

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor John M. “Jay” Donecker  
Mayor Pro Tem Harry L. Brown  
Councilmember Terresia Scoble  
Councilman James K. Festerman  
Councilman Donald L. Gorham  
Councilman William Hairston  
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager  
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk  
William F. McLeod, City Attorney  
Robert Hassell, Police Chief  
Jeff Garstka, Economic Development  
Director  
Donna Setliff, Community  
Development Manager

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION.**

Major Syung Young Lee, Reidsville Salvation Army, 704 Barnes Street, provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Council then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.**

**RECOGNITION OF REIDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR  
WINNING NORTH CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE  
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Mayor Donecker asked members of the Reidsville Middle School Football Team and their coaches to come forward. He read the proclamation and congratulated them on their recent success, winning the Conference Championship. (A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He asked Coach Reggie Chestnut if he would like to share a few words. Coach Chestnut said he appreciates these young men and their positive abilities and how solid they are on and off the football field. He said they are strong physically,

academically and are headed in the right direction. The coach added how much he appreciated the City Council recognition and the opportunity to be at tonight's meeting. Mayor Donecker said he appreciates the guidance and example this coaching staff exhibits on and off the field for these young men.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRIS PHILLIPS AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.**

Mayor Donecker asked Assistant City Manager Chris Phillips and Assistant Finance Director Rochelle Tucker to come forward to receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Officers Association. Phillips said this is the 23<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that the City of Reidsville has received this award. Mayor Donecker congratulated Phillips and the Finance Department on this achievement.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved in a 7-0 vote, to approve the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO REZONE A PARCEL LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF MAPLE AVENUE AND WEST HARRISON STREET FROM OFFICE & INSTITUTIONAL (O&I) TO RESIDENTIAL-6 (R-6). THE REQUEST WAS MADE BY TOMMY DYER ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER REIDSVILLE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. (Z2019-7)**

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff noted that the rezoning application had been filed by Tommy Dyer on behalf of the Greater Reidsville Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for the parcel abutting the streets of Maple Avenue, West Harrison Street and Gardner Street. It is being asked that the parcel be rezoned from Office & Institutional (O&I) to Residential-6 (R-6), she said, adding that the land is undeveloped and fairly flat. The area is a mix of uses but is primarily O&I and R-6, Setliff added.

Setliff said the City's Comprehensive Plan describes this parcel as being in the Urban Growth Area. Staff is recommending approval of the request. Since the parcel is at the end of the Old Post Road District, the request was presented to the Historic Preservation Commission, which also gave it a favorable zoning recommendation. The Planning Board also recommends the rezoning, she said.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. The applicant, Tommy Dyer, noted that Habitat had built a lot of houses in Reidsville, adding some \$2 million to the City's tax base. He said the Gwyn family donated the lot, which will likely house two structures that will face the side roads rather than Harrison. Councilmember Scoble asked if there was a timeframe to start construction? He said the organization currently has

about 5-6 lots available, but has had a hard time getting applicants. He said Habitat will have to do some work on these lots. Mayor Donecker thanked Habitat for Humanity making a difference in the City.

The public hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

Councilman Festerman said, that for full disclosure, he wanted to say he was an adjoining property owner, but was told he was eligible to vote.

**Councilwoman Walker said that based on the information provided in the staff report and verbal evidence presented during the public hearing, this request is reasonable, in the public interest and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and other adopted land use plans. Therefore, she made the motion that the rezoning be approved. Councilman Hairston seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved in a 7-0 vote.**

**CONSIDERATION OF A HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING A PROJECT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) UNIFI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, GRANT NUMBER CDBG-I 14-E-2701.- CANCELLED**

This public hearing had been pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting after it was determined that the City was no longer eligible for the potential grant opportunity.

**- End of Public Hearings -**

**UPDATE ON PROPOSED DEPOT DISTRICT.**

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka came forward and said in the past few months he, along with Haywood Cloud, Donna Setliff, and Missy Matthews, have been working on what once was termed as the Warehouse District but has since been revised as the "Depot District". He referenced his November 1, 2019 memo, which includes maps of the area and a Table of Permitted Uses. (A COPY OF THE MEMO AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Garstka said the area includes some single-family residential lots and business properties across the tracks. The first step in this process is Council's consideration to create a new zoning Mixed-Use classification. He stated that many of the permitted uses in the Central Business District would be included in the Mixed-Use District while some would not be permitted. He stated other uses such as light manufacturing and warehousing are currently not allowed in the Central Business District but would be allowed in Mixed-Use District.

Garstka and City Manager Preston Mitchell expressed their concern that if this Multi-Use District is created, the possibility of rezoning requests in other parts of the City could be presented to the Council for consideration. Mitchell stated it would have to be a very unique situation for property outside of this area to be considered. He clarified that

anyone would have the right to come before Council with a request but the property would have to be of a similar circumstance.

Garstka said the second phase of the request involves expanding the Municipal Service District (MSD), which covers the core downtown area. He stated the revenue generated from the 25-cent downtown business owners' tax, estimated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000 per year, goes back into downtown for building rehab. He added that expanding the MSD will increase those revenues, which, in turn, also can be used to help those property owners and investors fix up those properties. Garstka said he has received numerous calls about those properties in this district but has been unable to offer grant money from the RDC to those interested.

Garstka said staff would like to consider including the Commonwealth property in the overlay of the MSD expansion. He said it would add considerably to those revenues but that it was intentionally not added to the zoning district until they have more information regarding what they plan on doing with the building. He clarified that it is zoned industrial.

Garstka said the last thing he would like to discuss is the voluntary form-based code, which will be addressed by a consultant at the upcoming retreat in January. He said that information will affect the Multi-Use District as well.

Councilman Gorham asked how these decisions will affect those residential property owners in the area. Garstka said if they decide to include those properties, they would be exempt from the additional tax. Councilmember Scoble added that the intentions of the potential property owners will be a deciding factor in this district. Garstka said they have someone currently interested in the Adams Electric building, who would like to develop it as apartments. He said he sees the district as an arts and entertainment area with residential possibilities. City Manager Mitchell said he just wanted to give Council an update and that the next step will be to bring in materials and a consultant, who will help to make this a unique and successful district.

**CONSIDERATION OF STAFF REQUEST TO DEMOLISH 316 LINDSEY STREET. – DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER**

This item was delayed until December.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED SECTION 17-87 OF CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES DEALING WITH LOADING ZONES.**

In making the staff report, Police Chief Robert Hassell reviewed his November 5, 2019 memo requesting an amendment to the City's parking ordinance. (A COPY OF THE MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He explained that this change would free up this parking space in the 200 block of Southwest Market Street which is currently zoned as Loading & Unloading Only. The space would be Loading & Unloading Only Monday through Friday but would be available as a parking space after hours and on weekends. He said this suggested change

came from another business owner in the area, but that this change would benefit several businesses in the evening hours, etc. He read the Ordinance Amendment for Council.

Chief Hassell noted that this change would be very beneficial to residents and visitors as well. The Mayor said he liked seeing this kind of flexibility.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion to approve the ordinance amendment as written. Mayor Donecker clarified that this was for the parking space in front of 243 SW Market. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote.**

The Ordinance Amendment as approved follows:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE  
REIDSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**BE IT ORDAINED:**

That Section 17-87 of the Reidsville Code of Ordinances is rewritten to include the following addition:

Section 17-87. Loading zones; handicapped spaces.

The locations listed in schedule 6, which is on file in the city clerk's office and is available to the public, shall be reserved for the specific purpose of handicapped parking or loading and unloading (as designated); no other automobiles or other vehicles shall park in such spaces. The parking space in front of 243 SW Market will be categorized as a loading zone Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. only.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John M. "Jay" Donecker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC  
City Clerk

**CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF MSD BUILDING RENOVATION FUNDS  
TO CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR DOWNTOWN  
GRANT RECIPIENTS.**

In making the staff report, Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka noted that staff took a field trip to Carrboro about 1-1½ years ago after the City Manager had driven through there and saw the town doing some things in its downtown that we weren't aware

could be done. That area is very conservative when it comes to development, he added, so staff was curious as to how they got around some of those issues. When our staff met with their staff, basically we learned that when a prospective business wants to come downtown, they always have an architect or a good engineering firm in tow, Garstka said. Downtown business owners here, even when doing renovations, do not hire a professional, he noted, and that's when we run into problems during inspections, etc.

Garstka said staff is proposing an on-call architectural services grant as outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF GARSTKA'S MEMO DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2019, IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) They have talked with several firms, finally settling on Jeff Bond and Solex Architecture in Danville, Va. He is very well versed in older buildings and downtown areas, the Economic Development Director stated. He said we have a contract pending with Solex.

Garstka explained that if someone wanted to apply for a building renovation grant, \$500 of that grant would go towards the architectural services, which would allow Mr. Bond to walk through the process with the building owner, helping them out with some basic things, such as code issues, etc. He said he thought the City would get its money out of it. The business owner could decide if they wanted to use those services beyond the initial consultation, Garstka said. So, if someone were to get a \$5,000 grant, they would only receive \$4,500 with \$500 going to the architectural consultation. That would be capped at \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year, he added. City Manager Preston Mitchell said that is because we have limited MSD funding available, and we want to make sure that the approximate \$35,000 is not all spent in \$500 increments on architectural services. Also, all projects have to be reviewed and awarded by staff, which is a consideration as well, the Manager said.

Mayor Donecker said this is a great idea. Councilmember Scoble agreed, noting how important it is to have a third party tell business owners what needs to be done, and the business owners seem to accept it better than when it comes from the City. Garstka said that was a consideration in this. Manager Mitchell said the City and City Council should be complimented on doing this because in Carrboro, business owners are not given grants but encouraged to go hire an architect. Mayor Donecker said this would also make Mr. Bond well versed in our building codes, etc. Garstka added that Mr. Bond has done quite a bit of work in North Carolina and in response to a question, said Mr. Bond is licensed in NC.

**Councilman Gorham made a motion to approve the MSD On-Call Architectural Services Grant, which was seconded by Councilmember Scoble and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote.**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF MSD BUILDING RENOVATION FUNDS FOR A FIRE SPRINKLER GRANT FOR DOWNTOWN BUILDING REHABILITATION.**

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka then reviewed a potential MSD Fire Sprinkler Grant Program as outlined in his memo. (A COPY OF GARSTKA'S MEMO

DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2019, IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He credited City Manager Mitchell with this idea. He noted that a lot of the downtown businesses do not have sprinklers, and a lot are not required to have sprinklers. He talked of the dangers involved if a fire broke out on Scales Street, given the age of the buildings, etc. Therefore, the City is encouraging downtown businesses to add sprinkler systems to their buildings. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal loved the idea, he added.

Garstka said staff is proposing that we mirror the current building renovation grant so that the first \$10,000 you spend, you get reimbursed 50%. The additional \$50,000 you spend, you get reimbursed a 20% match so \$15,000 would be the maximum grant, he continued. He had Mr. Bond in here several months ago, and he was told roughly \$4 per square foot for a sprinkler system or the system itself, not including other related factors. He noted that it can be an expensive process when you are talking a 5,000 to 10,000-square-foot building.

The Economic Development Director said staff proposes the same guidelines for this grant and that it not take the place of the building renovation grant for a project. If someone wanted to come in and do a building renovation and a sprinkler system, the grants would fund both up to the already mentioned amounts, Garstka cited as an example. Not all of the MSD funds have been spent in past years so there are some reserve monies, he added, equaling about \$70,039. Staff proposes \$15,000 of that be used for the sprinkler system grant, he said, and award one per year. City Manager Mitchell noted that much of that \$70,000 reserve will be going to replace downtown cameras as previously approved by Council. The Manager noted that such a grant may not be awarded every year, and there would be a specific time to apply, such as February or March. Programs like this are incentives, not entitlements, the City Manager stressed, describing various scenarios where grants may or may not be funded because the project is not the best fit for what we are trying to achieve with this grant. He said Council would be kept in the loop on this but after the first few years, the program will be re-evaluated.

Manager Mitchell discussed the process in further detail, noting that staff would sit down with the Reidsville Downtown Corporation as the City's MSD Advisory Board in January or February since the majority of the grant funding is awarded by November. At that time, they would discuss to what services the grants should be awarded, etc. while keeping in mind budget restrictions, he said.

There was a brief discussion about sprinkler systems, square footage requirements, etc., especially for residential development in downtown buildings.

Garstka said they may decide to compartmentalize the funds, noting that the funding has been used for several roof replacement projects, etc. He said they may decide to only do one roof replacement project next year, etc.

In response to a question from Councilman Festerman, Garstka said the \$4 per square foot cost for the sprinkler system is based on the building footprint, applying the every

floor. Councilmember Scoble said she felt these changes would help the caliber of businesses locating in the downtown area. Garstka said that had been shown in other towns in similar situations. Councilman Festerman said he thought it was great and long overdue. Manager Mitchell noted that Fire Chief Bracken had noted in an earlier meeting, that such sprinkler systems can have a lifespan of 70 some years so this would be a long-term investment.

Chief Bracken said the Belvedere has a sprinkler system in the downtown area.

**Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the fire sprinkler grant program for downtown Reidsville.**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

Manager Mitchell distributed the ballots for the boards and commissions being considered.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Art in the Garden Representative Speaks to Council.**

Ms. Ann Wade, a member of the Board of Directors for Art in the Garden located at 138 South Scales Street, came forward and invited the Council to consider encouraging more arts and entertainment in downtown Reidsville. She stated that Art in the Garden is a non-profit, which works with the Rockingham County Arts Council and the youth council and would like to see the development of additional shops like Eclectic Art. Ms. Wade addressed the abundance of artists in Rockingham County, stating that some of them need space to produce their art. She specifically mentioned there are close to 200 potters in Rockingham County. She said Seagrove is known for their potters but doesn't have as many as we do here in Rockingham County. Ms. Wade said she just wanted to attend tonight's meeting and introduce herself and invite those in attendance to come in and visit Art in the Garden. Mayor Donecker agreed with Ms. Wade that arts and entertainment is what is going to save Reidsville's downtown. Members of Council thanked her for attending tonight's meeting.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Preston Mitchell reported the following as outlined in his monthly Manager's Report (A COPY OF THE MANAGER'S REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.): the most recent YMCA Community Pool Report; information on the changeover of financial software; an update on Historic Preservation and Appearance Commission events; a recap of the City's Census 2020 efforts kicking off in November; November 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up for voluntary curbside recycling; and upcoming events in December.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Brown** – Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he had attended the NAACP meeting at Elm Grove Baptist Church on October 15; the Ribbon Cutting for the Old School Block on October 17; the Downtown Senior Citizen's Anniversary Celebration

where “Q” Tucker was the speaker, and the Reidsville Fall Jubilee on October 19; the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Galilee Greater International Pentecostal Holiness Church on October 20; the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting, and the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of Biscuitville on October 24.

**Councilman Hairston** – Councilman Hairston said he had attended the Chamber Business Showcase on October 10; the Preemie Love 5K on October 12; the Youth Explosion Event at First Baptist Church on Hubbard Street on October 13; the NAACP meeting on October 15; the Old School Block Ribbon Cutting on October 17; the Fall Jubilee on October 19; the Human Relations Commission meeting on October 22, had gone to Biscuitville early at 5 a.m. on October 25 to eat breakfast but missed the Ribbon Cutting at 7 a.m.; the Chamber Candidates Forum on October 28; and the Lone Star Masonic Lodge meeting on November 12. Councilman Hairston expressed his appreciation for all those who voted on Election Day, stating he would continue to do his best and commented how glad he is to be a part of this great Council and team.

**Councilwoman Walker** – Councilwoman Walker said it had been a very busy month and that she had attended the following: the Chamber Business Showcase on October 10-11; the Community Breakfast at Main Street United Methodist Church on October 16; the ABC Board meeting and the Old School Block Ribbon Cutting on October 17; the Downtown Fall Jubilee on October 19; the Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting on October 22; the City Employee Stew at the Penn House on October 31; the Appearance Commission-sponsored Shred Day at City Hall on November 2; Election Day on November 5, noting her appreciation for all those who voted; and the Soup and Salad lunch at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on November 8. Councilwoman Walker reminded everyone present how important it is to have a working smoke detector in their homes and encouraged them to call Chief Bracken if there is a need. Chief Bracken said if people aren’t sure if their batteries are good or if they need a smoke detector, please call the Fire Department and they will come out and provide these at no cost.

**Councilmember Scoble** -- Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the Chamber Business Showcase October 10-11, describing it as an excellent event; the Rockingham County Economic Development expansion celebration of GILDAN in Eden on October 16; the Old School Block Ribbon Cutting on October 17; the Reidsville Fall Jubilee on October 19, which was a great event; the Chamber SCORE Business Education opportunity to meet the representatives on October 22; the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Biscuitville on October 24; the Candidate’s Forum at the Reidsville Downtown Event Center on October 28; the Ribbon Cutting of Auto Spa on Freeway Drive on October 29; the City Employee Stew at the Penn House and judged the senior costume contest at the senior Halloween part on October 31, which was a fun event; the Smith-Carolina Ribbon Cutting on Freeway Drive on November 1; and the Ribbon Cutting of the Dewey’s Bakery at Hospice in Wentworth on November 5.

**Councilman Gorham** -- Councilman Gorham said he had attended the Chamber Business Showcase on October 10; had gone out to the Cambridge community to discuss speeding issues they are having; the community musical program at First Baptist Church

on Hubbard Street on October 13; the NAACP meeting on October 15; the Planning Board meeting on October 16; the Old School Block Ribbon Cutting on October 17; the Reidsville Fall Jubilee; the Class of 1972 Celebration and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Downtown Seniors Celebration on October 19; the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Galilee Greater International Pentecostal Holiness Church, where Mayor Pro Tem Brown did a fine job representing the City Council on October 20; had attended for the first time the North Carolina State Fair with the seniors from RCARE on October 22; and the Ann Ruston Community Watch meeting; the Candidate's Forum on October 28; the City Employee Stew and the Downtown Seniors Halloween Dance Contest on October 31; a Church Safety Presentation at Jerusalem United Holy Church on November 2; and elections for the Downtown Senior Club on November 7 at RCARE.

**Councilman Festerman** – Councilman Festerman congratulated his fellow Councilmembers for their re-appointment to the City Council. He also stated he would like to add a discussion of the Fall Festival to the agenda for the Council Retreat scheduled for January 2020. He expressed his concern regarding smaller numbers of those attending this year and stressed that his concern was not critical of those planning, hosting and volunteering at the event but that the possibility of rebranding the event may be something that needs to be addressed. Councilman Festerman added that the car show portion of the event may need to be reviewed. He shared his disappointment at the lack of participants.

**Mayor Donecker** -- Mayor Donecker asked Chamber representative Diane Sawyer to share the Chamber report and upcoming events. Sawyer listed the following: the Ribbon Cutting at Reidsville High School for the first phase of the RHS Machining Lab Construction on November 13 at 2 p.m.; the Ribbon Cutting at Dewey's Bakery for Main Street United Methodist Church, which will be located at 1423-A Freeway Drive at Ashcroft Commons on November 15 at 12 p.m.; the Christmas Tree Lighting event in Downtown Reidsville on November 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m.; the Rockingham County Partnership and NC Early Childhood Foundation will meet with Local Chambers of Commerce at 8:30 a.m. on November 19 at the Whitcomb Student Center located at Rockingham Community College; the Atopic @ 12 featuring Kristina Gross with Paychex at noon on November 21; Chamber offices will be closed November 28-29 for Thanksgiving; Shop Small Saturday in Downtown Reidsville on November 30 starting at 9 a.m.; the Countywide Coffee at Rockingham County Economic & Tourism Office on December 4 at 8 a.m.; and Breakfast with Santa at Café 99 on December 21 at three different times to accommodate those attending, which are 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. Sawyers announced two new members of the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce -- Biscuitville and Main Street United Methodist Church Dewey's Holiday Bakery.

Mayor Donecker said he would like to extend his congratulations to the incumbents who were re-elected. He mentioned the Reidsville High School football game would be Friday night and that he hoped they won so they could play Mayor Pro Tem's beloved Thomasville for the next round. He thanked those involved from the Reidsville Police Department, especially Sgt. Carter, for participating in the recent Homeless Seminar,

which directly affects our community. The Mayor also shared a story about a visit to Pennrose Country Club from Josh Gallagher, who had recently competed on *The Voice* and had been here in Reidsville a year ago. He said Gallagher's parents have driven 6½ hours to attend the recent event and when asked about it, they commented that Josh had said his performance in Reidsville had been his favorite so they decided it was a place they needed to visit.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:**

City Clerk Angela G. Stadler announced that Mr. George O. Rucker of 508 Staples Street, received a majority of votes to be re-appointed to the Reidsville ABC Board. She also announced the following were unanimously re-appointed to the Reidsville Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission: Mr. Jimmy Neal of 901 Russell Avenue; Mr. David Slaydon of 1812 Fairway Drive; and Mr. G.W. "Butch" Trent of 2623 Reid School Road; and Mr. Milton Percell of 242 Kingwood Road (outside-City position.) (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

**MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(4) & (5).**

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to go into closed session to discuss economic development and real estate pursuant to NCGS 143-318.00(a)(4) and (5).

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.**

Upon return to open session, Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn.

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John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk