

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City held a regular meeting on the above date and time in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building with Mayor J. H. Bell, Jr. presiding. Council members present were: C. C. Austin, J. M. Baker, L. A. Hummer, R. E. King, W. A. Lehmann, E. K. Rivers, D. K. Stallings, Sr. and J. B. Walton. Others attending were: City Manager R. C. Olson, Deputy City Clerk V. White, City Attorney W. H. Morgan, Finance Director S. Blanchard, Inspections Director S. E. Ward, Parks and Recreation Director J. D. Overman, Electric Superintendent K. F. Clow, Fire Chief G. R. Baccus, Human Resource Director, K. W. Felton, Public Works Director C. Grant, III and Police Chief W. J. Anderson.

Mayor J. H. Bell, Jr. opened the meeting by welcoming those attending and called on Pastor Max Edwards of Evangelical Methodist Church to give the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem E. K. Rivers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Bell called for approval of the prepared agenda. City Manager Olson requested that the agenda be amended to add the approval of a chemical bid for the water and wastewater treatment plans. Mayor Bell indicated the item would be added under the Consent Agenda as item 7(d). A motion was made by Councilman D. K. Stallings, Sr., seconded by Councilman W. A. Lehmann, to approve the agenda as amended. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Austin, Baker, Hummer, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bell next presented plaques in recognition of valued service to the City of Elizabeth City to the following retiring employees: Floyd Dean Dail, Fire Department; Willie Owens, Public Works Department; and Eileen Chaney, Risk Management Department.

Mayor Bell announced that the next section of the agenda was comments from the public. He inquired as to the number of persons registered to speak. Deputy City Clerk White indicated that Holly Koerber was the only registrant. Mayor Bell called upon Ms. Koerber for her comments. Ms. Koerber spoke in regard to concerns she had with the approval of the City's budget as discussed in the Work Session held earlier in the evening.

Mayor Bell called for Council's pleasure regarding the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman J. M. Baker, seconded by Councilman W. A. Lehmann to approve the Consent Agenda. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Austin, Baker, Hummer, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Budget Amendments needed for accounting purposes as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the following amendments be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 and the Revolving Loan and Community Revitalization Funds:

Section I. That the General Fund Contingency (106600.6000) be decreased by \$55,539, the General Fund Balance Appropriated (103990.0000) be increased by \$30,711, Legislative Telephone (104100.1100) be increased by \$1,800, Legislative Travel (104100.1400) be increased by \$1,000, Legislative Departmental Expenses (104100.3300) be increased \$2,500, Administrative Maintenance of Vehicles (104200.1700) be increased by \$1,700, Administrative Capital Outlay (104200.7400) be increased by \$1,600, Legal Expenses (104700.0401) be increased by \$30,000, Public Works Administrative Travel (105450.1400) be increased by \$2,150, Public Works Administrative Legal Advertising (105450.2600) be increased by \$1,500, Group Insurance Retirees (106600.0600) be increased by \$35,000, the School Parking Fine (106600.4525) be increased by \$4,000, and Election Costs (106600.5880) be increased by \$5,000.

(To record overages in General Fund)

Section II. That the Housing Authority Grant Revenue (103490.6603) and Housing Authority Grant Expenditure (106600.5868) be increased by \$50,000.

(To record Housing Authority Grant.)

Section III. That the Water/Sewer Fund Retained Earnings Appropriated (313990.0000) and Water Plant Utilities Expense (318100.1300) be increased by \$17,000.

(To record overage in Water/Sewer Fund.)

Section IV. That the Revolving Loan Fund Transfer to Community Revitalization Fund (678000.9306) and the Fund Balance Appropriated (673990.0000) be increased by \$41,909. That the Transfer From Revolving Loan Fund (663970.0000) and the Community Revitalization Expenses (669001.4600) be increased by \$41,909.

(To close old Revolving Loan Fund to Community Revitalization Fund – final loan has been paid in full.)

Adopted, this the 28 day of June 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

2. Call for a Public Hearing for the consideration of Application RZ-08-04 for the real property sought to be rezoned located on the North side of Ehringhaus Street between Shirley Street and Griffin Street.
3. Adoption of the following resolution directing the City Clerk to investigate the Sufficiency of Petition for Voluntary Annexation of 1710 River Road.

**RESOLUTION #04063
DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER G. S. 160A-31
COLLINS ANNEXATION – 1710 RIVER ROAD**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition has been received on June 28, 2004 by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, G. S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City:

THAT the City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

ADOPTED, this the 28th day of June 28, 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

4. Approval of bid to Hydrated Lime for Chemical Lime supplies at a price of \$103.66 per ton for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Bell called for consideration of items listed on the regular agenda.

Mayor Bell announced that Master Sergeant Terry Gurganus would be retiring from the Elizabeth City Police Department effective July 1, 2004. He called for Council's pleasure regarding the recommendation by staff to award his service weapon and badge to Master Sergeant Gurganus. A motion was made by Councilman R. E. King, seconded by Councilman W. A. Lehmann to make the award to Master Sergeant Gurganus. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, Hummer, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried. Mayor Bell called Master Sergeant Gurganus forward and presented a plaque from the City for his years of distinguished service.

The next item for consideration was the matter of removing the "No Parking After 10:00 PM" signs from the 500 Block of South McMorrine Street. This matter was discussed during the May 20, 2004 meeting upon the request of property owner, Thomas A. Reid. Council directed further study to be conducted by the Police Department regarding the possible impact of the removal of the signs on the community. Chief W. A. Anderson presented the results of the Police Department's research on the matter to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. K. Rivers, seconded by Councilman D. K.

Stallings, Sr. to remove the "No Parking" signs in the 500 block of McMorrine Street for a period of sixty (60) days. Further, during this period, the Elizabeth City Police Department is to monitor the area and track any illegal activity and report back to Council at the end of the period with a final recommendation. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Austin, Baker, Hummer, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Bell announced that it was 7:30 PM and the Council was scheduled to hear comments during a public hearing regarding the petition for Voluntary Annexation of 53.84 acres located on River Road and Asbury Lane. Mayor Bell declared the meeting into public hearing. There being no one present to speak either for or against the annexation petition, Mayor Bell declared the public hearing closed. Mayor Bell called for a motion regarding the matter. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. K. Rivers, seconded by Councilman D. K. Stallings, Sr. to approve the following ordinance. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, Hummer, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #04063
TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
BREHENY ANNEXATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council has been petitioned under G. S. 160A-31, as amended, to annex the area described herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to cause to be investigated the sufficiency of said petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of said petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the 28th day of June, 2004 after due notice by publication on the 8th and 20th days of June, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find as a fact that said petition meets the requirements of G. S. 160A-31, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G. S. 160A-31, as amended, the following described territory, is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Elizabeth City as of the 1st day of July 2004.

Bounded on the North by Asbury Lane, bounded on the West by River Road, Bounded on the East by James H. Winslow Land and bounded on the South by Pasquotank County Land.

BEGINNING at a nail in the intersection of Asbury Lane and River Road North 03° 23' 48" East 62.96' to the point of beginning on the South side of Asbury Lane, which point is at the South side of River Road South 44° 20' 12" East 1987.56' to a ditch, which ditch is the line of division between the tract of land herein described and the James H. Winslow Lands; thence South 50° 12' 08" West 443.66' to an iron rod, thence South 62° 09' 33" West 1301.56' to an iron rod, thence North 54° 12' 13" West to an iron rod, thence North 23° 19' 26" East 607.62' to a point, thence North 66° 09' 54" West 639.67' to an iron rod, thence North 45° 41' 24" East 81.47' to a point, thence North 49° 28' 28" West 367.42' to a point, thence North 30° 44' 31" East 195.48' along the East side of River Road to a point, thence North 36° 18' 15" East 965.14' along the East side of River Road to a point, thence North 35° 40' 39" East 120.71' along the East side of River Road to a point, thence North 31° 48' 38" East 80.34' along the East side of River Road to the Point of Beginning. Parcel contains 53.84 acres.

SECTION 2. Upon and after the 1st day of July 2004, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Elizabeth City and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Elizabeth City. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G. S. 160A-58.10.

SECTION 3. The Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pasquotank County, and in the office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 hereof, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the County Board of Elections as required by G. S. 163-288.1.

ADOPTED this the 28th day of June 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

The next item for consideration was the adoption of an inter-local agreement with Pasquotank County for the operation of the Opticom System. City Manager Olson provided a background of this item for consideration by Council. Mr. Olson stated that during the Joint/City Council meeting held on March 29, 2004, a discussion was held regarding the prorating of capital costs for the Opticom System between the City and the County based on utilization of the system. The City's use of the system is anticipated to be 18% and the County Attorney drafted an Interlocal Agreement to provide for that usage. Councilwoman J. B. Baker expressed her desire to further negotiate this matter with the County, in view of the fact that the County actually has no expense in the capital costs of the project because Albemarle Hospital actually paid the cost for installation. She further stated that the Opticom System was an important consideration and that the City should certainly participate, but that she didn't feel that the City should pay the County for 18% of the Capital Cost. City Manager Olson called on Fire Chief Baccus to make comments regarding the necessity of the system. After further discussion by Council, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. K. Rivers, seconded by Councilman W. A. Lehmann to direct the City Manager to send a letter to the County Manager requesting that the matter of the City sharing in the capital costs of the Opticom System be waived by the County Commissioners; and that the City be allowed to participate simply by purchasing the required emitters for City equipment. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Austin, Baker, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: Hummer. Motion carried.

Mayor Bell next called on City Manager Olson for a discussion of the approval of the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget. Mr. Olson advised Council that based on the discussion in tonight's work session, staff prepared a number of documents needed for adoption by the City Council. He first presented the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget Ordinance and provided an overview of the document. He next explained the General Fund Equipment Capital Project Ordinance, the General Fund Street Improvement Capital Project Ordinance and the Water and Sewer Improvement Capital Project Ordinance.

Mayor Bell called for action regarding these ordinances. A motion was made by Councilwoman J. B. Baker, seconded by Councilman W. A. Lehmann to approve the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget Ordinance as presented. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, King and Lehmann. Against: Hummer, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Mayor Bell voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

FY 2004-2005 BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the City of Elizabeth City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005:

General Fund

Current Year's Property Taxes	\$4,260,03
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Delinquent Property Taxes

329,930

Franchise Taxes

937,000

Powell Bill Funds

475,000

Local Option Sales Tax

2,319,000

Investment Earnings

51,500

Licenses and Permits

458,450

Sales and Services

892,200

Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Services

1,675,000

Other Revenues

1,199,700

Other Financing Source

477,402

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$13,075,214
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Electric Fund

Energy Sales	\$ 26,500,000
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Other Revenues	1,009,159
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TOTAL ELECTRIC FUND REVENUES	\$
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27,509,159

Water & Sewer Fund

Water Sales	\$ 4,203,430
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Sewer Sales	2,385,583
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Other Revenues	795,931
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TOTAL WATER & SEWER FUND REVENUES	\$ 7,384,944
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SUBTOTAL	\$ 47,969,317
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LESS INTERFUND PAYMENTS	<2,054,085>
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TOTAL	\$ 45,915,232
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SECTION 2. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the City of Elizabeth City and

<u>General Fund</u>	
Legislative	\$ 91,576
Administrative	250,745
Finance	278,664
Tax	140,000
Legal	50,800
Planning	307,134
Public Building	158,906
Police	3,657,802
Fire	2,790,279
Fire Inspections	262,012
Inspections	189,350
Public Works	2,742,834
Parks and Recreation	1,124,341
Non-Departmental	826,361
Human Resources/Risk Management	204,410

TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS
\$13,075,214

<u>Electric Fund</u>	
Data Processing	\$ 104,119
Warehouse & Purchasing	179,318
Non-Departmental	23,011,203
Customer Service Department	462,553
Electric Distribution	2,757,614
Energy Management	994,352

TOTAL ELECTRIC FUND APPROPRIATIONS
\$27,509,159

<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>	
Data Processing	\$ 87,665
Non-Departmental	2,441,231
Customer Service Department	334,118
Water Supply & Treatment	1,261,896
Wastewater Treatment	1,196,465
Water & Sewer Maintenance	2,063,569

TOTAL WATER & SEWER FUND APPROPRIATIONS
\$7,384,944

SUBTOTAL
\$47,969,317

LESS INTERFUND PAYMENTS <2,054,085>

TOTAL
\$45,915,232

SECTION 3. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of \$.67 per \$100 valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2004 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as

"Current Year's Property Taxes" as set forth in the foregoing estimates of revenue (of which \$.0125 will be removed upon debt repayment of police vehicles and computers included in the 2005 CIP) and a motor vehicle fee of \$5.00 per vehicle.

The tax rate is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$674,330,817 and an estimated rate of collection of 94 percent.

SECTION 4. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of \$.11 per \$100 valuation of property listed for taxes as January 1, 2004 located within the Municipal Service Tax District.

SECTION 5. That an increase of 2 percent cost of living adjustment be established for City payroll.

SECTION 6. That a Christmas bonus of 1 percent be given.

SECTION 7. That a longevity bonus plan be continued.

SECTION 8. That the health insurance coverage be authorized with Municipal Insurance Trust of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

SECTION 9. That an increase in planning fees be authorized.

SECTION 10. That a sanitation fee increase of \$1 per month be authorized.

SECTION 11. That a water and sewer increase of 6% be authorized.

SECTION 12. That a surcharge of \$.43/1,000 gallons of water usage be continued.

SECTION 13. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among the various expenditures within each department.

SECTION 14. Outstanding purchase orders and projects as of June 30, 2004, are hereby re-appropriated to this budget.

SECTION 15. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED this, the 28th day of June 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian White
Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Bell called for action regarding the Water and Sewer Capital Project Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilwoman J. B. Baker, seconded by Councilman W. A. Lehmann to approve the Water and Sewer Capital Project Ordinance as presented. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, King and Lehmann. Against: Hummer, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Mayor Bell voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE # 04065
WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the water and sewer improvement to be financed by an installment purchase and grant funds.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Airport Sewer	\$1,400,000
Sewer Improvements	2,600,000
Filter Rehabilitation	<u>400,000</u>
	<u>\$4,400,000</u>

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Proceeds from Installment Purchase	\$3,000,000
Grant	<u>1,400,000</u>
	<u>\$4,400,000</u>

Section 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a monthly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 6. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED, this the 28th day of June 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian White, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Bell called for action regarding the General Fund Equipment Capital Purchase Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman W. A. Lehmann, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the General Fund Equipment Capital Purchase Ordinance as presented. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, King and Lehmann. Against: Hummer, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Mayor Bell voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE #04066
GENERAL FUND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the purchase of equipment to be financed by an installment purchase.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Police Vehicles	\$125,000
Police Computer Upgrades	51,000
Other Computer Upgrades	<u>54,000</u>
	\$ <u>230,000</u>

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Proceeds from Installment Purchase	<u>\$230,000</u>
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Section 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a monthly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3.

Section 6. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED, this the 28th day of June 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Bell called for action regarding the General Fund Street Improvement Capital Project Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilwoman J. B. Baker, seconded by R. E. King to approve the General Fund Street Improvement Ordinance as presented. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, King and Lehmann. Against: Hummer, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Mayor Bell voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE #04067
GENERAL FUND STREET IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is street improvements to be financed by an installment purchase.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Street Improvements	\$750,000
Sidewalk Improvements	<u>250,000</u>
	\$ <u>1,000,000</u>

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Proceeds from Installment Purchase	\$ <u>1,000,000</u>
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Section 5. The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a monthly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3.

Section 6. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED, this the 28th day of June 2004.

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Bell thanked the City Manager and staff and the Councilors for their hard work on the budget and expressed his pleasure for taking the action to move the City forward in making needed capital improvements which had been neglected for too long. He charged the City staff with accepting the challenge to move forward in making the improvements made possible by the adoption of the budget and related capital project ordinances.

Mayor Bell next called upon City Manager Olson for his comments. He advised Council that each should have received, by direct mail, information regarding the Annual Conference of the North Carolina League of Municipalities being held in Raleigh in October. He requested that any Councilor not receiving the information stop by his office for a copy.

Mayor Bell Called on Councilors for their comments.

Councilwoman L. A. Hummer indicated that she would personally hold the City Manager responsible to assure that City residents are receiving all the services that they are currently paying for, as well as the services being paid for by the additional tax levy imposed during the adoption of the budget tonight. She indicated that many codes are not being enforced and that many City neighborhoods are experiencing problems created by the neglect of properties and crime. She expressed her concern for citizens on fixed incomes and those suffering from high utility bills.

Councilwoman Hummer also expressed her concern about spending monies at Mariners' Wharf for a welcome facility for boaters, in view of the many needs for the City's residents.

Mayor Pro Tem E. K. Rivers thanked the Manager and Public Works for installing speed limits signs in the fourth ward. He also expressed his concern about receiving the flood information from Pat McDowell of McDowell and Associates in order to address the drainage issues in the Oak Grove community. Mayor Pro Tem Rivers also asked that the concern from the downtown residents regarding lost business during the Streetscape Project be addressed at the next meeting of Council

Councilwoman C. C. Austin expressed her concern about the condition of North Road Street with the number of cars parked across the sidewalks and in the yards and the garbage and recycling bins being kept in the front of the dwellings.

Councilman R. E. King expressed his thanks for the expressions of sympathy shown to his family during the recent loss of his father.

Councilman D. K. Stallings, Sr. asked for an update on the request for installation of lights in Sunset Park.

Councilwoman J. M. Baker inquired as to the status of the drainage problem on Main Street. She also announced that the last meeting being held by the County on the Joint Land Use Plan would be held at the Weeksville Lions Club from 6 – 7:30 tomorrow evening.

Councilman J. B. Walton expressed his desire for Council to stick with its game plan and to follow thru with the goals set by the adoption of the budget.

Councilman W. A. Lehmann commented on the tremendously beautiful City we live in and how impressive the completed Streetscape project turned out to be. He also advised that many good things are being accomplished and that things are definitely looking up for Elizabeth City. He said that even though it is distasteful to raise taxes, he felt that Council was on the right track in doing the right thing for the City of Elizabeth City.

Mayor Bell thanked everyone for their comments and expressed his thanks for being able to serve Elizabeth City.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Bell called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilwoman C. C. Austin, seconded by

Councilman R. E. King to adjourn. Those voting in favor were: Austin, Baker, Hummer, King, Lehmann, Rivers, Stallings and Walton. Against: None.

Mayor Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor

Vivian D. White
Deputy City Clerk

John H. Bell, Jr.
Mayor