

**Minutes
Kinston City Council
Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5:30 pm**

Mayor BJ Murphy called the Kinston City Council regular meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Councilmember Wynn Whittington led the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present: Councilmembers Sammy Aiken, Wynn Whittington, Felicia Solomon, Joseph Tyson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Swinson and Mayor BJ Murphy

Also present: Tony Sears, City Manager and James P. Cauley, City Attorney

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyson and upon a unanimous vote the agenda was adopted.

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| CITIZEN COMMENT |
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| PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS |
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**1. North Carolina Department of Transportation Projects.....Jeff Cabaniss, PE
NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer**

Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer, introduced his supervisor, Bill Kincannon, NCDOT Division 2 Project Development Engineer.

Mr. Kincannon stated he wanted to update the city on a couple of projects that are currently being developed as well as a couple of new projects that will be funded. The C. F. Harvey Parkway project is underway for development. Right-of-way parcel acquisitions started in November, drainage plans are 100% complete, and permits are being submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and Water Resources. We are looking at letting the contracts in December 2017, and construction will start in the spring of 2018.

Tony Sears, City Manager, asked the construction time for the project. Mr. Kincannon stated approximately 36 months, plus or minus 6 months, and they are looking at the northern route alternative as well.

Mr. Kincannon stated another project that was recently picked up that was on hold is the US 70 Kinston Bypass, Section C. A merger meeting was held in February with the Army Corps of Engineers and various environmental representatives to start the project again. We have determined the roles of responsibility and we are moving forward with the project development. The proposed schedule is the acquisitions of the rights-of-way in 2022 and construction in 2025. It may accelerate. The consultant engineer is currently working on a schedule for future public involvement. Technical studies will be updated as we go. We have already initiated field work to study the historical architecture in the area. We are looking at several alternatives including the shallow south bypass alternative and it seems to be the most favorable at this time.

Mayor Murphy confirmed that there will be minimal impact on the Wyse Fork Battlefield.

Mr. Kincannon stated another project is US 70 at the intersection of Little Baltimore. The intersection is currently an at-grade intersection, and we are going to separate the grade with an interchange. We are looking at construction 2023-2025. Our initial plan is to move the interchange to the south or east. We will study the area to minimize impact to the businesses. The overall project limits will extend up to three miles, so we will incorporate as much of the area roadways as we can, especially considering the future development of the highway.

Mayor Murphy asked if the potential upgrades from LaGrange to Kinston be included in the scope of the project. Mr. Kincannon stated we do not know that it is going to be included in the scope of this project, but this project will be designed around that taking place. Highway 70 will be upgrade to interstate standards at some point and this will encompass that.

Mr. Kincannon stated the last project is the Carey Road extension which will go from Rouse to Highway 258 North and should tie in at Daly Waldrop and create a four way intersection. This will be a four lane roadway with a 23 foot median with two 12 foot lanes, paved shoulders and sidewalks with no curb and gutter. The design work has not begun and it is subject to change as we get into the study of the area.

Mayor Murphy asked if there is the potential for reconsidering a stoplight at Daly Waldrop and 258 North. Mr. Kincannon stated we would take the intersection at 258 into consideration as part of the study of the plan.

Mayor Murphy stated the Carey Road extension has been on the docket for two or three decades, and it appears that we are within 10 years of it being done, and it is being managed by the district's engineers office which is a big win for the city and county because there is a chance the time line could be sped up.

Mr. Kincannon stated we are going to push this project as fast as we can. Given the rights-of-way considerations, there is a good possibility of moving it up a year or so. We have the ball in division, so we are not dependent on what is being done in Raleigh on this one.

Councilmember Aiken asked if there are any plans for Skinners bypass. Mr. Cabannis stated it is a project that RPO has put in our scoring system. It has not scored high enough to get funded at this time, but it is still in the system for consideration. We received the 5 year crash report back

this morning, so we will look to see if there are any intermediate improvements for safety that can be done.

Councilmember Aiken asked if anything is being done to eliminate [change] the roads that are flooding. Mr. Cabannis stated not that he is aware. It is a complex problem that we run into in several communities and there is no good, easy answer.

Mayor Murphy asked if the Harvey Parkway C that goes from Highway 58 North to Highway 11 North, and the 264 bypass south of Ayden, will complete 6-12 months of each other. Mr. Kincannon stated if everything goes well, but the other part is that the piece on Highway 11 just south of the southwest bypass in Greenville. We are going to start developing it well ahead of schedule. It is a 10-1/2 mile project and will be bought up to interstate standards as well. The current plan has that section going to rights-of-way in 2026, funding could pull up a few years. Ten years is a pretty good guess.

Mayor Murphy stated the intersection of JP Harrison and Tower Hill Road is well traveled and the city would like a little more study done to see if the current set up is appropriate.

MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2017
.....Monique Hicks

Councilmember Tyson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Whittington and upon a unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

ACTION AGENDA

- 1. Conduct a public hearing AND approve or deny a Conditional Use Permit application from Pendergraph Development for multifamily apartment units on Doctors Drive..... Adam Short**

Adam Short, Planning Director, stated we are here to consider a Conditional Use Permit application that was submitted by John Nix on behalf of Pendergraph Development to locate a multi-family residential apartment complex on the termination of Doctors Drive. The development is proposed for property owned by the Shackelford Family, LLC. The property is zoned RA-6 Residential. The site plan meets the requirement for the density for that zoning district. The Planning Board met and it was approved unanimously with Mr. Nix recused.

Mayor Murphy declared the public hearing open at 5:53 pm.

John Nix, with Matrix East, stated he is speaking on behalf of Pendergraph. His company has done the construction staking on several of these projects. This is the third site plan for multi-

family housing units. This is similar to Cambridge Farms which has a waiting list and is very popular. This project is right beside Greenbriar which is almost finished. This is a 60 unit development, and the site plan is conceptual but it does meet all of the requirements found in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The retention pond and other features will have to be done during the engineering phase.

Mayor Pro Tem Swinson asked if they are applying for tax credits for this project as well. Mr. Nix referred to Mr. Rhodes who confirmed yes.

Councilmember Whittington stated in the past there were discussions of retention ponds and ingress and egress roads. Is either being considered now? Mr. Nix stated there is no retention pond. It is just a field of agricultural use.

Mr. Sears clarified that the last time a proposal was presented, one of the request that the City Council had was for the retention pond to be oversized, and I believe Pendergraph agreed.

Mr. Nix stated that would be upon City Council's stipulation. He does not do the engineering design, but may do the construction staking.

Councilmember Whittington asked where the two current properties drain. Mr. Nix stated right now in the field and is absorbed in the ground. There will be more impervious surface so it will have to be drained into a pond and be filtered naturally. That is environmentally sound design BMPs. They are in compliance and everything is draining accordingly and they have weir dams for overflow, so they have to reach the maximum height to overflow.

Councilmember Whittington asked if the two existing properties will drain into a retention pond. Mr. Nix stated they drain into separate ponds and they naturally absorb.

Councilmember Whittington stated the Stalling Drive area which is adjacent to the Adkin Branch suffered flood damage during Matthew, so he would like to know if the properties will drain in that direction or if they will drain to the pond. Mr. Nix stated it is a different basin on that side of the road, and it is lower. These properties are on higher grounds and the drainage will be retained in the ponds and will not affect anything on the other side of the creek [Adkin Branch].

Mr. Sears stated for a point of clarity, the two existing and the proposed property, all three properties would have their own retention pond to control the surface runoff. Mr. Nix stated yes that is required.

Mr. Sears confirmed that the egress and ingress for this property is Doctors Drive. He asked if any consideration has been given to a secondary way in and out. The reason he is asking is for

emergency services response. As these properties stack up, having a secondary entrance is needed. Mr. Nix stated there was some discussion during the Planning Board meeting that it would be an option possibly in the future.

Mr. Sears confirmed that the current proposal as it is does not have a secondary entrance for the back property. Mr. Nix stated right now it has a turn-around which is basically for emergency vehicles and people who may need to turn around and go back out. As far as we know, it is sufficient for where we are going with this. If anything would be placed further down, we would have to address that.

Councilmember Tyson asked if Doctors Drive is on the list to be repaved. Mr. Sears stated it would be on the list, but we don't know where it is on the list, and I would prefer to use the new survey list which is almost complete. The amount of traffic and condition of the road are concerns and what was the standard for which the road was originally built. Part of the concern is also our emergency services having the ability to get that far back if something was to happen and it would be isolated. The other issue is a traffic and volume issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Swinson stated one time before they mentioned making a roadway back towards Airport Road and asked if it is a possibility for this project. Mr. Nix stated yes, we were just talking about continuing that road out and in the future. I think that has been in the planning stages and has been looked at. I think there is a way to do that if we need to do that in the future. That would certainly open it up for more development.

Councilmember Aiken stated during Hurricane Matthew, Doctors Drive was submerged in about three feet of water.

Mr. Nix stated that area is a lot lower and these units are a lot further up the hill. The other ones have always had trouble with flooding even before these units were built. Greenbriar and Cambridge Farms are top notch construction and built above standards.

Councilmember Aiken stated we definitely need another road into that area as soon as possible. Mr. Nix stated that is a possibility.

Mayor Murphy asked could the road be part of the discussion now. Mr. Nix stated that it could be. The Shackelford property curves and there is a terminus point. There is a route that goes out to Airport Road that we have talked about. At some point and time there was a proposed road that was left there, so there is a strip of land that was left there for that purpose, so it could be done in the future, if needed. For what we are doing here, I'm not convinced that it is needed right now, but in the future it could be used for that purpose.

Mr. Short displayed a map showing the easement that could connect through to the current proposed project.

Mr. Nix stated it is wide enough to turn into a city street.

Councilmember Whittington stated the concern is if Doctors Drive floods, and it is the only road in and out, and there is a medical emergency at Cambridge or Greenbriar, with only one ingress/egress point, then how does that impact our emergency management response. The proposed project is on higher ground, but there is only one way to get there. I know the flooding doesn't happen very often, but the Adkin Branch floods on a hard rain.

Councilmember Solomon stated she is in support of the housing and the opportunities that it brings, but there is a concern with only one way in and one way out. Considering apartments have been cleared to allow emergency vehicles in and out, the one way in is a concern, especially with increasing the number of units in that area.

Mr. Nix stated these units are never going to flood because they are so high up. As far as medical emergencies, the good thing is that they are about 2,000 feet from the hospital. We probably need to look at something down the road, but this road extension will probably be ok, based on what I know. I haven't done any traffic studies, but I can guarantee you don't have to worry about flooding because it is way out of the flood zone.

Greg Rhodes, Caliber Builders and Pendergraph, stated Mr. Nix did a fine job representing what we propose to do.

Mayor Pro Tem Swinson asked the possibility of making a roadway to Airport Road. That is a concern of most of the City Council, most about the traffic, not so much the flooding, just the in and out access. That area has a lot of heavy traffic so we would love to see another option if we can get it.

Mr. Rhodes stated unfortunately since this is such a small development, only 60 units, it would not be financially feasible to build a 1,000 foot city road to tie it back into Airport Road. In his personal experience, he has not seen heavy traffic on Doctors Drive.

Mr. Sears clarified that the volume is part of the equation. What happens when the road becomes impassable, how do we reach the citizens in the back half. The secondary entrance isn't only about how we move cars in and out, but also if we have an event, how we maneuver emergency vehicles in and out which is from a safety standpoint.

Councilmember Tyson asked the City Attorney about item 7 [Each member's vote should be based on the evidence presented at the hearing and not the member's personal knowledge or knowledge acquired outside the hearing.] We are talking and we are compassionate about the road, but due to the fact that we do not have any professionals who have done a traffic study of the area or anything else, can we use the discussion now on which to base our decision.

James Cauley, City Attorney, stated the statutes requires that it be presented by persons with expertise in that area stated, that subject be present by experts.

Mr. Sears stated the city does have a traffic engineer, and we are happy to have them verify the numbers to get the traffic count. The other thing the traffic count will not resolve is the ingress/egress in case of an event, the access to the rear properties.

Mayor Murphy stated the concern about the road to Airport Road is not a new conversation. The last application for this developer centered around that discussion. Now, we have another 60 units, at what point do we make a decision about it instead of continuing to wait for the next development. At what point do we deem it necessary to make a decision about that [road].

Councilmember Whittington confirmed that Mr. Rhodes stated it was not financially feasible to consider putting a road in now. If another 60 units go in two years from now, would it be financially feasible then or will we be at the same place we are now? At what point does it become financially feasible? If you put in a road to Airport Road, it would be an opportunity to add more units and have more area to develop.

Mr. Rhodes stated he guess if there was some type of cost sharing for putting in a city road and another couple of developments, it may be feasible at that time. That is his personal opinion from being in the business for 25 years.

Mr. Sears stated that is a good point. What we don't know is the cost of the road, and there are options for cost sharing or assessments. We can estimate the cost of the road. Putting a dollar amount helps the City Council decide if they want to do cost sharing.

Mr. Rhodes stated as far as emergency vehicles, we haven't had any issues to the site. We didn't flood during Hurricane Matthew. The older apartments on Doctors Drive on the left sit lower and they are in the flood plain.

Mr. Sears clarified the event from Hurricane Matthew made Doctors Drive impassable. The development you had was not endanger of the flood or any property damage, but the fact that Doctors Drive flooded, if there had been a medical emergency, we would not have been able to

reach them because the front of Doctors Drive was flooded, and that is a concern. If there is another road, and something happens, then we could get emergency services in to assist.

Mr. Rhodes stated it is a very small development, there are two other small ones there, and he doesn't remember the issue coming up before. We have not had any problems with ingress/egress.

Mr. Sears stated it was a point of conversation for the last development, but not to the degree that it is being discussed this time.

Wayne Malone, Malone Realty, stated as far as the road is concerned, Pendergraph does not own the land and the owners' spokesperson, Sharon Shackelford Roberts, is willing to donate the land. He suggests that the vote be postponed for this meeting and obtain a study for extending the road, and the cost of the road. We postpone the vote and do a study for the road. One of the problems there that has been going on for many years is the stormwater underneath Heritage Street. It is too small. We have asked NCDOT about changing it out, and that would stop the flooding for that area. When Pendergraph finish building these units, it is probably the last project they will do. We will have built 289 housing units for the community. Where would these 289 families been had it not been for Pendergraph. They have been great for the community, they pay taxes, and they buy electricity, water and sewer from the city. When you add it up, it is a tremendous amount of money that these apartments have given and provided for the citizens here in Kinston and Lenoir County. Some of these projects are income based which is set by the government. I cannot imagine where these people would have been had they not built the apartments. They are providing good housing for middle class people who want the same kind of apartment down the street and they may get it cheaper in a safe area. We have not had any problems with the police in the area.

Mr. Sears stated that Mr. Malone stated this well, and that is why the city had approved the previous projects for the reasons he stated.

Mr. Malone stated Hillman Road was the road that was supposed to have been put in years ago, and the city has never done it, but it is a designated road on the map. There is an easement there. There is no question that the road needs to be there, and if we can work together to put the road there, it will open the area up for city development for further development, especially on Airport Road and UNC Hospital. We are just trying to provide a service to the community.

Mr. Rhodes stated we don't have any rental assistance. It is not a subsidized development. There is an initial qualification when you move in and after you move in, you can make whatever you want to make. It is just an IRS rule. It is private, we own it, manage it and developed it.

Mr. Nix stated in working with company over the past 8 years, they have met or exceeded all of the design standards. They are a really good company.

Councilmember Tyson asked if there is a time line that a decision needs to be made on this. Mr. Rhodes stated something within the next 30 days would be fine to meet our timeline.

Mr. Cauley recommended if the decision will be delayed, then the public hearing should remain open so that City Council can receive further evidence at whatever resumed date.

Mayor Murphy stated this is one of the decisions, quasi-judicial, where our personal opinions are laid aside. We can only base our decision on facts.

Mr. Sears stated the traffic engineers will do the traffic study, and we will get cost estimates for the road. We understand the importance of getting it done within the next 30 days.

Mr. Cauley asked if we can also get opinions from emergency responders.

Councilmember Whittington made the motion to keep the public hearing open until the next meeting to obtain further evidence, seconded by Councilmember Solomon and upon a unanimous vote the public hearing was continued until the April 17, 2017 City Council meeting.

2. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an Ordinance amending the Arts and Cultural Overlay District to include the former Glenn Raven Mill property located at 800 Manning Street.....Adam Short

Adam Short, Planning Director, stated the city recently acquired the Glenn Raven Mill property. That was the only parcel that was omitted from the Arts and Cultural District Overlay when it was adopted in October 2013 which was part of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) adoption. This completes the original vision of the overlay, and we would like to enter it since it is now owned by the City. It may open up opportunity for residential for the mill, otherwise there is not much change, more just housekeeping for us to clean up our maps.

Mayor Murphy declared the public hearing open and after no one spoke in favor of or in opposition, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Swinson introduced the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINSTON**

WHEREAS, a request by the City of Kinston has been initiated to create an addition to the Arts and Cultural District Overlay;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Kinston will add the recently acquired Glen Raven Mill Property, located at 800 Manning Street (NC PIN 452513047216); and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Cultural District Overlay was established in October of 2013 to promote mixed-use development and to create new interest in arts-based economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board voted at a special meeting on March 30, 2017 to recommend approval of the rezoning request; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been reviewed and adopted in a manner consistent with NCGS 160A-383; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heard all evidence and arguments presented and reports from the City officials pertaining to said application; and approved the rezoning.

THEREFORE, the City of Kinston Official Zoning Map is hereby amended to *add* 800 Manning Street (NC PIN 452513047216) to the Arts and Cultural District Overlay District (abbreviated ACDO).

Councilmember Tyson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Whittington and upon a unanimous roll call vote, the Ordinance was adopted.

3. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an Ordinance creating a Landmark Status program for historic propertiesMarcia Perritt

Marcia Perritt, UNC Planner, stated the Historic District Commission (HDC) and staff have been working on a landmark status ordinance which is a local designation that promotes preservation and facilitates redevelopment.

Mayor Murphy declared the public hearing open.

Rose Clark, 606 College Street and President of the Historic District Commission, stated it has been a real pleasure to work with Marcia [Perritt] and Adam [Short] on this project. Being involved in preservation, Kinston is on the radar in cities east of Asheville. She attends conferences and training and when you say Kinston, heads turn, and it used to not be that way. They say that they wish they had what we have in Kinston and what they mean is our historic preservation, our development of our historic building. We could have never dreamt what has happened in Mitchelltown. We need to continue to find ways to lower financial barriers and encourage even more historic development, and the landmark building status does this. People travel for historic purposes, art and architecture. There are so many things that are bringing people to Kinston, and when we have the landmark status program, it will give people another reason to look at these buildings and want to continue development. The HDC has been unanimous for this program.

Mayor Murphy thanked Mrs. Clark for all of her effort over the years with historic preservation, and after no one else speaking in favor of or in opposition, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Murphy asked if downtown in and of itself is a historic district. Ms. Perritt stated yes. We chose to focus on downtown at the outset just to get a hang of this program and to pilot test it, so we hope to expand it to a greater area. There is a nationally registered historic district within downtown, although it does not align with the Municipal Service District (MSD). This landmark designation is a local designation, so it is separate from the national historic district designation. A building does not have to be a contributing structure to the historic district to qualify, although the application process is very similar.

Mayor Murphy confirmed that more than one property could be selected within the MSD area.

Councilmember Tyson asked the designation of the Grainger Hill area and asked if that area would apply. Ms. Perritt stated she believes it is national historic district. For now we have chosen to limit the geography of this designation so that staff could get a handle on the process, see how it works out, and then we hope to expand it to all of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Swinson introduced the following Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.6
OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF KINSTON

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT ARTICLE 3 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE is amended as set forth in Section One below:

SECTION ONE. Historic District Commission

Section 1(a) UDO Section 3.6.7 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

“Section 3.6.7.3 The City Council may designate from time to time one (1) or more historic landmarks within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City. A building, structure, site, area or object may be considered for designation as an historic landmark only if all of the following criteria are met:

- 3.6.7.3.1. If the proposed landmark is a building, the building must have been restored or will be restored in the near future.
- 3.6.7.3.2. The proposed landmark must be located within the Downtown Municipal Service District.
- 3.6.7.3.3. The Historic District Commission (HDC) must deem and find that the building, structure, site, area, or object meets at least two of the five following criteria:
 - 3.6.7.3.3.1. The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, regional, or national history.
 - 3.6.7.3.3.2. The property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important to Kinston’s history or prehistory.
 - 3.6.7.3.3.3. The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in local, regional, or national history.
 - 3.6.7.3.3.4. The property embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.
 - 3.6.7.3.3.5. The property represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic value.”

Section 1(b) UDO Section 3.6.6. is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

“Section 3.6.6.4.21. Recommend to the City Council buildings, structures, sites, areas or objects to be designated by ordinance as historic landmarks.”

SECTION TWO. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION THREE. That if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION FOUR. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Councilmember Solomon made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyson and upon a unanimous vote the Ordinance was adopted.

Ms. Perritt acknowledged Myra Greene-Pittman, Robert Brown, and Jane Phillips who were in attendance and HDC members who worked on the initiative.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN ALLIANCE

Tony Sears, City Manager, stated he was been contacted by the North Carolina Eastern Alliance (NCEA). For several years the County paid the membership and the city was included, but the County has selected to discontinue the membership. They have sent a proposal to promote redevelopment of historic commercial buildings in small towns across Eastern North Carolina. They know there are towns that have vacancies in downtown. It is a new venture for them. No action is required at this time. The membership cost is \$2,500 a year.

James Cauley, City Attorney, stated that originally this organization was set up for county membership only, and it then it was statutorily dissolved and the organization evolved to the NCEA and now they have city, county, corporate and individual memberships.

Mayor Murphy stated it seems that it would be an upside for us to join. What would be the difference between this organization and NCCOG? Mr. Cauley stated this organization is focused on economic development, and ECCOG is more of a planning organization.

DRONE

Tony Sears, City Manager, stated we have talked to the County and Emergency Management about the purchase of a drone. We have the money to purchase it and just wanted to provide a brief update.

Alonzo Jaynes, Police Chief, stated the drone will help us enhance our search and rescue efforts and to further our mission to protect our citizens and our officers. The cost is significantly lower since we are splitting the cost three ways with County Emergency Services and the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Sears stated the initial cost is around \$20,000 and our portion is \$6,666 which was approved in this fiscal year and we are going to move forward with the joint purchase.

Mayor Murphy stated he is a big supporter, and he is happy that we have found a way to make this happen. Technology can be a double edge sword sometimes, but I see this one with a lot of up side.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Murphy stated tonight is the first night for the Wood Ducks exhibition game and next Monday is opening day for the team.

Mayor Murphy stated several went to Raleigh last week and met with legislators for Town Hall Day, and we had good discussions on the recent resolutions that we passed and the next step is working to meet with our congressional delegation in Washington, DC.

Mr. Sears stated there have been other communities who have reached out to us regarding the flood prevention resolution and they want to know how we will move forward.

Mayor Murphy stated he suspects there will be other communities that pass a similar resolution this week and the more, the merrier, especially along the Neuse River basin.

Councilmember Aiken asked since HB 2 was repealed, are we back in the running for the World Series. Mr. Sears stated no and it is because we now have the Wood Ducks. The only loss was this year, and now that we have a team, we had not planned to rebid on the series.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Solomon made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Whittington and upon a unanimous vote the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Hicks, City Clerk