

**Minutes**  
Kinston City Council  
City Hall · 207 East King Street  
Tuesday, August 2, 2022  
Regular Meeting at 5:30 pm

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**Mayor Don Hardy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.**

**Councilmember Felicia Solomon delivered the prayer followed by the recital of the pledge of allegiance.**

**Council Members' Roll Call**

**Present: Councilmembers Sammy Aiken, Felicia Solomon, Chris J. Suggs, Robert Swinson, and Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Hardy.**

**Present Also: Rhonda Barwick, City Manager and James Cauley, City Attorney.**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Citizens must sign in prior to the start of the meeting if they wish to address the City Council.  
Citizens should state their name and address prior to beginning their comments and may speak up to a maximum of 3 minutes.  
Citizens seeking assistance or asking questions will be contacted by a member of the Governing Body or by appropriate City Staff

1. Brooke Jones, 2691 Falling Creek Road, Kinston, NC shared that she has started a benefit named Kinston Back, which is for children that have cancer. She related that there will be a benefit at the Nature Center on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm that includes food trucks, and kids' activities. There will be a motorcycle ride that day around the Sports Shop area as well. Ms. Jones stated there was a golf tournament today at Falling Creek (44 players), and she will be donating free school supplies at the benefit on Sunday. This was started because she wants to give back and it gives the children something to do because they are hospitalized for months. The contact number for information and to make contributions is 252-286-4450.
2. Hinda Moore, 507 E. Bright Street, Kinston, NC revisited her previously expressed concerns about the Council considering a crossing guard at the corner of Bright and Tiffany Streets. The need for a physical body would be from 7:20 to 8:30 am and 3 to 3:30 pm.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*If a Councilmember wishes to revise the agenda, the Motion to add or delete an item will be entertained prior to Adoption of the Agenda.*

**Councilmember Solomon requested to add a closed session for a personnel issue and Councilmember Suggs requested to add an economic development issue to the closed session.**

Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Suggs, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], with the addition of a closed session for personnel and economic development issues, the agenda was adopted. (NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) and (a) (4)).

**MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on July 19, 2022-----  
Debra Thompson

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Aiken, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the minutes for July 19, 2022, were approved.

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**1. Retirement Plaque Readings for Deputy Fire Chief Earnest Davis and Athletic Supervisor Thurman Pate-----Lea Mills**

Lea Mills, Human Resources Director stated that two long-term employees are retiring tonight and expressed her excitement.

Damien Locklear, Chief of Fire & Rescue shared words of acknowledgment for Deputy Fire Chief Ernest Davis for his 33-plus years of employment with the City of Kinston. Deputy Chief Davis thanked God and his family for their support during his career and gave the family a round of applause for that. Mayor Hardy read the plaque and congratulated Deputy Chief Davis on his retirement. Photos were taken.

Corey Povar, Parks and Recreation Director made congratulatory remarks and shared a quote from Maya Angelou - "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Mr. Povar shared that throughout his years, Mr. Pate has made so many kids in Lenoir County feel supported, respected, and appreciated. He also shared his appreciation for the support and feedback that Mr. Pate gave to him. Mr. Pate said that he loved the job he had, and the people he worked with. He thanked the City and shared that it has been an honor and a pleasure to work for them. Mayor Hardy thanked Mr. Pate for his dedicated service and read the plaque. Photos were taken.

**2. Presentation of 2021 Public Power Awards of Excellence by Roy Jones, Chief Executive Officer of Electricities of North Carolina, Inc.----- Steve Miller**

Steve Miller, Interim Public Services Director expressed that he was honored to have Roy Jones, CEO of Electricities here. Mr. Jones has been in that role since 2015 serving the electric communities throughout the state of North Carolina and he is here tonight to share the good news about the 2021 Public Power Awards of Excellence.

Roy Jones said what he was recognizing us for was the example for the Public Power communities of North Carolina. The categories of recognition are Continuous Improvement, Wholesale Power Cost, and Workforce Development. Two other awards were presented by the

American Public Power Association and are a certificate of excellence and reliability performance and the platinum power award for public power providers. Mayor Hardy thanked the Electric Department for what they do, and photos were taken with the staff members present.

**ACTION AGENDA**

**1. Consider FY2023 Operating Budget Amendment ----- Donna Goodson**

Donna Goodson, Finance Director presented the 2023 Operating Budget Amendment Ordinance for the dollar amount of appropriations necessary to re-establish encumbrances for the individual outstanding purchase orders as of June 20, 2022, that the City intends to honor in the new fiscal year (FY 2023). The total amount of all funds is \$10,004,324 and a purchase order rollover listing by the fund is enclosed. Ms. Goodson shared that an operating budget amendment for \$3,046,301 for the annual operating purchase orders will be presented to Council tonight. Purchase orders for project funds are presented for informational purposes and are not included in the attached ordinance as they are not annual operating type funds. The total of the project funds rollover is \$6,958,023.

**Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hardy, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the FY 2023 Operating Budget Amendment Ordinance was approved.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the annual operating budget on June 21, 2022 authorizing appropriations for the General Fund, Water Resources Fund, Wastewater Fund, Electric Fund, Public Services Fund, and Facilities and Property Management Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, amendments by the City Council may become necessary during the year as conditions change, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council approved appropriations necessary to fund outstanding purchase orders as of June 30, 2022 in the General Fund, Water Resources Fund, Wastewater Fund, Electric Fund, Public Services Fund, and Facilities and Property Management Fund. This will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance for each respective fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Kinston, North Carolina that the annual operating budget ordinance be amended as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 1,878,110.00	\$ 1,878,110.00
Total Other General Fund Revenues	28,124,370.00	28,124,370.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 28,124,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,002,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,110.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>City Clerk</b>			
Data Processing Software	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 9,000.00
Other City Clerk Expenses	118,303.00	118,303.00	-
<b>City Council</b>			
Professional Service-Other	-	2,450.00	2,450.00
Other City Council Expenses	202,614.00	202,614.00	-
<b>City Manager-Administration</b>			
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,000.00	5,876.00	4,876.00
Other City Manager-Administration Expenses	584,243.00	584,243.00	-
<b>Management Information Systems</b>			
Other Repair and Maintenance	405,890.00	424,596.00	18,706.00
Capital Outlay-Data Processing Equipment	60,000.00	264,005.00	204,005.00
Other Management Info Systems Expenses	673,460.00	673,460.00	-
<b>Street Maintenance</b>			
Street Construction/Reconstruction	143,000.00	154,412.00	11,412.00
Street Resurfacing Repair and Maintenance	200,000.00	562,690.00	362,690.00
Street Prevention Repair and Maintenance	80,000.00	109,500.00	29,500.00
Capital Outlay-Other Equipment	-	8,385.00	8,385.00
Other Street Maintenance Expenses	1,054,713.00	1,054,713.00	-
<b>Cemetery</b>			
Capital Outlay-Motor Vehicles	-	62,842.00	62,842.00
Other Cemetery Expenses	521,009.00	521,009.00	-
<b>Planning</b>			
Building Demolition	50,000.00	64,350.00	14,350.00
Other Planning Expenses	316,789.00	316,789.00	-
<b>Law Enforcement</b>			
Capital Outlay-Motor Vehicles	559,919.00	1,094,433.00	534,514.00
Capital Outlay-Other Equipment	34,623.00	346,914.00	312,291.00
Other Law Enforcement Expenses	7,526,248.00	7,526,248.00	-
<b>Fire and Rescue</b>			
Capital Outlay-Motor Vehicles	-	80,497.00	80,497.00
Capital Outlay-Other Equipment	200,000.00	343,834.00	143,834.00
Other Fire and Rescue Expenses	4,710,358.00	4,710,358.00	-
<b>Recreation-Parks</b>			
Capital Outlay-Other	80,503.00	126,530.00	46,027.00
Other Recreation-Parks Expenses	1,630,129.00	1,630,129.00	-
<b>Capital Outlay (Non-recurring)</b>			
Capital Outlay-Data Processing Equipment	-	32,731.00	32,731.00
Other Capital Outlay (Non-recurring) Expenses	181,200.00	181,200.00	-
Total Other General Fund Expenses	8,783,669.00	8,783,669.00	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 28,124,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,002,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,110.00</b>

<b>Water Resources Fund</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 119,106.00	\$ 119,106.00
Total Other Water Resources Revenues	10,384,932.00	10,384,932.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 10,384,932.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,504,038.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,106.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Water Production			
Meter Supplies	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,014.00	\$ 10,014.00
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	149,000.00	213,176.00	64,176.00
Other Water Production Expenses	1,047,911.00	1,047,911.00	-
Water Operations			
Capital Outlay-Building Improvements	-	44,916.00	44,916.00
Other Water Operations Expenses	2,545,228.00	2,545,228.00	-
Total Other Water Resources Fund Expenses	6,602,793.00	6,602,793.00	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 10,384,932.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,504,038.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,106.00</b>

<b>Wastewater Fund</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 347,708.00	\$ 347,708.00
Total Other Wastewater Revenues	6,963,000.00	6,963,000.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 6,963,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,310,708.00</b>	<b>\$ 347,708.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Wastewater Treatment			
Maintenance and Repair Supplies	\$ 74,800.00	\$ 93,769.00	\$ 18,969.00
Capital Outlay-Other Equipment	-	305,260.00	305,260.00
Capital Outlay-Other	80,000.00	103,479.00	23,479.00
Other Wastewater Treatment Expenses	2,744,350.00	2,744,350.00	-
Total Other Wastewater Fund Expenses	4,063,850.00	4,063,850.00	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 6,963,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,310,708.00</b>	<b>\$ 347,708.00</b>

<b>Electric Fund</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 652,820.00	\$ 652,820.00
Total Other Electric Revenues	48,045,538.00	48,045,538.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 48,045,538.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,698,358.00</b>	<b>\$ 652,820.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Electric - Operations			
Professional Service-Other	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 241,000.00	\$ 76,000.00
Service and Maintenance Contracts	366,000.00	404,703.00	38,703.00
Capital Outlay-Motor Vehicles	597,934.00	1,109,958.00	512,024.00
Other Electric-Operations Expenses	7,474,192.00	7,474,192.00	-
Electric - Purchased Power			
Development of City	50,000.00	76,093.00	26,093.00
Other Electric-Purchased Power Expenses	34,358,394.00	34,358,394.00	-
Total Other Electric Fund Expenses	5,034,018.00	5,034,018.00	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 48,045,538.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,698,358.00</b>	<b>\$ 652,820.00</b>

	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Public Services Fund</b>			
Revenues:			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 109,940.00	\$ 115,113.00	\$ 5,173.00
Total Other Environmental Services Revenues	2,278,188.00	2,278,188.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,388,128.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,393,301.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,173.00</b>
Expenditures:			
Public Services Meter Services			
Meter Supplies	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 9,573.00	\$ 5,173.00
Other Public Services Meter Svcs Expenses	428,955.00	428,955.00	-
Total Other Public Services Fund Expenses	1,954,773.00	1,954,773.00	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,388,128.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,393,301.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,173.00</b>
<b>Facilities and Property Management</b>			
Revenues:			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 43,385.00	\$ 43,385.00
Total Other Facilitie & Prop Mgmt Revenues	617,900.00	617,900.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 617,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 661,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,385.00</b>
Expenditures:			
Other Miscellaneous Properties			
Service & Maintenance Contracts	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 80,020.00	\$ 15,020.00
Other Miscellaneous Properties Expenses	48,200.00	48,200.00	-
Public Service Complex			
Capital Outlay-Building Improvments	35,000.00	63,365.00	28,365.00
Other Public Services Complex Expenses	166,000.00	166,000.00	-
Total Other Facilities & Prop Mgmt Fund Exp	303,700.00	303,700.00	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 617,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 661,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,385.00</b>

Adopted this 2nd day of August, 2022

**2. Required Information About NC Retirement Systems Division Letter --- Donna Goodson**

Donna Goodson, Finance Director presented to the Council the required monthly report from the State Treasurer’s Office for those members the employer may be required to make an additional employer contribution should the member elect to retire in the following 12 months.

**3. Consider Adoption of City Ordinance Revisions to Match NCDOT Speed Limit Ordinances----- Steve Miller**

Steve Miller, Interim Public Services Director said he was contacted by Steve Hamilton with the NCDOT Division 2 requesting adjustments to our speed limit ordinances to concur with the language the DOT is adopting in their ordinances. The DOT is no longer using the Business route designation for the following streets (Queen Street-now NC 58 and Vernon Avenue-now SR 1398). Also, discrepancies were found between city and state speed limit ordinances. They are:

NCDOT and the City still showed a 45-mph speed limit on Queen Street from US 70 nearly to Springhill Street, even though the road has been posted for a long time. NCDOT’s ordinance also incorrectly references the city limits near Broadway Steet.

The ordinance for Hillcrest Road has not been adjusted after the deannexation of Hillcrest Farms Subdivision.

The City did not have an adopted speed limit for Hull Road from Vernon Avenue up to Rouse Road.

Mr. Miller stated that these would not change any posted speed limits, but will clean up the language in the ordinances. There is a map included to show where the streets are.

Mayor Hardy questioned if we were planning any event to highlight Nurses Lane. Ms. Barwick said they were planning a dedication in the fall.

Councilmember Swinson said he has spoken to Ms. Barwick regarding placing speed limit signs in the area of Graham and Brookhaven Drives and Hillman Road due to the speed limits not being observed.

**Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Solomon, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the city ordinance for revisions to match NCDOT speed limit ordinances was approved.**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KINSTON

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kinston that Section 21-40 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Section 21-40(b) That the "...a safe and proper maximum speed limit not in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour..." provision be amended by deleting and adding the following:

STREETS TO BE DELETED:

On Queen Street between Grainger Avenue and Peyton Avenue, and between South Street and a point one hundred (100) feet south of Springhill Street, and the area of said Queen Street between Peyton Avenue and South Street is declared to be a business district and its speed limit is that prescribed by [this] subsection (b).

STREETS TO BE ADDED:

On NC 58 (Queen Street) from South Street to a point one hundred (100) feet south of Springhill Street.

On NC 58 (Queen Street) from SR 1398/1838 (Vernon Avenue) to Peyton Avenue.

On NC 58 (Queen Street) from SR 1398 (Vernon Avenue) to Grainger Avenue.

Section 21-40(c) That the "...a safe and proper maximum speed limit not in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour..." provision be amended by deleting and adding the following:

STREETS TO BE DELETED:

Queen Street between the southern corporate limits of the City of Kinston, and a point approximately one hundred (100) feet south of Springhill Street.

Hillcrest Road, from the corporate city limits to W. Vernon Ave.

US 70 from a point 0.1 mile west of SR 1548 (Hill Farm Road) eastward to US 70 Business - US 258 Business.

STREETS TO BE ADDED:

US Hwy 258 between the SR 1352 (Measley Road) and US 70 (0.25 miles north of SR 1352).

SR 1557 (Hull Road) between SR 1398 (Vernon Avenue) and SR 1572 (Rouse Road).

SR 1552 (Hillcrest Road) between SR 1398 (Vernon Avenue) and Sand Clay Road (formerly SR 1553).

US 70 between 0.10 miles west of SR 1548 (Hill Farm Road) and SR 1398 (Vernon Avenue).

Section 21-40(g) That the "...a safe and proper maximum speed limit not in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour..." provision be amended by deleting and adding the following:

STREETS TO BE DELETED:

none

STREETS TO BE ADDED:

NC 58 (Queen Street) between Peyton Avenue and South Street.

And that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

4. Consider Approval of Special Event Application for ENC Pride Festival 2022 -----Jenee Spencer

Jenee Spencer, Interim Police Chief presented a special event for ENC Pride Festival 2022 on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 6 pm. at Pearson Park.

**Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Suggs, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the special event permit for the ENC Pride Festival 2022 was approved.**

Chief Spence reminded everyone that tonight was National Night Out until 8 pm and there is a ball game. She stated she would love to see everyone come out.

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Consider Appointment of Steve Miller as First Alternate to the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners ----- Steve Miller**

Rhonda Barwick, City Manager said she would like to have Mr. Miller serve as an alternate to attend in her absence to make sure that Kinston is always represented.

**Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Solomon, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the appointment of Steve Miller as First Alternate to the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners was approved.**

- 2. Consider Reappointment of Steve Miller to the Neuse River Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors ----- Steve Miller**

Rhonda Barwick, City Manager said currently she, Mr. Aiken, Steve Miller, and Bruce Parson all serve on the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Board. Mr. Miller’s term expires this month and she asked that Mr. Miller be reappointed. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**Councilmember Aiken made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hardy, and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the reappointment of Steve Miller to the Neuse River Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors was approved.**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

There was no City Manager’s Report.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

There was no City Attorney’s Report.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Swinson thanked KPD on behalf of the citizens for their fast response in the last couple of incidents we have had; apprehending and bringing those people to light. He also thanked them for their assistance with their last few funerals. Mr. Swinson thanked the Stormwater staff for the maintenance they have performed throughout the eastern part of the City to beautify those areas.

Councilmember Solomon started a discussion about bad drugs in Kinston and asked the Chief for her professional opinion on how we address in Lenoir County the overdosing and what we call a “bad batch.” The discussion included Fentanyl, how we are using Narcan, and other concerns in this area. Chief Spencer stated some cases have led to death. She expressed that you do have to be careful when investigating those types of death. They have coordinated with the Sheriff’s Office and put their investigations together. She noted that there have been cases in that they have charged the person who sold the drugs and shared that this is an ongoing crisis. There are grants available and they are meeting with Judge Heath to try and put together a game plan. Ms. Solomon stated that the community is encouraged to report the use, the selling, and who/where the bad drugs are. She asked if there could be warnings sent to the community when we know that deaths are resulting from bad drugs that are being sold in the area.

Councilmember Aiken asked if our officers were trained to use Narcan. Chief Spencer stated that they are. Mayor Hardy added that Narcan was not an invitation to use drugs. He encouraged everyone to not use drugs, to seek help if they do, and to please report through the anonymous line or other ways to get those off the streets that are engaging in selling these drugs.

Councilmember Suggs addressed the number of fatalities in the communities. This topic, gun violence, boards, and commissions would be items to discuss in the upcoming strategic planning meeting to try for some actionable results. Mr. Suggs shared that the Lenoir County Health Department is starting a Health Equity Advisory Council that will meet later this month. He suggested that we start looking at gun violence and drug use through the lens of public health. Chief Spencer said they were a part of the meeting with Project Safe Neighborhood. Gun violence in the Eastern District is addressed and this one was hosted here in Kinston.

Councilmember Swinson inquired if there were any State or the Governor’s Office funds that could be allotted to us. Mayor Hardy stated that there was \$202 million that was being discussed in Congress for that type of assistance. There is also about \$94 million for community policing. Mayor Hardy said he looks forward to applying for those grants.

Chief Spencer said there are several grants in the making. They may not all deal with salaries, but are for equipment and training. She shared that they have a TFO with the US Marshalls, they work closely with the ATF and are working to get into the FBI VCAT unit, which would

provide additional resources. Chief Spencer noted that during the recent homicides, they were quick to respond and assist in taking those cases Federal which makes a big difference in the impact of long-term effects.

Councilmember Swinson shared that some others are taking part in a community gun buyback with no questions asked. This may be a project that some of the business owners in the community would contribute money to start buying back some of the guns here. Chief Spencer said that was a great opportunity and said that our officers seize guns regularly. She said they are starting to see ghost guns and shared that any opportunity to remove guns from the street is a good thing.

Councilmember Aiken referenced the recent shootings and said that some were random. Chief Spencer said there has been some targeted violence and some random shootings. She feels that a lot of this has to do with the mental health crisis.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy thanked the community leaders and pastors for the events that occurred the last couple of weeks that allowed everyone to get out and have some fun.

#### CLOSED SESSION

**Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Solomon and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the Council entered into a closed session for North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) 6 – Personnel and (a)4 – Economic Development at 6:30 pm.**

**Councilmember Aiken made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hardy and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the Council returned to open session at 7:15 pm.**

The Council discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting to be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Human Resources Training Room. If there is an overflow of attendees, the meeting will be moved to the Council Chambers. There was a consensus that each member would submit a 5-year goal to Ms. Barwick by Friday, and she will format an agenda for discussion items.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilmember Aiken made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Solomon and upon a unanimous vote [5-0], the Council returned to open session at 7:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Thompson, City Clerk