

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**July 14, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor Steve Morris.**
- 2. Invocation by Reverend Brian Perry, Pastor of Pee Dee Methodist and Zion Methodist Churches.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Disposition of Minutes of the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting and June 9, 2015 Closed Session. (Enclosed separately)**
 - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-6)**

Informational Items:

- 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
- 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of June 30, 2015.**

Action Items:

- 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
- 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
- 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**

- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
 - A. Set Public Hearing.**
 - 1. Set public hearing for an amendment to Article 11 of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (pursuant to Section 11.16) to create a special sign overlay district for Richmond Plaza Shopping Center. (See amendment packet included separately)**
 - B. Hold Public Hearing. (none)**
 - C. Minutes from Various Boards (included separately)**

City Council Agenda

July 14, 2015

Page 2

- 6. Consideration of a Demolition Ordinance for the Dilapidated Dwelling located at 2209 Fayetteville Road and identified as Richmond County PIN 7473-08-88-3279. (See Pages 7-9 & photo inserts)**
- 7. Consideration of a proposal to create a Façade Improvement Grant Program for Downtown Rockingham. (See Pages 10-15 & Map Insert)**
- 8. Consideration of Resolution requesting the NCDOT to re-designate the route of US Highway 1 to follow Greene Street and US Highway 220 instead of its current route through Downtown Rockingham. (See Pages 16-19)**
- 9. Presentation of Plaques to outgoing Board Members: Anne M. Edwards, Planning and Zoning Board; and John Hutchinson, Richmond County Public Library Board.**
- 10. Consideration of appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board and Richmond County Public Library Board continued from June 9, 2015 meeting.**
- 11. Business by Visitors.**
- 12. Business by City Clerk.**
- 13. Business by City Manager.**
- 14. Business by City Attorney.**
- 15. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 16. Business by Mayor.**
- 17. Adjournment.**

Rockingham, NC

City Council Agenda

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

YEAR	AMOUNT	June 2015
2014	49,158.97	
2013	29,919.13	
2012	22,493.00	
2011	19,223.66	
2010	13,780.71	
2009	11,283.40	
2008	9,491.64	
2007	5,480.37	
2006	4,397.87	
2005	3,975.21	
2004	3,014.77	
	49,158.97	Total Current Year
	123,059.76	Total Past Years
	172,218.73	Total All Years

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER
June 30, 2015

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	CITY LATE	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
6/1/15	6295205	Williams, Daniel W.	Vehicle Sold BHN6004	2014	16.97			16.97	61894
6/1/15	24318363	Smith, Jeffrey Dexter	Tag Surrender/Repo 2PX6306	2014	72.64			72.64	61887
6/1/15	6295388	McIntyre, Kenneth Eugene	Vehicle Sold YSW777	2014	24.40			24.40	61880
6/1/15	19044368	Hailey, Johnny Need, Jr.	Vehicle Totalled ABH1248	2014	3.34			3.34	61876
6/1/15	22313845	Belcher, Timothy Michael	Vehicle Sold BEF4812	2014	78.24		3.91	82.15	61869
6/1/15	42074101	Carolina Millwork	Overpmt of Taxes	2014	300.00			300.00	61981
6/15/15	25537913	Harris, Robert James	Tag Surrender	2014	79.20			79.20	62050
6/15/15	25122359	Robertson, Tia Lashawnta	Vehicle Sold	2014	6.60			6.60	62061
6/15/15	24214451	Gunter, Woodrow Wilson	Vehicle Sold	2014	28.55			28.55	62049
6/15/15	19043250	Ervin, David Randall	Vehicle Sold	2014	6.42			6.42	62048
6/15/15	25507671	Capps, Jennings Bryan	Vehicle Totalled	2014	5.15			5.15	62043
6/15/15	16304561	Billingsley, William Travis	Vehicle Sold	2014	7.45		0.37	7.82	62041
								0.00	
								0.00	
			TOTALS		\$628.96	0.00	4.28	\$633.24	

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Steve Morris and City Council Members

From: John Massey, Planning Director

Date: June 23, 2015

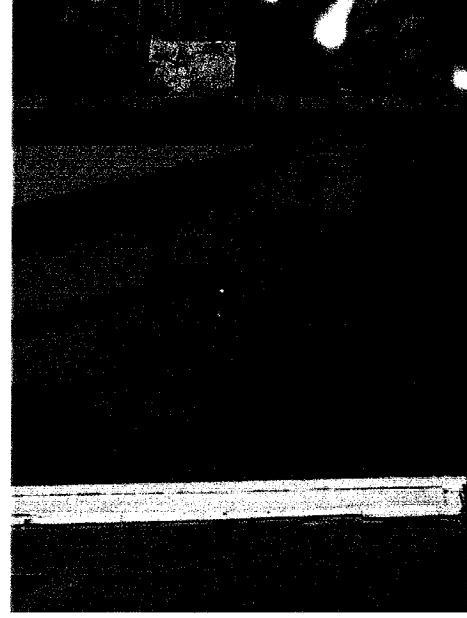
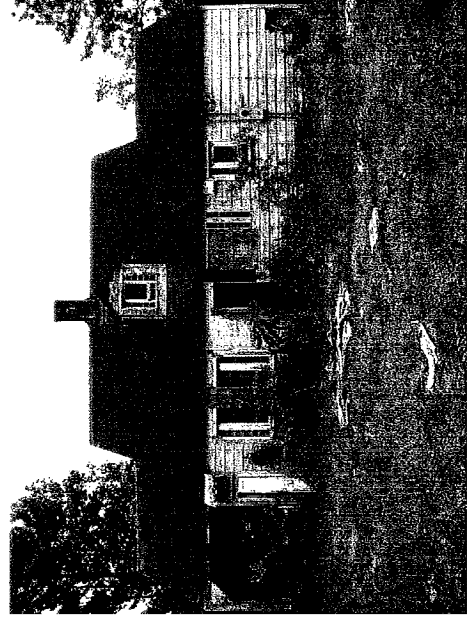
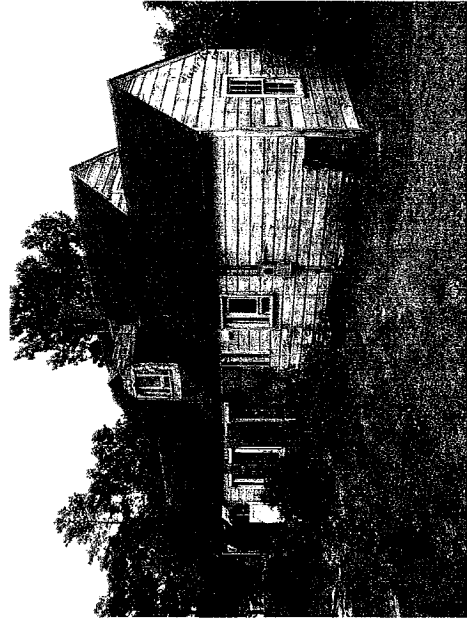
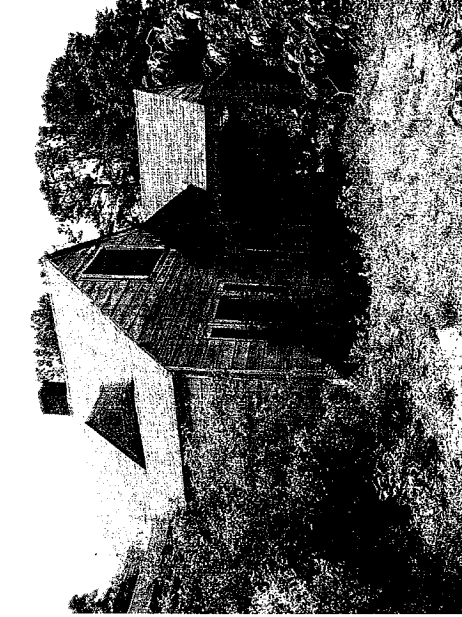
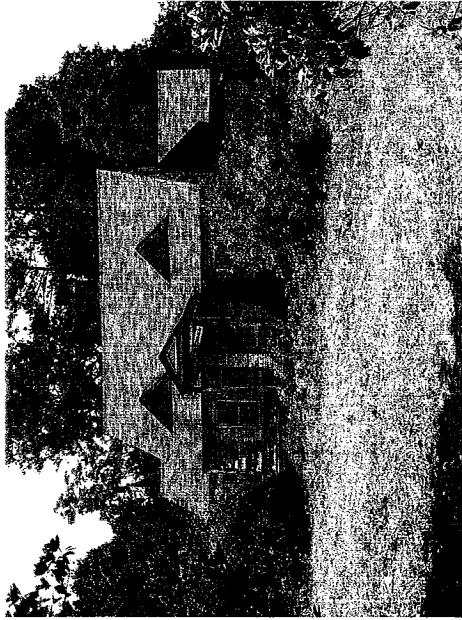
Re: Demolition Ordinance for Dilapidated Dwelling located at **2209 Fayetteville Road**

City staff recommends the City Council approve a demolition ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 2209 Fayetteville Road and identified as Richmond County PIN 7473-08-88-3279. A copy of the demolition ordinance and photographs of the property are included in the agenda packet.

As background information, City staff initiated abandoned structure proceedings in July of 2013. The property owners, Bernice Newell, and parties of interest were notified of a hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the condition of the dwelling. The notice was sent via certified and regular mail; and posted on the subject property. The property owner called in to the Code Enforcement Officer during the hearing. The Code Enforcement Officer issued his findings of fact and directed the property owners to either repair or demolish the dwelling by November 2013. Again, the notice was sent via certified and regular mail; and posted on the subject property. The property owner has taken no action to date.

City staff delayed pursuing a demolition ordinance based on indications from the property owner that the sale of the subject property was pending. City staff verified with the prospective buyer that a transaction was pending. However, the transaction failed to be finalized; thus City staff is now proceeding with the demolition ordinance.

2209 Fayetteville Road



AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockingham finds that the dwelling described herein is unfit for human habitation under the City Housing Code, and that all the procedures of the Housing Code have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this dwelling should be removed or demolished, as directed by the Building Inspector, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, the owner of this dwelling, Bernice Parsons Leigh aka Bernice Newell, has been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the dwelling up to the standards of the Housing Code in accordance with G.S. 160A-443 (5) pursuant to an order issued by the Building Inspector on August 7, 2013 and the owner has failed to comply with the order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rockingham, that:

- Section 1. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend "*This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful.*" on the building located at 2209 Fayetteville Road and identified by Richmond County PIN# 7473-08-88-3279.
- Section 2. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above described dwelling in accordance with his order to the owner thereof dated August 7, 2013 and in accordance with the Housing Code and G.S. 160A-443.
- Section 3. (a) The cost of removal or demolition shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred. The lien shall be filed in the office of the City Tax Collector and City Clerk, and shall have the same priority and be collected in the same manner as the lien for special assessments in Article 10 of G.S. Chapter 160A
- (b) Upon completion of the required removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall sell the materials of the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the cost of removal or demolition. The Building Inspector shall certify the remaining balance to the Tax Collector. If a surplus remains after sale of the materials and satisfaction of the cost of removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall deposit the surplus in the Superior Court where it shall be secured and disbursed in the manner provided by G.S 160A-446.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed the placard from any building to which it is affixed. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of any building therein declared to be unfit for human habitation.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Gwendolyn F. Swinney personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Rockingham, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its municipal seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board
Agenda Item: IV.A
June 2, 2015

Issue:

Consideration of a proposal by City staff to create a Façade Improvement Grant Program for downtown Rockingham.

Background:

In an effort to facilitate building rehabilitation and commercial interests in downtown buildings, City staff has drafted a proposal to create a Façade Improvement Grant Program. The concept is based on similar programs from other communities across North Carolina. As the Board will recall, one of the goals in the City's land use plan, Shaping Our Future: 2023, is to revitalize downtown. In the opinion of City staff, the proposed program will be a step toward accomplishing this goal.

Staff Comments:

1. A copy of the proposed grant guidelines, a draft application, and a map illustrating the proposed district boundaries are included in the agenda packet.
2. How and to what extent the grant program would be funded is at the discretion of the City Council. One possibility is to apply for grant funds from the Cole Foundation to be used as seed money to begin the program, then depending upon its success, the City Council could appropriate additional funds annually.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends the Board review the proposed program and provide comments to City staff. If the Board is supportive of the program, then City staff recommends the Board recommend the adoption of the program to the City Council.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board reviewed the request on June 2, 2015 and recommended unanimously the City Council approve the creation of a Façade Improvement Grant Program for downtown Rockingham as proposed.



City of Rockingham Downtown Facade Improvement Grant District



Scale:
1" = 400'

Grant District
Property Lines 2014
Street Names



City of Rockingham

Façade Improvement Grant Program

What is the Façade Improvement Grant Program?

The City Council recognizes proper improvements to the exterior appearances of individual buildings will help develop an appropriate, positive image of downtown; foster revitalization; and thereby generate new commercial interest in downtown. To that end, the City Council has created the Façade Improvement Grant Program (FIG) as an economic incentive-based measure designed to encourage property owners and tenants to renovate building exteriors in the downtown. More specifically, the purpose of the program is to:

1. Promote façade renovation and landscape beautification in downtown;
2. Preserve the unique character of the historic buildings in downtown;
3. Encourage the use of quality materials in the renovation of downtown properties; and
4. Generate private investment and attract new businesses to downtown.

What is a Façade?

A façade is defined as one side of a building regardless of the number of stories. Each storefront of a building can be considered a façade. The sides and rear of a building may also be considered for a façade grant, but priority for grant consideration will be given to the front of a building.

How does the program work?

Approved property owners or tenants who undertake improvements to the exterior of their businesses will receive a grant equal to one-half (1/2) of the total cost of the work, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per facade. For example, if an applicant is approved for the program and undertakes \$5,000 of improvements, the amount of assistance made available would be \$2,500. To receive the maximum assistance of \$5,000 the building owner would need to invest at least \$10,000 in improvements.

The grant will be provided in the form of a reimbursement of eligible, approved costs once the improvements have been completed, inspected, and approved. Access to the façade grant program will be on a first come, first served basis. If multiple applications are received and funding is limited, the participants will be selected by the Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee based on overall aesthetic impact to downtown and achieving the purposes of the program. If awarded a grant, applicants must complete the façade improvement project within nine (9) months following project approval.

Additionally, the City will provide façade design assistance to owners or business tenants of eligible properties who retain the services of a professional architect or designer. This assistance is limited to 10% of the total eligible façade improvement costs. For example, if an applicant undertakes \$5,000 in façade improvements, they may also receive an additional \$500 (10% of \$5,000) in design assistance over and above the matching amount. This assistance is provided by the City to help ensure that the façade improvements are functional and compatible with surrounding structures.

Subject to the availability of funds, the Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee may authorize financial assistance greater than the maximum grant amount under extenuating circumstances where the proposed work directly relates to public safety and/or addresses an imminent hazard.

Who is eligible for funding?

Any property owner or tenant (with written authorization of the owner) can apply for funding assistance. The project site must be located within the designated boundaries of Façade Grant Improvement District (see attached map). If a property owner owns more than one building or façade in downtown, he or she

will be eligible for only one grant per year if funds are limited. Only one grant will awarded per façade in any nine-month period. Government facilities and buildings used exclusively for private dwellings are not eligible for grants. City/county taxes cannot be delinquent for a building where grant funds are requested.

What type of improvements are eligible for funding?

Any exterior renovation proposal – from an entire façade rehabilitation to maintenance items, such as repainting or the replacement of building parts – is eligible for funding, but top priority will be given to projects that would make a highly visible contribution to the enhancement of downtown Rockingham.

Examples of eligible improvements include but are not limited to the following:

- Replacement or repairing of brickwork, plaster or wood siding, including painting, cleaning, and repainting.
- Replacing, repairing, or relocating storefronts, doors, windows, parapets or cornices, including the removal of extraneous elements or inappropriate or incompatible exterior finishes or materials.
- Change of exterior lighting, or additional lighting.
- Repairs, addition or installation of awnings.
- Installation or improvement of permanently installed signage as part of a renovation activity.
- Addition of a patio or an outdoor eating space (including permanent furniture).
- Landscaping and fencing along the front public right-of-way.

Examples of ineligible improvements include:

- Alarm systems.
- New building construction
- Electrical work that involves more than providing service to the façade.
- Any interior work.
- Roof repairs, except those portions that directly abut to a new or renovated façade.
- Application, permits, or inspection fees.
- Sandblasting or improper pressure washing of exterior bricks, which causes them to deteriorate.
- Removal of historic features.

Design Standards

1. Renovations and additions of existing buildings should maintain established proportion and spacing of window opening.
2. The quality of building material varies widely, and it is the quality of the finish materials and their application that determines compatibility. Use of the highest quality of facing materials is encouraged wherever possible. Materials that are compatible in quality, color, texture, finish, and dimension to those existing in the project area are encouraged.
3. Color should coordinate with neighboring buildings. The more intense hues of a color are discouraged. The use of more than one vivid color per building is discouraged. The use of colors that are disharmonious with other colors used on the building or found on the adjacent buildings is discouraged. Contrasting colors that accent architectural details and entrances are encouraged.
4. The retention and repair of existing cornices and other significant architectural features is strongly encouraged whenever possible. The re-creation of missing cornices or other architectural features should be done with care, using historic photographs as a guide.
5. Signage should prevent visual clutter and improve general visual quality. Signs should relate to each other through quality, not necessarily through the use of uniform materials, lettering, or size. All signs are regulated by the Sign Regulations set forth in the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Good signs have the following characteristics: legibility, clarity, attractiveness, durability, and good placement. Most buildings are designed with a defined sign space. The location of signs of appropriate

size in these spaces is strongly encouraged. The use of plastic, illuminated signs are generally discouraged. Attached, flat or hanging signs lit with outside direct lighting is generally encouraged. All signs must meet code requirements for size, placement, projection, etc. Hanging or projecting signs and/or window signs of good quality are encouraged.

6. Awnings should be related to the shape and color of the building. First floor awnings should terminate no higher than one (1) foot below the second floor windows. Metal canopies are strongly discouraged, and their removal and replacement with fabric awnings is strongly encouraged. If installed or retained, they should be designed or treated in a manner that adds to the visual quality of the building. All awnings must meet code requirements for size, materials, projection, etc.
7. Renovations and alterations to historic buildings should follow the standards and best practices set forth in the *U.S. Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*.
8. All proposed improvements must comply with applicable City zoning regulations and building code requirements. If applicable, building permits must be obtained.

Application Process

1. The applicant will meet with the City Planner to discuss the proposed project, to determine eligibility, and to review the application process.
2. The applicant will submit a completed application to the City Planner. The applicant must also submit two cost estimates from competent professionals for the proposed work, photographs of the façade, drawings and/or sketches of the proposed work (if applicable), and a written description of the proposed work.
3. The City Planner will forward the application to the Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee for their consideration. A notification letter will be sent to the applicant concerning the approval or denial of the application.
4. A grant agreement must be signed prior to the commencement of any approved work. Parties to the agreement will be the applicant, building owner, and the City of Rockingham.
5. The applicant must apply for and receive all applicable permits prior to the commencement of any work requiring permits.
6. Upon project completion, copies of paid invoices and cancelled checks, etc. must be submitted to the City Planner to claim reimbursement.
7. The City Planner will inspect the work completed and request checks to be issued for the amount of the grant provided the work is accomplished in accordance with the agreement.

Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee

The Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee shall be comprised of the City Manager, the City Planner, and one City Council member appointed by a majority of the City Council members.



Application for a Downtown Façade Improvement Grant

City of Rockingham, North Carolina
 514 Rockingham Road, Rockingham, NC 28379
 Telephone: (910) 997-5546 Fax: (910) 997-6617

Section 1. To Be Completed by the Applicant

The City Council recognizes proper improvements to the exterior appearances of individual buildings will help develop an appropriate, positive image of downtown; foster revitalization; and thereby generate new commercial interest in downtown. To that end, the City Council has created the Façade Improvement Grant Program (FIG) as an economic incentive-based measure designed to encourage property owners and tenants to renovate building exteriors in the downtown. More specifically, the purpose of the program is to: promote façade renovation and landscape beautification in downtown; preserve the unique character of the historic buildings in downtown; encourage the use of quality materials in the renovation of downtown properties; and generate private investment and attract new businesses to downtown.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY:	PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S):
---------------------------------------	----------------------------------

NAME OF APPLICANT: [Print]

MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

TELEPHONE:	FAX:
------------	------

E-MAIL:

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER(S): [If different from applicant]

MAILING ADDRESS OF PROPERTY OWNER(S): [If different from applicant]

TELEPHONE:	FAX:
------------	------

E-MAIL:

DESIGNATION OF AGENT: [Complete only if the applicant is not the property owner]

I (we) do hereby authorize the person named as Applicant above to seek a Downtown Façade Improvement Grant for my property.

 SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER DATE

 SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER DATE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT: [Attach additional sheets if necessary]

- INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION:
- Project plans, specifications, or other appropriate design information. A professional architectural plan is not necessarily required.
 - Photograph(s) of the existing conditions of the property.
 - At least two cost estimates from competent professionals for the proposed project.

Applicant Acknowledgements:

- (1) I understand this application must be reviewed and approved before any work is commenced on the project. I understand the project may not receive funding if work is commenced prior to review and approval by the Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee.
- (2) I understand grant funds must be used only for the project described in this application as approved by the Downtown Façade Improvement Review Committee.
- (3) I understand I must obtain all applicable permits for zoning, building, and signs prior to commencing the project.
- (4) I understand, if approved, the funded work must be completed within nine (9) months of the date the grant is awarded and that all work must be completed according to state and local building codes and ordinances, and approved, when necessary, by the proper authorities.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Section 2. For Office Use Only

RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board
Agenda Item: IV.B
June 30, 2015

Issue:

Consideration of Resolution requesting the NCDOT to re-designate the route of US Highway 1 to follow Greene Street and US Highway 220 instead of its current route through downtown Rockingham.

Background:

As the Board is aware, revitalizing downtown Rockingham is a top priority for the City as evidenced by its inclusion as a goal in *Shaping Our Future: 2023*, the City's Land Use Plan. In identifying and considering steps toward revitalization, the idea of rerouting tractor-trailer traffic around downtown has been discussed. Tractor trailers have a difficult time navigating the three 90 degree turns on the US Highway 1 route designated through downtown. This is evidenced by the past damage caused by tractor trailers to curbs, sidewalks, planter grates, street trees, lamp posts, parked cars, and buildings along the route through downtown generally at or near the 90 degree turns.

Until recently, City staff believed the issue of most tractor trailer traffic in downtown would be eventually resolved with the construction of TIP Project # R-2501 (also known as the US Highway 1 Bypass). Such project involved the construction of a new four-lane, controlled access highway bypassing Rockingham on a new location between Rockingham and Hamlet. However, the recently adopted NCDOT 2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) removed all funding for the project for the foreseeable future. Thus, City staff has begun to explore other more immediate solutions.

Staff Comments:

1. In discussing this issue with NCDOT representatives, apparently a federal guideline prevents the rerouting of only truck traffic away from a US highway where the rerouting increases the length of travel. Since the Greene Street/US Highway 220 route is approximately .25 miles longer, the route cannot be designated as a truck route. However, the route can be designated as the US Highway 1 route or the US Highway 1 Bypass route.
2. In the opinion of City staff, the re-designation of Greene Street and US Highway 220 as the US Highway 1 or US Highway 1 Bypass route is a viable solution to routing tractor-trailer traffic around downtown. The turns at Greene Street/Fayetteville Road and at Greene Street/US Highway 220 are much more manageable for tractor-trailer traffic than the turns in downtown. City staff has observed that some tractor-trailers already use this route.
3. Some road improvements may be needed along Green Street between N. Lee Street and Fayetteville Road to accommodate the request. City staff will defer to NCDOT staff's expertise as to what improvements may be necessary.
4. In the opinion of City staff, rerouting tractor-trailer traffic around downtown will also make the downtown area much more pedestrian friendly, which will in turn compliment other on-going efforts to revitalize downtown.
5. An additional benefit outside of downtown, is that the route re-designation would also steer traffic away from the awkward, accident prone intersection on the southbound lane of US Highway 1 at US Highway 220.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends the Board go on record supporting the proposed Resolution and recommend the City Council adopt the Resolution and forward it to the NCDOT.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board reviewed the proposal on June 30, 2015 recommended the City Council adopt the proposed Resolution and forward it to the NCDOT.

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE NCDOT TO RE-DESIGNATE THE ROUTE OF US HIGHWAY 1 TO FOLLOW GREENE STREET AND US HIGHWAY 220 INSTEAD OF ITS CURRENT ROUTE THROUGH DOWNTOWN ROCKINGHAM.

WHEREAS, the City Council has established the revitalization of downtown Rockingham as a primary goal in *Shaping Our Future: 2023*, the City's Land Use Plan, adopted in July 2013; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 1 is a major arterial thoroughfare with an average daily traffic count approaching 10,000, which includes a significant volume of tractor trailers; and

WHEREAS, the current route of US Highway 1 through downtown Rockingham follows E. Washington Street, S. Hancock Street, E. Franklin Street, and Rockingham Road in a series of dual lane one-way streets that include three (3) 90 degree turns, which pose significant navigational challenges for tractor trailers; and

WHEREAS, tractor trailers have caused damage to curbs, sidewalks, planter grates, street trees, lamp posts, parked cars, and buildings in the downtown area specifically in the vicinity of the aforementioned 90 degree turns; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the re-designation of US Highway 1 will compliment on-going efforts to revitalize downtown Rockingham by reducing tractor-trailer traffic in downtown and thereby improve both vehicular and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds Greene Street via US Highway 220 can provide a viable route around downtown for both north and south bound traffic on US Highway 1 with relatively minimal improvements while only extending travel distance by approximately .25 miles; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT STIP Project # R-2501, also known as the US Highway 1 Bypass which would have bypassed downtown Rockingham, is no longer a funded project in the NCDOT 2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the re-designation of US Highway 1 to follow Greene Street and US Highway 220 will likely reduce traffic volumes through the awkward, accident prone intersection at US Highway 1 and US Highway 220.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rockingham City Council does hereby respectfully request the NCDOT re-designate US Highway 1 to follow Greene Street and US Highway 220 instead of its current route through downtown Rockingham; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Rockingham City Council does hereby respectfully request the NCDOT provide funding for any necessary road-related improvements associated with the route re-designation.

This the ____ day of _____, 2015

Attest:

Gwendolyn F. Swinney, CMC
City Clerk

M. Steven Morris
Mayor

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Gwendolyn F. Swinney personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Rockingham, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its municipal seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

**DEPARTMENTAL
ACTIVITY REPORTS
for
COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**

To: Monty Crump, City Manager

From: Dave Davis, Recreation Director

Date: July 6, 2015

Subject: Activity Report

The following are activities that have been or soon will be involving our department.

Youth Baseball – Three of our Dixie Youth Baseball Teams are either currently involved in district play or headed to State Tournaments later this week. The coach-pitch boys (7-8 yr olds) are headed to Pembroke for a State Tournament on Saturday, July 11th. Also, the 13-14 yr. old boys are headed to Southport on the same date for their State Tournament. Currently playing are the 11-12 yr. old boys in Mt. Gilead for District competition.

Summer Programs – Our Summer Day Camp and Swim Programs are progressing nicely. The seasonal staff is experienced and the campers are always busy and engaging in some activity.

Hinson Lake – This remains a very popular destination and serves a diverse section of our city and county residents.

Youth Soccer – Fall Soccer registration begins Wednesday, July 8th and concludes Monday, August 10th.

Youth Softball – Three of our girls All-Star teams advanced to the Sate Dixie Softball Tournament in Troy, N.C. beginning on Friday, July 10th. The Darlings (7-8 yr. old coach-pitch), Angels (9-10 yr. olds) and Ponytails (11-12 yr. olds) will all be in action this coming week-end.



FIRE CHIEF
 HAROLD ISLER
ADMIN. ASST.
 KRISTY PLAYER

ASST. CHIEF
 DAVID MULLIS
CAPTAIN
 VIC MCCASKILL

June-15

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of June 2015.

Total Alarms:	<u>37</u>	In Town:	<u>35</u>	Out of Town:	<u>2</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>2</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>35</u>	Structure:	<u>2</u>
Wrecks:	<u>9</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>7</u>	Good Intent:	<u>4</u>
Smoke Scare:	<u>0</u>	Vehicle fire :	<u>0</u>	Trash:	<u>1</u>
Power line down:	<u>4</u>	Haz Mat: (meth lab):	<u>0</u>	Gas Leak/Spill:	<u>1</u>
Outside fire:	<u>1</u>	Co detector:	<u>1</u>	Assist Police:	<u>1</u>
Electrical:	<u>1</u>	Assist EMS:	<u>3</u>	Mutual Aid:	<u>0</u>

Hours Spent on Calls: 13 hours 37 minutes

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$65,000.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u><u>\$11,500.00</u></u>
Total Property Saved:	<u>\$53,500.00</u>

During the month of June full time members of the fire department averaged 34 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 9 hours per person for the month.

Public Life & Safety:

- ~Installed 2 car seats
- ~Inspections:38
- ~Freedom Baptist Church kids program The Edge visited the station with 30 kids and 4 adults
- ~The Jr. Police Academy toured the station with 49 kids and 2 adults
- ~9S inspection completed
- ~Sparky attended the Rockingham Fire Departments T-ball kids party

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief
 Harold Isler



Rockingham Police Department



W.D. Kelly, Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

WDK From: W. D. Kelly
Chief of Police

Date: July 7, 2015
Ref: June Activity Report

On behalf of the Rockingham Police Department, I am pleased to submit this report for your consideration. The following activities have been undertaken by officers of the Rockingham Police Department.

Total Calls for the Month:	<u>1214</u>
Animal Control Calls:	<u>66</u>
Alarm Calls	<u>150</u>
Escorts:	<u>103</u>
Unlock Vehicles:	<u>100</u>

Charges Generating Arrest:

Felonies:	<u>36</u>
Misdemeanors:	<u>73</u>
Drug Violations:	<u>7</u>
Juvenile:	<u>11</u>
Warrants Served:	<u>86</u>
Citations:	<u>164</u>

Accidents Reported/Investigated:

Property Damage only:	<u>48</u>
Personal Injury:	<u>05</u>

Officer Hours Spent in Court:	<u>45</u>
Officer Training Hours Logged	<u>160</u>

Items of Interest:

Our annual Junior Police Academy was a great success. We had a lot of new faces and new experiences. They will be given their certificates at National Night Out on August 4, 2015. We are expecting a wonderful evening with National Night Out. Please come and join the fun.