

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Harry L. Brown
Councilmember Terresia Scoble
Councilman James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor John M. “Jay” Donecker
(*Called in via conference call*)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Cindy Farris, Deputy City Clerk
William F. McLeod, City Attorney
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager
– Administration/Finance Director
Haywood Cloud, Assistant City
Manager – Community Services
Chuck Smith, Public Works Director
Donna Setliff, Community
Development Manager
Rhonda Wheeler, IT Director

Mayor Pro Tem Brown called the meeting to order. He noted that Mayor Jay Donecker, due to a business commitment, was attending via conference call.

INVOCATION

Reverend Ryan Burris, Pastor of Baptist Temple, 729 Wentworth Street, Reidsville, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

**RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S
2019 JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked that members of the Police Department come forward and recognize those youth present who recently participated in the Police Department’s 2019 Junior Police Academy. Capt. Brian Oakley, Student Resource Officer Charles Evitt,

Officer Estella Valdez, Officer Daniel Velazquez and Sgt. Jamie Bayne came forward as well as the youth present that participated in the activities in the two-week program. Sgt. Bayne said there were 14 participants involved in this year's event and detailed the activities. Staff thanked Council for providing the funding for the program.

RECOGNITION OF THE REIDSVILLE RECREATION ALL-STARS, RUNNER-UP IN THE 2019 NORTH CAROLINA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL AA STATE TOURNAMENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown called upon members of the Reidsville Recreation All-Star baseball team to come to the front. He asked Assistant City Manager Haywood Cloud, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Fred Thompson and Athletics Director Quintin Robertson and the coaches to join them. Assistant City Manager Cloud shared the exciting news that the Coach Pitch team for ages 7-8 had qualified to play in the Dixie Youth Baseball World Series in Louisiana.

Coach Andy Gengler announced that the team came in second at the NC Youth Baseball AA State Tournament in Southport, North Carolina. He said they weren't on anyone's radar but when they left the state tournament, everyone knew where Reidsville was. He expressed his appreciation and pride for the hard work of the kids, parents and the coaching staff. It was noted that the team would not only be representing the City of Reidsville but the entire state of North Carolina at the World Series.

Team members posed with the Council and shook hands with them before moving on to the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilman Donald Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - APPROVAL OF THE MAY 30, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES, THE JUNE 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE JUNE 19, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the May 30, 2019 Special Meeting/Budget Work Session Minutes, the June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 19, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY I&A UNLIMITED, LLC TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX APPROXIMATELY .24 ACRES OF NON-CONTIGUOUS LAND AT 1018 N. WILLOW STREET, INCLUDING A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE PETITION AND A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE COUNCIL'S AUGUST 13, 2019 MEETING. (A2019-04)

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following documents associated with the request to voluntarily annex 1018 North Willow Street:

A2019-04

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK
TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-58.1
1018 North Willow Street**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition (see attached description) was received on June 24, 2019, by the City Council of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-58.2 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

This the 9th day of July, 2019.

/s/ _____
John M. "Jay" Donecker
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

A2019-04

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

To the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina:

I, Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-58.1.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Reidsville, this 9th day of July, 2019.

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk

A2019-04

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-58.2
1018 North Willow Street**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the non-contiguous area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Reidsville City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Beginning at an iron in the north margin of Willow Street, said iron being South 71 deg. 26 min. East 250 feet from an iron in the southwest corner of Lot #113, said iron also being the southeast corner of Lot No. 109; thence with the east margin of Lot #109, North 18 deg. 34 min. East 200 feet to an iron, the northeast corner of Lot No. 109; thence South 71 deg. 26 min. East 50 feet to an iron, the northwest corner of Lot. No. 107; thence with the west margin of Lot. No. 107, South 18 deg. 34 min. West 200 feet to an iron in the north margin of Willow Street; thence with the north margin of Willow Street, North 71 deg. 26 min. West 50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and being Lot No.

108 as per map of Willow Street Extension, Property of Mrs. F. B. Kemp, as made by A.N. Mattocks, Surveyor, in January 1946, to which map reference is hereby made.

Being that parcel of land conveyed to D & L partnership from J.W. Wagoner Properties, LLC by that Deed dated 12/22/98 and recorded 01/05/99 in Deed Book 1001, at Page 1206 of the Rockingham County, NC Public Registry. See also Book 1244, Page 618.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Reidsville Review, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Reidsville, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

This the 9th day of July, 2019.

/s/ _____
John M. "Jay" Donecker
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

- End of Consent Agenda -

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY ON
LIBERTY ROAD FROM ROCKINGHAM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL
AGRICULTURAL (RA) TO CITY OF REIDSVILLE ZONING CONSERVATION
(C) (Z2019-2).

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that the City had purchased a 30-foot-wide strip of land beginning at Liberty Road going out to Lake Reidsville. (A COPY OF SETLIFF'S MEMO DATED JUNE 28, 2019 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) This tract, which was subdivided from the adjoining 200-plus acre tract, was outside the City limits and the City's ETJ and was voluntarily annexed into the City limits on May 31, 2019. Per General Statutes, the City has 60 days from the annexation to approve a City Zoning Classification for the property, and staff is proposing the Conservation zoning classification, she said. This zoning class ensures continued scenic, conservation and recreational value for this area and is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, the goal of which is to protect and encourage conservation in land development.

Setliff described the adjoining areas: to the immediate south, north and west is zoned Rockingham County Residential Agricultural; further south is zoned City Conservation (Lake Reidsville); and to the east are Rockingham County RA and Reidsville City RA-20 and R-20. This area is primarily undeveloped with scattered housing, she said.

The Planning Board unanimously recommended the 3.8 acres of property be rezoned to Reidsville City Zoning of Conservation (C), Setliff said, adding that she had included a suggested motion for Council to consider.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. asking if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor? No one came forward. He asked if anyone wished to speak against the rezoning?

Ms. Becky Lee of 225 Liberty Road, Reidsville, came forward expressing her concerns regarding the development of the property as a walking trail. She stated she had lived there for 43 years and doesn't like the idea of strangers having accessibility that close to her property. Ms. Lee said she worries about bears and coyotes, about who will police and maintain the trail and about additional traffic and parking. She added she is concerned that the development of the property will depreciate the value of her property.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown addressed the concerns of Ms. Lee. He commented that while he is currently retired, he had worked as the City's Parks and Recreation Director and, at that time, being located near these types of recreational facilities like parks and greenways added to the value of one's property. City Manager Preston Mitchell added that if and when the project is undertaken, the City will police the trail and make sure it is maintained.

Ms. Dee Stanfield of 504 McCoy Road, Reidsville, came forward stating her concerns are similar to those already expressed. She stressed she does not relish the thought of those using the trail being in close proximity to the back portion of her property. There was discussion about knowing who to call, the City or the County, if assistance was needed if someone was trespassing on her land, which is in the County, versus on the trail, which is in the City.

Mr. Daniel Parsons of 218 McCoy Road, Reidsville, came forward detailing his opposition to the plan for a greenway in this neighborhood. He described activity that has taken place near the woods previously and that his shed had been broken into. Mr. Parsons said he didn't like the idea of strangers being in his backyard, and that he has children and pets. He asked that moving forward, the Council be very transparent with regards to the intent for this property and send out a blanket mailing to neighboring property owners.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown encouraged anyone interested in these plans or in future plans for the greenways to consider applying for a position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. City Manager Mitchell suggested Mr. Parsons contact Haywood Cloud, Fred Thompson or City staff regarding openings on this commission.

Ms. Stanfield returned to the podium to say she had discussed the plan at length with the City Manager. She stated the annexation and rezoning will be the next leg in the plan to develop a contiguous connection between Lake Hunt and Lake Reidsville. She added this

plan may be good for the City when developing adjoining property but that it may not be for those living in the area.

Returning to Stanfield's earlier comment about knowing who to call, City Manager Mitchell reiterated that Rockingham County has a consolidated 911 service, which will dispatch the appropriate law enforcement, be it the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department or the Reidsville Police Department.

Councilwoman Walker asked Community Development Manager Setliff if she was present at the last Planning Board meeting, and if the matter was discussed. She asked if there was any opposition to the topic at that meeting and stated that in the report she read, the matter was unanimously approved.

Setliff said she was in attendance and that several people spoke, but members of the Planning Board did vote in favor of the action. She reminded those present that tonight's hearing is to assign a City zoning classification to the land since it has been annexed into the City.

Ms. Lee asked when that meeting took place? She said she had planned on attending but was told by one of her neighbors that they would not be allowed to ask questions or speak and that there was no need to attend. Councilman Gorham responded that the last Planning Board meeting was held June 19, 2019. Councilwoman Walker suggested that if citizens have questions regarding matters, they call City Hall and ask staff firsthand.

Mr. Randy Hankins of 217 Liberty Road, Reidsville, came forward, asking what is the purpose of this rezoning? He said no one has said why and if the intent is to put a walking trail there, where will the parking be for the trail? He expressed concern about the additional traffic the project will generate. Mr. Hankins said he wants to know what the "end game" is that the City has in mind for the property.

City Manager Mitchell responded by reiterating that today the City Council is just concerned with the necessary State-mandated zoning of the property, which regulates the parameters of what can be done there. He added that this rezoning does provide the opportunity for a trail to be extended in the future, but that the current budget does not include funding for a greenway trail to be constructed. Mitchell did say that at the time the land was purchased, enough land was acquired to put a 2-3 space parking lot there similar to the one at Sherwood Drive. City Manager Mitchell stated that the current Greenways plan does suggest a connection between Lake Hunt and Lake Reidsville. He said such an action would not take place without first coming before City Council for approval.

Councilmember Scoble added that the purpose of a public hearing is to allow citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions. Councilman Gorham added that the Planning Board is set up a lot like the City Council meeting, which allows those on the Board to hear the opinions of the citizens before action is taken. They both told Ms. Lee that the person who told her there was no point in attending the meeting had given her false information.

With no one else coming forward, the public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, 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, he made the motion the rezoning be approved.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS BY VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.08 ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND AT THE REAR OF 2726 REID SCHOOL ROAD (A2019-03).

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that Jeffrey Lee Sparks, CFO of Sparks Homes & Home Renovations, Inc. has requested voluntary annexation of approximately 0.08 acres at the rear of 2726 Reid School Road. A map has been included of this property, which would be a contiguous annexation, she said. Staff has found the petition to be valid and recommends approval of the Ordinance once the required public hearing has been completed, she added.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the annexation? No one came forward, and the public hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Festerman and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to voluntarily annex 0.08 acres of land at the rear of 2726 Reid School Road.

The Ordinance as approved follows:

A2019-03

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
Rear of 2726 Reid School Road**

WHEREAS, the City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-31 to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Council Chambers, 230 West Morehead Street, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, after due notice by publication on Wednesday, June 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of September 30, 2019:

Being all of Lot 1 and containing 0.576 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat entitled "Property of Johnny R. Hoover," dated September 23, 2008 prepared by Obie M. Chambers and Associates, as recorded in Plat Book 65, Page 17, on October 14, 2008 in the Rockingham County, North Carolina Registry. Reference to said Plat is hereby made for a further and more complete description.

Section 2. Upon and after September 30, 2019, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Reidsville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Reidsville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Reidsville shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Rockingham County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2019.

/s/ _____
John M. "Jay" Donecker
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC
City Clerk

/s/ _____
William F. McLeod Jr.
City Attorney

- End of Public Hearings -

CONSIDERATION OF A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUCKY CITY BREWING COMPANY, CITY OF REIDSVILLE AND THE PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

In making the staff report, Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka reviewed the terms of the Lucky City Brewing Subordination Agreement. (A COPY OF THE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He said the attorneys had come to a compromise that would allow Lucky City Brewing to obtain the loan. He referred further discussion to City Attorney Bill McLeod, who discussed at length the terms and conditions of the agreement. City Manager Mitchell stated the agreement is about as tight as it can get regarding minimizing the risk to the City. Councilmember Scoble asked what the timeframe would be if something did go wrong regarding the property? City Attorney McLeod stressed the City would be notified prior to any action being taken. City Manager Mitchell stated the City is working closely with the PTRC on this project. Ruben Gonzales with the Piedmont Triad Regional Corporation came forward and stated they are here to help with the project 100 percent and if something did happen, they would contact the City and mutually decide how to proceed.

Councilman Gorham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approved the Subordination Agreement between Lucky City Brewing, the City of Reidsville and the Piedmont Triad Regional Corporation.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS GIVING CONCURRENCE FOR THE ADDITION OF .03 MILES OF HOLIDAY LOOP ROAD AND 0.1 MILES OF DIESEL DRIVE TO THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

In making the staff report, Public Works Director Chuck Smith came forward and stated there are two Resolutions in Council's packets detailing the request by NCDOT to re-align portions of Diesel Drive and Holiday Loop allowing them to be added to the NCDOT maintenance system. Smith said he is recommending the adoption of the resolutions providing concurrence of the street additions. Councilmember Scoble asked for clarification on the issue, at which time Smith elaborated on the re-alignment.

Councilman Hairston made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, approval of the two Resolutions giving concurrence for the addition of .03 miles of Holiday Loop and 0.1 miles of Diesel Drive to the NC Department of Transportation maintenance system.

The Resolutions as approved follow:

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State-Maintained Secondary Road System

Rockingham County, North Carolina
City: City of Reidsville
Road Description: Holiday Loop Road, 0.03 mile

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the City Council of the City of Reidsville requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and,

WHEREAS, the Reidsville City Council is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Reidsville that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Reidsville at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2019.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 9th day of July, 2019.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk, CMC/NCCMC
City of Reidsville

PLEASE NOTE:

Forward direct with request to the Division Engineer, Division of Highways

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State-Maintained Secondary Road System

Rockingham County, North Carolina
City: City of Reidsville
Road Description: Diesel Drive, 0. 1 mile (new road)

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the City Council of the City of Reidsville requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and,

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CERTIFICATE

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City of Reidsville

PLEASE NOTE:

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PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION ON RECYCLING OPTIONS.

Public Works Director Chuck Smith came forward and stated in an effort to offer curbside subscription recycling to the citizens of Reidsville, he had contacted several businesses in the hopes of securing service that will haul the material and seek proper disposal of recyclable material. (A COPY OF SMITH'S MEMO DATED JUNE 27, 2019 IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He reminded Council that Waste Management elected not to renew the four-year franchise agreement as of June 19, 2019.

Smith reviewed his findings and stated if a minimum of 400 residents subscribe to curbside recycling, Foothill Waste Solutions will provide the service for \$9.50 per customer per month using existing recycling carts and \$12 if they supply the carts. He referenced information found in his June 27, 2019 memo. (A COPY OF THE MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Smith did mention that glass would not be accepted due to its current negative value.

City Manager Mitchell asked Council members to consider the options and if they would like Smith to review all items mentioned on the spreadsheet. He said with Council approval, staff would reach out to the 627 previous curbside subscribers and see if they are interested in subscribing to recycling with Foothill Waste Solutions.

Councilmember Scoble asked for clarification on who owns the recycling carts previously used by the City. Mitchell stated the carts are currently being stored at the County landfill and were purchased with landfill monies supplied by all those who participated. He said he has spoken to individuals at the County, and the City of Reidsville will be allowed to use them if they can get 400 customers to re-subscribe with a new provider like Foothill Waste Solutions. Smith asked if members of Council had any further questions? Councilman Festerman stated he would like to move forward with Smith's recommendation and made the following motion:

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, upon the securing of 400 customers to approve the terms and conditions of a contract with Foothill Waste Solutions to provide voluntary curbside recycling in the City of Reidsville with carts being provided by the City at a charge of \$9.50 per household.

PRESENTATION ON DOWNTOWN TREE REPLACEMENT STATUS & SCHEDULE.

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka came forward and stated he would like to give City Council an update on the Downtown Tree Replacement Project. He said the planters have been constructed and were now being powder coated. He said he had been directed to contact a landscaper who specializes in landscape design, and they had secured a contract and were moving forward with designs and plant choices that are described in his July 2, 2019 memo. (A COPY OF THE MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

Garstka stressed they will be placing the trees in the downtown area when the weather cools down, probably in September, and would have the project completed by the time of the Fall Jubilee. Councilmember Scoble asked about the timeframe of when the other trees would be removed. Garstka said the project would start with these first planters and trees and then would progress to replacing the others with trees that are less invasive to the sidewalks. He did stress that the project had been budgeted and that they would keep that in mind as they progress with the schedule of the replacement of the trees.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AND PLANS TO MARKET CENSUS 2020 BY THE CITY.

Assistant City Manager of Community Services Haywood Cloud, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff and City Marketer Judy Yarbrough came forward, with each sharing information regarding plans that are underway for the upcoming 2020 US Census count. Cloud said staff is requesting approval of a Resolution of Support from City Council and the establishment of a Census Committee. He stressed how important the census numbers are when the Federal Government distributes more than \$675 billion annually to state and local governments.

Setliff detailed information regarding the census and listed the names of staff members to be appointed to the proposed 2020 Census Committee: Haywood Cloud Jr., Judy Yarbrough, Angela Stadler, Jeff Garstka, Rhonda Wheeler and herself. She said the

Committee's responsibility will be to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. Yarbrough shared additional census marketing information, which was included in the Council members' agenda packets.

Councilman Festerman asked the length of time the actual census will be conducted. Yarbrough replied April through August of 2020.

Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Councilman Hairston and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Resolution of Support of the 2020 US Census Count.

The Resolution as approved follows:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS COUNT
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE
FOR THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE**

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires that a census be conducted of the nation's population every 10 years with the next census scheduled for April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the federal government distributes approximately \$675 billion in federal funding each year based in part on the census data; and

WHEREAS, having an accurate and complete census count is important to our community in determining the allocation of federal and state funds and in making decisions related to economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements, health care and education planning, and many other policies; and

WHEREAS, the census will determine how many elected congressional representatives and congressional districts North Carolina will have; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all households of the City of Reidsville complete a census form and that all residents be counted; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that accurate data be collected from groups of people who are historically difficult to count, including young children, low-income individuals, non-native English speakers, immigrants, renters, and individuals with unstable housing situations; and

WHEREAS, education, planning, outreach, and community partnerships between elected officials, the business and faith-based community, are necessary to ensure the census is as accurate as possible; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau encourages states and local governments to form Complete Count Committees, (CCCs) to increase awareness and understanding about the importance of the 2020 Census and to encourage people to participate; and

WHEREAS, every resident of the City of Reidsville deserves to be counted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reidsville City Council hereby supports the 2020 Census Count and establishes an ad hoc committee known as the City of Reidsville Complete Count Committee.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2019.

/s/ _____
John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk

Councilman Hairston then made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to establish a Census Committee consisting of the following City staff: Haywood Cloud Jr., Judy Yarbrough, Angela Stadler, Jeff Garstka, Rhonda Wheeler and Donna Setliff.

UPDATE ON POD STORAGE UNIT REGULATION FOR LENGTH OF TIME, USAGE, LOCATION AND VISIBILITY IN RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

In making the staff report, Assistant City Manager of Community Services Haywood Cloud reported that since the budget retreat, staff has contacted officials from other cities of similar size for clarification on their policies regarding Pod Storage. (A COPY OF CLOUD'S MEMO ON THE SUBJECT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He stated that the only one that had a policy in place at the time was Mt. Airy, and the policy was complaint driven.

Councilmember Scoble asked for more details about staff findings. Cloud shared additional information related to the subject and said they had spoken to officials more recently from Eden. Eden had amended its policy and did not allow pods for an extended amount of time, he explained.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to not take further action at this time regarding regulations on Pod Storage Units and to allow the issue to be addressed further as needed.

PRESENTATION ON PENN HOUSE EXPANSION FEASIBILITY.

Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka stepped forward, along with City Marketer Judy Yarbrough, to share information related to a feasibility study as the City considers expanding "the Carriage House" located at the Penn House. (A COPY OF GARSTKA'S MEMO DATED JULY 2, 2019 AND THE PHASE 2 PENN HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS DOCUMENT ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) Garstka stated the subject had been discussed at the

Council's budget retreat, and there is a strong need for a larger local venue to accommodate weddings, corporate functions, local and regional conferences and other large events.

Garstka said the first step in the process is to advertise for architectural services to conduct a feasibility study. He stated the results of the study would include renderings, floor plans and an opinion of probable cost for the renovations and expansion of both "the Greenhouse" and "the Carriage House". Garstka remarked staff was before Council tonight to request the allocation of unexpected occupancy tax revenue in the amount of \$30,000 to be used towards the feasibility study.

Councilman Festerman expressed his interest in the increase in occupancy tax revenues and asked for more details. Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance Director Chris Phillips stepped forward and gave a detailed description of the recent rise in the occupancy tax revenues in Reidsville and confirmed the funds are available if Council sees fit to use them for this purpose of the feasibility study. He said in the last few years, the funding has increased from about \$45,000 to \$75,000.

City Manager Mitchell stated the City has recently been more aggressive in its marketing plan and in offering more events at the Penn House, tournaments at Jaycee Park and local conferences with more individuals coming to town on business due to a rise in economic development with those individuals staying overnight.

Phillips said no action was needed by Council since the additional revenues were included in the approved cleanup budget ordinance amendment. He said staff just wanted to make Council aware of how the monies would be used.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown called for a brief five-minute break.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Upon return from break, the Mayor Pro Tem asked if anyone wished to make public comments, adding that they would have three minutes each.

Handicapped Parking in Downtown Area.

Mr. Jim Maxwell, who listed his address as P.O. Box 2503, Reidsville, came forward. He stated he has a disabled sister in a wheelchair and that accessibility to the sidewalks in downtown Reidsville is not readily available. He stressed if he gets her out of the car on Scales Street, he has to push her all the way down the street until he gets to the red light (intersection) and then gets her on the sidewalk at the end of the street. Mr. Maxwell was adamant about how dangerous it is for someone in a wheelchair getting to the sidewalk downtown.

Councilwoman Walker recommended Mr. Maxwell use one of the City municipal parking lots and access the downtown from the alleyways that lead to Scales Street. City Manager Mitchell suggested that Mr. Maxwell call and arrange a meeting with himself and Assistant City Manager Cloud to discuss the matter further.

House at 102 N. Main Street.

Reverend Spencer Woods, who owns the house at 102 Main Street, came forward regarding the recent posting of the property as condemned. He reviewed the steps he has taken to have the property inspected for asbestos and has received several quotes to have it abated. Reverend Woods said he is of the opinion that he should be allowed due process and more time to get his parents' personal property removed from the house and place the property into the hands of a realtor so that he doesn't lose the entire value of the house. He asked for clarification regarding his financial responsibility if the City has the property demolished. Community Development Manager Donna Setliff said the bill for demolition would be sent to Reverend Woods. She also said the City has in all actuality given Reverend Woods 210 days, which is more than they are required by law to offer. Setliff said the City Council has been very understanding regarding the matter. She added that the ordinance has been filed, the asbestos removal has been done and the contract let for demolition. Setliff said any personal property in the house needs to be removed by July 15, 2019.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Mitchell reviewed his Manager's Report (A COPY OF THE MANAGER'S WRITTEN REPORT IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) If any Council members are planning to go to the Chamber Social, let staff know either tonight or tomorrow, the deadline to RSVP, he said. He briefly discussed the recent PTRC RPO Prioritization Listing for Reidsville (A COPY OF THE LISTING HAS BEEN INCLUDED.) Community Development Manager Setliff and Councilman Festerman attended the meeting on behalf of the City, he added. He also noted he has included budget transfers that he has the authority to make but must report to Council. He also pointed out the upcoming events planned in July.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Councilwoman Walker – Councilwoman Walker said she had attended the ABC Board meeting and the Reidsville Appearance Commission meeting on June 27. She also invited fellow Council members, the City Manager and those in attendance to join her on July 17 at Fire Station #1 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the City Blood Drive.

Councilman Hairston – Councilman Hairston said he had attended the Human Relations Commission meeting on June 25; the Reidsville Tigers event at Griggs Park on June 29 and the meeting at the Masonic Lodge on Vance Street on July 8.

Councilmember Scoble – Councilmember Scoble said she had attended the Board meeting at the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce on June 26; the fundraising event for Lucky City Brewing on June 29; and the Independence Day Celebration at Lake Reidsville on July 6. She said she was impressed with the event and the number of those in attendance.

Councilman Gorham – Councilman Gorham said he had attended the 2nd Downtown Friday event on June 14; the NAACP meeting at Elm Grove Baptist Church on June 14;

the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment meeting on June 19; the Special Council meeting in regard to the budget on June 19; the introduction to the youth of the Reidsville Police Academy on June 21; the door-to-door surveys for the CDBG Grant on June 22; the RDC meeting, the visitation at Reidsville Senior High for the family of RHS Basketball Coach Curtis Pass; and the Men’s Fellowship meeting at Golden Corral on June 25; the Funeral for Coach Pass on June 26; door-to-door surveys for CDBG Grant and the Independence Day Celebration at Lake Reidsville on July 6, where he said the fireworks were like those at Disney World.

Councilman Festerman – The Councilman said he had received complaints regarding skateboarders using the pickleball courts at Jaycee Park. Manager Mitchell said he had already requested Public Works to create signs, but the signs are still in the process of being made. The Councilman had nothing further to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – The Mayor Pro Tem said he had lost two kids that had come up through his recreation youth programs – Steven Lee and Curtis Pass. He stressed that both men had grown up to be outstanding men, examples and mentors to youth and asked everyone to lift up these families in prayer.

Mayor Donecker – No report.

MOVE TO THE FIRST-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM FOR A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(4).

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to go into closed session to discuss economic development under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

The Mayor Pro Tem informed the audience that there were no plans to come out of closed session for any further business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Upon return to open session, Councilmember Scoble made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn at approximately 8:57 p.m.

John M. “Jay” Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk