

**City Council Special Meeting
August 13, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2015 in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 306 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC.

This meeting was held in order to hold a Closed Session as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the City Attorney regarding proposed amendments to the City's lease with DRS. The public notice advertisement for this meeting included that action may be taken by the Council following the Closed Session.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Peel
Councilman Ray Donnelly
Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
Councilman Tony Stimatz
Councilman Michael Brooks (*arrived at 7:05 p.m.*)
Councilman Darius Horton (*arrived at 7:05 p.m.*)
Councilman Johnnie Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Jean Baker
Councilman Kem Spence

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Rich Olson
City Attorney Bill Morgan
Assistant to the City Manager Angela Cole
City Clerk Vivian White
Wayne Harris, Director EC-PC EDC

The City Council Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Peel at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Peel welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the invocation, after which he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda Approval:

Mayor Peel called for approval of the agenda.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer, seconded by Councilman Ray Donnelly, to approve the agenda as presented. Those voting in favor were: Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, and Walton Against: None. The motion carried unanimously. (*Councilors Brooks and Horton had not yet arrived.*)

2. Closed Session - As allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney.

Mayor Peel called for a motion to go into Closed Session and requested that the motion identify that Economic Developer Wayne Harris was present.

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Stimatz, seconded by Councilman Ray Donnelly, to go into Closed Session as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the City Attorney and the Economic Development Director. Those voting in favor were: Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, and Walton. Against: None. The motion carried unanimously. (*Councilors Brooks and Horton had not yet arrived.*)

The Council retired into Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

(Clerk notation: Councilman Horton left the Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. for a prior commitment without a vote to excuse. Aye votes are recorded for Councilman Horton after his departure since a vote to excuse him from the meeting was not taken.)

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Donnelly, seconded by Councilman Tony Stimatz, to come out of Closed Session and return to Regular Session. Those voting in favor were: Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, Brooks, Horton and Walton. Against: None. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Tony Stimatz, seconded by Councilman Michael Brooks, to authorize Mayor Peel to execute the Estoppel Certificate and Amendments to Lease Agreement as presented by staff with any necessary revisions. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Donnelly, Hummer, Stimatz, Brooks, Horton and Walton. Against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment:

There being no further business to be discussed, Mayor Peel adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk