

**City Council Regular Session
August 14, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2023 in Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 306 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor E. Kirk Rivers
Councilman Johnson Biggs
Councilman Joe Peel
Councilman Jarvis Gibbs
Councilwoman Rose Whitehurst
Councilwoman Katherine Felton
Councilwoman Barbara Baxter
Councilman Johnnie Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Kem Spence

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Montre' Freeman
City Attorney Bill Morgan
Electric Superintendent Donnell White
Chief of Police J. Phillip Webster
Deputy Chief of Police James Avens
Human Resources Director Montique McClary
Fire Chief Chris Carver
ECDI Director Debbie Malenfant
Finance Director Alicia Steward
Assistant Finance Director Brian Lewis
Interim Community Development Director Reggie Goodson
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 Kirk Rivers at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Rivers welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Councilman Gibbs to provide the invocation, after which Councilwoman Whitehurst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda Adjustments and Approval:

Mayor Rivers requested the Council's pleasure regarding approval of the prepared agenda. He noted that the River City Skippers were unable to attend so they would receive their certificate of recognition at a later meeting. Another City employee, Mardia Stafford, would be recognized this evening. He also asked that the Council allow for a brief presentation by Bob Steinburg of WolfeStein, LLC.

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

2. Mayoral Recognition:

a. Perry Auto Group;

Mayor Rivers advised that 107 years ago, a business started in Elizabeth City right in the downtown area. Anytime he's made aware of a business that has made it over a century, he'd like to take a moment to publicly recognize and thank them for their investment and representation in the city. He stated that the Council is proud of Perry Auto Group and their local ownership. Mr. Wayne Perry thanked the Council and the City for the recognition they

gave this evening. He said his grandfather had taught him to treat others as you wanted to be treated and that was how you became successful. He learned that you should look and listen twice as much as you talk. He said it's been a pleasure to serve as the dealer of record for the last 50 years. His great grandfather, father, two uncles and now his son have served Elizabeth City proudly. He mentioned that when they started off, they were in the building just around the corner that backs up into the old Wachovia parking lot by the Colonial Restaurant. He thanked the Council and the citizens for helping their business prosper. He hoped Elizabeth City could continue to come together and be the proud city it has always been. Mr. Chris Perry thanked the Council and Mayor Rivers for the recognition. He stated that they would not be where they were without the citizens of Elizabeth City. They supported the community and appreciated the support they got back. They always felt that their needs were listened to and they listened back in return.

b. River City Skippers *(Removed During Agenda Adjustments);*

c. Coast Guard Day Volunteers;

Mayor Rivers announced that last Friday had been Coast Guard Day in Elizabeth City. The Police Department had the most volunteers representing the City of Elizabeth City for the event, and he wanted to provide them with a certificate of recognition for their efforts. Deputy Chief Avens thanked the Council for the commendation, and said it was always an honor to serve and help out for Coast Guard Day.

d. Employee Recognition – Mardia Stafford *(Added During Agenda Adjustments);*

Mayor Rivers explained that one of his initiatives when he was elected was health, because he believed that a healthy city was a wealthy city. His wife had been doing health seminars at the Senior Center, and Mrs. Stafford was always lending a hand. Over the summer, 42 seniors traveled to the Mediterranean for 10 days and Mrs. Stafford had gone along to serve as a chaperone as part of a Senior Center trip. Mrs. Stafford thanked the Council for the recognition. She said that she'd been in Elizabeth City for seven years now, all of which time she'd been working at the Senior Center. She did not feel that it was a job, but a passion and she loved doing it every day. She was grateful for how accepting the Elizabeth City and the citizens had been to her when she moved here. She wanted this city to be her roots now. She would continue to do what she could do for the seniors and the Senior Center.

e. First Responders Softball Tournament Champions;

Mayor Rivers stated that the Elizabeth City Fire Department recently played in a softball tournament for first responders and won the championship. He was always excited to bring home wins for Elizabeth City, so he wanted to recognize our personnel for this achievement. The Fire Department thanked the Council for the recognition and noted that this tournament was being planned as an annual event and they hoped they would bring home the championship title again in the coming year.

3. Comments from the Public:

There were no comments from the public; however, Mayor Rivers asked that Mr. Barclift offer a brief update to the Council regarding some information on about a community school at P.W. Moore.

Mr. Barclift explained that a community school was being built at P.W. Moore, which was a great opportunity. A community school teaches the child as a whole and does not focus just solely on academics. There are etiquette classes, STEM classes, tutoring and more. Children could be involved in music classes, dance, robotics, amongst other things. This is a great opportunity for ECPPS to be in partnership with East Carolina. He understood that the budget had already been passed, but he'd like the Council to give some of their time and maybe come in and read to students if they were available. Once a month, they will have family night dinner, and stakeholders can also come in and speak to the parents and students. They have a

meeting with Sentara coming up to hopefully get students physicals right in house, which is a big deal because some students can't afford to go to the doctor. He encouraged the Council to google community schools and learn more about them. There are pillars to a community school, including collaborative leadership and practices, expanded learning, active family and community engagement and integrated student support. They feel that if they can reach the community and parents, they can change the kids. P.W. Moore's scores grew tremendously this past year, so they are in a good place to expand. He said he was the liaison between ECPPS and ECU and working on partnerships. He invited the Mayor, Council and anyone listening to offer what they could to the students. They want to bring Eastern North Carolina a solid foundation and slow the dropout rate. He asked the City of Elizabeth City to partner with them in any way they can, and spread the word.

Mayor Rivers said he'd like to take a moment since there were no comments from the public and thank the manager, Chief Carver and the Fire Department for the pop-up splash pads they'd provided. They were planning on having them again in the coming week in various neighborhoods. City Manager Freeman advised that they had received the many DMs and Facebook requests from people who wanted the splash pads to come to specific neighborhoods. He stated that all locations would be posted on the day-of the events.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a. Consideration – Approve July 10, 2023 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: Biggs, Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Baxter and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Rivers stated that they'd have the update from WolfeStein now before heading onto the Consent Agenda. Mr. Steinburg said there wasn't much to report as far as progress on the budget. Nothing had happened yet. He saw a public comment by the Speaker of the House over the weekend, which said he did not expect to see a budget until mid-September. He expected to see a significant amount of water and sewer needs and money spent for those things. He'd been speaking about the infrastructure needs and it was very much a "pay me now or pay me later" situation, as this needed to be done and it was closing in on emergency. The system is antiquated and in dire need of replacement. He was with both legislators on Thursday night and had an opportunity to talk about the needs of Elizabeth City. and also spoke with Representative Ward earlier this morning. The Senate will go in on Wednesday. He was confident we will get some of the requested infrastructure money. He noted that a lot of people see things in the paper about Elizabeth City's trials and tribulations, but it's important to remember that every municipality has their issues. Everything he was hearing in his travels and even in Raleigh, people are aware that there are a lot of positive things happening in Elizabeth City. The dynamic of downtown has changed drastically. New restaurants are opening all the time. He encouraged the Council to keep their chin up. It's not all bad news. People are positive. What you're hearing from some sectors is very narrow. Some of it's important and should be adhered to, but great things are happening in Elizabeth City. He said that he gets candid responses from people and if they didn't say good things, he wouldn't say that they did. He thanked the Council for the job that they're doing. He said it was an honor and a privilege to represent Elizabeth City in this manner.

5. Consent Agenda:

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

a. Consideration – Adopt Ordinance for Street Closing – Welcome Back Bash;

ORDINANCE #2023-08-01

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE WELCOME BACK BASH

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges a long tradition of providing community-wide events for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding community-engaging events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges the festival event requires approximately one hour to install signing and traffic control, amusement and entertainment structures and equipment, food and other retail vendors, and other attractions, and also requires approximately one hour for removing same, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Elizabeth City pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2023
Time Duration: 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Route Description: East Ehringhaus Street from the South McMorrine Street intersection, eastward to the South Water Street (SR 34/1164) right-of-way
South Water Street/Southern Avenue (SR 34/1164) intersection at Riverside Avenue intersection

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

SECTION I. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance, as revised herein shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, or part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then it is expressly provided and it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City in passing this Ordinance that its parts shall be severable and all other parts of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and they shall remain in full force and effect.

READ, CONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, during which a quorum was present, held on the 14th day of August, 2023.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

Attest:

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

- b. Consideration – Award Bid for Halstead Mowing Contract;**
- c. Consideration – Contract Award for Tree Trimming and Row Clearing;**
- d. Consideration – Contract Award for 34kV Distribution Line Improvements;**
- e. Consideration – Finalize Grant Application for Lead Service Line Inventory;**

Resolution #2023-08-01
DWSRF Application and Funding

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City has need for and intends to plan for and conduct a study in a project described as the Lead Detection and Removal Plan, Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth City intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

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

That the City of Elizabeth City, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the City of Elizabeth City to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the City of Elizabeth City any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor, the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized and directed: to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 14th day of August, 2023, in Council Chambers, 306 E. Colonial Ave., Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

f. Consideration – TDA Application for Splash Week Funding Request;

Mayor Rivers requested the Council's pleasure on the Consent Agenda.

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

6. Regular Agenda:

a. Any Item Removed from the Consent Agenda;

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

b. Appointment to the Airport Authority (By Motion and Roll Call Vote);

Motion was made by Councilman Johnson Biggs, seconded by Councilman Javis Gibbs to appoint Timothy Barnett to a two-year term on the Airport Authority. A roll call vote was held, which yielded the following results:

**Biggs – Yes
Peel – Yes
Gibbs – Yes
Whitehurst – Yes
Felton – Yes
Baxter – Yes
Walton – Yes
Motion carried.**

c. Presentation / Consideration – Cost-Free Decorative Street Banner Program;

Manager Freeman advised he'd been made aware of this program, which would involve no cost to the City and would allow some beautification to our area. He introduced Nikki Carroll of CGI to provide a presentation to the Council. Mrs. Carroll said CGI understood that community beauty plays a large role in economic success. This program provides communities with a cost-free way to beautify their area. Only 50 communities are invited to this program each year. The program provides 25 banners free of charge and customized for each community, from images to sizes. They do have a team of 10 graphic artists if you do not have your own art and you'd prefer to have their team create something for you. They pride themselves on attention to detail and cohesiveness. They have more than 5,000 partners and many endorsements. The program has no contingency and is risk-free. If businesses want to sponsor the program, they can, but they do not have to. The City will still get banners for free regardless. She reiterated that if CGI were to come to Elizabeth City and get no businesses involved, the City would still get the 25 free banners. She noted that that rarely happens because businesses like to get involved and get their name out there. They also work closely with Main Street America and the program is designed to work with "mom and pop" shops.

Mrs. Carroll explained that CGI would take care of installation on the poles as well as taking the banners off the poles, both for regular repair and ahead of storms. They covered the brackets and hardware. They also cover any insurance. She mentioned an area in Florida that had lost several banners due to a hurricane, and they'd come in and replaced all the banners that were lost for free. Banners are designed to have a lifespan of about 18 months. Every 12 months, they will replace the banners so they're always in the best shape possible. She added that the City would also have the ability to update the banners. She related it to putting a fresh coat of paint on your house. It brings new life to an area.

In order to qualify for the program, you must have 25 poles minimum. The second item is direction for the art work, so you must have an initial vision and feedback on designs. The third

thing is a letter of introduction. They will handle all outreach, but they do require a letter in hand from someone at City Hall. The letter template has been sent over and it can be reworded however you like, they just need some kind of letter. The last thing is the one-page agreement. From the day you sign on to the program, you can expect about a three-month turnaround time.

Councilman Peel asked if CGI approached businesses, how much do they ask them for? Mrs. Carroll said it depended on the business. Each starts at roughly \$695 per banner in general, which is a yearly cost. They usually fall around \$795 per banner on average, though some areas have been more expensive.

Manager Freeman said he felt this would be a great opportunity to put another step on branding Elizabeth City. He noted that this wouldn't take any money from Elizabeth City Downtown or anywhere else. He would work closely with ECDI Director Debbie Malenfant. The Council could design whatever they'd like, if they chose to move forward. Mayor Rivers said we have a thriving downtown and other areas want the same thing. If we want to move forward, we should put this on a work session coming up and begin to foster ideas on where we'd put this. Ehringhaus Street needs attention. We don't want only certain parts of the city to look great, we want all of them to look great. He liked the idea of sprucing up different areas.

Councilman Peel said he felt it was a good program. He thought one of the things that would improve his comfort about it was that there was only so much money to go around. Having a conversation with some of the 501c3s about this, he didn't know if they could afford this chunk of change. Councilman Biggs noted that Mr. Perry would be excited about support for the Ehringhaus corridor. There are already hanging baskets going up downtown, so putting banners there might make it too busy. He agreed that putting them in other areas might be good. He was familiar with the banners they had in other cities. He worried they'd get "lost" in downtown. He agreed with Councilman Peel that \$695 was a high ask. He was concerned that if the City sent out a letter saying it's legitimate, it might run in conflict with Parks and Recreation and their banner program that they ask for money for. Mayor Rivers agreed that \$695 was expensive, but noted it was a form of advertisement. Not everyone would be able to afford it, but some would. He added that there was growth on the Halstead Corridor as well and we needed to make sure everyone knew that was part of Elizabeth City too. He reiterated that this should be made part of our next work session for a committee discussion.

Councilman Biggs asked if CGI sold more than 25 banners, would all the banners have our artwork on it? Mrs. Carroll said we'd have full control over everything. Their job is just to do the labor and facilitate the program. There is nothing about CGI on the banners at all. If they happened to get no businesses involved, the City could decide to donate banners to nonprofits if they'd like.

Manager Freeman explained that he was asking for the Council's permission to enter into the agreement to begin the process for getting the 25 banners. Councilman Peel said he thought it was a great program, but he didn't want to rob Peter to pay Paul. He had not been in touch on raising money in the community in a while and didn't know where that was right now. He would be more comfortable waiting until the next work session and maybe the manager could speak to some people in the community. Manager Freeman noted that the City did not have to raise any money for this, and as manager, he would have to be careful about how he engaged with anyone about raising money.

Councilman Walton said he felt a poll should be taken now and then they could make a deliberate decision during the next meeting. Councilman Peel explained his worry was if someone decided to do the banner program instead of donating to a nonprofit. Councilman Walton stated that's why he felt the businesses should be polled. We can't think for them.

Councilwoman Whitehurst said she didn't feel we had anything to lose. If we engage and move forward and it's too much for businesses, we'll still get 25 banners. She felt it would have a positive impact on the city. She asked Mrs. Carroll if there was a team that would come to the City to approach the businesses? Could she give some information about that process? Mrs. Carroll said what they found easiest was an online campaign, although sometimes they did visit the businesses personally. They created a custom landing page for each city they worked with. They also ask that each city they work with posts it on their social media if they're comfortable, although they don't have to if they don't want to. A list of sponsors is shown, as well as available places to put banners. They've found that sending a quick email to businesses is the best way to get people to sign up. Councilwoman Whitehurst asked if they'd done cities

about Elizabeth City's size and economics? Mrs. Carroll relayed that they'd worked with cities of all sizes, from some with a population of about 2,000 and 25 businesses to places like Tampa, Florida. They work in all states except Hawaii at this time, although they intend to get down there eventually. About 70% of people in the area do pay attention to outdoor media campaigns from their research.

Councilman Gibbs said every business has a budget for advertising and they'd mentioned that they did have different methods of reducing fees to help them pay for the costs. He said he was fine with making the motion to move forward.

Motion was made by Councilman Javis Gibbs to authorize the manager to move forward with the contract with CPI, seconded by Councilwoman Katherine Felton.

Councilman Walton said that banners are impressive and he felt these would help the city show unity. Councilwoman Felton said if it's not going to cost us anything and it's going to improve our brand, so she didn't see any reason why we wouldn't move forward. Councilman Biggs said he wasn't against it, he just kind of wanted to "poll the audience" and get a little bit more background information on where the banners might go. He asked if the attorney had a chance to review the agreement. Attorney Morgan confirmed that he had and it was okay.

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

d. Consideration - Fybe;

Manager Freeman advised that he'd been working on a contract with Fybe with IT Director Simpson. They'd been digging down into the contract with Attorney Morgan. This program would put fiber over the City of Elizabeth City and would provide connections in all of our parks. Fybe will be able to provide us access points. The ability to be connected is what this is about. If the household gets free or reduced lunch, they will qualify for free service through Fybe. Our connectivity will be unlike anyone else's and we will have 13 connections throughout the city. Our cameras will also move to fiber.

IT Director Simpson explained that the speed is symmetrical, which means that as fast your download speed is will be how fast your upload speed is. We will take ownership of the dark fiber network, which is huge and would be an extraordinarily expensive investment if we were to attempt to purchase it on our own. This will be a huge economic impact. Attorney Morgan has reviewed the contract multiple times and we are all comfortable with the terms.

Mayor Rivers said he was very impressed with it because affordability was big with him. He also liked that our parks would have connectivity and low income households would have access to it so children would be able to get to high speed internet regardless of their parents' income level.

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel to approve the contract for Fybe, seconded by Councilman Javis Gibbs.

Councilman Biggs thanked Director Simpson and the manager for working on this. Everyone he's spoken with is excited about having high speed internet in Elizabeth City. He thanked Attorney Morgan for reviewing the contract and making sure it was sound.

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

Manager Freeman stated that on Friday, August 18th there would be a groundbreaking ceremony at noon at Waterfront Park for Fybe. The Fybe team will be on site and he encouraged the Council to come out and celebrate.

e. Manager's Announcements;

Manager Freeman shared that staff held the first ever after-budget retreat last Friday to talk through everything that passed, as well the things that didn't pass, and why they didn't pass. In December, they intended to hold a capital improvement project retreat. They discussed the

true cost of the operations of the city. His goal was to give the Council strong advice on priorities and what could maybe be phased out. The last piece of the day was a presentation and review with Susan Tezai regarding the audit findings and how we work through those items, who is responsible for what and the corrective action plan. Some of the corrective action plan required restructuring, so we are working through restructuring the Finance Department. During lunch, they did a team-building exercise called Salad-in-a-jar. He said he was really getting some looks from the directors, but at the end of it, it was really positive. I am big on health, physical and mental health. We want people to work for the city, retire from the city and continue to be healthy. We also talked about something we'll start doing, hopefully by the next work session called a budget snapshot. If it's not ready in August, it will be by September for sure. We need to put together a true strategic plan. The audit for FY 2022 is coming to an end. There were questions about seven leases, but Brian and Alicia gathered that information and got that in. He reminded the Council that they'd made a decision to support the Police Chief in his quest to help some parents and students who'd had some trouble, and needed to get back on the right track. The comments from Mr. Barclift tonight were right up that alley. He said that people are hearing you and seeing you and you are sparking some big ideas. He felt that the City's department heads and employees are some of the most dedicated people he's ever seen in his life. Last week, there was a matter over at Walker's Landing. They shut the valve off with no problem, but when they went to open it, it wouldn't open. They didn't get it squared away until 11:30 p.m., but not a single person complained. That's the level of commitment the City has with the employees. He asked if the Public Utilities Committee would please reconvene because there were some questions and concerns they needed to discuss.

Mayor Rivers asked if Manager Freeman would please post on Channel 11 the mosquito spraying schedule. Also when our vehicles go down, street sweeping or otherwise, if we could please post that because councilors get a lot of calls. Supply chain issues usually keep our vehicles down for a while because it takes longer to get parts than it used to, but we want to make sure everyone knows what's going on with breakdowns and so on.

Councilwoman Baxter asked for an update on the housing task force. Manager Freeman said he'd reached out to Legal Aid and as soon as he got some dates back from them, he'd set a date for the whole team. He was hopeful for next month.

Councilman Walton said that we haven't weathered the storm yet, but he felt that this team is one of the most persistent teams he'd ever been on. People keep telling us that we need to let the LGC take over, but we keep weathering the storm. Sooner or later, the victory will be ours.

7. Closed Session – As Allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Consultation with City Attorney; *(Added During Agenda Adjustments)*

Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Peel to enter Closed Session as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for Consultation with City Attorney at 8:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Katherine Felton. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Biggs, Peel, Gibbs, Whitehurst, Felton, Baxter and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried.

The Council returned to open session at 9:24 p.m.

8. Adjournment:

Having no further business to be discussed, Mayor Rivers adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk

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