A regular meeting of the Greenville City Council was held at 6:00 pm, on Monday, March 25, 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., Monica Daniels, Will Bell, Rick Smiley, and William F. Litchfield, Jr.

Those Absent:
None

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

City Manager Wall requested that the City Council consider the continuance of one item on the agenda, presentation by the Redevelopment Commission, due to the Chairperson not being able to attend tonight’s meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve the agenda with the recommended change. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments were made by the public during this period.
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Ms. Barbara Taft – JOY Soup Kitchen

Mayor Connelly stated that recently, Ms. Barbara Taft retired from doing so many good things for our community, especially her service to the JOY Soup Kitchen. The JOY Soup Kitchen serves a free meal daily to the community, meeting the needs of those who have found themselves in hard times and are in need of a hot meal and neighborly compassion. The City is so grateful for the many volunteers that have given their time to help prepare and serve meals at the JOY Soup Kitchen.

Mayor Connelly stated that he and the City Council would like to recognize Ms. Taft for her work as an early pioneer of the JOY Soup Kitchen, contributing her service and leadership for over 20 years. Under Ms. Taft’s guidance, the JOY Soup Kitchen has served over 355,000 meals to date, which is absolutely impressive.

On behalf of the City of Greenville, Mayor Connelly thanked Ms. Taft for her tireless commitment to helping others and for the impact that she had on our community. It is absolutely wonderful to be able to honor someone who has touched so many lives, and it is amazing to hear stories from people who have been so fortunate because of her service.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover stated that she is excited that Ms. Taft has worked long enough to enjoy her retirement. God is aware of her service to our community and he will bless Ms. Taft for serving our community tirelessly.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover stated that even though there may not be a replacement for what she has done for many years, perhaps, there is someone available who can carry on providing meals at the JOY Soup Kitchen. It is no doubt that Ms. Taft will still visit the JOY Soup Kitchen occasionally to give instructions on what needs to be done to continue this much needed service in our community.

Ms. Taft stated that she began her service to the community in 1974 on a Friday when she and a girlfriend had nothing else to do. The Lord advised her to open a kitchen, but, unfortunately, they did not have a building to provide that service. They had to serve the meals from a church and soon they received the money necessary to provide meals weekly and eventually reduced the service to five days a week. She enjoyed doing it and thank God for allowing her to do it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover presented Ms. Taft with a plaque from the City of Greenville, recognizing her service and dedication to the community for over 20 years at the JOY Soup Kitchen.

Council Member Daniels commended and thanked Ms. Taft for her service to the community.
CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes from the December 13, 2018, January 7, 2019, and February 11, 2019 City Council meetings and the January 7, 2019 City Council Workshop

- Resolution establishing just compensation for acquisition of property at 294 Millbrook Street through the North Carolina Hurricane Matthew Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – (Resolution No. 014-19)

- Resolution accepting dedication of rights-of-way and easements for Parkside Bluffs Section 2, Phase 1A, Lot 4 and Blackwood Ridge - Phase One – (Resolution No. 015-19)

- Master right-of-way encroachment agreement with Cebridge Acquisition, L.P.

- Municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for betterments for the Fire Tower Road Multi-Lane Improvement Project from west of East Arlington Boulevard to Fourteenth Street

- Municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for betterments for the Fire Tower Road and Portertown Road Multi-Lane Improvement Project

- Municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for additional betterments for the Allen Road Multi-Lane Improvement Project

- Report on Bids and Contracts Awarded

- Various tax refunds greater than $100

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

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATIONS BY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Greenville Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
Chairperson Chad Carwein gave a report of the Greenville Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission’s (GBAPC) activities since his last report of April 9, 2018 to the City Council. Currently, the GBAPC has one member vacancy to fill. For seven years now, the members have conducted manual bicycle and pedestrian counts, which is a part of the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Process. The numbers for 2018, at least on the pedestrian side, are inflated due to a home football game taking place in Greenville. Annually during the fall, pedestrian and bicycle counts are done on Fifth and Evans Streets as well as on the greenway near the Dog Park. For 2018, 1,810 pedestrians were crossing the intersection at Fifth and Evans Streets. On the greenway, the counts were 51 cyclists and 279 pedestrians within a two-hour period, once on a Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Chairperson Carwein reported that May is National Bike Month and the preliminary date for the GBAPC’s activities is May 5, 2019. The location and time have not be set at this time for the events. Again this year, the members will be offering a Smart Cycling Course and a proclamation will be provided by the Office of the Mayor. Two other events are being held during May, but they are not hosted by the GBAPC. A Bike Fiesta is scheduled for May 19 and a Ride of Silence, which recognizes people who have lost their lives while cycling, will take place on May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bicycle Post. During the rides, cyclists receive great support from the Greenville Police Department to keep them safe while riding. The GBAPC will reach out to their partner organizations for available bicycles and helmets, if the Mayor, City Council, and City staff would like participate in these rides.

Chairperson Carwein reported that to continue the GBAPC’s plans for 2019, the members will be doing pedestrian and cyclist counts again in the fall of 2019. The members will continue to assist in implementing and promoting the active Transportation Master Plan. The GBAPC is about a year and half into the adoption of that plan. A lot of good recommendations have already been implemented and there are many more to come over the next few years.

Chairperson Carwein reported that he served on the 2045 Metropolitan Planning Organization Master Transportation Plan and that includes more than just bicycling and pedestrian amenities. It also includes road infrastructure and the GBAPC will continue to be a part of developing that plan, having representatives on that Committee.

Chairperson Carwein reported that the members will continue to promote new greenway extensions as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety in general. There has been a long road trying to get Greenway Phase 3B, which is the next extension of the greenway from the Town Common area out to the railroad underpass. The bids that came in were more than what was budgeted. The members are looking forward to continuing to advocate for those extensions to the greenway and promoting the use and development of the greenway system. The GBAPC looks forward to partnering with the City of Greenville and North Carolina Department of Transportation with the public input process on these projects.
Chairperson Carwein reported that a temporary moratorium on shared use alternative transportation system was not passed at a meeting. But, the outcome of that meeting was City staff would look into and research regulations within the City of Greenville, other cities and around the nation. The GBAPC will do research and contribute to the City having ordinances, rules, or infrastructure in place to make sure that everyone is safe and able to use those systems responsibly.

Chairperson Carwein reported that thanks to the City Council the Cycle NC Mountains to Coast ride is coming to Greenville next fall on October 3, 2020. This is a huge opportunity for the City to showcase its support for bicyclists and pedestrians. It is a huge opportunity to grow local economy and to show off all of the investments made in this community.

Chairperson Carwein thanked Council Member Bell for being actively engaged with the GBAPC.

Recreation and Parks Commission
Chairperson Nicole Caswell gave a detailed report of the efforts of the Recreation and Parks Commission and an update of the accomplishments, challenges, and plans of the Recreation and Parks Department. The Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month, excluding August and September, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Council Member Monica Daniels serves as the City Council Liaison to the Commission.

Chairperson Caswell reported that annually, Director of Recreation and Parks Gary Fenton hosts an evening tour of the parks and facilities to give a realistic look of the facilities and services offered by the Department. This year’s tour is scheduled for July 26.

Chairperson Caswell reported that athletics continue to play a big role in the services provided for youth, adults, and those with special needs. One focal point for such services is Stallings Stadium at Elm Street Park, where many Little League games and tournaments take place. Another focal point for athletics is the Sarah Vaughn Field of Dreams, where the Exceptional Community Baseball League hosts it games.

Chairperson Caswell reported that the home field for the Jackie Robinson Baseball League is the diamond at Thomas Foreman Park, where recent significant improvements were made to the concession building. A large portion of the adult athletic programs as well as many youth basketball games take place at H. Boyd Lee Park and in the gym.

Chairperson Caswell reported that a variety of tennis services is offered at the River Birch Tennis Center in Evans Park. Aquatics has a year round emphasis at the Department whether for swim lessons, health reasons, competition, or simply fun thanks to the indoor pool at the Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Chairperson Caswell reported that in the warmer months, the Department operates the Splashpoint Playground at the Dream Park and the community pool in Guy Smith Park. The community pool is almost 50 years old and is showing its age. Groundwater pressure
under the dive tank recently caused the tank to shift and the deck around it to rise and crack. Fortunately, there seems to be no damage to the main pool, which is essential to summer operation.

Chairperson Caswell reported that while the dive tank was a nice amenity, it is not an essential one. Contractors are in the process of demolishing the dive tank and replacing the pump to insure that the water pressure through the filter system is appropriate for the smaller quantity of water. Unless some additional damage is uncovered during repairs, the pool is anticipated to be opened for the season on June 8.

Chairperson Caswell reported that the SplashPoint Playground at the Dream Park will open on the weekends, starting May 25 with daily openings from June 10 thru August 11. SplashPoint will then return to weekend only operation thru Labor Day.

Chairperson Caswell reported that at the South Greenville Recreation Center, staff continues to work to expand recreation opportunities for the community, including an emphasis on jobs and activities for area teens. The massive renovation and Center expansion that took place two years ago have resulted in a continuing increase in participation, especially in the fitness room, gym, and in overall programming.

Chairperson Caswell reported that Free Play Hours remain a priority, but the Department is also able to offer various programs such as summer day camps, the Junior NBA Basketball League, Ladies’ Night Basketball, and Sports Clinic. Additionally, the South Greenville Recreation Center is one of the two sites that house the City’s Police Athletic League (PAL) Program. This November, the PAL hosted a community partnership with law enforcement and a local business club games stop that resulted in a successful game play event, which attracted countless youngsters.

Chairperson Caswell reported that also during the school year, the South Greenville Gym hosts the South Greenville Elementary School’s Physical Education classes, which is a great example of a governmental cooperation between the City and County. The school has contributed to the capital cost for the original renovation and assists with some of the utility cost during the school year.

Chairperson Caswell reported that another facility that has seen major renovations is the Eppes Recreation Center where staff is also working to expand programming and where another PAL program takes place. This facility is also the home to the C. M. Eppes Alumni and the Adult Summer Basketball League, one of the Department’s longest running programs.

Chairperson Caswell reported that all of the centers are bustling with activities such as sports programing and the arts as well as gymnastics and fencing at the Elm Street Center. As usual this time of the year, staff is gearing up for the summer camps, including all kind of nature, sports, art, and special needs day camps. There are more than 2,800 openings with over 100 individual camp sessions offered, each about a week or two weeks long. It is not
even April yet, and 1,200 spots have already been taken. Most, if not all, of the camp sessions will reach maximum registration.

Chairperson Caswell reported that the Center for Arts and Crafts in Jaycee Park serves as headquarters for a variety of performing and cultural arts for both youth and adults. The few programs take place at other locations. The arts program is bigger than it ever has been as staff tries to accommodate the demand for more programs than are already offered.

Chairperson Caswell reported that the Aquatics and Fitness Center, which is open seven days a week, offers the citizens all kind of recreation and health opportunities, including swimming, fitness equipment, aerobics, basketball, pickleball, weightlifting, and a variety of exercise classes. Although, there has been some staff changes at River Park North, the park, Science and Nature Center, and STEAM Lab continue to host a wide variety of popular recreational and educational programs and services. A capital project creating an ADA accessible paddling and kayaking facility is underway and completion is scheduled for early summer.

Chairperson Caswell reported the Drew Steele Center continues its popularity while also serving as the homebase for the Department's specialized recreation staff, who plans services there and at other sites across the City. This year's Valentine's Party attracted several hundred participants and has become so popular that another vendor may have to be found for it.

Chairperson Caswell reported that the next big event will be the Special Olympics Spring Game at J. H. Rose High School starting at 9:00 a.m. on April 5. Operations at Bradford Creek Public Golf Course have continued under the management at Billy Casper Golf. While play from November thru February is never tremendously high in Eastern North Carolina, there has been an excessive amount of rainfall thru those months and play at all golf courses have been impacted. Hopefully, there will be a jump in activities as weather starts to warm.

Chairperson Caswell reported that special events are increasing in number, particularly at the Town Common. Some are planned and managed by the Department and some are in conjunction with an outside organization with the City providing some level of support. This year's PirateFest is scheduled for April 12 and 14 and for the first time, PirateFest will host evening concerts at the Town Common stage both Friday and Saturday nights.

Chairperson Caswell reported that Sunday in the Park will begin June 2 at 7:00 p.m. and will run every Sunday thru August 25 with 13 concerts this year, which is the most ever. There will also be five Wednesday evening concerts as part of the Concert on the Common series, starting with the Embers on April 24. In addition, three movies in the park are scheduled at the Town Common. The first one, Mary Poppins Returns, is scheduled for March 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson Caswell reported that Parks Planner LaMarco Morrison will be leaving the Department after 10 years of service to accept the position of Parks and Recreational Director in Hope Mills, North Carolina. He was the City's first Parks Planner and has worked on a lot of impactful projects, including the newest park, Westpointe, the renovations at South Greenville and Eppes Recreation Centers, the Drew Steele Center, Town Common Playground, Providian Pier restroom, Kayak Launch, and the Sycamore Hill Gateway Project, which is currently approaching its construction phase.

Chairperson Caswell reported that 24 other capital improvement projects have been completed this fiscal year through the City's Facilities and Improvement Program. They have included roof improvement replacements on picnic shelters, playground repairs, ADA projects, gym flooring replacement at H. Boyd Lee Park, electrical upgrades, and interior and exterior painting at various facilities. A new addition to the parks and facilities this year is a signage of “Keep Calm and Call Parks”. Having a telephone number on the sign is a way of encouraging park visitors to report any maintenance issues directly to staff, who can and will do something about them. A Recreation and Parks Department staff member suggested this signage.

Chairperson Caswell stated that the City’s services and facilities can never be successful if the public was never aware of them. The Commission is grateful to Communications Manager Brock Letchworth and Communications Specialist Aaron Hines of the Public Information Office for working so hard to make sure they are. The Department’s staff and members of the Commission are also grateful for their countless volunteers and the many groups who have shared their money, time, supplies, and skills in order to provide some sort of service to the community. Examples are the Greenville Little, Jackie Robinson, and the Exceptional Community Baseball Leagues, Greenville Noon Rotary, Friends of the Greenville Greenways, RELEAF, Uptown, Pitt County Arts Council, East Carolina University, Pitt County Schools, Love A Sea Turtle, countless special events sponsors, and City departments.

Chairperson Caswell stated that the Commission is grateful to the members of the City Council for supporting further improvements at the Town Common and the development of an adventure park. Also, the Commission is grateful for the City Council recognizing that the work at the Recreation and Parks Department is more than icing on the cake and for making the Department a part of the City Council’s vision for the future of the City.

Chairperson Caswell reported that the Commission is working towards supporting a healthy, safe, exciting, attractive, and green community with a high quality of life that includes beautiful parks, a system of greenways, convenient and economic pull, recreational opportunities, special events, outdoor concerts, and a citizenry that takes pride in their community. The Commission and Department staff appreciate the opportunity to impact the quality of life and to serve the people and visitors to the City of Greenville and for the City Council’s assistance in helping them to do that.

Redevelopment Commission – Continued
RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP- (Resolution No. 016—19)

City Manager Ann Wall reported that in February 2018, the City of Greenville along with Pitt County, Greenville Utilities Commission, and the Pitt County Committee of 100 engaged Convergent Solutions to conduct a feasibility study around economic development. As part of that work, Convergent Solutions conducted roundtable discussions with over 100 people and had individual interviews with about 69 people. Through those discussions, a number of themes emerged. Those themes included that economic growth could be stronger in Pitt County, economic development efforts were fractionized, and collaboration would create more success.

City Manager Wall reported that following that work, the City along with the County, Committee of 100, representatives from the Pitt County Development Commission, East Carolina University, Vidant Medical Center, and area business and industry representatives began meeting to discuss the creation of a public-private partnership to address economic development. Their discussions centered on what that organization would look like and how it would be governed, what the budget would look like, and what would be the scope of work.

City Manager Wall reported that while the County has elected to limit their participation in that organization, the working group is still moving forward, meeting over five times. The working group is now developing a board structure and staffing model, looking at budgets, and making plans to begin a fundraising effort to create that public-private partnership.

City Manager Wall reported that the community has spoken and is excited about the idea of the creation of this public-private partnership. They believe that this partnership will lead all communities in Pitt County and those economic development efforts. The economic development working group will have an all-encompassing scope of work to include the following:

- Existing business retention and expansion
- External marketing and business recruitment
- Product development (sites, business parks, and buildings)
- Talent retention, development, and attraction
- Small business and entrepreneurship development
- Retail/commercial development
- Support for municipal strategies
- Business advocacy and legislative relations
- Internal marketing and investor relations
City Manager Wall stated that the City is asking all of the interested partners to commit to participating in this economic development partnership. The working group is requesting the City Council to consider adopting the resolution of commitment to participate in this partnership. This is the right time and the necessary approach to really create economic development in Pitt County.

Council Member Smiley thanked Mayor Connelly and Council Member Litchfield for the amount of time they have spent on this partnership and keeping the other Council Members in the loop on the way the discussions are going. This is a great idea and he appreciates the efforts that they have made.

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Meyerhoeffer to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

City Attorney McGirt reported that the firm of Ward & Smith has been retained to represent the City of Greenville’s interest with the General Assembly and agencies in the State of North Carolina. Each year, it is customary for the City Council and staff to identify key legislation and priority items and those items will be pursued by Ward & Smith. The following are the items proposed for the 2019 State Legislative Agenda:

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City of Greenville 2019 State Legislative Agenda

Priority Legislation

- Seek legislation to make recurring state appropriations to State Search and Rescue Program funds.
- Seek legislation to make the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle on a public street, highway, or public vehicular area in North Carolina unlawful.
- Seek legislation to provide a regulatory framework for scooter and bike sharing platforms.
- Seek legislation to create additional revenue sources for the City to be used on special projects.
- Seek legislation to appropriate funds to expand and improve the Brody School of Medicine.
- Oppose any legislation to reallocate sales tax revenue that would decrease the City’s current sales tax distribution.
- Oppose any unfunded mandates.
Advocacy Positions

- Advocate for sustained or increased state appropriations to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.
- Support changes to the law governing the disclosure and release of law enforcement recordings to clarify that disclosure to a municipal manager is allowed and to allow disclosure to a city or town council.
- Support Vidant Health and its role as a rural health care provider.
- Support a system of spirituous liquor sales that enhances local control over the location and density of retail outlets.
- Support legislation to ensure that the amount of Powell Bill funds appropriated by the state is sustained and that distributions to municipalities are maintained or increased despite the trend of decreasing gas tax revenue.
- Support addition of a new funding stream for the DOT Complete Streets Program to complete the county based portion of sidewalks that have been funded by municipalities under the program.
- Support an increase in state appropriated funds for local transit projects.
- Support legislation to expand city eligibility for Clean Water State Revolving fund dollars.
- Support legislation that promotes economic development in Eastern North Carolina.
- Support additional statewide investment in local stormwater projects.

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City Attorney McGirt explained that on February 28, 2019, Ms. Whitney Christensen of Ward & Smith visited Greenville and met with available Council Members and staff. The recommendation is that the City Council adopt the proposed 2019 State Legislative Agenda.

City Attorney McGirt stated that this agenda has priority legislation. For instance, one of the items is to *seek legislation to appropriate funds to expand and improve the Brody School of Medicine*. It also has advocacy positions such as *support legislation to ensure that the amount of Power Bill funds appropriated by the State is sustained and that distributions to municipalities are maintained or increased despite the trend of decreasing gas tax revenue*.

Mayor Connelly stated that one of the items on the priority legislation is to *seek legislation to provide a regulatory framework for scooter and bike sharing platforms*. His concern is if the City is granted limited powers from the State of North Carolina, he does not know why the elected officials would ask the State of North Carolina to seek some legislation to provide the City with framework of how to handle scooters and bike sharing.

Mayor Connelly stated that each city is unique in its own way. It is important that the elected officials have that framework. But the City of Greenville could probably speak for its issues as opposed to the City of Wilson, which may not have a large university that may have a tremendous amount of scooters.
Council Member Smiley asked whether there was once any sense that the City lacked some prerogative or the ability to do something that it wanted to do.

City Attorney McGirt responded that the City has the authority to regulate its right-of-ways. The City Council could strike this proposal to seek legislation to provide a regulatory framework for scooter and bike sharing platforms. He feels that if this legislation passes, something like this would preempt local authorities and the State would just regulate the scooter and bike sharing companies. It is similar to what happened with Uber. Cities cannot adopt an ordinance regulating Uber. The State’s statutes preempt cities from regulating Uber.

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Litchfield to strike that priority.

Mayor Connelly stated that he feels that one of the advocacy positions is to support Vidant Health and its role as a rural health provider. Additionally, it would be smart to add East Carolina University and its role as a higher education institution. Those two are the major employers in Greenville and should be included as well.

Council Members Smiley and Litchfield accepted the amendment to include supporting East Carolina University and its leadership role in higher education in the State.

There being no further discussion, the motion as amended passed unanimously.

NOTE: During discussion of the 2019 Draft Federal Agenda, the City Council voted unanimously to add a provision to “seek and support funding to improve interstate access in Eastern North Carolina to and from Greenville” to both the State and Federal legislative agendas. It has been added to the State agenda under Priority Legislation.

ADOPTION OF 2019 CITY OF GREENVILLE FEDERAL AGENDA

City Attorney McGirt reported that the Ferguson Group has been retained to represent the City by assisting with the identification of federal funding opportunities, which will further the strategic efforts of the City. The recommendation is to approve the City of Greenville 2019 Draft Federal Agenda. It deals with federal funding and legislation on issues such as community and economic development, transportation and infrastructure, energy and environment, public safety, labor and workforce development, and recreation and parks.

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2019 Draft Federal Agenda

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Council Member At-Large
Brian Meyerhoeffer

Council Member, District 1
Monica Daniels

Council Member, District 3
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# 2019 Federal Priorities

## Community and Economic Development

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<td>West Greenville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area</td>
<td>Support efforts to advance the West Greenville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, including administration of the City’s grant award from HUD’s Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for lead-based paint abatement and education.</td>
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Pursue funding for sidewalks through DOT’s Safe Routes to School Program (through NCDOT) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (through MPO). |

Support federal funding for HUD’s Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs. |

| Imperial Tobacco Site | Pursue federal funds to address infrastructure needs to develop the 6 acres of property off Dickinson Avenue. |

| Industrial/Office Park Development | Explore funding opportunities to fund infrastructure and/or property purchase to develop an Industrial/Office Park. |

| A Time for Science | Explore funding opportunities for programs and exhibits at the Science Center. |

Consult with Institute of Museum and Library Sciences on relevant opportunities. |

| HOME Funds in Grifton, NC | Work with HUD on recovery of HOME funds from projects in Grifton for which documentation no longer exists. |

## Transportation and Infrastructure

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<td>West Greenville Multimodal Safety and Accessibility Improvements Project</td>
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### Pitt-Greenville Airport
Support efforts to expand flight options and infrastructure improvements at Pitt-Greenville Airport.

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<td>Explore funding opportunities for Historic Drill Tower Preservation Project (in Dream Park) and Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church Memorial.</td>
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<td>Greenfield Terrace Park</td>
<td>Support the City’s efforts to secure a grant through the NC Division of Parks and Recreation’s National Park Service’s Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program.</td>
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<td>Public Arts Projects</td>
<td>Working with the local arts council, support efforts to secure assistance for public arts projects.</td>
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<td>STE(A)M Initiatives at Youth Facilities</td>
<td>Monitor funding opportunities within the U.S. Department of Education, National Endowment for the Arts, and private foundations for STE(A)M initiatives.</td>
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<td>Health and Wellness</td>
<td>Support the legislation that would expand the IRS definition of medical expenditures to include physical activity as preventative medicine, and allow individuals to use the pre-tax dollars in Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Savings Accounts on expenditures such as gym memberships, sport league fees, exercise classes, and other physical activities.</td>
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Support the legislation that would provide federal grants for park and recreation infrastructure in metropolitan areas. Previous legislation would authorize HUD to provide funding to local park and recreation agencies, through three grant programs: Rehabilitation and Construction, the Innovation and Recreation Program and the Recovery Action Program.

Support legislation that includes innovative financing for park infrastructure ("PIFIA").

Support permanent authorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

**Other Priorities**

| Action Item: | 
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| Broadband | Monitor and report on legislative and Administrative (FCC) efforts to accelerate broadband deployment and preempt local authority on ROW and land use decisions, as well as fees for pole attachments. |
| | Support H.R. 530, which would nullify the FCC Order on small cell deployment. |
| Financing | Support tax-exempt municipal bonds and advance refunding bonds. |
| Infrastructure Package | Monitor and report on Administration’s infrastructure package and resulting legislation. |
| FY 2020 Budget and Appropriations | Support full funding for priority federal programs. |

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Council Member Meyerhoeffer stated that after his reading through the State and Federal agendas, there is no mention of advocacy efforts in terms of expediting interstate access or designation into Greenville.

City Manager Wall stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has assured the City that for over the next two years they have identified funding for the portion of Future Interstate (I)-587 from I-95 to Greenville. It is about a two-year project including resurfacing of Future I-87 and Old US 264, some shoulder widening, as well as some culvert replacement.

Council Member Meyerhoeffer asked whether no further advocacy is required.

City Manager Wall responded that the portion left to be done is Future I-587 from US 64 to I-95. The funding for that portion has not been secured. As the City Council has
discussions about transportation improvements, this remaining portion to be done might be something to add to both legislative agendas. The conversion of US 64 to I-87 is needed to be done, which is a much longer route. It would take interstate all the way from Raleigh to the Coast and possibly to the Virginia line. The City Council could amend its motion to add this to both legislative agendas.

Mayor Connelly asked about how Highway 11 could connect to both of those interstates.

City Manager Wall stated that the City Council could identify a specific route and staff could craft some language to seek and support funding to improve interstate access in Eastern North Carolina to and from Greenville. That could be added to both legislative agendas.

Council Member Meyerhoeffer agreed that both of the City’s legislative agendas must include something dealing with interstate access as it pertains to Greenville.

Motion was made by Council Member Meyerhoeffer and seconded by Council Member Smiley to add “Seek and support funding to improve interstate access in Eastern North Carolina to and from Greenville” to both the State and Federal legislative agendas and to adopt same as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR A NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF) GRANT IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN “ADVENTURE PARK”

Mayor Pro-Tem Glover asked whether staff is requesting funding for one specific project or several projects.

Director of Recreation and Parks Gary Fenton responded that a specific recreation and parks project must always be designated in the application. The Recreation and Parks Department is looking at support for an adventure park, which is recommended in the Tar River Legacy Plan.

Mayor Connelly stated that the maximum grant amount is $500,000.

Director Fenton stated that approximately $7.2 million was recommended for the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant budget, which is not a lot. It has been higher in past years. The more money an applicant asks for, the less likely a project would be approved for funding.

Mayor Connelly asked about when the City received its last PARTF grant.

Director Fenton stated that the City had about six PARTF grants, each at $250,000 or $500,000, and the last one was for the Drew Steele Center. The City applied three times to get the funding, but the perseverance paid off.
There being no further discussion, motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Bell to approve applying for the grant in support of an adventure park. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE APPROVING 2018-2019 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DESIGNATIONS** – (Ordinance No. 19-017)

Director of Financial Services Byron Hayes gave an update on the Capital Reserve Fund. The City funds its ability to have a Capital Reserve Fund as designated by the North Carolina General Statutes § 159-18. Staff is requesting a transfer of $800,751 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Public Works Capital Projects Fund for three additional parking lot construction projects in the Dickinson Avenue area.

Director Hayes stated that this will decrease the Capital Reserve Fund designations from $5,037,967 to $4,237,216:

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*Transfer to pay for parking lot construction in the Dickinson Avenue Corridor*

Director Hayes stated that this brings the City to about 80% of the current designations for the Dickinson Avenue and transportation projects and to about 20% of the additional funding for cultural and economic development. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the ordinance approving this update to the Capital Reserve Fund Designations.

Mayor Connelly stated that there is no indication of what the City is planning to do with the $912,000.00 for the signalization project. Often, he receives questions about when is the
City going to fix some of the street signals throughout the community. It is always said that the City has the money designated to be able to put up its share for the signalization program. Mayor Connelly asked whether staff has any idea as to when the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is going to move forward with that project. Public Works Director Kevin Mulligan responded that the City staff has been meeting monthly with the NCDOT and the design consultant. The design would be completed probably at the end of the year and then a two-year construction cycle would follow. He will send the exact schedule to the City Manager for distribution to the Mayor and City Council Members.

Mayor Connelly asked whether it would be safe to say that the street signal conversion project should be fully implemented in 2022.

Director Mulligan responded that is probably correct. A connected vehicle technology is involved with the 10th Street Corridor Project. Staff is looking to having the same technology involved with several other corridors. The street lights or traffic signals would feed information back to the vehicles and eventually back to pedestrians’ cellphones such as a car is coming or moving too rapidly.

Mayor Connelly asked how many parking spaces will be designated for use by the general public on Dickinson Avenue.

Director Mulligan responded that there would be approximately 42 spaces on Dickinson Avenue and 40 on Clark Street, where the lot has been cleared and some grading was done.

Mayor Connelly asked whether a lot of the parking spaces on Clark Street is going to be designated for City staff.

Director Mulligan responded that the parking spaces on Clark Street will be designated for the public as well. The parking lot where Atlantic Street and Bonner Street meet will be designated for City staff.

Motion was made by Council Member Smiley and seconded by Council Member Bell to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #8 TO THE 2018-2019 CITY OF GREENVILLE BUDGET (ORDINANCE #18-038) AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (ORDINANCE #17-024) – (Ordinance No. 19-018)

Director of Financial Services Byron Hayes stated that Budget Ordinance Amendment #8 includes adjustments to the Housing Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, and Public Works Capital Projects Fund. Staff is looking to 1) recognize additional funding received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City's HOME and CDBG Programs and 2) reappropriate the $800,000 for the Dickinson Avenue Parking Lot and to recognize
the Capital Reserve funding of $800,751 for other parking lot construction projects in the Dickinson Avenue corridor.

Director Hayes stated that as a result of the amendment, this brings the City of Greenville operating fund budget to over $138 million and the Capital Reserve Fund to under $152 million. Staff recommends that the City Council approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #8 to the City of Greenville operating budget.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #8. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Wall recognized and congratulated Director of Financial Services Byron Hayes, Transportation Planner Ryan Purtle, and Mayor P. J. Connelly for being recipients of the East Carolina University “40 Under 40” Leadership Awards.

City Manager Wall requested the City Council’s consideration of rescheduling the April 22, 2019 Joint City Council/Greenville Utilities Commission meeting to April 24, 2019.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Daniels to reschedule the April 22, 2019 Joint City Council/Greenville Utilities Commission meeting to April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Daniels to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and Mayor Connelly declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted

Polly Jones  
Deputy City Clerk