

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REIDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John M. “Jay” Donecker
Mayor Pro Tem Harry L. Brown
Councilman Tom Balsley
Councilman James K. Festerman
Councilman Donald L. Gorham
Councilman William Hairston
Councilwoman Sherri G. Walker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Preston W. Mitchell, City Manager
Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk
William F. McLeod Jr., City Attorney
Tom Wiggins, Assistant City Manager –
Community Services
Chris Phillips, Assistant City Manager –
Administration
Robert Hassell, Police Chief
Donna Setliff, Community Development
Manager
Richard Vaughn, Civil Engineer

Mayor Donecker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION.

In the absence of the scheduled minister, Councilman William Hairston came down to the podium and delivered the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Mayor then called upon members of Boy Scout Troop 230 from Irving Park United Methodist Church to lead in the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor asked the City’s Civil Engineer Richard Vaughn to introduce the troop members in attendance: Wyatt Slaughter, Landen Tuttle, Camden Williams, Landen Williams and his son, Greg Vaughn. The Scouts are working on meeting the final requirement to attain their Communications Merit Badge.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Donecker asked if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda? None were pulled.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 - APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

With the approval of Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 6 RECOGNIZING RECEIPT OF A WIRELESS FEE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A WIRELESS REVIEW.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 6 as outlined in Community Development Manager Donna Setliff's memo. (A COPY OF THE MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The Budget Ordinance Amendment as approved follows:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 6

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville adopted a budget ordinance on June 14, 2016 which established revenues and authorized expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, since the time of the adoption of said ordinance, it has become necessary to make certain changes in the City's budget to recognize receipt of a wireless fee and to appropriate funds for a wireless review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Reidsville that the budget ordinance as adopted on June 14, 2016 is hereby amended as follows;

Section 1. That revenue account number 10-3346-000, Wireless Review Fees, be increased by \$1,000.00.

Section 2. That expense account number 10-4910-4300, Wireless Reviews, be increased by \$1,000.00.

This the 8th day of November, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING COST, EXCLUSIVE OF COSTS INCURRED AT STREET INTERSECTIONS, AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL AND SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL ON DECEMBER 13, 2016 FOR THE BRIARWOOD STREET CURB & GUTTER PROJECT (C&G2015-01)

With the approval of the Consent Agenda in a 7-0 vote, the Council approved the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COST, EXCLUSIVE OF COSTS INCURRED AT STREET INTERSECTIONS, AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL AND SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL
(C&G2015-01)**

WHEREAS, the improvement of Briarwood Street from Lemar Drive to Frazier Lane was requested by proper petition of property owners filed on the 17th day of December, 2015, duly certified as sufficient in all respects by the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the undertaking of the said project (curb and gutter on the northeast and southwest sides of the street) was ordered by Resolution of this body passed on the 9th day of February, 2016, and has been completed in accordance therewith; and

WHEREAS, the cost, exclusive of costs incurred at street intersections, has been determined;

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

1. That the cost of the above described improvements, exclusive of so much of the total cost as was incurred at street intersections, has been computed and determined and is hereby declared to be \$18.00 per foot.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare a Preliminary Assessment Roll, in accordance with G.S. 160A-227, showing the individual assessments upon properties benefitted by said improvement.
3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to make available during regular office hours, in her office, the Preliminary Assessment Roll for public inspection from this day through the 13th day of December, 2016.

4. That the Reidsville City Council will hold a public hearing in accordance with G.S. 160A-228, at 6:30 p.m. on the 13th day of December, 2016, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, Reidsville, North Carolina, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons who appear.
5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue public notice of the above described public hearing, to be published on the 27th day of November, 2016, and to secure publisher's affidavit certifying the advertisement of said hearing.
6. That the City Clerk is hereby directed not later than 10 days before the public hearing to mail by first class mail copies of the notice of hearing on the Preliminary Assessment Roll to the owners of property listed thereon.

This the 8th day of November, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

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

The following City Council members voted for the passage of the above Resolution:

The following City Council members voted against the passage of the above Resolution:

- End of Consent Agenda -

Mayor Donecker called Police Chief Robert Hassell forward for a late agenda addition.

Use of City Seal.

Police Chief Robert Hassell came forward to request use of the City Seal. (CHIEF HASSELL'S APPLICATION TO USE THE CITY SEAL ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) He explained that he had been approached by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department to include the City Seal on a packet of information being distributed by the department. He showed Council members an example of the informational packet. The Seals from all of the Rockingham County municipalities are included on the front of the packet. He discussed the types of information included in the packet, such as mental health services, etc., and added that the City of Reidsville can also include information. A certain number of the packets will be made available to each City, he said.

With no questions from City Council, Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilman Gorham, to give the Chief authority to use the City Seal.

Councilman Gorham said he was for anything that promoted “unity within the community”.

The motion then was unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote.

Mayor Donecker said he had asked that the City Seal Use Policy be placed on the Council’s retreat agenda to look at the policy going forward.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SP2016-3) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAMP AND LANDING AT THE REAR OF THE FOOD LION (UNIT 100) AT CROSS POINTE SHOPPING CENTER, 5200 US 29 BUSINESS.

Community Development Manager Donna Setliff stated that since this was a Special Use Permit, those wishing to speak would need to be sworn in. City Clerk Angela G. Stadler then swore in Setliff and Donna Brown of Interplan.

In making the staff report, Setliff explained that Food Lion is asking for modification of its Special Use Permit (SUP) as outlined in her memo. (A COPY OF SETLIFF’S MEMO IS HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.) For safety reasons, the store would like for its daily deliveries to be made to the rear of the building, she said, adding that right now, such deliveries are done at the front. Staff has reviewed the planned addition, and it is well within their setbacks, Setliff noted. She said this would be a good impact on the property. Staff has recommended the following conditions be placed on the SUP: 1) the conditions on the original Special Use Permit shall remain in effect. 2) The building shall comply with the North Carolina Building Code, the North Carolina Fire Code and ADA Handicap Code. The Planning Board favorably voted on each of the four Findings of Fact, the SUP and its conditions, she noted. Setliff reminded Council that it will need to go through each of the four Findings of Fact and make a motion on the Special Use Permit with the recommended conditions.

There were no questions from Council as the Mayor stated it was pretty straight forward.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor?

Ms. Donna Brown of Interplan, on behalf of Food Lion, came forward, citing her address as 604 Courtland Street, Orlando, Florida. She reiterated that this request is for safety, an operational thing, to keep daily deliveries out of fire lanes. She said there will also be an interior remodel, in

addition to amending the SUP. Plans have been submitted and that work is planned to be started any day, Ms. Brown said.

With no questions for Ms. Brown and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Donecker then went through the following four Findings of Fact with Council, asking each of them to raise their hands in the affirmative:

- (1) that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to the plan as submitted and approved; - **7-0**
- (2) that the use meets all required conditions and specifications; - **7-0**
- (3) that the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and, - **7-0**
- (4) that the location and the character of the use if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Comprehensive Plan for Reidsville and its surroundings. – **7-0**

Councilman Festerman then made the motion that Special Use Permit application Docket No. SP2016-3 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gorham and approved by Council in a 7-0 vote.

The Special Use Permit as approved follows:



SPECIAL USE PERMIT

REIDSVILLE, N. C.

There is hereby granted to Khoshbin Tower II LP, a Special Use Permit in accordance with the Reidsville Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Section 3 of the Reidsville Zoning Ordinance.

This permit is to amend the original Special Use Permit Site Plan to allow a delivery ramp and landing onto the rear of the Food Lion building at 5200 US 29 Bus., Unit 100, specifically Rockingham County Tax No. 8905-06-48-6539 with the following conditions:

1. The conditions on the original Special Use Permit shall remain in effect.
2. The building shall comply with the North Carolina Building Code, the North Carolina Fire Code and ADA Handicap Code.

Said property is zoned Highway Business.

This Permit is granted to the person, firm, or corporation designated above, and for the purpose and under the conditions set forth above. The Special Use Permit will continue to remain valid following transfer of ownership of the property provided that circumstances and conditions remain as described at the time that the Permit is granted. Violations of the conditions set forth will be cause for immediate termination of the Permit.

AUTHORIZED this _____ day of _____,

2016, by the CITY COUNCIL OF REIDSVILLE, N. C.

/s/ _____

CITY CLERK
ANGELA G. STADLER

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE NAMING OF A SERVICE STREET TO AUTO WAY WHICH RUNS NORTH FROM STATE STREET FOR APPROXIMATELY 470 FEET TO PROPERTY OWNED BY STARLING AND GLENDA GUNN.

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff explained that this is the fourth service street named due to the widening of Freeway Drive. This street is parallel to Freeway, coming off of State Street, running 470 feet and dead ends into the Gunn property, she said. Three properties are affected, and all were notified by letter on October 18th and again on October 25th of today's public hearing. A notice also ran in the local newspaper on October 27, she said. At this time, we have not heard from anyone in opposition, Setliff said, adding that staff is recommending that the street be named Auto Way.

Councilman Balsley asked if this is the way these businesses will be accessed through this street, first accessing State Street and then the new street Auto Way? Setliff replied in the affirmative. The Councilman asked if the business addresses will stay the same? Setliff said she will work with the three property owners but we would want continuity, either changing all three businesses to Auto Way or leaving them all as Freeway Drive. She said she will get a consensus among the three.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. by asking if anyone wished to speak in favor or disfavor of the street name? No comments were offered, and the public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Councilman Festerman made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to approve the Resolution.

The Resolution as approved follows:

**A RESOLUTION NAMING A STREET WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TO AUTO WAY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina hereby finds that the widening of Freeway Drive by the North Carolina Department of Transportation has changed the street pattern and created service street(s); and

WHEREAS, the naming of the service street(s) is required to better allow adequate public safety and emergency response services, and to minimize difficulty in locating buildings for the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville has notified the adjoining property owners of this street naming and held a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Reidsville, North Carolina that it hereby names the service street which generally runs north from State Street for approximately 470' to property owned by Starling Wayne Gunn Sr. and Glenda T. Gunn to Auto Way.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the naming shall be effective upon the adoption of this resolution.

RESOLVED, this the 8th day of November, 2016.

/s/ _____
John M. Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX 978 WILLOW STREET AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS (A16-03).

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff said this is a voluntary non-contiguous annexation, which meets all the statutory requirements for both the property and the City. She said we are well under the 10% acreage allotment for such non-

contiguous properties. She said it is within our best interests to annex the property and reiterated that it is a voluntary annexation.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or disfavor? No one came forward, and the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Councilman Hairston made the motion to approve the voluntary annexation request for 978 Willow Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gorham and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote.

The Ordinance as approved follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
978 Willow Street**

A16-03

WHEREAS, the City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-58.1 to annex the area described below; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Council Chambers, 230 West Morehead Street, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, after due notice by publication on Sunday, October 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit;

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three (3) miles from the corporate limits of the City of Reidsville;
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another municipality than to the City of Reidsville;
- c. The area described is so situated that the City of Reidsville will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits;

- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation;
- e. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area within the primary corporate limits of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville further finds that the petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville further finds that the petition is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Reidsville and of the area proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area described;

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, the following described non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of December 31, 2016:

Beginning at a point, the northeast corner of the intersection of Willow Street and Willow Street Extension: thence S 86E 01' East for a distance of 95 feet to a point in the northern edge of Willow Street Extension; thence N 5E 27' East for a distance of 60.92 feet to a point in the southern line of Lot No. 4 of the Everette Gilliam Property; thence N 86E 01' West for a distance of 96.54 feet to a point in the eastern edge of Willow Street; thence with the eastern edge of Willow Street for a distance of 60 feet to the point of Beginning and being a portion of the Everette Gilliam Property as shown on map of survey by John B. Cobb made May 21, 1955. This particular tract being a portion of Lot No. 5 of said survey. This conveyance is made subject to restrictions, rights of way and easements of record, if any.

Section 2. Upon and after December 31, 2016, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Reidsville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Reidsville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

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

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

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

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX 136 NARROW GAUGE ROAD AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS (A16-04).

In making the staff report, Community Development Manager Donna Setliff stated that the owners of 136 Narrow Gauge Road have requested voluntary non-contiguous annexation. She added that the annexation meets all statutory requirements, and staff is recommending approval.

Mayor Donecker opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Councilwoman Walker made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, to approve the voluntary annexation of 136 Narrow Gauge Road.

During the discussion phase, Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he knows these property owners, and he complimented the way the Planning Department had handled the situation.

The Council then approved the motion in a 7-0 vote.

The Ordinance as approved follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
136 Narrow Gauge Road**

A16-04

WHEREAS, the City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-58.1 to annex the area described below; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Council Chambers, 230 West Morehead Street, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, after due notice by publication on Sunday, October 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit;

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three (3) miles from the corporate limits of the City of Reidsville;
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another municipality than to the City of Reidsville;
- c. The area described is so situated that the City of Reidsville will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits;
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation;
- e. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area within the primary corporate limits of the City of Reidsville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville further finds that the petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reidsville further finds that the petition is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Reidsville and of the area proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area described;

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, the following described non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Reidsville as of December 31, 2016:

Beginning at an iron in the western line of Narrow Gauge Road, said iron being the Southeast corner of Lot No. 92 of map hereinafter referred to, from the POINT OF BEGINNING, continuing with the western line of Narrow Gauge Road South 48 deg. East 100 feet to an iron marking the northeast corner of Lot No. 97; thence with the line common to Lots 96 and 97, South 42 deg. West 200 feet to an iron in the back line of Lot No. 84; thence North 48 deg. West 100 feet to an iron, the Southwest corner of Lot No. 92; thence with the line common to Lots 92 and 93, North 42 deg. East 200 feet to the point of beginning and being Lots 93, 94, 95 and 96 as per "Map A" of the Pennrington Farm as surveyed and mapped by E.B. Fitzgerald, December 14, 1945, and duly recorded in Map Book 5 at page 4 of the Record of Maps in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County and specific reference is hereby made to

said recorded map for further description of the lots herein conveyed. Reference in chains of title Book 660 page 80.

Section 2. Upon and after December 31, 2016, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Reidsville and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Reidsville. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

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

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ _____
Angela G. Stadler, City Clerk

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

- End of Public Hearings -

UPDATE ON FREEWAY DRIVE PROJECT BY JASON JULIAN, DISTRICT ENGINEER, NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

NCDOT District Engineer Jason Julian reported on the status of the Freeway Drive project. He said the good news is they are in the last stages of the project. The subcontractors are out there doing the striping, along with the painting and grading crews, etc. Yesterday and today, he said, they are at the Sheetz intersection doing the final paving in that area and for the rest of the week completing the tie-in with Vance Street and other areas as well. They are beyond the completion date, Julian said, but NCDOT has received a new completion date from English Construction of December 15, 2016 to have all the sub-work and “tidying up” done.

Julian said NCDOT has been working with the City Manager’s office about street lighting along Freeway, stating they have received a lot of questions about that. He said the City is working with Duke Energy to get a plan together, which will then be submitted to NCDOT. Regarding landscaping, he said there will be a landscaping budget for the City, which has been discussed with the City Manager as well. Once the project is complete, the budget will be set aside. He added that there will be a meeting with NCDOT’s roadside environmental engineer and City staff to work out a plan, and the contractor will then implement the plan.

Mowing has been questioned, he noted. NCDOT mows the roads in the County but does pay the City to mow some NCDOT-owned roads inside the City through a municipal agreement. He said it is up to the City how it wants to handle that, and he will talk to the City Manager about that. Julian stated that NCDOT mows State roads about 4-6 times a year so it may be more convenient for the City to do it and have NCDOT reimburse them.

Julian asked if Council members had any questions? Councilman Festerman said he has always been concerned about sidewalks and lighting. He asked if the City will be able to weigh in on the lighting before the final contract is made. Julian said yes, adding that the City is already talking with Duke Energy and explained the process briefly. Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked how long does that usually take? Julian said once it is submitted to NCDOT, probably about 30 days, then it will be up to Duke Energy.

The District Engineer said that on his way to tonight's meeting, he found out that the northbound ramp on Freeway Drive to NC 65/87 (Harrison Street) and the northbound ramp onto Freeway from Harrison near the former Golden Corral area will need to be shut down starting tomorrow to tie in the asphalt. It will take about a week to 10 days, he said.

Mayor Donecker said one concern he has, adding that he had discussed this before, is on North Scales Street, going over the bridge on Freeway Drive to the City Heights Loop, it would be nice if there could be some kind of striping to allow people to walk on the shoulder. He said this would help it be safer for those people walking back and forth to Walmart from where the sidewalk ends to City Heights. He asked if there was some way to make it a little safer. Julian said he would discuss it with the City Manager.

The Mayor also asked about NCDOT funds to tie in the sidewalk from the Food Lion at the southern end of Freeway Drive onto South Park to the walking track behind the middle and high schools. He talked about extending the sidewalk to the first drive-in at the middle school. He said he doesn't know what the right solution is, but it would be nice to have enough of a tie-in to get people to the greenway behind the high school and then to Jaycee Park. He said we are trying to get people to walk a little more. Julian said he has seen a lot of people using the sidewalk on Freeway. The Mayor thanked Julian for his work on what has not been an easy project.

US 29 Signage Update.

Councilwoman Walker asked about the first exit coming into Reidsville where Southern States is located. Julian said they are in the process of making new signs and had discussed the signage with the City Manager several months ago. Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked how many signs? Julian said the City wants to bring it back to four exits. He said the exit to NC 14 where the Reidsville exit sign had been removed would be returned at the request of the City Manager. He indicated this would be on both sides whether you were coming from Danville or Greensboro.

The Mayor talked about the Freeway Drive exit, which has drivers turn right to go to downtown Reidsville, meaning you come in on Barnes Street. He said this was confusing, and it is difficult to give directions. He said it seems counter-intuitive as most people would want to go left. He said he doesn't know if there is a solution to that or not, but it is confusing to tell people to turn left but they see a sign telling them to go the other way. Julian said he would check on those concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No one spoke during Public Comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

In making the report, City Manager Preston Mitchell said he only had a few items to report on tonight. Behind the Miscellaneous section, Council members will find the 2016 Quarterly Report prepared by Finance Director Chris Phillips as well as the Community Pool Quarterly Report, also requested previously by Council. Also included is the NCLM's Municipal Advocacy Goals included for their review at the request of the Mayor and an update on the McCoy bridge, Manager Mitchell said. He said staff will let Council know when the bridge dedication ceremony is set. In conclusion, he pointed out upcoming City organizational functions as well as public events.

BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

City Clerk Angela Stadler announced the following Board & Commission results: The re-appointment of George O. Rucker of 508 Staples Street to the ABC Board; the appointment of Ms. Marilyn Thompson of 303 Washburn Lake Road to the Human Relations Commission; and the appointment of Mr. Jimmy Neal of 901 Russell Avenue, Mr. David Slaydon of 1812 Fairway Drive and Mr. G.W. "Butch" Trent of 2623 Reid School Road and the re-appointment of Mr. Milton Percell of 242 Kingwood Road (outside-City vacancy) to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission. (A COPY OF THE BALLOTS ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)

The Mayor discussed current openings on the boards and commissions and encouraged those interested in participating in City government to apply. He also said he was glad to see four apply for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, saying that these are the people we need to hear from as the City decides what needs to be done with Lake Hunt.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown – The Mayor Pro Tem noted that he attended Kimberly Kaye's Nursing ribbon cutting with the Mayor, Council members Walker, Hairston and Festerman; the lecture of the Holocaust survivor at Reidsville High School, where Councilman Balsley read the

proclamation and he presented a Key to the City to the speaker; and the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet with Council members Gorham and Hairston.

Councilman Hairston – The Councilman said he had attended the NAACP banquet and the Human Relations Commission meeting, which now has two youth members bringing fresh, good ideas to the Commission.. The Mayor added that there are still three openings on the HRC.

Councilwoman Walker – The Councilwoman stated that she had attended the Oct. 13th program on drunk driving organized by Denise Brady and held for Reidsville High/Reidsville Middle schools. Also on Oct. 13, she attended the awards night for the Police Department; the Chamber Business Showcase on Oct. 19; the Oct. 25th Reidsville Downtown Corporation meeting; the Oct. 27th Appearance Commission meeting; and the RAC’s Cleanup Day Oct. 29th. Several people came out for the cleanup, the Councilwoman said, adding a “shout out” to five-year-old Boston Phillips, son of Assistant City Manager Chris Phillips, for pitching in. She suggested Boston come and lead the pledge some time and thanked Donna Setliff for coordinating the event. She concluded by stating she also attended the City Employees’ Brunswick Stew on Oct. 31.

Councilman Gorham – The Councilman apologized to Setliff, noting he had another meeting on cleanup day. He said that he also met with the Zane Smith Reynolds Foundation to discuss economic development, etc., as the organization looks at how to restructure their program to meet needs and decide how they want to give out grants. The Councilman noted the excellent Color Guard at the Police Department’s Awards Ceremony on Oct. 13, adding that the Council needs to have them appear at their meeting after the first of the year. He said he also attended the following: Oct. 15th the Men of Valor Stew and the City’s Fall Jubilee; the Oct. 18th Highland Heights Community Watch meeting; the Oct. 19th Chamber Business Showcase; the Oct. 20th Downtown Senior Citizens’ meeting; the Oct. 25th Senior Men’s Fellowship Group; the McLaurin Community Watch meeting; on Nov. 5th the Last Don’s job fair at Reidsville High School; and the NAACP banquet that night; and served as an observer at the McCoy voting site on election day, Nov. 8.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked for Assistant City Manager Tom Wiggins to come forward and introduce a new Parks & Recreation employee, Quintin Robertson. Wiggins came forward and introduced the new Recreation Program Supervisor, who will oversee not only athletics but also the City’s Teen Center. Not only was Robertson the most qualified candidate, but he is also from Reidsville, coming up through the Parks & Rec program, Wiggins said. This is Quintin’s fourth week with us, and he has hit the ground running, the Assistant City Manager said. Quintin said he appreciated this opportunity and having grown up in this community, he wants to make a positive impact where he can. Quintin noted great mentors he had growing up, like Mayor Pro Tem Brown and Council members Hairston and Gorham.

Councilman Gorham stated that no doubt Robertson will do well as a Winston-Salem State graduate.

Councilman Balsley – The Councilman deferred to Kayla Bullins of the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce to highlight upcoming Chamber events. Kayla first thanked those who supported the Business Showcase, which had a record 84 booths. She noted that Lucky City Brewing Co. won “Most Likely to Get My Business” while M1M had a memorial there for the late CB Lawrence. She said upcoming events are the Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 18 and the Shop Small Saturday promotion on Nov. 26, along with the Christmas Parade that day. Breakfast with Santa will be held at Sagebrush on Dec. 10th. The December Chamber Coffee will be held Dec. 1 hosted by Favorite Finds at the Chamber Office at 8 a.m.

Councilman Festerman – The Councilman thanked Assistant City Manager Chris Phillips for the Quarterly Finance Report. He said that two things he picked up on while in Raleigh at the NC League of Municipalities meeting was about the rate of speed used by trains going through municipalities. He said something stated that the train goes through Reidsville at 65 mph, but he said he doesn’t think they are going that fast and certainly hopes they are not. He asked for some kind of clarification on that. Secondly, the Councilman said some towns are having Farmers’ Markets at night and would like for the City Manager to look into that. He said we might not start off big but could build up.

Mayor Donecker – The Mayor said he had three things: 1) he asked Council members to look at the Municipal Advocacy Goals in their packets because local issues should be determined by local governments; 2) asked them to consider how do we let our general population know about events such as the cleanup day and suggested the use of robot calls on a weekly basis, perhaps mid-day Friday, identifying items coming up the following week, adding that while Reidsville Connect is working, still not enough people are using it (he asked this be added as a retreat item); and 3) noting the parade is at 4 p.m. after the Shop Small Business Day, said he hoped local businesses would stay open a little longer for the parade watchers and to keep more people on the streets.

Councilman Festerman noted that the cookies left at each Council member’s seat were purchased from the downtown business, Simply Sweet.

Councilman Gorham, commenting on the train situation, said that last week at the railroad crossing at Settle Street, the train looked like it was rolling at 65 mph. He offered at the next cleanup day to get his church bus so they can move people from place to place.

The Mayor stated that it was a good experience at the community cleanup. He also thanked Richard Vaughn for helping to mentor the young men with them today as part of the Scout troop.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Councilman Gorham then made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and unanimously approved by Council in a 7-0 vote, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk