

5} Asthma Awareness Month – May 2012

Mayor Peel presented a proclamation to Ms. Denise Rogers proclaiming May 2012 as Asthma Awareness Month. Ms. Rogers made brief remarks.

4} APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

a} Budget Work Session – April 16, 2012:

Mayor Peel called for approval of the April 16, 2012 Budget Work Session minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman K. K. Spence to approve the April 16th, 2012 Budget Work Session minutes as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Spence, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

b} Special City Council Meeting – April 19, 2012:

Mayor Peel called for approval of the April 19th, 2012 Special City Council Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman K. K. Spence to approve the April 19th, 2012 Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Spence, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

c} Work Session Minutes – April 23, 2012:

Mayor Peel called for approval of the April 23rd 2012 Work Session minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman K. K. Spence to approve the April 23rd, 2012 Work Session minutes as presented. Those voting in favor of the

motion were: Hummer, Spence, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

d} Regular Council Meeting – April 23, 2012:

Mayor Peel called for approval of the April 23 2012 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman K. K. Spence to approve the April 23rd, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting minutes as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Spence, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

e} Reconvened Council Meeting – May 1, 2012:

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman M. E. Brooks to approve the May 1st, 2012 Reconvened Council Meeting minutes as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, Brooks, Baker, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Spence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

5} **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Peel called upon City Manager Olson to read the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker, seconded by Councilman R. T. Donnelly to approve the following Consent Agenda as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Baker, Donnelly, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Spence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1} Adopted the following Resolution requesting Local Bill authorizing annual notice to chronic violators of the City's Public Nuisance Ordinance.

**RESOLUTION #2012-07
REQUESTING LOCAL BILL
AUTHORIZING ANNUAL NOTICE TO
CHRONIC VIOLATORS OF THE CITY'S**

PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in concurrence with North Carolina General Statutes, the City of Elizabeth City Code of Ordinances provides for the abatement of Public Health Nuisances by giving notice by certified mail to the property owner and allowing a time certain for remedy for each and every occurrence found to be in violation of the Code; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that property owners exist within the City who are documented to be chronic violators of the City's Health and Sanitation Ordinance in regard to public health nuisances; and

WHEREAS, NCGS § 160A-200.1 provides that annual notice may be given to a chronic violator of the City's public nuisance ordinance that, if the violator's property is found to be in violation of the ordinance, the City shall, without further notice in the calendar year in which notice is given, take action to remedy the violation, and the expense of the action shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected as unpaid taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that a request be made of Representative W. C. Owens, Jr. to enter a Local Bill for consideration in the 2012-2013 Short Session of the NC General Assembly to authorize the City of Elizabeth City to give annual notice to chronic violators of the City's Public Nuisance Ordinance pursuant to NCGS § 160A-200.1.

ADOPTED, this the 14th day of May 2012.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

2} Called for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building for consideration of the South Road Street Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project.

3} Award of Bid for the cemetery mowing to K-9 Lawn Care in the amount of \$41,999.

End of Consent Agenda

6} REGULAR AGENDA:

a} Adoption of Resolution regarding over-width farm equipment on all parts of US Highway 17:

Mayor Peel called upon City Manager Olson for comments.

Mr. Olson stated this particular item was on the Joint City/County agenda at our last meeting. We received a PowerPoint demonstration and discussion from several different people. Back in 2008 the General Assembly did pass a law that increased the allowable width of farm equipment on North Carolina roads from 18' to 25'. However, the same Legislation limited the access of this type of equipment on controlled access highways which include the US 17 bypass. The Board of County Commissioners approved this resolution at the Joint meeting.

Councilman Stimatz said the reason he took it off the Consent Agenda was because of Mr. Thompson's letter. In reading the resolution as staff has presented he knows you have made a slight change and it is not as broad. At the time when this first came up his thought was is there some period that we could restrict the use. What if we restrict the use for a limited period and not say any time all day, every day. His thought was in the resolution in the paragraph at the end; we could allow over-width farm equipment limited use during low traffic periods on all parts of US Highway 17. Again, we are not saying they can't be on there but maybe from midnight to 6:00 A.M. is a better time to be on that road than any other period. If they are not subjected to the wide load restrictions of an escort vehicle and signage, then he finds that interesting. He would think they would at least do that much so that people coming up on it would be aware. He is sure the legislators will get lots of opinions on this.

Mr. Olson said this has been a hot issue. He grew up in the Midwest and we always got into this especially during when they start harvesting the crops.

Mr. Donnelly said he is leaning more toward escort vehicles being required in some way. He can understand how you come up on this type of equipment rather quickly. They look like they aren't moving at times. With an escort vehicle it may help out some. He has heard other sides of the argument where they talk about farmers can't get to their fields. What are they going to have to do, buy another tractor or piece of equipment to get across the bridge to do their

job? He thinks that we need to be sensitive to them at the same time we need to make that equipment a little more safe on the highways. Maybe some discussions with DOT Highway folks might help us out before we go either way.

A motion was made by Councilman R. T. Donnelly, seconded by Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence to hold this resolution until further information is made available to us. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Baker, Brooks, Hummer, Spence, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

b} Appointments to various committees/commissions/boards:

1} Animal Control Board:

Mayor Peel asked for confirmation of appointing Councilman K. K. Spence as a member of the Animal Control Board with his term expiring December 2013.

A motion was made by Councilman R. T. Donnelly, seconded by Councilwoman J. M. Baker to confirm the appointment of Councilman K. K. Spence as a member of the Animal Control Board with his term expiring December 2012.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Spence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hummer</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Walton</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hill-Lawrence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Stimatz</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Brooks</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Vote: 8-yea – 0-nay. Motion carried.

2} Airport Authority:

Mayor Peel called for confirmation of appointing Councilman J. A. Stimatz to a 2-year term on the Airport Authority expiring June 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker, seconded by Councilman R. T. Donnelly to confirm the appointment of

Councilman J. A. Stimatz to a 2-year term on the Airport Authority expiring June 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Donnelly	Yea
Spence	Yea
Baker	Yea
Hummer	Yea
Walton	Yea
Hill-Lawrence	Yea
Stimatz	Yea
Brooks	Yea

Vote: 8-yea – 0-nay. Motion carried.

3} Alcoholic Beverage Control Board:

Mayor Peel called for confirmation of reappointing Dr. Andrea Williams to an additional term on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a four-year term ending June 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence, seconded by Councilman J. B. Walton to reappoint Dr. Andrea Williams to an additional 4-year term ending June 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

Donnelly	Yea
Spence	Yea
Baker	Yea
Hummer	Yea
Walton	Yea
Hill-Lawrence	Yea
Stimatz	Yea
Brooks	Yea

Vote: 8-yea – 0-nay. Motion carried.

4} Community Relations Commission:

Mayor Peel called for confirmation of reappointing Dr. Kurt Hunsberger to an additional three year term on the Community Relations Commission expiring May 2015.

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker, seconded Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence to confirm the reappointment to Dr. Kurt Hunsberger to a three year term on the Community Relations Commission expiring May 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Spence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hummer</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Walton</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hill-Lawrence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Stimatz</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Brooks</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Vote: 8-yea – 0-nay. Motion carried.

5} Tourism Development Authority:

Mayor Peel called for confirmation of recommending Ms. Gwendolyn Sanders to the Pasquotank County Commissioners for reappointment to the Tourism Development Authority for a two year appointment ending June 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence, seconded by Councilman J. A. Stimatz to confirm the recommendation of Ms. Gwendolyn Sanders to the Pasquotank County Commissioners for reappointment to the Tourism Development Authority for a two year appointment ending June 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Spence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hummer</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Walton</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hill-Lawrence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Stimatz</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Brooks</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Vote: 8-yea – 0-nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Peel called for confirmation of recommending Ms. Maureen Donnelly to the Pasquotank County Commissioners for consideration of the reappointment to the Tourism Development Authority as the Joint Appointee for a two year term ending June 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence, seconded by Councilman J. A. Stimatz to confirm the recommendation of Ms. Maureen Donnelly to the Pasquotank County Commissioners for consideration of reappointment to the Tourism Development Authority as the Joint Appointee for a two year term ending June 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Donnelly</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Spence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hummer</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Walton</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Hill-Lawrence</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Stimatz</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Brooks</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Vote: 8-yea – 0-nay. Motion carried.

d} Request for swings in Enfield recreation area:

Mayor Peel called upon Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White for comments.

Ms. White advised that during the April 21, City Council meeting, Councilman Spence asked staff to look into why there are not any swing sets located at the Enfield Recreation Area. At this time, the Recreation Department has swing sets located at the Knobbs Creek Park, Gosnold Park, Edgewood Park and Fun Junktion Park. Children certainly love to play on swing sets; however, swing sets can be very dangerous if they are not well supervised by responsible adults. The National Recreation and Park Association has developed guidelines and promotes the latest public playground standards. Our department uses these standards when evaluating our parks and playgrounds. Swings require a much greater fall zone than any other play apparatus. The use zone should extend to times the height of the pivot or swing hanger in front of and behind the swing's seats. The use zone should also extend six feet to the side of the support structure. An eight foot tall swing should have a sixteen foot use zone in both directions as well as a minimum of six feet to each side. The front to rear use zones may not

overlap with any other piece of equipment. Swings are also required to be located near the boundary of a playground. The supervision of a playground environment directly relates to the overall safety of the environment. A play area is designed so that it is easy for a parent or caregiver to observe children at play. Young children are constantly challenging their own abilities and are often not able to recognize potential hazards. It is estimated that over 40 percent of all playground injuries are directly related to the lack of supervision. Parents must supervise their children at all times on a playground. With many of our playgrounds considered neighborhood parks, it is now considered ill advised to place swing sets in these areas. Children in neighborhoods tend to play in these parks alone or with other children and without adult supervision. This is why most new playgrounds do not have swings. One unit play sets are now recommended for playgrounds without direct on-site adult supervision. Staff has priced swing sets and they range from \$1500 for a one bay with two swings to as much as \$3500 for a three bay with six swings. This price does not include shipping and handling installation, concrete, sand, mulch or border. We estimate that to install the small two seat swing would cost at least \$6000, all inclusive.

Following discussion of the shipping costs, Councilman Spence asked that further information be gathered and brought back to City Council. He said we have other parks that have swings but yet this park doesn't have swings. The kids in the Third Ward are not able to go to Junktion. Enfield is the most active park during the summertime. He believes we can do better than \$6000.

Councilman Brooks said this is interesting. He was listening at your explanation and it says they must have a responsible adult. You have all these playgrounds that have swing sets and we don't have responsible adults. He thinks we are getting things backwards. Maybe it is him. Like he said previously when we were discussing the budget, we consider a dog park for \$23,200. That is what we did. He thinks that we should take all the swing sets down and don't let any of the kids have them in any neighborhood whether than deprive one from not having them. We haven't had any incidents or trouble as far as parents trying to sue us. He doesn't see what the hold up is. He agrees with Councilman Spence we need a little more information. He doesn't think we should deny any child.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said if we are going to put new swings in that park then you are going to have to put new swings in all of the parks. To bypass the old parks and put new swings in one then we have to replace all the old swings with new ones.

Councilman Donnelly stated first of all there are a lot of dog owners in this community that are looking for a dog park and more than one dog park would be valuable. We spent a lot of time on vicious dogs and dangerous dogs. He thinks it is time that we do something for all the dog owners. So \$23,000 for a dog park

is not a bad price, but specifically to this issue is there an alternative to the swing sets. Are there other apparatus that could be purchased without adding the danger to the kids?

Councilman Brooks said he thinks our children are more valuable than dog parks. Don't talk about \$23,200 for a dog park and then talk about denying our children swings. That doesn't make any sense to him. He is not saying that a dog park is not needed but we shouldn't consider that before our children.

Mayor Peel said we are going to meet on the 21st and Mr. Olson will bring back to us additional information.

c} Taxicab Ordinance:

Mayor Peel called upon Councilman Stimatz for comments.

Councilman Stimatz said he received some information from a citizen who was concerned about an individual that had been cited on May 1st for carrying a concealed weapon and littering while operating a taxicab. He asked Sgt. Pureza about this and in looking at our ordinance he saw where we don't address the carrying of weapons in taxicabs. It is interesting because we don't address the carrying of weapons in taxicabs. Unless this person is convicted of any crime related to the use of a weapon it is allowable. The question for Council is this something that we want to allow. He noted he was also cited for littering so he looked up our littering ordinance. Our littering ordinance only covers our parks. He is not sure this gentleman was arrested but if he wasn't in a city park we don't have anything that says you can't litter.

A motion was made by Councilman J. A. Stimatz, seconded by Councilwoman J. M. Baker to direct staff to come back with a recommendation on what we should do about these two issues. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Stimatz, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Spence and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Stimatz said the other thing is that he found out a number of operators of taxicabs have failed to pay their fee which is due by 5:00 p.m. on August 31st of each year. How many people are currently late?

Ms. Blanchard replied about nine people.

Mr. Stimatz said this is what our ordinance says, "revocation of taxicab business licenses upon failure to pay licensing fee. Any operator who fails to pay the taxicab license fee required by this article by 5:00 p.m. of thirty-one August of

each year shall automatically cause his license to be terminated and automatically revoked.” What he found out was there is no clear process of notifying these people. He would ask the City Manager to provide clear direction in writing to the staff as to who will make this notification when the deadline is missed and the license is revoked. He hopes at some point you will send a letter to these people letting them know that their license has been revoked effective that date. Those are the issues that have come to him.

7} COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Brooks stated first of all everyone knows he just came through an election. He wants to thank everybody that supported him and even those that live in the Third Ward that didn't support him because he is now their council person too. He doesn't know if we keep any kind of records but he is sure this is a first in the City of Elizabeth City that a council person ran for the same seat three times in six months. He doesn't think that will ever be topped. Again he wants to thank those that supported him and thank those that were hoping that he wouldn't get reelected. He will continue to do the best he can to support his Ward and the entire City.

Councilman Stimatz stated he had no further comments.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said there was a young man here tonight that is a school traffic guard at PW Moore. She wanted to say to him that he is doing an excellent job. She is glad to see young people being enthused about the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Walton said he has two items. He asked Ms. Bobbie White for an update on the Fish Courts and when is the opening for Dog Corner.

Ms. White replied that Fish Courts is right where it was at our last meeting. We have installed the benches. We have had to repaint as we had some complaints that the pier was painted red. It is going back to green. We are letting everything settle down with the grass as we did have a lot of flooding last weekend. It is very soft in there and we are trying to let that go down so we can get in and plant some grass for the summer. Dog Corner is not ready. We have had issues with the fencing. The fence was put on the wrong side of the poles. We had to get that redone and it was a lighter weight fence than what was ideal so we had to go in and put a rail around it. Now, the court itself is chipping. When you walk on it little cracks will appear and then it peels up. Today the contractor was supposed to go in there and look at it. She went down there several times and she never caught them. It will have to be done. We will be painting the lines on the cement.

Councilwoman Hummer stated she had no further comments.

Councilwoman Baker said she had a couple of things. One is the big rain that we had two weeks ago the Riverside/Southern Avenue/Shepard intersection was perfect. There was no water at all but it seems it all went down on Shepard Street. It was higher than she has ever seen it down Shepard Street. She doesn't know that was where the rain came from or if it was something that had to do with the raising the one intersection that the next one further down was impacted.

Mr. Olson said he was down there that night and he watched it. Because of how fast the rain came down the storm sewer system was unable to carry it out to the river quick enough.

Ms. Baker said the other thing is some events that are coming up. Potato Festival is Saturday, the 19th starting at 10:00 a.m. with lots of events and thousands and thousands of people. Also, starting this weekend is Alice in Wonderland at the Arts of the Albemarle at the Center. If you don't have your tickets for that it promises to be a really good event with our Center players and the children from the community. And, next Saturday there is an event that she is chairing at her church on May 26th. It is an international food festival. We have 15-20 countries that you can go sample their different foods. We will have entertainment including a lot of dancing. We will have Shag dancing and the winner of the Dancing with the Stars doing their cha cha. We will have Irish dancers. Just all entertainment. You can come for free and if you want to sample foods it is \$1 a country. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Spence asked if the resurfacing of the courts was our issue.

Ms. White responded that no it would be the company's issue.

Councilman Donnelly said he would like to just take a moment to thank the Pendergrafts who contributed to this community. Don Pendergraft has been transferred to Raleigh with the Museum. He has been here at the Museum close to seventeen years and was responsible for the exhibits. He has moved on to Raleigh to head up the Exhibits for all the Museums. Lou Ann Pendergraft who teaches at ECSU and also was the Executive Director for Port Discovery has done a wonderful job with that organization. To both of them he would like to say thank you.

Mayor Peel said that will be a big lost of losing both of them. We wish them well. Mr. Brooks it is good to have you back.

8} CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Peel entertained a motion to go into Closed Session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman L. M. Hill-Lawrence, seconded by Councilman J. A. Stimatz to retire into Closed Session for consultation with the City Attorney as per NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) and discussion of Personnel as per NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6). Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hill-Lawrence, Stimatz, Baker, Brooks, Donnelly, Hummer, Spence and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Peel called for a motion to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker, seconded by Councilman J. A. Stimatz to return to regular session. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Baker, Stimatz, Brooks, Donnelly, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Spence and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Peel declared the meeting back into full session.

9} ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Peel adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor