

**City Council Regular Session
April 8, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City met in Regular Session on Monday, April 8, 2024 in Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 306 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence
Councilman Joseph Peel
Councilman Jarvis Gibbs
Councilwoman Rose Whitehurst
Councilwoman Katherine Felton
Councilman Ronnie Morris
Councilman Johnnie Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Kirk Rivers
Councilman Johnson Biggs

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Montre' Freeman
Chief of Staff Monica Cole
City Attorney Bill Morgan
Electric Superintendent Donnell White
Chief of Police J. Phillip Webster
Deputy Chief of Police James Avens
Interim Human Resources Director Anna Spence
Fire Chief Chris Carver
Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Brooks
Community Development Director Reggie Goodson
Finance Director Alicia Steward
Assistant Finance Director Brian Lewis
Public Utilities Director Dwan Bell
Parks and Recreation Director Sean Clark
Grants Management Specialist Jon Hawley
IT Director Matthew Simpson
IT Systems Analyst Pedro Holley II
City Clerk April Onley

The City Council Regular Session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Spence at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Gibbs was recognized to provide the invocation, after which Councilwoman Whitehurst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda Adjustments and Approval:

Mayor Pro Tem Spence directed the Council's attention to the prepared agenda. He advised that the employee retirement recognition would be removed from recognitions. Councilman Walton requested to add a discussion on the Finance Committee to the Regular Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel, seconded by Councilman Jarvis Gibbs to approve the agenda as amended. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

2. Mayoral Recognitions;

a. Employee Retirement – Willard Bennett (*Removed During Agenda Adjustments*);

b. NHS Track Team;

Mayor Pro Tem Spence presented certificates to Northeastern High School's champion 4x200 relay team and shot put champion. The track coach was present with the students and thanked the Council for recognizing the kids for their work on the field and in their academic pursuits. He noted that three of the young men are seniors and preparing for college and everyone is excited to see their futures unfold.

c. NCHSAA Wrestling State Champion;

Mayor Pro Tem Spence recognized Kamilah Brooks and her coach on the recent championship win at the state level. He noted that Ms. Brooks had also placed nationally earlier this year. He told the Coach Ohler that he knew he had an extremely tough job and he didn't get paid for his worth. He urged them to call on him if they ever needed anything. Coach Ohler said he appreciated the Council recognizing Kamilah. He'd only been coaching Kamilah for two years. He'd spent all of the off-season last year getting the girls' team approved at the high school and they'd had an awesome season. Kamilah was undefeated and a four-time All American.

3. Comments from the Public:

Mayor Pro Tem Spence inquired if there were any persons present who wished to speak before the Council. Upon the Clerk's reply that there were, the Mayor Pro Tem asked that they be called to the podium.

Manuel Baeza – 902 W. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City – Mr. Baeza stated that he was present because he wanted to discuss the speeding on Colonial Avenue. Since the speed bumps were installed on Main and Church Streets, Colonial is now being used as an alternate route to avoid them. There are cars going very fast and there are many children and people walking their pets along this street. There was a bad wreck due to speeding about a week ago. He said he reached out to Councilman Gibbs who advised him of several options, possibly beginning with increased police presence.

Tony Sawyer – 2715 West Main Street Ext, Elizabeth City – Mr. Sawyer advised that other cities are in the process of closing vape or smoke shops located within a certain distance of schools. Right now, there is one in Elizabeth City located near Northeastern High School; it's within five feet of Oak Stump Road. Vape and cigarette usage has increased dramatically for high school students. He asked that the Council look into adopting an ordinance restricting vape or smoke shops from operating within 1,000 feet of schools. He urged them to stop the one near Northeastern High School from operating, effective immediately. He did not feel the kids needed to see the smoke paraphernalia every single day going to school. There are 23 other cities in the state that have taken action already.

(Clerk's Notation – The final commenter signed in after the meeting's commencement)

Tanya Stephens-Holly – 514 Millbrooke Circle, Elizabeth City – Stated that she lives in a subdivision where there's a not a cul-de-sac, but a full circle and within that circular street there's a single house that's selling drugs. She and her neighbors have called the police numerous times, but have received no updates and nothing has been done. In the area, there have been numerous addicts approaching them and she would like the Council to have the police look into this problem.

4. Public Hearings:

a. Hold a Public Hearing – TA 02-24 Churches in Industrial I and II;

Mayor Pro Tem Spence declared the public hearing open and inquired if there were any persons present who wished to speak. Upon the Clerk's reply that there were none, the Mayor Pro Tem closed the hearing.

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel, seconded by Councilman Javis Gibbs to approve ordinance #2024-04-01 to adopt TA 02-24. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE # 2024-04-01
Approving Text Amendment 02-24
To Amend the UDO
Specifically Table 9-3-1, Table of Permissible Uses
And Article XI**

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed in amending the Unified Development Ordinance for the purpose of adding churches or other places of worship to the permissible uses allowed within the Industrial I and II zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, City staff researched other municipalities and found that although this practice may be common, it may also be in violation of the US Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of TA 02-24 on March 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council called for a public hearing on March 26, 2024, which was subsequently held after requisite advertisement on April 8th, 2024, and during which a quorum of the board was present; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City approved the action to record the following changes to the UDO:

TA 02-24

Amend Article II Interpretations and Definitions §2-4 to add IX §2-4.179 as follows:

2-4.38 Church or Other Place of Worship: A building in which persons regularly assemble for religious worship and which is maintained and controlled by a religious body organized to sustain public worship and holding a certificate of nonprofit organization from the Secretary of State.

Amend 9-3-1 Elizabeth City Table of Permitted Uses, Article IX §9-3.1(A)

USE TYPE	REF.	ZONING DISTRICTS																
	SIC	R-6	R-8	R-10	R-15	AD	RMH	CB	GB	O&I	HB	NB	CMU	I-1	I-2	PDR	PDM	
Educational and Institutional Uses																		
<u>Church or Other Place of Worship</u>	<u>8661</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City does hereby amend the above text of the Unified Development Ordinance.

ADOPTED, this the 8th day of April 2024 to become effective upon the signing of this ordinance.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

Attest:

April Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

b. Hold a Public Hearing – TA 03-24 Commercial LSVs;

Mayor Pro Tem Spence declared the hearing open and inquired if there were any speakers.

The Clerk advised that the applicant was present should the Council have any questions to ask him directly, but no other speakers had signed up to speak for or against the amendment. Upon determining the Council had no questions for the applicant, Mayor Pro Tem Spence closed the hearing.

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel, seconded by Councilwoman Rose Whitehurst to approve ordinance #2024-04-02 to adopt TA 03-24. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2024-04-02
Approving Text Amendment 03-24
To Amend the UDO
Specifically Article II Interpretations and Definitions
Article IX, Table 9-3-1 Table of Permissible Uses
And Article XI Development Standards

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed in amending the Unified Development Ordinance for the purpose of adding language to define and regulate legally permitted by NCDMB Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs) for the purpose of pedestrian transport; and

WHEREAS, City staff researched other municipalities and believes it is important to amend the text to create development standards for these commercial slow-moving vehicles, similar to the text amendment created for the commercial pedal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of TA 03-24 on March 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this text amendment explicitly prohibits modified utility vehicles and mini-trucks as defined in GS 20.4.01; and

WHEREAS, the City Council called for a public hearing on March 25, 2024, which was subsequently held after requisite advertisement on April 8th, 2024, and during which a quorum of the board was present; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City approved the action to record the following changes to the UDO:

TA 03-24
Text Amendment:

Amend Article II Interpretations and Definitions §2-4 to add IX §2-4.42 as follows:

2-4.42 Commercial Low-Speed Vehicle: A four-wheeled electric vehicle with a maximum length of 20 feet, a maximum width of 9 feet, and a maximum height of 12 feet whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but less than 25 miles per hour that meets all requirements of § GS 20.4.01 and is used for the commercial purpose of transporting passengers.

Amend 9-3-1 Elizabeth City Table of Permitted Uses, Article IX §9-3.1(A)

Use Type	Ref.	Zoning Districts															
	SIC	R-6	R-8	R-10	R-15	AD	RMH	CB	GB	O&I	HB	NB	CMU	I-1	I-2	PDR	PDM
BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL and PERSONAL SERVICES																	
Commercial Low-Speed Vehicle	7999							C									

**Amend Article XI Development Standards for Individual Uses, to create Article XI §11-4.70 Commercial Low-Speed Vehicle as follows:
11-4.70 Commercial Low-Speed Vehicles**

A. Where Required:

CB located in National Register Historic District (Council Use Permit).

B. Application:

1. All commercial low-speed vehicles shall submit a permit application to the Elizabeth City Planning Department including colored drawings, insurance policy information, parking information, proposed routes, and any other information deemed necessary by the permitting official.

C. Operation:

1. All commercial low-speed vehicles shall be operated by a state licensed driver with a valid driver's license.
2. All commercial low-speed vehicles shall operate only on routes and roadways within the Downtown Central Business.
3. The consumption of wine, beer, or other beverages containing alcohol shall be prohibited on all commercial low-speed vehicles.
4. It is the responsibility of the commercial low-speed vehicle driver to take reasonable measures to manage the behavior of passengers so that their behavior remains law-abiding during the excursion, both while in motion and at stops. Behavior which is prohibited and shall be prevented includes but is not limited to disorderly conduct, littering, offensive language, and indecent exposure.
5. No commercial low-speed vehicle driver shall permit more passengers to be carried in a vehicle than the vehicle's normal seating capacity.
6. All commercial low-speed vehicle drivers shall operate the vehicle in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local traffic laws, ordinances, or other applicable regulations in a manner so as to ensure the safety of persons and property.
7. No music or amplified sound shall be played, nor yelling or conversation be conducted in a volume which violates the City's Noise Ordinance and/or which disrupts normal operations in the Central Business or residential zones, generally considered no higher than 70 decibels.
8. The primary location of the passenger meeting, initial loading and unloading area, and vehicle storage shall be located on private property in a designated approved area not impeding any sidewalks, drive aisles, or required parking spaces.
9. No commercial low-speed vehicle operation shall load or unload passengers in the right-of-way, except in a designated on-street parking space or public or private parking lots that will not in any way impede or interfere with the orderly flow of traffic on the streets. The commercial low-speed vehicle may not block roadways,

driveways, loading zones or otherwise impede vehicular traffic or pedestrian walkways.

10. All commercial low-speed vehicles shall be equipped with adequate safety measures such as a horn, brake and tail lights, turn signal lamps, and other safety measures as determined by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles or NC General Statute.

11. All commercial low-speed vehicles shall maintain a neat appearance and shall not display any signage that is deemed offensive, distracting, or harmful in nature. All commercial low-speed vehicles shall submit colored drawings of the proposed vehicle to the Elizabeth city Planning Department with input by the NC Department of Transportation, the Elizabeth City Police Department, and approved by the City Manager or their designee.

D. Storage:

1. Any commercial low-speed vehicle must be stored on private property in a garage or screened area as not to occupy a street right-of-way or public parking.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City does hereby amend the above text of the Unified Development Ordinance.

ADOPTED, this the 8th day of April 2024 to become effective upon the signing of this ordinance.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

Attest:

April Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. **Consideration – Approve March 25, 2024 Work Session Minutes;**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Katherine Felton, seconded by Councilman Javis Gibbs to approve the minutes with any necessary corrections. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

b. **Consideration – Approve March 25, 2024 Regular Session Minutes;**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Katherine Felton, seconded by Councilman Joseph Peel to approve the minutes with any necessary corrections. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda:

Manager Freeman read the Consent Agenda items into the record, as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered ARPA funding in the amount of \$300,000 to perform an Asset Inventory and Assessment study detailed in the submitted application, and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY:

That the City of Elizabeth City does hereby accept the ARPA offer of \$300,000 for the Providence-Charles Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Plan, and

That the City of Elizabeth City does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to, and

That E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized and directed: to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connections with such application or the project; to make the assurances contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this, the 8th day of April 2024, in Council Chambers at 306 E. Colonial Ave., Elizabeth City, NC.

Edward Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF PROJECT ACCEPTANCE #2024-04-02
The Lead Detection & Removal Plan, Phase 1
Grant No. AIA-D-ARP-0233**

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Recovery Fund funded from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was established in SL 2021-180 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water and wastewater needs, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered ARPA funding in the amount of \$100,000 to perform an Asset Inventory and Assessment study detailed in the submitted application, and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY:

That the City of Elizabeth City does hereby accept the ARPA offer of \$100,000 for the Lead Detection and Removal Plan, Phase 1, and

That the City of Elizabeth City does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to, and

That E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized and directed: to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connections with such application or the project; to make the assurances contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this, the 8th day of April 2024, in Council Chambers at 306 E. Colonial Ave., Elizabeth City, NC.

Edward Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE #2024-04-03
The Providence-Charles Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Plan
Grant No. AIA-W-ARP-0222

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

I. The project authorized is the Providence-Charles Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Plan.

II. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the project within the terms of the project documents and the budget contained herein.

III. The following revenue is anticipated to be available to complete this project:

[31-3490-8100] NCDEQ – AIA Grant \$300,000

IV. The following amount is appropriated for project expenses:

[31-8100-7306] Sewer System Assessments \$300,000

V. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2024.

Edward Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE #2024-04-04
The Lead Detection & Removal Plan, Phase 1
Grant No. AIA-D-ARP-0233

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

I. The project authorized is the Lead Detection and Removal Plan, Phase 1.

II. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the project within the terms of the project documents and the budget contained herein.

III. The following revenue is anticipated to be available to complete this project:

[31-3490-8100] NCDEQ – AIA Grant \$100,000

IV. The following amount is appropriated for project expenses:

[31-8100-7306] Lead Service Line Inventorying \$100,000

V. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2024.

Edward Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Spence requested the Council's pleasure on the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel, seconded by Councilman Jarvis Gibbs to approve the Consent Agenda. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

7. Regular Agenda:

a. Any Item Removed from the Consent Agenda;

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

b. Consideration – Proposed Grant Applications for Causeway Park Restoration;

Grants Administrator Hawley explained Causeway Park was located next to the decorative welcome sign on the causeway. The park had been closed for several years and the boardwalk is in extremely poor shape. It is collapsing into the river in some areas. They recently spoke with some marine contractors about what it would take to bring the site up to public use, which led to the proposal. They would need to rebuild the entire boardwalk, install a branch to the east for a kayak launch and some handicap spots similar to what's been done at George Wood Park. They would like to apply for CAMA grant, which currently only requires a 10% match as we are now a Tier 1 community again. We estimate a \$420,000 budget for the entire project, so \$42,000 for the match. Staff is asking Council to include that \$42,000 in the budget, but hopes to not need any of it because they would like to cross-match with the grant for 100% funding. In order to be as competitive as possible, they will need to address matching funds in case they only get one grant, which is where the request for matching funds comes from.

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel, seconded by Councilman Jarvis Gibbs to authorize applications as described and reserve \$42,000 in funding for local match.

Councilman Walton clarified that Mr. Hawley was saying it was possible that it might not cost the City anything. If we don't get the second grant though, where would the \$42,000 come from? Mr. Hawley said they would have to put local funds in reserve and they could discuss ways to make that work. He has discussed ways to even break it into phases if possible. They could also ask for a lesser award and have a smaller matching contribution. Councilman Walton said he'd like all the options before he made a decision because he didn't know where we'd get \$42,000 from. He was skeptical until then. Manager Freeman confirmed that doing it in phases was an option and then if they did it all at once, he was confident the money was there and he could bring it back at the next meeting. Mr. Hawley advised that an application is also not a binding commitment. If they want to consider us for funding, we will do another application before it's all said in done.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Morris and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Councilman Walton stated that he would still like the rest of the information at the next meeting. Manager Freeman confirmed he would provide it for him.

Water Resources Development Grant Resolution #2024-04-03 Application for Funding for the Causeway Park Restoration Project

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City City Council desires to sponsor the Causeway Park Restoration Project, a project to expand public waterfront access and water recreation opportunities by repairing the deteriorated boardwalk at, and adding amenities to, Causeway Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City requests the State of North Carolina provide financial assistance to the City of Elizabeth City for the Causeway Park Restoration Project in the amount of \$100,000; and
2. The City assumes full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs; and
3. The City will obtain all necessary State and Federal permits; and
4. The City will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments; and
5. The City will supervise construction of the project to assure compliance with permit conditions and to assure safe and proper construction according to approved plans and specifications; and
6. The City will obtain suitable spoil disposal areas as needed and all other easements or rights-of-way that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project without cost or obligation to the State; and
7. The City will assure that the project is open for use by the public on an equal basis with no restrictions; and
8. The City will hold the state harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project; and
9. The City accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 8th day of April, 2024.

E. Kirk Rivers,
Mayor

April Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

c. Consideration – Call for a Public Hearing / Resolution of Support – Project White Eagle;

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel, seconded by Councilman Javis Gibbs to call for a public hearing on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for the Project White Eagle Project.

Councilman Walton shared that as he looked into this situation, he remembered that he'd made a statement back then and he hadn't changed how he felt. Until he saw that everyone in the community would be benefitting, he didn't feel that they should throw their support in there. He wanted to see what races this company intended to employ. They needed to employ equally. He stated that something about DEI should be put into the resolution. He said that until he saw someone come out of the gates who worked for this company that looked like him, he was not going to support it.

Councilman Walton requested the vote be recorded by roll-call.

Mayor Pro Tem Spence called each upon each Councilor individually so that they might cast their vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

Councilman Joseph Peel: Yes
Councilman Javis Gibbs: Yes
Councilwoman Rose Whitehurst: Yes
Councilwoman Katherine Felton: No
Councilman Ronnie Whitehurst: No
Councilman Johnnie Walton: No

The results of the roll-call resulted in a 3:3 tie. Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence cast the tie-breaking vote against the motion. Motion failed.

Mayor Pro Tem Spence requested that Manager Freeman bring more information on the company's hiring practices forward during the next meeting.

d. Discussion – Finance Committee *(Added During Agenda Adjustments);*

Councilman Walton shared the Finance Committee operating procedures from 2018. He explained that the committee was standalone and adopted in such a way so that it would always exist as part of the whole Council. He asked Attorney Morgan if it hadn't been incorporated as part of the Charter. Attorney Morgan said that it wasn't part of the Charter; it was part of the operating procedures. Councilman Walton suggested that the everyone read through it and talk about it later but he did not feel they were handling the Finance Committee correctly. The Mayor made it so that we'll have three or four people on committees, but one of our arguments back then was that we didn't have enough people on the Finance Committee so we made it the full Council. He opined that it was a problem then and it's a problem now if they're not having the whole Council on the committee. No one person should be able to talk to anyone or direct anyone. We need to get back to get to doing things the right way and keep anyone from having too much power. The only way we can change the things we need to change is to vote.

Councilman Peel asked if he was saying someone is doing something against the policy. He noted that all of the Council is on the Finance Committee. When the Mayor created it, he had three people on all the new committees except the Finance Committee. Councilman Walton stated that they've only started following that recently. It also says that the mayor pro tem shall serve as chairman. Now we're giving other people chair responsibilities and we're not staying in line with what's best.

Councilwoman Felton said she didn't know that this existed. Councilman Walton stated that he wasn't thinking about it. He could see having other committees with three people, but you're

not having enough people talk about what needs to be discussed when it comes to Finance. You shouldn't have just one person talk about Finance.

8. Adjournment:

Having no further business to be discussed, Mayor Pro Tem Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

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