

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City held its monthly work session on the above date and time in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building with Mayor R. A. McLean presiding. Those council members attending were: M. E. Brooks, L. Hill-Lawrence, L. A. Hummer, R. E. King, B. S. Meggs and J. B. Walton. Members J. M. Baker and J. A. Stimatz arrived at 5:40 p.m. City staff attending was: City Manager R. C. Olson, City Clerk D. S. Pierce-Tamplen, City Attorney W. H. Morgan, Deputy City Clerk V. D. White, Public Utilities Director P. A. Fredette, Electric Director K. F. Clow, Finance Director S. E. Blanchard, Planning Director J. C. Brooks and Parks and Recreation Director B. V. White.

Mayor McLean established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. He welcomed those attending and called upon Councilman M. E. Brooks for the invocation after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was given.

1} APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor McLean called for a motion of approval regarding the prepared agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem L. A. Hummer, seconded by Councilman R. E. King to approve the agenda as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Hummer, King, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Meggs and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

2} COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mayor McLean called upon Donna Winborne, Douglas Hollowell, P.C., for comments.

Ms. Winborne stated she was here tonight to present the Annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30th, 2010. She expressed an opinion based on the audit. Your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business—type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City; and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles. She reviewed several different aspects of the audit.

Mr. Olson said that in last year's audit we had three findings associated with how we handled a number of grants at the Aviation Park. Those findings have all been corrected and it is noted on the compliance page of this particular audit that those findings have been corrected in this particular audit. There are no findings this year.

A motion was made by Councilwoman B. S. Meggs, seconded by Councilman R. E. King that we accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010 as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Meggs, King, Baker, Brooks, Hill-Lawrence, Hummer, Stimatz and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

3} CHANGING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S TERM LIMITS:

Mayor McLean called upon City Attorney W. H. Morgan for comments.

Mr. Morgan stated included in the package tonight is information regarding this matter. He wrote a memo November 8th regarding the request that Councilman Brooks had to discuss the steps the City would need to go through to change our Charter to alter our form of government so that instead of having counselors elected every two years it would be moved to staggered four year terms. He included information that the City of King sent him and the reason he included the information is they have done exactly what you are contemplating doing. They went from two year terms to staggered four year terms. The information spells out very clearly what will need to be done. The first step is to adopt a resolution of intent and then there are other procedures that we would need to follow. The issue does not have to be put before the people for a vote, but the people have the right to file a petition with the City Clerk seeking to have the matter brought before them for a vote. Those of us who have been around for a while remembers that in 1998 the people essentially brought about the change in the method the City had previously used to elect counselors. We would need to submit the information to the United States Department of Justice. He doesn't think there would be a problem from that department's perspective because we are not talking about changing any ward lines or anything along those lines.

Councilman Brooks asked if the Resolution of Intent only be made after a motion is made and seconded or can it be made after a petition is signed by 10% of the registered voters.

Mr. Morgan replied the signing of the petition by 10% of the voters would bring about the election but he will need to go back and review his documentation to answer those specific questions. Typically what would happen would be the

referendum petition would come from the voters and that would spur along the issue through Council.

Mr. Brooks said he wanted to make sure that the Council understood that when he made the motion and there wasn't a second the motion didn't die. He can get 10% of the registered voters and it would still come up for election.

Mr. Morgan said there is no doubt that 10% of the registered voters were to move would make this happen. It wouldn't necessary mean that it would be adopted but it would certainly be put before the people.

Mr. Brooks said it would put it on the ballot and let the people decide. He doesn't need the second on the motion for this to be done. It depends on how much energy he wants to put forth to get 10% of the registered voters.

Mr. Morgan said that Council if they wished too could as part of its resolution of intent say that we are going to put the matter before the people for a vote. That would be one way to handle that.

Mr. Brooks said that would save him from having to go out and getting 10% of the registered voters. But, if they don't then he will go out and get 10% of the registered voters. Things can be done in order without the Council doing the will of the people. It would look kind of bad if he gets 10% of the registered voters and it comes on the ballot and then the people say they want the four years. It will let them know what kind of council they have. When he gets 10% of the registered voters which is not that many then what process follows that?

Mr. Morgan said then we would need to schedule the matter for special election or if it was timed right we could put it on the ballot next year when counselors are to be reelected anyway. It wouldn't impact that election but at least the determination at that point would be made that henceforth it would be four year terms. It would save a good amount of money if it was placed on the ballot next year and not be a special election just for this year.

4} ELIZABETH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

Mayor McLean called upon City Manager Olson for comments on this item.

Mr. Olson apologized for the tardiness of getting the background information to you; however, we have been working on this item all the way up to 4:45 p.m. today. What we want to do has been fairly well defined for several months now. Our problem is trying to make sure that we have very good and accurate cost estimates. We do have with us tonight Sean Robey who is our engineering consultant, Karl Clow from the Electric Department and Paul Fredette our Public

Utilities Director. We have told you on several occasions this project is probably one of the more expensive public works projects that we have had in the City of Elizabeth City. It is definitely the largest one we have had in this area when you consider the cost of Elizabeth Street and also the replacement of Bridge #19. That particular project is between \$90-\$100 million. There are a number of decisions and/or items that will be brought to the Council. They will be on your agenda for December 13th if they are received from the Attorney General's office and NCDOT.

Mr. Fredette stated the first part of this presentation is a bit repetitive but there is a lot of changed data. The project is called U-4438 and it is a DOT project that includes the reconstruction of the Camden Bridge as well as the reconstruction of Elizabeth Street. There is a third part to that project although it is included or nested in the big project which is the relocation of city utilities. It is a very complex project with the cost, impact on the citizens and the disruption to the community. The current schedule that we have right now is that DOT plans to advertise the project for construction bids in February and let the project in April. That means they will be opening bids in April and they would like to award a contract in June 2011. They anticipate a four year project which would bring you to the summer of 2015. The State is currently requiring the City to complete the utility relocation before they give their General Contractor control of the project. That would be this summer we would have to be complete with the utility relocation. We have recently asked them to put a clause in their contract to the General Contractor that will hold the release date on Elizabeth Street until January of 2012. Sean has advised us that is a much more realistic date given the amount of work that we have to do. It won't change the overall length of the project but it will give the City more time to do their work in relocating the utilities. If we do that he would anticipate that DOT would probably hold the release date until June of 2012. The reason he says that is they have really divided Elizabeth Street into two halves. They are north and south and both starting at Road Street. They want the contractor to do the work at Road Street when school is out of session. They have to do the work at Road Street between June and September. We don't know what they are going to do with our request at this point in time but we anticipate it will be granted. Also, the impact of Elizabeth Street is anticipated to be two years. Again, those two years is within the four years of the total project because the General Contractor will be working on the bridge. There have been some modifications from an engineering perspective that are significant to the State project probably boring to everybody else but the section of Elizabeth Street from the bridge to Martin Luther King Drive is currently on piles. The direction is they are going to put additional piles in that area and leave the existing piles in place as well as the existing concrete cap in place and put in additional piles. Those piles will be designed to support the existing slab and then they will pour additional concrete reinforcement on the slab. Another piece of that is because of the interpretation

from the Federal Highway Administration that they are going to put a fill under the current slab so it doesn't have to be inspected every two years as a bridge would have to be inspected. They have gotten that approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The other important thing about the state project is the drainage and he thinks we have made the most progress on that part of the State Project. They are going to use the Stormwater pump station at the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Water Street that exists today. They are going to make the pond slightly bigger and deeper and they are going to add three pumps. They are going to control those pumps with variable frequent drives. They can then control the pumps to operate the volume of water that they pump out of the ponds will be controlled by the intensity of the rain. The harder it rains, the harder the pumps will work. The Water and Sewer Utility relocation design drawings are 90% complete. We have a review with DOT tomorrow. That review will be to make sure our design and the State design at points where they come together are coordinated. Our design calls for all of the utilities from Colonial Avenue north to Pearl Street to be completely redone. The relocation of the power distribution infrastructure is the second part of the City project. This project will be funded through DOT. We also have in progress a grant application with CDBG which we anticipate hearing from them in early December. That grant will give us an additional \$850,000. The project is estimated to be \$1.8 million for Pearl Street and Road Street. We understand that we can use the DOT money as the match money for that. Getting the CDBG grant will allow us to complete the sewer replacement on Road Street from Ward Street to Elizabeth Street. Part of the sewer replacement includes a new pump station at the corner of Pearl Street and Road Street that will replace the pump station that we have at Glade Street. That pump station is in need of major repairs and this pump station will totally replace it. The newest piece of the project that we are introducing is the relocation of the power distribution infrastructure includes the relocation of all overhead power distribution infrastructures away from Elizabeth Street. This work will also include the construction of decorative light poles similar to Main Street. As part of the project the City will also be required to relocate the distribution feed to Camden Causeway from the foot of the existing bridge to the east end of Burgess Street.

Mr. Stimatz said here is the nasty question. You are talking almost \$2 million dollars to do that and you are saying it will come from the Electric Fund. We are already looking at \$3.5 million to create a second distribution point. How much of this \$2 million has to come from the Electric Fund? He would love to do this but that is what he is choking on. One question he has is could we do the duct work and when we get money down the road move the lines. Secondly, what is the pay back on this? He would love to spend \$2 million but where is it coming from.

Mr. Fredette said we anticipated your first two questions. The pay back question he doesn't have the answer for. If you will allow him to continue he is getting right to that point. We will have everything done from Colonial to Pearl Street. You have got Main Street done and you have three pieces of roads: McMorrine, Martin Luther King and Poindexter Streets from Colonial to Main Street. We have included in the project at a price tag of \$550,000 redoing those sections of road and that money will come from a combination of the Powell Bill money and the Stormwater Utility Fund. Getting directly to Councilman Stimatz question he thinks that he can say that we too choked on that number. As part of the original presentation is if you are ever going to remove the overhead wires in the downtown area you have a once in a lifetime opportunity. It will not happen in our lifetime unless we do it now. With the current construction and total replacement of utilities downtown we can put that duct bank in for \$375,000 and as we discussed with the communication companies today after the duct bank is in there is really no hard ache in terms of time. Sean has told us that the issue would be if we took the pole out and his intention is to design the sidewalks as such they will be panels and you can take a whole panel out, pull the pole out and move forward. Source of funds and payback he cannot answer those questions at this time.

Mr. Stimatz said what he is hearing you say is that we don't have to eat the whole elephant today. We commit the \$400,000 for the duct work and then work on each block as we get the money.

Mr. Fredette responded that yes that is what he is saying.

Mr. Sean Robey said the last time he stood before Council we were at a joint city/county meeting. At that time we were just getting into this project. Today, we are about 90% complete. Tomorrow he anticipates a final meeting with DOT. They are done with their utility portion of the design. We have completed our water and sewer design and it is ready for the final check off to make sure that we are on the same page. Our last piece of design work that we are working on now is the coordination of the traffic control plans. We had a meeting just this last week with Steve Kight from traffic management of DOT looking at some preliminary drawings that they had available to start talking about how traffic patterns and traffic flow downtown is going to be impacted. We are working on the phasing aspect of our project as well as working on the traffic control plans trying to minimize the impact to the downtown residents. Part of the reason why we are asking to push our time table out was originally DOT wanted our work completed by the end of June. That time frame moved a little bit into the beginning of September. We have requested that it be expended out to January 1, 2011 to allow the work to take place especially on the south side in a phase approached. We are looking at a four step phase. Beginning with Colonial Avenue on the block of Poindexter and Water and then

we will progress in a phase manner back to Pool Street along Colonial Avenue. This phasing is because the sewer is deepest at Water Street. It is very important that we progress uphill in sewer construction. The north side is a little less critical. We are going to be installing a new pump station. We will begin at the pump station and work the sewer to that pump station. The north side most likely will have a much shorter time frame of construction than the south side will. In addition to phasing it we are looking at phase demolition of the sidewalks downtown where we will allow the contractor to take out the curb and gutter and sidewalk on one side of the street, leave the other in place during the majority of the installation of the water and sewer pipes, provide temporary bridging and cross over through the construction to the major entrances to the commercial and residential folks downtown. When that side is completed they would then build a new sidewalk, curb and gutter and then go to the other side of the road and do the same. It would leave one side open at all times. We hope that it will be able to progress in that manner. That would be the least amount of impact that we can offer to our residents downtown. If DOT does not approve our extension of time then we may have to look at this project more as not as a phase impacted project but it will most likely become one continual project that will begin at point A, i.e. the intersection of Colonial and Water and then it will just spread westward until it reaches Pool Street. We will be trying to keep it caught up as fast as we can, but this amount of work to be completed in the time frame of January to June is a very aggressive schedule concerning everything that we are taking on.

Councilwoman Baker asked if the temporary crossovers will be just for pedestrian use and no vehicular use will be allowed in that area. What about the businesses that face Elizabeth Street? If they enter from Elizabeth Street now she doesn't see how they will continue.

Mr. Robey stated that part of the plans that we are going to be putting forward will be specific maps that will show how vehicular traffic will be moving. We are working on a signage plan that will be implemented in a phasing manner to give as much direction as we can to vehicular traffic. During our project those businesses that enter off Elizabeth City will not be affected other than maybe a very short inconvenience of construction. They will retain their access along Elizabeth Street during the City's utility relocation. During the DOT project part of our meeting that we had last week was to look at accesses for people who were going to have their driveways cut off during the different phasing of the north side and south side construction of Elizabeth Street. DOT has come back to the City and asked if the City would construct five or six little parking lots inner connects to help keep those people's driveways or vehicular access to their parking lots open during construction. All of that is being addressed and looked into.

Mr. Stimatz asked how flexible is the schedule when it comes to Elizabeth Street in terms of allowing us a little more time. The bridge is a four year project and Elizabeth Street is two. That gives DOT some leeway.

Mr. Fredette replied that there are two factors that come into play. The first is the contract people at DOT are concerned by not giving a contractor full release of the project. That can be worked on as an administrative issue. The second issue is that for all the utility work thus far we have to have an agreement with the State. It is a unique agreement and a three party agreement. That means that the City would let a contract, the City would administer and manage the contract, the City would receive the request for payment from the contractor, approve them, send it to the State, the State would do what they have to do and they would send a check to the contractor so that the project does not go through the City's books.

Mr. Olson said he would like to explain. Just a few minutes ago we had a report from the auditor and you heard that the Charles Creek Bridge project was charged against that PO. That is what we cannot do with this particular project because of the share of the dollars. We have to have the three party agreement and we believe we will have that most likely in December. At least the agreement between the City and DOT and then the third party would be who ever got the bid for the project.

Councilman Walton asked if he was hearing clearly what you are asking us for a commitment tonight or something to that affect.

Mr. Olson replied that no; we are not asking for a commitment. This is done because of the magnitude of the project we wanted to bring it to your attention that there are a number of policies and expense related issues that need to be addressed by the Council. We do not expect the Council to address those issues tonight. He believes the time for the Council to address those issues is when hopefully at the December 13th meeting when we bring back those agreements with NCDOT for the Council's approval. In between now and the December 13th meeting we will look at how do we take care of the electrical related expenses. Do we somehow tie that project into the second delivery point and may be issue partial debt for that project. That is something that we are looking at now. Within the next few weeks we should be able to tie down our capital construction costs for the second delivery point and what we have budgeted. We need to see if somehow we can do both projects and still keep our same amount of debt so we do not have to have an electrical rate increase. He knows that is not what the Council wants to do.

Mr. Walton said maybe you can give us a better road map of each step that you are trying to proceed with. The time frames, dates and those types of things

that would be a little bit more specific that will give us a clear view of what we are trying to achieve.

Mr. Olson said let him try to do that for you right now. As Paul alluded to it is a four year contract. The four years is needed basically to do the bridge project and Elizabeth Street is a two year project. Council needs to realize we have to have our work done really before that two years cycle begins. Part of our challenge is especially with the people downtown is that DOT has done their traffic flow. We have a pretty good idea when they are going to be interrupting parts of Elizabeth Street. Now what we have to do is add our interruptions into that.

Mr. Walton said what he is asking for is say you have to have a certain amount of money at a certain date. Indicate that somewhere that there is a demand date of \$200,000 to make the utility relocation from this point to that point happen. Then as we progress gives us something that would indicate that after that is done another demand date for \$100,000 will be at this point in time. Those type of things.

5} COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Albemarle Economic Development Commission – (Mayor Pro Tem Hummer, Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence and Councilman Brooks). Mayor Pro Tem Hummer said we will not be having a meeting this month because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

b. Central Communications Advisory Board – (Councilman Walton). Councilman Walton stated that we met on last Tuesday. The coordinator said that we had questions a while back about the contract and things of that nature and that has not been completed. He thinks we have a joint meeting on the 29th. Where are we with that contract?

Mr. Olson stated that the County Manager and he have exchanged several versions of that agreement. It is his understanding he has sent it to Central Communications to see about additional changes. That information is at least 30-days old.

Mr. Walton said that he said he is willing to come to one of these work sessions and answer any questions that we might have. If you want him to set that up he will do so.

Council gave the consensus for Councilman Walton to set that up.

c. Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Airport Authority – (Councilwoman

Hill-Lawrence). Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said that she missed the last meeting because we had a council meeting. We have our next scheduled meeting for December 1st. On the agenda tonight is some information about the Airport Authority which Mr. Olson will be discussing later with us.

d. Fireman's Relief Fund Board – (Councilman Stimatz). Councilman Stimatz said we haven't had a meeting in some time. He has asked for a copy of the last two audits but he hasn't gotten them yet. He understands that Mr. Williams has passed away. He was one of the members so we need to replace him.

e. Joint Land Use Plan Committee – (Councilman Stimatz). Councilman Stimatz said that we are still waiting to hear from CAMA. What is happening Rich?

Mr. Olson replied that we haven't had any correspondence with CAMA in the last 60-days. We know they are reviewing the plans. We are trying to get a meeting with the person in charge but so far we have been unsuccessful in getting that meeting schedule.

f. Joint Redevelopment Commission - (Councilman Brooks). Councilman Brooks said we haven't had a meeting with that Committee since he has been on it. He doesn't even know if there is a committee. He doesn't know when they meet or who is on the committee.

Mr. Stimatz asked if he could get an update on the Fairgrounds property.

Mr. Olson replied that it is his understanding that we still have two pieces of property that are in the process of condemnation the last time he talked with Mike Cox about this issue. There is some heir property that has really caused them a major headache and he is trying to work through that right now.

g. North Carolina Eastern Municipal Agency – (City Manager Olson). Mr. Olson said that we had our meeting last week and we approved the budget of \$722,000,000 for this upcoming year. There are no rate increases for this upcoming fiscal year planned in the budget. It looks like we will have rate stabilization for the next four or five years. We did discuss our long term budget looking at two to five years out and how we would be able to keep our rates stable in that process. We also elected two new members to the Electricities Board of Directors.

h. Solid Waste Committee – (Councilman King). Councilman King said our meeting was last Wednesday and what is happening with solid waste right now is beginning the first of the year you will be able to drop off your electronics and computers, printers, etc., at the former Farmer's Market off of Pritchard Street that will be open for a drop off for these types of items.

i. Tourism Development Authority – (Councilwoman Baker). Councilwoman Baker said we have a combined November-December meeting in a week or two.

j. Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. – (Councilwoman Meggs). Councilwoman Meggs said our main business this month was our Christmas program that we are having. They are asking all of Council to please report to the area at the courthouse where they usually do the lighting. They want to introduce all of us. Then we are going to walk down the street to the arcade and have home made cookies and everything. We will be singing Christmas carols and Santa Claus will be there and we will have a real big time. It is the day after Thanksgiving and we expect to have a real good time. Then the DBA is going to have rides and everything on the waterfront. The town is going to come alive day after Thanksgiving.

k. Water Committee – (Councilwoman Baker, Councilman King and Councilman Walton). Councilwoman Baker said we were out of town for that meeting.

Mr. Olson stated he attended that meeting. The County is progressing rather well with the RO plant. They have also done a pilot for the plant they have in Weeksville. He continues to express the City's concern under our agreement that if they make modifications to the process at the Weeksville plant that we may have some incompatibility of water. He wants to keep raising that on the record with the County to insure that our Take and Pay Contract that we will be able to utilize the water that we are getting from there.

l. Chamber Board – (Councilwoman Meggs). Councilwoman Meggs said she was unable to attend the last meeting. We did have the auction. She bought her ticket but she was unable to attend.

m. Customer Service Task Force – (Councilwoman Baker, Councilman King and Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence). Councilwoman Baker said we had our presentation a couple of meetings ago and it is ongoing now.

n. Youth Initiative Task Force – (Councilman Walton and Councilman Stimatz). Councilman Walton said he is trying to get the event committee together to give an event as a fund raiser. He asked at the last meeting about the seed money and is there any way that we could get some seed money.

Mr. Olson said we can see if we can pull some from one of the budgets and use that for seed money.

Mr. Walton said it is said if you have time you can make things happen. That is more valuable than money. We don't have any money so time is running against

us and kids are still waiting for us to do some things. There was a teen summit at the American Legion Hut on Saturday. Mayor Pro Tem Hummer attended and it was a very interesting conversation. There were kids from the university that came over and they kind of spear headed the summit and they were saying some very good promising things. He went out there on his own and said more than five people have to hear what we are talking about because originally they targeted Council and the Commissioners saying why don't we have this or why don't we have that. They were talking about resources. To him he feels like people are our most valuable resources and we need to hear what they want. If we could bring them to one of our work session to give something like a discussion of the same type of discussions that we had on Saturday it would make it clearer than just talking about it. We need to televise it also. We want something small first. There were kids from all over the country and they had ideas that they gave to the teens in our community. There were not many teens from the community there. That is why he says that something of that nature should have been televised so that a larger group could hear what was going on because it is needed. You know, we have dreams but they have visions. We might not be doing what they want to happen. Just hearing what they are talking about really opened his mind a little bit more than what he was already at.

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer said mostly they were holding City Council members accountable for campaigning on doing something for the youth and then not doing anything. She thinks that is most of what she heard. She pointed out that the name of the summit was "Stop the Violence" and while we do need to provide some recreational things the children, the teenagers and young people there were not those who are likely to become violent. She pointed out that somehow we need to reach those that are latch key children and those who have dropped out of school or come from single parent families who are recruited by gangs and who are on our street corners doing the business of the drug dealers. Those are the ones that we need to reach. Those children aren't necessarily aware of any thing that we could provide but somehow it has to be a community thing to get to the children that are at risk. We have had programs in place over the years and the Governor's Crime Commission no longer exists and the funding dried up for programs for teenagers. As she said as each council changes then the priorities change. She thinks that we do need them to come tell us what to do. This group was part of a radio show from ECSU and she told them they have a tool by which they can get to the community and talk about the issues and how we can help. It is a complex issue. One task force can't solve it by themselves. She thinks that we need to put some time into seeing where to start. None of us really know where to start.

Mr. Walton said he thinks if we put the right stakeholders together and create something like a peace team it could be a starting point. If he can get the

consensus of this group right here to try to have something like that it would be monitored by us. Who has a problem with him trying to set up something to that affect?

Mr. Brooks said he thinks the thing that we have to be mindful of is that to reach the masses of teens most of the young people are in school. We have five schools and we have ECSU, COA and Mid-Atlantic. He thinks that we need to talk with the chancellors and the principals of the high schools. They can have the kids come in the auditorium and you can reach as many of them in one voice as you want. It just takes a little energy to do it. The only other avenue that you will find the most kids in numbers like that is in churches. You have to reach the ones that have the masses of kids. They can demand the kids to be there. If you get the message out that is good but the parents have to help you out a little. He will talk to the principals himself and he will give you a report back.

Mr. Stimatz said he would offer that we currently have a group that exists and that is the CRC. They are chartered by the City and County and it is a group of people that work on community relations issues. Violence in the community is clearly a community relations issue. We have never really tasked them to do anything. He would offer that is the group and we don't have to create a group.

Councilwoman Hill-Lawrence said she thinks that would be a good project for them. She attended the summit on Saturday as well but she didn't make any statements about anything because she just wanted to listen to what was being said. She thinks that in terms of young people we cannot stop the violence they have to stop the violence. We don't have an answer for them because they are the ones that commit the crimes but she thinks as Mr. Walton and Ms. Hummer said that we can provide some programs to give them some alternatives to try and balance it out.

9} ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Pro Tem Hummer entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hummer adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk

L. Anita Hummer
Mayor Pro Tem