

**City Council Town Hall Meeting
September 18, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Elizabeth City conducted a Special Town Hall Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the Arts of the Albemarle Theater, located at 516 E. Main Street, Elizabeth City, N.C.

This meeting was announced 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 September 13, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity to obtain citizen input and receive questions regarding the management of City Services. Forms were also available to submit written questions and comments.

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
Chief Accountant Evelyn Benton
Finance Director Suzanne Tungate
Human Resources Director Montique McClary
Police Chief Eddie Buffaloe
Electric Department Superintendent Karl Clow
Assistant City Manager Angela 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
Interim City Clerk April Onley

The City Council Town Hall Meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Peel at 6:30 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:

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

A podium has been placed to the side of the stage. 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 at the entrance table provided, please be seated. The City Clerk will call you to the podium when it is your turn to speak. Please 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 a four-minute time limit placed on speakers from the floor; and responses from the Council or City staff are included in this limit. 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 the opening remarks, the City Clerk 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. C.L. Cooke – 106 South McMorrine Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
2. Ernest Askew – 1405 W. Main Street, Elizabeth City NC 27909
3. Faith Long – 205 E. Burgess Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
4. Stephanie Miller – 208 Harrell Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
5. Richard Good – 505 Continental Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
6. Sam Davis – 501 Continental Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
7. Sarah Ownley - 108 Cameron Drive Apt 102, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
8. Jesse Harmon – 702 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
9. Chrissy Riggs – 114 Whitehurst Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
10. Sarah Ownley – 108 Cameron Drive Apt 102, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
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12. Faith Long – 205 E. Burgess Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
13. Jesse Harmon – 702 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
14. Paul Riggs – 114 Whitehurst Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
15. Jasmyne Brooks – 105 Troy Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
16. Jesse Harmon – 702 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
17. Gabriel Adkins – 1414 Charlotte Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
18. Sarah Ownley – 108 Cameron Drive Apt 102, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
19. Jasmyne Brooks – 105 Troy Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
20. Chrissy Riggs – 114 Whitehurst Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
21. Sarah Ownley – 108 Cameron Drive Apt 102, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
22. Tammy Harmon – 702 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
23. June Gibbs – 1918 Providence Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
24. Jasmyne Brooks – 105 Troy Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
25. Don Mercer – 403 Osprey Cove, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
26. Sarah Ownley – 108 Cameron Drive Apt 102, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
27. Jesse Harmon – 702 Parsonage Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Adjournment:

Having no further citizens wishing to make comment or present questions, Mayor Peel adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

April D. Onley
Interim City Clerk