

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

**CITY OF ASHEBORO PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1312 NORTH FAYETTEVILLE STREET
ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27203**

A special meeting of the Asheboro City Council will be called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016, in the main conference room at the City of Asheboro Public Works Facility, 1312 North Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203. During this special meeting, the following items will be brought before the City Council for consideration and possible action:

1. Consideration by the City Council of adopting a resolution in support of the Connect NC bond package.
2. Water Resources Director Michael Rhoney, P.E. will provide an update on the following initiatives and projects in the city's water resources division:
 - a. Research concerning the organic compound 1,4-Dioxane;
 - b. Active construction projects at the water and wastewater treatment plants; and
 - c. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects funded by the water and sewer fund.
3. Community Development Director Trevor Nuttall will provide an update on transportation related projects that will impact Asheboro, including projects to be undertaken by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
4. The city manager will provide an update on various economic development activities, including projects impacting Technimark, New Century Drive, and the former Asheboro Hosiery Mills/Cranford Industries building.

This special meeting notice is issued on the 18th day of February, 2016.

/s/David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

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**SPECIAL MEETING
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ASHEBORO PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
1312 NORTH FAYETTEVILLE STREET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

This being the time and place for a special meeting of the Asheboro City Council, a meeting was held with the following elected officials and city management team members present:

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| David H. Smith |) – Mayor Presiding |
| Clark R. Bell |) |
| Edward J. Burks |) |
| Walker B. Moffitt |) – Council Members Present |
| Jane H. Redding |) |
| Katie L. Snuggs |) |
| Charles A. Swiers |) |
| Linda H. Carter |) – Council Member Absent |

John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk
David J. Hutchins, Public Works Director
Michael L. Leonard, P.E., City Engineer
Trevor L Nuttall, Community Development Director

Deborah P. Reaves, Finance Director
Michael D. Rhoney, P.E., Water Resources Director
Jonathan M. Sermon, Recreation Services Superintendent
Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney

1. Call to order.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order for the transaction of business, and business was transacted as follows.

2. Consideration of a resolution in support of the Connect NC bond package.

Ms. Tammy O'Kelley, Executive Director of the Randolph County Tourism Development Authority, presented a resolution in support of the Connect NC bond.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell and seconded by Ms. Snuggs, council voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution by reference. Council Members Bell, Burks, Moffitt, Redding, Snuggs, and Swiers voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____ 03 RES 2-16

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONNECT NC BOND

WHEREAS, Governor McCrory has noted that the Connect NC bond (hereinafter referred to as "Connect NC") will connect North Carolina to the 21st Century through statewide investments in education, parks, safety, recreation, and water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has seen its population grow by two million people since 2000, and there is a need to expand and repair existing water and sewer infrastructure to ensure the state can meet the demands of its growing population, continue the development of new jobs, and grow the economy; and

WHEREAS, Connect NC includes \$309 million in loans and grants for investment in critical sewer and water projects statewide, and Asheboro's aging water and wastewater systems continue to need upgrades; and

WHEREAS, a primary driver of job creation is the state's higher education system of community colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Connect NC includes \$5 million for Randolph Community College to construct a new Health Sciences Center in Asheboro; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of Randolph County's leading industries generating \$128.39 million domestic traveler spending in 2014, and supporting more than 1,000 jobs for citizens of Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, if Connect NC is approved, \$100 million is to be invested in 48 state parks, including \$25 million for the North Carolina Zoo, Asheboro's largest and most visited attraction, to repair and renovate, as well as update select facilities making them more attractive and accessible to citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Connect NC includes a \$70 million investment for modernizing the state's National Guard facilities, the first line of defense and response in times of natural disaster and state emergencies, making the Guard eligible for additional federal funding, as North Carolina moves towards centralizing its facilities; and

WHEREAS, no tax increases are necessary to finance the Connect NC bond, given the state's strong revenue growth and ample debt service capacity with no impact to the position as one of only 10 states to have earned the coveted Triple A bond rating from all three major ratings agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Asheboro, North Carolina that the City of Asheboro, by and through its governing board, supports the \$2 billion Connect NC bond as an investment in the future of North Carolina and Asheboro.

This Resolution was adopted by the Asheboro City Council in open session during a special meeting held on the 25th day of February, 2016.

/s/David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

ATTEST:

/s/Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

3. Water Resources Items:

(a) Research concerning the organic compound 1,4-Dioxane.

Mr. Rhoney reported that an organic compound identified as 1,4-Dioxane that is found in substances including, but not limited to paint strippers, varnishes, soaps, plastics, and antifreeze is passing through the Asheboro Wastewater Treatment Plant. The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) sampled the Upper Cape Fear River in 2014-2015 and found high numbers of 1,4-Dioxane, currently an unregulated contaminant. The DEQ requested that wastewater treatment plants conduct sampling in order to find potential sources that are releasing the compound, and the City of Asheboro has identified an industry that is a potential source. The city is currently working with the industry, and the industry is in compliance with its industrial user permit.

In order to monitor the amounts of 1,4-Dioxane in the water, the DEQ will issue the city's wastewater treatment plant a monitoring schedule for 1,4-Dioxane in September 2016. If the monitoring target of the compound is continuously exceeded, industries/dischargers of the compound will be ordered to remove 1,4-Dioxane in pretreatment.

Mr. Rhoney will update the council as more information is available.

(b) Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Cover and Mixing System Replacement Project.

Mr. Rhoney reported to the council that progress is being made with the wastewater treatment plant digester cover and mixing system replacement project. The target date for the mixer startup is March 1, 2016.

(c) Update on Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement Project.

Mr. Rhoney highlighted that the original completion date for the water treatment plant filter replacement project was set for April 15, 2016, but due to certain delays, the estimated completion date has been moved to January 11, 2017. The original cost of the project was \$962,176. Due to a change order for painting, the new cost for the project is \$1,135,397.

(d) Update on Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Mr. Rhoney gave an overall view of certain items to be included in the city's Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Plan (the "CIP"). CIP items included, but are not limited to, a new roof for the water treatment plant, certain equipment/vehicles, the replacement of certain galvanized water lines, water line extensions for development, and sewer line extensions for development.

Additionally, Mr. Rhoney presented a list of cost estimates for the water and sewer fund capital improvements for the following fiscal years:

- 2017-2018 - \$5,562,802
- 2018-2019 - \$5,388,004
- 2019-2020 - \$5,260,734
- 2020-2021 - \$2,727,937
- 2021-2022 - \$2,550,493
- 2022-2023 - \$2,413,493

No formal action was taken by the council on any of the above items. A copy of the visual presentation utilized by Mr. Rhoney is on file in the city clerk's office.

Prior to the consideration/discussion of the remaining agenda items, Mayor Smith asked Mr. Moffitt, who is the Mayor Pro Tempore, to facilitate the remainder of the meeting. Mayor Smith left the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

4. Update on various transportation projects.

Mr. Nuttall utilized a visual presentation and updated the council on certain transportation projects, specifically including the following projects:

- (a) U.S. 64 Bypass
- (b) Mack Road Alignment
- (c) U.S. 64 Widening and Interchange Reconstruction at N.C. 49
- (d) U.S. 64, Zoo Parkway, and Related Improvements
- (e) U.S. 220 Business and Presnell Street Intersection Improvements
- (f) N.C. 42 Widening
- (g) N.C. 42 Sidewalk Improvements
- (h) Church Street Restriping
- (i) Commerce Place Storm Sewer Improvements

Additionally, Mr. Nuttall noted that a public information meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 28, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the City of Asheboro Public Works Facility in regards to the resurfacing and restriping of Church Street. This project is intended to help reduce crash frequency and speeding along Church Street.

Mayor Pro Tempore Moffitt allowed time for comments from the public regarding the above-described projects. Mr. Al LaPrade urged the council to consider discussing certain economic loss and development issues associated with the proposed U.S. Highway 64 Bypass project.

No formal action was taken by the council. A copy of the visual presentation utilized by Mr. Nuttall is on file in the city clerk's office.

5. Update on certain economic development projects.

Mr. Ogburn updated the council as follows on certain economic development activities:

(a) Construction Project at Technimark.

The Technimark expansion project includes the construction of a new building consisting of approximately 155,000 square feet with a total investment of approximately \$25 million. With the expansion, the company has committed to add 125 new jobs over a 2-year period. A Community Development Block Grant will be pursued in order to fund the rail spur construction phase of the project.

(b) New Century Drive Project.

The proposed New Century Drive Industrial Park is in close proximity with the I-73/I-74 Corridor and within the vicinity of Veterans Loop Road. Improvements have already been made in order to enhance the location for an industrial park. For example, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has already repaved Veterans Loop Road in furtherance of the PEMMCO economic development project.

The city is now preparing to undertake an extension of New Century Drive with city personnel performing the construction work with the exception of rough grading. The cost estimate for this street construction is \$255,734.00. A detailed copy of the street construction cost estimate is on file in the city clerk's office.

(c) Asheboro Hosiery Mills/Cranford Industries Building.

Mr. Ogburn highlighted that discussions conceptualize the remodeling of the Asheboro Hosiery Mills/Cranford Industries have taken place, but no definite plans are available at this time. City staff will update the council as this project progresses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

/s/Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

/s/David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor