

**City Council Town Hall Meeting
May 17, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City conducted a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center, located at 200 E. Ward Street, Elizabeth City, NC.

This meeting was announced by advertisement in The Daily Advance on May 14, 2017, by public notices on ECTV Channel 11, the City of Elizabeth City website and official City bulletin boards, and by direct email to those requesting notice on May 10, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for all interested citizens to share their concerns with the City Council and receive answers to questions on a variety of subjects. Forms were also available to submit written questions and comments. City staff responded to all of these written requests in the days following the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Peel
Councilwoman Jean Baker
Councilman Ray Donnelly
Mayor Pro Tem Anita Hummer
Councilman Tony Stimatz
Councilman Michael Brooks
Councilman Rickey King
Councilman Darius Horton
Councilman Johnnie Walton

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Rich Olson
City Attorney Bill Morgan
Interim Finance Director Evelyn Benton
Police Chief Eddie Buffaloe
Electric Department Superintendent Karl Clow
Assistant City Manager Angela Cole
Interim Human Resources Director Monica Cole
Parks and Recreation Director Dexter Harris
Fire Chief Larry Mackey
ECDI Director Debbie Malenfant
Public Utilities Director Joe Pearce
Community Development Director Matt Schelly
IT Director Matthew Simpson
Inspections Director Stanley Ward
City Clerk Vivian White

The City Council Town Hall Meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Peel at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Peel welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of the rules established for public participation for this meeting. Each attendee was offered a copy of the Rules for Participation when they entered the meeting space. The written copy stated the following:

Rules for Participation During Town Hall Meeting:

Thank you for attending the City of Elizabeth City Council's Town Hall Meeting. The meeting format allows citizens to share their concerns on a variety of issues, as well as to ask members of the City Council and City staff questions.

A microphone has been placed in the center aisle. You will be required to provide your written name and address for the record prior to being recognized to speak. Once you have signed in with the City Clerk at the table provided, please proceed to the microphone, announce your name and address, and make your comments and/or ask your question(s).

If you prefer to submit a written question, you may do so by using the form provided at the information table near the room entrance. If we are unable to address your question(s) during the Town Hall Meeting, you will receive an answer by email or US mail, if you provide your preferred method of contact to us on the form when you submit your question.

There will be no time limit placed on speakers from the floor, but we ask that you be mindful that other citizens may also have questions to ask or comments to make. Also, please be mindful that state law may prohibit addressing some questions, but we will strive to do the best we can.

It is hoped that all citizens' comments will be addressed to the City Council as an entire body and not to individual Council members.

The council shall not deliberate, vote, or otherwise take action on any matter during this meeting.

After his opening remarks, Mayor Peel called each speaker to the podium according to the order of registration. Those speaking and/or asking questions of the City Councilors and/or City staff during this meeting were as follows:

1. Alice Redding, 914 Riverside Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC
2. Norman Dorsey, 500 Bonner Drive, Elizabeth City, NC
3. Maria Mullen, 103 Ida Acres Drive, Elizabeth City, NC
4. Ron Lowe, 625 S. Hughes Blvd., Elizabeth City, NC
5. Paul Riggs, 114 Whitehurst Street, Elizabeth City, NC
6. Chrissy Riggs, 114 Whitehurst Street, Elizabeth City, NC
7. Jesse Harmon, 702 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, NC
8. Teresa Moore, 978 Scott Road, Elizabeth City, NC
9. Sarah Ownley, P. O. Box 1213, Elizabeth City, NC
10. Faith Long, 205 E. Burgess Street, Elizabeth City, NC
11. John Bannow, 106 Tiara Court, Elizabeth City, NC
12. Muriel Bright 117 Rosewood Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC

(Clerk notation: Fifteen additional persons registered to speak; however, due the published adjournment time of 8 p.m., these individuals were not afforded that opportunity during this event.)

Adjournment:

Mayor Peel adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. as had been advertised in all public notices.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk