A regular meeting of the Greenville City Council was held at 6:00 pm, on Monday, January 7, 2019 in the Council Chambers, located on the third floor at City Hall, with Mayor P. J. Connelly presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member Will Bell.

Those Present:
   Mayor P. J. Connelly; Mayor Pro-Tem Rose H. Glover; and Council Members Brian V. Meyerhoeffer, Jr., Will Bell, Rick Smiley, and William F. Litchfield, Jr.

Those Absent:
   Council Member for District 1 Seat Due to Vacancy

Also Present:
   Ann E. Wall, City Manager; Emanuel D. McGirt, City Attorney; Carol L. Barwick, City Clerk; and Polly W. Jones, Deputy City Clerk

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Litchfield to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Shawan M. Barr – 903 Douglas Avenue

Ms. Barr made comments about her interest in being reappointed to the District 1 seat. Ms. Barr stated that she has the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the Greenville City Council. Her understanding is due to her previous experience of filling the seat temporarily as the Council Member for District 1 during 2018.

Mrs. Barr stated that she already understands the qualifications for holding an elected office, oath of office and composition of the Greenville City Council as outlined in North Carolina General Statute Chapter 160A, Article 5. She is aware of the duties of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. A true team player is familiar with their position and the positions of all the other players. Also, she is familiar with the importance of elected officials having a quorum and voting during City Council meetings, taking ethics training, and adopting ordinances.
Kelly Darden, Jr. – 100 Trent Circle
Mr. Darden stated that tonight is not all about him and his accomplishments, but it is about the citizens of Greenville and the people of District 1. Mr. Darden highlighted his qualifications to fulfill the District 1 seat vacated by Council Member Kandie D. Smith.

Mr. Darden stated that he is a native of Greenville. He has appeared on national television and has conveyed to major corporations why his choice of television programming was relevant and beneficial to them. During his ten years of service with the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, he served in all capacities from a member of the Diversity Committee to the role of Vice-President. The Federation is the largest conservation agency in the State of North Carolina, having over 30,000 members. He has visited Capitol Hill to convey the importance of energy, conservation, and all of the entities that would be beneficial to North Carolinians.

Mr. Darden stated that he also served on the Marine Fisheries Commission for the State of North Carolina, being appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue. He administered decisions that affected all of the marine resources that were placed in North Carolina. Recently, he was appointed as a Commissioner to the Greenville Utilities Commission, which all citizens reap the benefits thereof and its service is a vital necessity of life.

Mr. Darden stated that District 1 is his home and Greenville is his family. There is an economic need for growth on that side of the City. Not a single district would trade places with those of us who live North of the River and in West Greenville, but that can change because there is opportunity for growth and prosperity in District 1. There is not a single drug store, bank, and nothing North of the River.

Mr. Darden stated that at the conclusion of this meeting, he invites the Mayor and City Council to go across the Tar River Bridge and notice the difference. All infrastructure to build and develop Greenville is there including the airport, which is constantly expanding. Highway 264 is soon to be an interstate, Highway 13 and Highway 11 bring in the traffic, and the closest thing that Greenville has to the Interstate is in District 1. If we utilize those things, we will bring about prosperity to the citizens on that side of the City.

Monica Daniels – 1013 Old Village Road
Ms. Daniels expressed her interest in being considered for the City Council seat for District 1. She shared when her love of Greenville began and how her service heart was created. Over 25 years ago, she provided transportation to a friend’s client who needed a ride to the grocery store because public transportation was not available in Pitt County. It was both a pleasure to talk and to assist that individual, but it was heartbreaking to know that a citizen of Pitt County did not have the means even to go grocery shopping. From that moment, she decided to dedicate her time and resources to help make a better community for where she lives.

Ms. Daniels stated that during Hurricane Floyd, a time when many were without utilities, food, water, and shelter, she and her children knocked on doors to insure that their
neighbors were safe. They stood in lines to get water and ice for those who were unable to do so (the elderly, disabled, single mothers, and those without transportation). Needless to say, Hurricane Floyd made an impact on everyone's lives.

Ms. Daniels stated that aside from other natural disasters, she has delivered Meals on Wheels, cooked meals for East Carolina University students and for those who attend her church so that they could have hot home-cooked meals. She volunteered as a proxy at her children's school. As children, her kids were always given an extra snack or drink for others without any and they were instructed to quietly give to those who are in need, and God would give them the award.

Ms. Daniels stated that she and her children have visited nursing homes, volunteered at shelters, and packed meals to distribute to unfortunate individuals, who were unable to go to the shelter for a meal. These were the moments that instilled being hands-on in her community. She learned early on that we can never know what people need if we do not go where they are.

Ms. Daniels stated people have to listen to them speak and treat every individual with the dignity and respect that they deserve. It will never be enough to be a City Council Member – she must also be a voice. She looks forward to learning more about and helping to strengthen the City's programs. Programs that help families and our community to grow such as the Housing Division and a program that allows the citizens such as herself, a single mother of five beautiful girls, to become a homeowner. Also, such as the City's transit system that gives North of the River citizens the privilege to utilize transportation to places that they once did not have access to, including the local grocery store.

Ms. Daniels stated that if she is chosen as the candidate to represent District 1, she will also come with the knowledge that while the Members of the Greenville City Council may represent the different districts in which they live, they will also work in unity to make the best decisions for the City as a whole. Additionally, the City Council will make it known to everyone that Greenville means business.

Mayor Connelly stated that these first speakers are three of the four people who are applying for the District 1 City Council seat. One other individual, Mr. Christopher Dolan could not be present this evening because he has the flu.

Jenna Lee - 2303 Royal Drive
As the Vice-Chairperson of the Youth Council, Ms. Lee invited the Mayor and City Council to the Youth Council's “Letting Our Voices Be Heard” dialogue. Ms. Lee stated that this community dialogue will take place on Monday, January 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Gallery area, located on the third floor of City Hall. Topics for discussion are Equity vs Equality, Schools Out, Home Sweet Home or Not, and A Different World, which cover matters such as mental health, peer pressure, colorism, gender bias, and sexual abuse.
Stephen Brand – 503 River Hill Drive  
Mr. Brand reported the following unsafe issues on River Hill Drive:

- A speed bump is needed on River Hill Drive because there is one entrance to the neighborhood and bus drivers are the major people who are speeding down the hill.
- There is an issue with trucks travelling through the neighborhood with loud mufflers. Mr. Brand asked whether the City’s noise ordinance applies to mufflers.
- A lot of noise is coming from guns fired by hunters on the other side of River Hill Drive.
- A sidewalk is needed because there is no safe way to get across Highway 33 without sidewalks.

Mr. Brand reported that the residents of River Hill Drive do not want their children or pets to die from someone speeding downhill or shooting random bullets in the woods. In addition, occasionally, the residents would like to walk instead of driving their cars to the stores in the neighborhood.

Council Member Bell asked Mr. Brand to leave his contact information with Assistant City Managers Michael Cowin or Ken Graves.

### Consent Agenda

City Manager Wall introduced the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from the December 10, 2018 City Council workshop
- Resolution Designating the City’s Agents for FEMA Funds for Hurricane Florence – (Resolution No. 001-19)
- Authorization to submit a North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Urgent Repair Grant
- Agreement with Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc. for testing of Sexual Assault Kits (Contract No. 2263)
- Removed for Separate Discussion Supplemental Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Construction of the Safe Routes to Schools Project
• **Removed for Separate Discussion** Contract award for the Safe Routes to Schools Project and resolution requesting concurrence in award from the North Carolina Department of Transportation - (Resolution No. 004-19)

• Resolution of Intent to Close an alleyway located on the east side of Cedar Lane and south of East Tenth Street – (Resolution No. 002-19)

• Resolution of Intent to Close an alleyway located on the east side of East Rock Spring Road and south of East Tenth Street – (Resolution No. 003-19)

• Various tax refunds greater than $100

Mayor Connelly requested that two items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion, including Supplemental Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Construction of the Safe Routes to Schools Project and Contract award for the Safe Routes to Schools Project and resolution requesting concurrence in award from the North Carolina Department of Transportation

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Meyerhoeffer to approve the remaining items under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT – (Contract No. 2275)**

Mayor Connelly explained that he asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion because he feels it is good for the public to know what is happening in the City. The City received a grant and is eligible to receive additional grant funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to enhance and to add more to the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

City Engineer Scott Godefoy explained that the Safe Routes to Schools program provides funding for sidewalks within close proximity to schools. The NCDOT administers this federal program. Originally, the NCDOT informed staff that $.5 million was available to be used towards City of Greenville projects. So staff looked for several projects within the City and identified three projects for funding.

City Engineer Godefoy explained that at the time, the extent of the projects was unknown, but it became apparent early on that the City would need more money and would go back to request more funding.
City Engineer Godefroy explained that the project involves construction of sidewalk improvements at 1) Memorial Drive, from Millbrook Street to Arlington Boulevard (There is an existing sidewalk along Arlington Boulevard that goes to J. H. Rose High School, which has approximately 1,500 students.), 2) Skinner Street/Norris Street, from Howell Street to Perkins Street (This section is adjacent to the South Greenville Elementary School, which has 503 students and a sidewalk will well serve them.), and 3) East Fifth Street, from Beech Street to existing sidewalk east of Green Mill Run.

City Engineer Godefroy explained that the section along East Fifth Street includes a 100 feet long, 8 feet wide pedestrian bridge, across Green Mill Run, which is separate from the bridge itself. Originally, staff considered funding for adding to the bridge, but the bridge needed to be replaced. So, staff requested additional funding for the pedestrian bridge instead.

City Engineer Godefroy explained bids were received in August 2018 and there were two bidders. A rebid was done and the one bidder’s amount for the work was over the budget that the City had set aside. The $503,000 allocated was for construction only. Staff had requested an addition to that is the same funding, but unfortunately it is set at 80/20% funding. The City would have to match 20% of that total, but the NCDOT allocated the additional funds for the City projects.

Council Member Smiley asked about the timeframe for the completion of the project, if the City signs the contract.

City Engineer Godefroy responded the timeframe for completion of the project would be 6-9 months.

City Engineer Godefroy stated that regarding the East Fifth Street improvement, the sidewalk will serve Wahl Coates School as well as St. Peter’s Catholic Church. It is nice that the City finally got a connection from Beech Street out to the sidewalk on the other side of Arlington Boulevard.

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Bell to approve the supplemental agreement as well as the contract award and resolution associated with the Safe Routes to Schools Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT AND RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONCURRENCE IN AWARD FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – (Resolution No. 004-19)**

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Bell to approve the supplemental agreement as well as the contract award and resolution associated with the Safe Routes to Schools Project. Motion carried unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATIONS BY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Environmental Advisory Commission

Chairperson Durk Tyson reported that the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) is comprised of a diverse group of citizens with specialized knowledge and experience along with a genuine desire to improve the environment for all of the citizens of Greenville. As required by their charter, the EAC’s makeup includes a professional engineer, a member of the local environmental group, a member with skills and environmental public help, a position for someone familiar with construction techniques, and an at-large member from the citizens of Greenville.

Chairperson Tyson gave a summary of the EAC’s goals. Due largely to the efforts demonstrated by ECU and a number of other communities in North Carolina, the EAC hosted a discussion on sustainability issues and the possibility of the City of Greenville adding a Sustainability Manager or Coordinator. That meeting was very well attended by the citizens of Greenville and a lot of comments were received about those items. The EAC will continue gathering and reviewing this information and, hopefully, will bring back a report to the City Council.

Chairperson Tyson reported that another goal is to promote environmental education/sustainability through the engagement of citizens and students (grade and/or college students). The EAC closely followed the City’s progress during the development of the Stormwater Master Plan. One of the EAC members sits on the City’s Stormwater Advisory Committee as part of the EAC’s environmental outreach. The EAC hosts the City’s Environmental Advisory Commission Grant program, which provides a $2,500 grant for citizens of the City for projects that minimize the effects of nonpoint sources pollution. Also, the EAC continually works with the City on its recycling initiatives and ways to implement the City’s Horizon’s Plan.

Chairperson Tyson reported that the EAC members continually look for ways to engage with the City’s other boards and commissions on matters impacting the environment. The members are available to provide guidance and recommendations to the City Council on utilization of the Stormwater Master Plan. Additionally the members would like to review any water quality monitoring plans that are completed as part of the master planning process.

Chairperson Tyson reported that in the past years, the EAC has been actively involved in the City’s adoption of the U. S. Mayors Cool Cities initiatives and creation of the City’s climate protection partnership. In 2019, the EAC plans to revisit those initiatives and focus
on municipal operations to see if there are some recommendations that the City can implement for improvement.

Chairperson Tyson reported that two years ago the EAC and Cypress Group of the North Carolina Sierra Club co-sponsored a clean energy symposium. Speakers were brought in from across the State of North Carolina to share some of the best management practices for energy conservation and renewable energy production. That symposium was well attended and the EAC plans to repeat it.

**Affordable Housing Loan Committee**
Chairperson Ronita Jones reported that the Affordable Housing Loan Committee is dedicated to supporting the City of Greenville's Housing Division by approving and publicizing their efforts for affordable housing in the City. The Committee evaluates nonprofit requests for funding to help improve the community overall. Also, the Committee provides assistance to the City to strengthen the public and private sector by providing affordable housing for the general public.

Chairperson Jones reported that the Affordable Housing Loan Committee approved 11 requests for Community Development Block Grant Program funding, totaling $135,984 this past year. Each one of the organizations made a presentation to the Committee, and the members of the Committee were pleased with what they had to offer.

### Public Service Funding

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Chairperson Jones summarized the following major accomplishments of the Committee:

**Accomplishments:**
• Approved one (1) 10% No Interest Loan
• 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Community Meeting
• Agreement Amendment Requests for Sub-recipients
• Reviewed Federal Program Plans
  - 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan
  - 2018 Annual Action Plan
• Homeownership Fair
  - Partnership with the Greenville Housing Development Corporation, NC Housing Coalition & Greenville Housing Authority

Investment Advisory Committee
Acting Chairperson Cameron Evans reported that Members of the Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) work in conjunction with the City of Greenville staff to direct and help guide the City investments. The IAC was established August 7, 2006. Its mission and mandate are to provide additional oversight, review investment results, to advise the City staff responsible for the day-to-day oversight of investments, and to report any occurrences that conflict with policy.

Acting Chairperson Evans reported that there are some strict parameters on how the City funds are invested. The City's investments are governed by North Carolina General Statutes § 159-30, which spells out what municipalities in the State are allowed to do and more specifically, what they are not allowed to do. That is layered with the City of Greenville’s investment policy statement, which adds more definition and clarity to that section of the General Statutes. The federal government allows for governmental agencies and treasuries. The City's goals are safety, liquidity, and yield or the rate of return.

Acting Chairperson Evans reported that the objectives for the City's staff and the IAC are to systematically go through the objections available within those strict parameters to find out where the City can get the highest return within those parameters. The General Statutes and the City's investment statement eliminate anything with a hint of speculation. To maximize earnings is the objective of any public or private investor, but with the City's funds, the safety and liquidity mandates are numbers one and two.

Acting Chairperson Evans reported that at least annually, the Committee evaluates performance from any outside investment advice sources. A five-year cash history shows that the two noticeable spikes in revenue receipts are property tax receipts (in September 2018) and the street pedestrian bonds (in November 2017). The current balance is approximately $65 million.
Acting Chairperson Evans reported that the following is a chart of the asset allocation of the approximately $65 million current balance. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) is at approximately 38.48%. The LGIP is managed by the State of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust has a 48-hour liquidity option. If the City needs those funds, they are available within 48 hours. The Cash is very close to 18% and when those two are added together that is 56% plus that is liquid within a 48-hour period. The treasuries (the agencies that are also slivers of the pie chart) do not make up a large percentage.
Acting Chairperson Evans reported that other than the liquid cash, the portfolio by maturity, the fixed income bonds have maturity lengths in years. Over 68% of the City’s portfolio is within twelve months. That allows the City to be very nimble if rates spike because no one knows what the Federal Reserve will do with interest rates. The shorter maturities protect the City from spikes in rates and having the City locked into long term investments that it does not want to be locked up into in an adverse interest environment.

![Portfolio by Maturity](image)

Acting Chairperson Evans reported that the following is a simple comparison from June 2017 to June 2018, showing approximately the same amount of money in relative terms, but a substantial difference in the yield to maturity (YTM). Since June 2017, the Federal Reserve has raised rates several times and that is the difference between those two numbers.

![City of Greenville Rate Comparison](image)

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<th>Investment Portfolio Update</th>
<th>June 30, 2018</th>
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<td>$ 64.6 M</td>
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<td>YTM Return @ Cost</td>
<td>1.69 %</td>
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Acting Chairperson Evans reported the following is a bar chart that shows the City’s investments versus the treasury yields that are widely quoted and followed in financial media. The City’s is the bottom light blue shaded line. Given the mandate that safety and liquidity is number one, the lagging performance should not be a concern for anyone on the City Council.

Interim Chairperson Evans reported the following chart shows that the shorter maturity of the City in blue versus the federal T-bills in green. The shorter maturities allows the City to be more nimble, if anything should happen that would warrant discussion about the City’s investment philosophy.
Interim Chairperson Evans reported that the Committee has maintained a diverse portfolio, transitioned long term investments into shorter terms to manage that interest rate risk and to manage the investment of bond proceeds. For 2019, the Committee will continue to diversify the portfolio within the restrictions of the North Carolina General Statutes and the City’s investment policy statement, continue to pay attention to the yield while maintaining liquidity and safety, and being mindful of the interest rate environment that exists.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 1

City Attorney Emanuel McGirt explained that there is a vacancy in the Office of Council Member for District 1, and the City Council heard from the majority of the candidates this evening. The State law states a vacancy that occurs on an elected office of a city shall be filled by the appointment of the City Council. The City Council could take action on Thursday night or the City Council could wait until it is ready to take action on this agenda item.

Council Member Smiley stated that he has been pleased with the process that the City Clerk has gone through to collect the applications and the response. He feels that the candidates have all been generally reaching out and talking to the City Council Members. The candidates have come out to speak this evening. Council Member Smiley suggested that the City Council should plan to conclude the appointment to the vacancy on Thursday evening.

Council Member Litchfield expressed his appreciation of each individual who has applied for the position and the communication from them about their desire and passion for the City. It is a good problem to have several qualified candidates, but it is also a challenge for the City Council to make a choice.

Council Member Litchfield thanked the candidates who are present this evening for their willingness to serve District 1 and the City of Greenville. Also, he thanked the candidate who was unable to appear before the City Council this evening due to illness.

Council Member Meyerhoeffer thanked the applicants for their interest to serve, and he supported to move to a Thursday vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover thanked the applicants and stated that she feels that all of the applicants are well qualified. The districts in Greenville are all unique. She is looking forward to Thursday night to find out who will fill the vacancy and she wished them good luck.

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Meyerhoeffer to vote on this matter at the January 10, 2019 meeting. Council Member Smiley stated that it is the City Council’s intention to nominate and vote on someone to fill the vacancy on Thursday night. The selected individual should be prepared to take the oath and begin to vote.
Mayor Connelly stated that is correct and the City Clerk will be prepared to give the oath, if someone is appointed to the seat at that time.

There being no further discussion, the motion to vote on this matter at the January 10, 2019 meeting passed unanimously.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #6 TO THE 2018-2019 CITY OF GREENVILLE BUDGET (ORDINANCE #18-038), THE SPECIAL REVENUE GRANT FUND (ORDINANCE #11-003), AND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (ORDINANCE #17-024) – (Ordinance No. 19-001)**

Director of Financial Services Byron Hayes stated that Budget Ordinance Amendment #6 includes adjustments to the following funds:

- General Fund
- Stormwater Enterprise Fund
- Enterprise Capital Projects Fund
- Street Improvements Bond Fund
- Public Works Capital Projects Fund
- Grants Special Revenue Fund

Director Hayes summarized a breakdown of the requested Budget Ordinance Amendment #6:

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<td>Move funds from Contingency to cover cost of the Collaborative Economic Development Study as approved at December 10, 2018 Council meeting.</td>
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<td>Recognize the transfer of funds budgeted in the 2018-19 Stormwater Utility budget to the Enterprise Capital Projects fund specifically earmarked for the Watershed Master Plan.</td>
<td>Stormwater Utility Fund, Enterprise Capital Projects Fund</td>
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<td>Recognize funding received for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project from NCDOT with the City match of $198,556 being earmarked for SRTS within the Street Improvement Bond Capital Project Fund. This amendment also moves the original budgeted funds of $503,000 from the Special Revenue Grant Fund to the Public Works Capital Project fund.</td>
<td>PW Capital Project Fund, Street Imp. Bond Fund, Grants Special Revenue Fund</td>
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Director Hayes reported that as a result of the amendment, there is no change to the City’s total operating budget, and the City’s Capital Projects Fund budget increases to $152,231,756.
Mayor Connelly asked why the $100,000 donation carryover is coming out of contingency. Mayor Connelly stated at its December 10, 2018 meeting, the City Council adopted an ordinance, which established the Donations Special Revenue Fund.

Assistant City Manager Cowin responded that the carryover actually represents a reduction in the contingency budget for the year in order to cover that transfer over to the special revenue. Originally, staff projected $1 million as being above the fund balance threshold, but it was only $850,000. So, an adjustment had to be made somewhere and it was made through contingency.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Glover to adopt the Budget Ordinance #6. Motion carried unanimously.

### REVIEW OF JANUARY 10, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the agenda for the January 10, 2019 City Council meeting.

### CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Ann Wall reported that a series of events are scheduled for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, which will be celebrated on January 21, 2019. City Offices will be closed, but the GREAT system as well as the City’s recreational and parks facilities will be open.
City Manager Wall reported that the City will sponsor the Community Unity Breakfast, which will be hosted with the Chamber of Commerce from 7:30 am – 9:00 am at the East Carolina University Murphy Center. Staff is asking members of the community to participate in a day of service with the City employees, including picking up trash along streets and greenways, neighborhoods, and along the river. Those who are interested in participating can contact the Code Enforcement Division or the City Manager's Office to sign up.

City Manager Wall reported that a list of the other activities and events for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday will be included in Notes To Council.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

The Mayor and City Council made comments about past and future events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover reported that in her neighborhood, the majority of the people who are playing loud music in their cars are those who are driving the elevated vehicles. It is very difficult for those drivers to see pedestrians, especially children and bicyclists. Mayor Pro-Tem Glover asked staff to investigate what the City could do to abate this problem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover reported that having three convenience stores on one street, such as West Fifth Street, is ridiculous plus those stores are selling the same things and creating the same problems. There are a lot of churches in the African-American community and some of them are in close proximity to these convenience stores, which are grandfathered in by the City’s ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover reported that a separation for convenience stores was mentioned when the City Council adopted the ordinance for nightclubs. Mayor Pro-Tem Glover asked staff to revisit the separation for convenience stores. Also, she stated that when people apply to sell alcoholic beverages at the convenience stores, Council Members should be informed that this is happening in their districts.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council Member Smiley moved to enter closed session in accordance with G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real
property, said property being the building and land owned by Miracle Deliverance Church at 430 Bonners Lane, and G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property, said property being the building and land owned by Hopf/Wells Co-Trustees, Rosa B. Wilson Heirs and Earl Rayfield Heirs. Council Member Bell seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Connelly declared the City Council in Closed Session at 7:26 pm and called a brief recess to allow Council Members to relocate to Conference Room 337.

Upon conclusion of the closed session discussion, motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Smiley to return to open session. Motion was approved unanimously, and Mayor Connelly returned the City Council to open session at 8:08 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Smiley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and Mayor Connelly declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Polly Jones
Deputy City Clerk