

June 25, 2018

The City Council of the City of Rocky Mount met this day in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the George W. Dudley City Council Chamber of the Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building with Mayor David W. Combs presiding.

Councilmembers present: André D. Knight, Reuben C. Blackwell, IV, Richard Joyner, Lois Watkins, Tom Rogers, W. B. Bullock and Christine Carroll Miller.

Staff Present: Rochelle D. Small-Toney, City Manager; Pamela O. Casey, City Clerk; Chris Beschler, Assistant City Manager; Tameka Kenan-Norman, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer; Amy Staton, Finance Director; Willie R. Williams, Interim Chief of Police; Jonathan Boone, Director of Public Works and Water Resources; Kelvin Yarrell, Parks and Recreation Director; Elayne Henderson, Director of Human Resources; JoSeth Bocook, Interim Director of Development Services; Wanda Alford, Personnel Technician; Felisa Hunter, Human Relations Specialist; Nicki Gurganus, Accounting Manager; Allen Richardson, Forester-Energy Resources; Sandra Lynch, Planning Technician; Todd Gardner, Transit System Manager; Mark Adcox, Video Production Specialist; Darryl Strother, Electrical Distribution Superintendent; Rusty Owens, Energy Resources Consultant; Kim Batts, Deputy City Clerk; Chase Norwood, Lindsey Davis, Andrew Jakubiak and Charisma Cooper, Summer Interns, City Manager's Office; and Richard J. Rose, City Attorney.

The Mayor opened the meeting and called on Councilmember Tom Rogers to offer prayer. Prior to the prayer, Councilmember Rogers requested those present pause to remember Rocky Mount Senior Police Officer Chris Driver who lost his life in a motor vehicle accident in the line of duty on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

WELCOME

Mayor Combs welcomed citizens and directed them to copies of the agenda near the entrance of the City Council Chamber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council held June 11, 2018 were approved as submitted to the City Council prior to the meeting.

AWARDS PRESENTATION/ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Mayor introduced Nash County Ranger, Bill Lewis, with the North Carolina Forest Service. Mr. Lewis reported that he is presenting the awards on behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. He stated the Department of Energy Resources is receiving the Tree City USA Award for the 15th consecutive year; the Tree Line USA Award for the 11th year; and the Tree City USA Growth Award for the 5th year. He explained these awards represent significant achievement by the Energy Resources Department.

The Mayor congratulated the Department of Energy Resources on receiving the awards and recognized members of the Tree Advisory Board. Mayor Combs and City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney joined Ranger Lewis; Darryl Strother, Electrical Distribution Superintendent; Allen Richardson, Forester; Sandra Lynch, Planning Technician; and Doris Cooper, Linda Bitner and Linda Tippetette, Tree Advisory Board members for a photograph.

PRESENTATION/ELECTRICITIES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

The Mayor introduced recently retired Energy Services Operations Manager and current Energy Resources Consultant Rusty Owens. Mr. Owens told the City Council that the APPA Lineworkers Rodeo was held in Wake Forest, North Carolina on April 28, 2018. He noted this was the first time the APPA National Lineworkers Rodeo had been held in the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Owens informed the City Council that a Rocky Mount Energy Resources crew was sent on three different dates to set poles at the site of the rodeo in Wake Forest and there were a total of 183 poles set for 382 linemen competing from 68 utilities across the country.

Mr. Owens told the City Council that the Board of Directors for Electricities of North Carolina, Inc. adopted a resolution to recognize and thank the City of Rocky Mount for its hard work in the construction of the site for the 2018 APPA National Lineworkers Rodeo. He added the resolution states that the rodeo would not have been successful without the City of Rocky Mount's tireless work and dedication.

Mr. Owens presented the Resolution to Rocky Mount Mayor David W. Combs and congratulated the Mayor, City Council and the City of Rocky Mount on receiving this recognition. He joined the Mayor, Councilmembers Knight and Joyner, City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney and Darryl Strother, Electrical Distribution Superintendent for a photograph.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor outlined the guidelines for petitions from the public and requested that citizens wishing to speak complete a speaker request form. He noted this is an opportunity to raise a question or present a request to Council; that comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not to individual Councilmembers or City staff; and, in most cases, Councilmembers will not respond to public comments, but may refer a matter to the City Manager or staff for follow-up. He requested that comments be made from the podium in a civil, non-argumentative and respectful manner and added that personal attacks that have the potential to disrupt the meeting will not be tolerated.

Mayor Combs opened the meeting for petitions from the public and recognized the following individual:

Mae Parker:

- spoke on behalf of herself and the Holly Street Neighborhood expressing sympathy for the tragic death of Senior Police Officer Chris Driver. She said the community knew him well and she knows all the officers. Ms. Parker urged citizens to give police

officers a hug when they see them in the community because they are protecting us;

- urged Council to adopt an ordinance preventing the parking of commercial vehicles (18 wheelers) in residential neighborhoods. She added that businesses that are closed on the weekends could be a good neighbor by allowing commercial vehicles to park on their property during the weekend; and
- stated the RMECDC has been a good community partner making tremendous change in the Holly Street Community. She urged Council to include them in the budget and said there are 5 or 10 more blocks needing renovation and she hopes to see that happen in her lifetime.

Randy Adcox:

- said he attended a public forum on the confederate monument last week; he commended the Council for approving this process and complimented the City saying there was constructive dialogue;
- said education was a recurring theme for making the community better;
- said he would like see a Rocky Mount Museum created and offered to assist; he said the museum should include information about the City including railroads, the mills, the agricultural aspect and citizens whose vision helped make Rocky Mount what it is today. He said there are people interested in this and someone willing to provide a building; he added he spoke with someone today at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh about the possibility of obtaining a grant for the creation of a museum. He added that an ideal location would be in the vicinity of Battle Park. He stated it might be more advantageous for the City to facilitate this plan and he is happy to help.

Patrick Zammiello:

- voiced a concern relative to panhandlers and stated some are known shysters who are taking advantage of the community and portraying the city in a bad light (Walmart and 64 offramps); he asked that the Council consider what can be done about this issue;
- thanked the Council for the progress made on the Event Center. He said he was born and raised in South Rocky Mount and currently lives in Ward 6; he added a lot of progress has been made with the Event Center and the Mill, restaurants and revitalization and it means a lot to see the progress, having grown up in the area without a lot;
- said he hopes to see the Downtown be more like Raleigh and thinks the City is on a vibrant path

Lige Daughtridge:

- requested clarification with relation to the CDBG grants and wondered if they have anything to do with Tarboro and Arlington Streets;
- stated he is not against Downtown housing but parking is needed in the area of Tarboro and Arlington Streets for the Event Center in which heavy investment of tax dollars has been made; he said the location proposed for Downtown housing is the site of an old cleaners and mechanic shop; he said he expects the land is contaminated and questioned how much cleanup would cost
- asked for assurances that the occupancy tax fund transfer will be used to pay down the Imperial Centre and Sports Complex debt

Dr. Kim Koo:

- said she had been following the budget discussion closely and the latest revision did not answer questions; she added a lot of money has been spent for the Event Center and she sees no allowance for parking;
- said the Event Center will house thousands of people and parking will be a problem if it is not dealt with; parking on the street will deprive the neighborhood from parking; patrons of the Event Center will be upset when they cannot find parking which will set

up the Center to fail because neighborhoods will be angry and patrons will be frustrated;

- voiced concern relative to the revision planned to change the streets to and from the Event Center to one lane with bike lanes; she questioned how one lane back and forth will be adequate for travel

Mayor Combs stated that the City Council is considering the parking issue, but noted there are approximately 4,000 parking space in Downtown Rocky Mount and anywhere people travel they are likely to have to park and walk. He added the housing project is being considered as well.

No one else came forward and the Mayor closed the public petitions portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING (recommended for approval):

1. Request by Garland Jones for permission to close the 100 block of SW Main Street from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 for an Annual Youth Explosions;
2. Request by Bishop and Pastor Deloach, on behalf of Increasing Faith Ministry, for permission to close the 800 block of Pender Street from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018 for a church community event;
3. Request by Pastor Nellene Richardson for permission to close the 1000 block of Arlington Street from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2018 for an Awareness Day;
4. Request by Senior Pastor Anthony Harris, on behalf of War House International Outreach Ministries, for permission to close the 800 block of Mitchell Street from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2018 for a Community Outreach Event; and
5. Request from Chris Beschler, Assistant City Manager, for temporary street closing for the City's annual Independence Day Celebration (*ordinance adoption requirement of NCDOT standards*):
 - **Ordinance No. O-2018-55 entitled ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT DECLARING A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** [temporary closure of North Church Street (US 301 Business) from US 64 to Airport Road (SR 1542) from 8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the duration of the fireworks show on Tuesday, July 3, 2018]

B. AD VALOREM TAX RELEASES:(recommended for adoption)

SCHEDULE A - acknowledge receipt of report of the following taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<u>NASH COUNTY</u>				
2017	729	APPLIED SCIENCE & PRODUCTION INC PO BOX 8735 ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	68.96	CITY BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2016
		TOTAL RELEASE:	68.96	
2017	18746	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1836 SPARROW HAWK LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	15.58 0.31	CITY EXEMPT PROPERTY INT
		TOTAL RELEASE:	15.89	

2017	18745	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1829 SPARROW HAWK LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	15.84 0.32	CITY INT	EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			16.16		
2017	18748	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1809 BOBWHITE LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	17.75 0.36	CITY INT	EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			18.11		
2017	18702	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1805 BOBWHITE LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	18.22 0.36	CITY INT	EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			18.58		
2017	18706	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1801 BOBWHITE LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	13.99 0.28	CITY INT	EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			14.27		
2017	2211	SISTER ACT 13494 HIGHWAY 481 ENFIELD, NC 27823	52.80 5.28 3.34	CITY PEN INT	BUSINESS CLOSED PRIOR TO 2017
TOTAL RELEASE:			61.42		

SCHEDULE B - approve release and/or refund of the following taxes over \$100:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<u>NASH COUNTY</u>				
2009	15407	NEW DIMENSION GROUP LLC 717 STARLING WAY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	1633.28 1257.63	CITY INT FORECLOSURE
TOTAL RELEASE:			2890.91	
2010	1997	NEW DIMENSION GROUP LLC 717 STARLING WAY ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27803	1633.28 1110.63	CITY INT FORECLOSURE
TOTAL RELEASE:			2743.91	
2017	19476	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1609 BOBWHITE LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	108.97 2.18	CITY INT EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			111.15	
2017	19468	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1600 BOBWHITE LN ROCK MOUNT, NC 27804	119.99 2.40	CITY INT EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			122.39	
2017	19503	NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH BOB WHITE LN ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	337.66 6.75	CITY INT EXEMPT PROPERTY
TOTAL RELEASE:			344.41	
2016	1449	RABADAN SUBWAY II INC	116.46	CITY BUSINESS CLOSED

		1100 N WESLEYAN BLVD	17.18	INT	IN 2015
		ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804			
		TOTAL RELEASE:	133.64		
2017	1000181	RABADAN SUBWAY II INC	127.05	CITY	BUSINESS CLOSED
		1100 N WESLEYAN BLVD	12.71	PEN	IN 2015
		ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804	8.04	INT	
		TOTAL RELEASE:	147.80		

C. FY 2018 TAR RIVER TRANSIT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: (recommended for adoption)

1. **Ordinance No. O-2018-56** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR REDUCTION OF URBAN OPERATING BUDGET** (reduces State Maintenance Assistance Program [SMAP] revenues to reflect actual allocation of funds for the Urban Operating Budget [\$64,000]); and
2. **Ordinance No. O-2018-57** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR REDUCTION OF URBAN CAPITAL BUDGET** (reduces State Maintenance Assistance Program [SMAP] revenues to reflect actual allocation of funds for the Urban Capital Budget [\$2,574])

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Miller and unanimously carried that the recommendations relative to the Consent Agenda items be approved inclusive of approval of the temporary street closings, tax releases and/or refunds; and adoption of Ordinances.

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET/PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED

The Mayor outlined the process for public comment and stated the public hearing relative to the proposed budget for the City of Rocky Mount for FY 2018-2019 is open, having been continued from the June 11, 2018 City Council meeting.

He recognized the following citizens:

Joyce Dickens, Rocky Mount/Edgecombe Community Development Corporation (RMECDC) -

- Provided a handout to the City Council;
- Stated she is the president of Rocky Mount/Edgecombe Community Development Corporation (RMECDC)
- Said RMECDC has partnered with the City since 1988 to successfully address housing and community development needs and their work produces a return on investment for the City in property taxes
- In 2017 RMECDC projects paid approximately \$103,040.99 in property taxes;
- Request the City invest back into the RMECDC by continuing to fund the Housing Development Manager position;
- Said the article in the paper stated the City is doling out funding to RMECDC but said funding to the organization receives a return on the investment;
- In 2017 the RMECDC housing productivity included:
 - o Construction of 6 duplex apartments at Holly Street
 - o Construction of 2 single-family for sale houses in Genesis Estates
 - o Completed rehab of 24 units
 - o Managed 124 units of rental housing
 - o Acquired dilapidated structure for demolition and rebuild at 415 Myrtle Avenue; and
 - o Developed Neighborhood Revitalization, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, Housing Development and Housing Counseling Programs and Plans
- Outlined some of the 2018-2024 Housing Development Plans;
- Stated she looks forward to a continuing partnership, adding that the RMECDC has historically partnered with the City under the tenures of City Managers, Batchelor, Raper and Penny;

- Stated she hopes the value of the RMECDC's existence can be seen

Sue Perry Cole -

- Said it is nice to have an opportunity to commend the Council on the work Downtown;
- Read a recent quote in the newspaper that the City Manager said housing is important in the Downtown;
- Said she was very encouraged by the support of housing-related investments in the budget

Lige Daughtridge -

- Questioned the total of unpaid property taxes and delinquent or unpaid civil penalties and if those revenues are used to balance the budget (adding if they have not been paid in three years why council counted on them to balance the budget). He stated he would like an answer to that question, preferably before the Council votes on the budget;
- Said if the budget has been cut \$2.5M why is a tax increase needed;
- Stated he has made a public records request, but has only received a portion of the information requested;
- Said pennies make dollars and many citizens cannot afford to pay these various taxes;
- Said it is nice to have an opportunity to commend the Council on the work Downtown

Mayor Combs advised that staff is working on the public records request.

Bronson Williams -

- Said it bothers him that special interest outweighs total community input and Rocky Mount faces many challenges on either side of the track and it is important that everyone shares in the pie;
- Said he has noted the City's collection rate is about 97%;
- Said following the process all the time is important;
- Said he would like to see the time for public input be increased;
- Said he hopes we are not following the downward slippery slope of what happened with our superintendent Anthony Jackson when they had a situation and tried to fire the superintendent and doing the same thing with our City Manager

Martin Hill -

- Said he represents the Disabled American Veterans(DAV) and is the current commander;
- Said there are a lot of veterans in Rocky Mount and they want to standout;
- Said he is seeking support and has also visited United Way and the Chamber; Golden Coral is one of the biggest supporters of veterans

Nehemiah Smith -

- Said the last Manager said the Council Chamber would be repaired; he said the Council Chamber is named after the first African American Councilmember and he was not a raggedy man

Patrick Zammiello -

- Said the City is making progress and voiced concern for cuts in the budget saying it could stifle; he said some positions like the third assistant manager would streamline the work
- Said 2.5 cent is not a lot of money for a tax increase, especially based on the return; and even with a tax increase Rocky Mount would be 78th from the top of the list
- Asked that potential budget cuts be reconsidered

No one else from the public appeared and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

FY 2018-2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE AND FEES & CHARGES

Consideration was given to the FY 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance which establishes appropriations for FY 2018-2019 and sets the ad valorem rate at \$0.685 per \$100 of taxable assessed value; and to recommendations for amendments to the following fees and charges:

1. Department of Public Works & Water Resources:

- Policy No. X.8.5 Solid Waste Transfer Station Tipping Fee

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and carried by a vote of 6-1 (Councilmember Bullock opposed) that **Ordinance No. O-2018-58** entitled **CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT 2018-19 BUDGET ORDINANCE**; that **Resolution No. R-2018-31** relative to fees and charges entitled **RESOLUTION AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY ENTITLED "POLICY: SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION TIPPING FEES"** be adopted.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**A. LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING**

The recommendation was made by staff to continue the public hearing previously continued on June 11, 2018 relative to the following Land Development Code amendments recommended for approval and found in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board until the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting:

- Amendment to add the term and definition for Recreational Vehicle Park in alphabetical sequence in the Land Development Code and to the General Use Tables as a land use requiring a special use permit in Commercial Corridor (B-2) and Commercial Services (B-5) zoning districts.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that the public hearing be continued until the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting.

B. LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT/PUBLIC HEARING

Staff recommended the public hearing previously continued on June 11, 2018 relative to the following Land Development Code amendment recommended for approval and found in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board be continued until the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting:

- Amendment to amend the Land Development Code to define the maximum size of commercial vehicles and trailers prohibited from parking on properties with a residential use or zoning designation

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that the public hearing be continued until the July 9, 2018 City Council meeting.

ANNEXATION NO. 313/1728 GOLDROCK ROAD

The City Council received a petition from Luis Soto Sandoval and Sugei Marlen Rocha-Valenzuela for annexation of a contiguous parcel.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that receipt of the petition be acknowledged and that **Resolution No. R-2018-32** entitled **RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CITY CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE SUFFICIENCY OF A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF A CONTIGUOUS AREA INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS**

OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT ANNEXATION NO. 313 - 1725 GOLDROCK ROAD be adopted.

POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN AMENDMENTS

The City Council received a recommendation for the following amendments to the City's Pay and Classification Plan:

a. Add New Positions:

Department/Division	Classification	Range	No. Positions
Human Resources	Assistant Director of Human Resources	24	1
Finance – Business Office	Customer Service Representative	10	1
City Manager's Office	Chief Internal Auditor	26	1
Technology Services	Chief Technology Officer	28	1

b. Reclassify Position (part-time to full-time):

Department/Division	Classification	Range	No. Positions
Community & Business Development	Downtown & Business Development Coordinator	15	1

c. Delete Position:

Department/Division	Current Classification
Technology Services	Information Systems Manager

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that **Resolution No. R-2018-33** entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN** be adopted.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The City Council received an ordinance amending the FY 2017-18 budget to increase the FY 2018 Annual Operating Budget by \$1,800,000 in the gas fund to cover projected costs for purchase of natural gas for resale through the City's utility service and provide funding for the Gas Rate Stabilization Fund.

Motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2018-59** entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASES AND RATE STABILIZATION** be adopted.

FY 2019 PROJECT ORDINANCES/TAR RIVER TRANSIT

Consideration was given to FY 2019 Capital Project Ordinances for Tar River Transit (TRT) operations - (\$5,731,489).

Motion was made by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the following ordinances be adopted:

- a) **Ordinance No. O-2018-60** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 URBAN TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT;**
- b) **Ordinance No. O-2018-61** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 URBAN TRANSIT OPERATING PROJECT;**
- c) **Ordinance No. O-2018-62** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 TRANSIT SYSTEM PLANNING PROJECT;**

- d) Ordinance No. O-2018-63 entitled GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 RURAL TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT;
- e) Ordinance No. O-2018-64 entitled GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 RURAL TRANSIT OPERATING PROJECT;
- f) Ordinance No. O-2018-65 entitled GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM FEEDER PROJECT;
- g) Ordinance No. O-2018-66 entitled GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 RURAL MOBILITY MANAGEMENT GRANT; and
- h) Ordinance No. O-2018-67 entitled GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/FY 2019 RURAL EVENING SERVICE GRANT.

WATER ASSESSMENT CONTRACT

The City Council received a water assessment contract with Arlene Hill Spivey for water service to 4581 Laurel Trail Road (PIN #383105189627). Council was advised that the contract provides for the prepayment of water tap, meter and capacity fees of \$1,765 and for the water main fee of \$2,500 to be assessed against the property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Joyner and unanimously carried that the assessment contract with Arlene Hill Spivey for water service to 4581 Laurel Trail Road (**C-2018-14**) be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT/PFIZER

The City Council received a natural gas transportation agreement with Hospira, Inc., a Pfizer Company for the extension of a 10" natural gas main to its facility on N. Wesleyan Boulevard at an estimated overall cost of \$2,489,986. The Council was advised that Pfizer's prorated share of this cost is approximately \$1,765,800 and it will reimburse the City for this cost over five (5) years at a 3.5% interest rate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Bullock and unanimously carried that the natural gas transportation agreement with Pfizer (**C-2018-15**) be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

BID/ONE (1) USED CATERPILLAR 3516B DIESEL GENERATOR SET

The City Council received a recommendation for the purchase of one (1) used caterpillar 3516B diesel generator set in accordance with NCGS 143-129(e)(10) which allows "used equipment" to be purchased without seeking competitive bids. Bid documentation is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **BD-2018-17**.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by Councilmember Rogers and unanimously carried that the bid be awarded to Gregory Poole Power Systems at a cost of \$325,437, plus installation cost of \$263,418 for a total cost of \$588,855, and that the Purchasing Division be authorized to issue a purchase order for the equipment in accordance with the Council's award.

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NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE JUNE 25, 2018 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

PROJECT ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROJECT

The City Council received the following project ordinances for administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDB19) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HME19) for FY 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that the following ordinances be adopted:

- **Ordinance No. O-2018-68** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/2018-2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT GRANT PROJECT - \$565,761;**
- **Ordinance No. O-2018-69** entitled **GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE/2018-2019 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROJECT - \$647,456.**

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING

The City Council received a request from Daphne Trevathan, on behalf of the Happy Hill Community Club, to close the 1000 block of Star Street, 500 block of N. Harris Street and 500 block of N. Vyne Street on Sunday, July 1, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for an annual July 4 Community Event.

Motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Watkins and unanimously carried that the request be granted.

PROJECT AMENDMENT/OCCUPANCY TAX

The City Council received a project amendment to increase appropriations in the Occupancy Tax Funds to fund a scheduled transfer to the General Fund in FY 2018 adopted Annual Operating Budget (\$550,000).

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and unanimously carried that **Ordinance No. O-2018-70** entitled **OCCUPANCY TAX PROJECT AMENDMENT** be adopted.

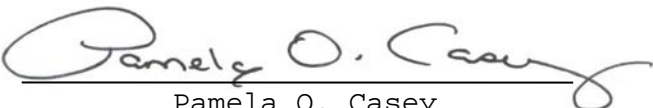
CLOSED SESSION (ADDED TO AGENDA IN OPEN MEETING)

The City Attorney requested a Closed Session to discuss a matter concerning attorney-client privilege.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Knight and unanimously carried that the City Council go into a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. The minutes of the Closed Session shall be filed as **ESM-496** at the end of **Minute Book 34** upon approval for release by the City Attorney.

REGULAR SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor convened the City in regular session at 6:15 p.m. and there being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned.


 Pamela O. Casey
 City Clerk