



AGENDA

Henderson City Council Short Regular Meeting
Monday 23 March 2015, 6:00 p.m.
R. G. (Chick) Young, Jr. Council Chambers, Municipal Building
134 Rose Avenue
Henderson, North Carolina

Mayor and City Council Members

Mayor James D. O'Geary, Presiding

Councilmember James C. Kearney, Sr.
Councilmember Sara M. Coffey
Councilmember Michael C. Inscoe
Councilmember D. Michael Rainey

Councilmember Brenda Peace-Jenkins
Councilmember Garry D. Daeke
Councilmember Fearldine A. Simmons
Councilmember George M. Daye

City Officials

Edward A. Wyatt, Interim City Manager
D. Rix Edwards, City Attorney
Esther J. McCrackin, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. OPENING REMARKS

In order to provide for the highest standards of ethical behavior and Transparency in Governance as well as provide for good and open government, the City Council has approved Core Values regarding Ethical Behavior¹ and Transparency in Governance². The Mayor now inquires as to whether any Council Member knows of any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict, with respect to matters before the City Council. If any Council Members knows of a conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict, please state so at this time.

¹ **Core Value 4: Ethical Behavior:** We value the public trust and will perform our duties and responsibilities with the highest levels of integrity, honesty, trustworthiness and professionalism.

² **Core Value 10: Transparency in Governance:** We value transparency in the governance and operations of the City.

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) 9 March 2015 Regular Meeting and Work Session [See Notebook Tab 1]

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Citizens may only speak on Agenda items at this time. Citizens wishing to address the Council must sign-in on a form provided by the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. The sign-in form is located on the podium. When recognized by the Mayor, come forward to the podium, state your name, address and if you are a city resident. Please review the Citizen Comment Guidelines that are provided below.³

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 15-21, FY15 Budget Amendment #24, Amending the General Fund to Budget the Reimbursement to the City by Vance County Tourism for Staff Overtime Expense While Working the Show, Shine, Shag & Dine Event. (CAF 15-48) [See Notebook Tab 2]

- Resolution 15-21

- b) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 15-28 Directing the Clerk for the City of Henderson, North Carolina (City) to Investigate the Sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for Carey Chapel Village. (CAF 15-46) [See Notebook Tab 3]

- Resolution 15-28

- c) Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 15-20, FY15 Budget Amendment #23, to Amend the General Fund to Budget the Proceeds of an Insurance Reimbursement to Offset the Cost of Replacing Existing Stoplights with LED Lights. (CAF 15-45) [See Notebook Tab 4]

- Ordinance 15-20

³ **Citizen Comment Guidelines for Agenda Items**

The Mayor and City Council welcome and encourage citizens to attend City Council meetings and to offer comments on matters of concern to them. Citizens are requested to review the following public comment guidelines prior to addressing the City Council.

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- 5) Individual personnel issues are confidential by law and will not be discussed. Complaints relative to specific individuals are to be directed to the City Manager;
- 6) Comments involving matters related to an on-going police investigative matter and/or the court system will not be permitted; and
- 7) Citizens should not expect specific Council action, deliberation and/or comment on subject matter brought up during the public comment section unless and until it has been scheduled as a business item on a future meeting agenda.

- d) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 15-31, Supporting the Kerr Lake Regional Water System Proposed Interbasin Transfer Petition. (CAF 15-50) [See Notebook Tab 5]
 - Resolution 15-31
- e) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 15-32, Approving FY15-16 Budget Review Calendar and Scheduling of Special Council Budget Work Sessions. (CAF 15-52) [See Notebook Tab 6]
 - Resolution 15-32
- f) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 15-29, Providing for the Disposition of Several Jointly Held Properties by the City and County Otherwise Identified as 742 Hillside Avenue, Parcel ID #0092 02012; 744 Hillside Avenue, Parcel ID #0092 02017, and 747 Hillside Avenue, Parcel ID # 0092 01023. (CAF 15-47) [See Notebook Tab 7]
 - Resolution 15-29
- g) Consideration of Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds from Vance County for the Month of February 2015. (CAF 15-51) [See Notebook Tab 8]
- h) Financial Report – 1st Six Months FY 2015. (CM 15-04) [See Notebook Tab 9]

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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X. REPORTS

- a)* Mayor/Mayor Pro-Tem
- b)* City Manager
- c)* City Attorney
- d)* City Clerk
 - i. Meeting and Events Calendar [*See Notebook Tab 10*]
 - ii. Fire Department Monthly Report

XI. ADJOURNMENT

(Clerk's Note: There are no Work Session Items for Consideration)

City Council Minutes

Short Regular Meeting

23 March 2015

PRESENT

Mayor James D. O'Geary, Presiding; and Council Members Sara M. Coffey, D. Michael Rainey, Michael C. Inscoe, Brenda Peace-Jenkins, Garry D. Daeke, Fearldine A. Simmons, and George M. Daye.

ABSENT

Council Member James C. Kearney, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT

Interim City Manager Edward A. Wyatt, City Attorney D. Rix Edwards, City Clerk Esther J. McCrackin, Assistant City Manager Frank Frazier, Finance Director Kathy Brafford, Engineering Director Clark Thomas, Public Services Director Mike Ross, Recreation and Parks Director Kendrick Vann and Assistant Finance Director Michelle Daniels.

CALL TO ORDER

The 23 March 2015 Short Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Henderson City Council was called to order by Mayor James D. O'Geary at 6:01 p.m. in the R. G. "Chick" Young, Jr. Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 134 Rose Avenue, Henderson, NC.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll and advised Mayor O'Geary a quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Simmons led those in attendance in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Mayor O'Geary welcomed everyone on such a beautiful spring day.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor O'Geary asked if there were any adjustments to the Agenda. Council Member Rainey moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coffey, and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor O'Geary asked for any corrections to and/or approval of the minutes. Council Member Peace-Jenkins moved the approval of the 9 March 2015 Regular Meeting and Work Session minutes, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Simmons, and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk advised the Mayor and Council Members that no citizen wished to speak to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Amending the FY15 General Fund to Budget the Reimbursement to the City by Vance County Tourism for Staff Overtime Expense While Working the Show, Shine, Shag & Dine Event. (*Reference: CAF 15-48; Ordinance 15-21; Budget Amendment #24*)

Interim City Manager Wyatt said this is a housekeeping matter. The reimbursement from the County offsets the overtime salaries incurred by the Police Department (\$2,300) and the Street Department (\$200) for assisting with this annual Event.

As there were no questions, Mayor O'Geary asked for Council's pleasure.

Motion was made by Council Member Rainey to approve Ordinance 15-21, *Amending the General Fund to Budget the Reimbursement to the City by Vance County Tourism for Staff Overtime Expense While Working the Show, Shine, Shag & Dine Event*. Motion seconded by Council Member Inscoe, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Inscoe, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (*See Ordinance Book 9, p 235*)

Directing the Clerk for the City of Henderson to Investigate the Sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for Carey Chapel Village. (*Reference: CAF 15-24; Resolution 15-28*)

Interim City Manager Wyatt said it is a pleasure to recommend approval of this process as annexation is virtually impossible for municipalities due to State restrictions. He said this petition for voluntary annexation is refreshing and is for a parcel of land contiguous with Carey Chapel Crossings Subdivision.

As there were no questions, Mayor O'Geary asked for the pleasure of Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Peace-Jenkins to approve Resolution 15-28, *Directing the Clerk for the City of Henderson to Investigate the Sufficiency of an Annexation Petition for Carey Chapel Village*. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Coffey, Inscoe, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons and Daye. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (See Resolution Book 4, p 197)

Amend the General Fund to Budget the Proceeds of an Insurance Reimbursement to Offset the Cost of Replacing Existing Stoplights with LED Lights. (Reference: CAF 15-45; Ordinance 15-20; Budget Amendment #23)

Interim City Manager Wyatt said this amendment will allow for the three sets of traffic signals on Chestnut Street that are under City jurisdiction to be converted to LED lamps as a cost saving measure. The conversion costs, including the rental of a bucket truck, is anticipated at \$12,360, and the insurance proceeds of \$13,978 from a traffic accident early this year at Chestnut and Young will be used to cover the cost.

Council Member Inscoe asked how long it will take to recoup this investment. Assistant City Manager Frazier said he did not have the exact figures. Mr. Inscoe asked if the fire truck could be used instead of renting a bucket truck. Mr. Frazier said the fire truck has never been considered because of the possibility of having a call-out during the conversion process. Mr. Inscoe then asked if the funds are in the General Fund. When he was told yes, Mr. Inscoe said he would prefer to hold off on this project until budget discussions are concluded.

Council Member Rainey asked how the City has converted traffic signals in the past. Mr. Frazier said the City truck that had been used previously presented a safety issue. Mr. Rainey asked if other street lights have been converted. Mr. Frazier said all the street lights are under State jurisdiction other than the three lights on Chestnut Street.

Council Member Daeke felt there was no hurry to convert these traffic lights and did not see a problem holding off on the conversion.

Mayor O'Geary asked Council Member Daeke if he would be willing to make this into a motion.

Motion was made by Council Member Daeke to **Delay** Approval of Ordinance 15-20, *Replacement of Existing Stoplights with LED Lights on Chestnut Street Until After the Budget Hearing*. Motion seconded by Council Member Rainey and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Inscoe, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons, Daye and Coffey. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (See Ordinance Book 9, p 233)

Supporting the Kerr Lake Regional Water System Proposed Interbasin Transfer Petition. (Reference: CAF 15-50; Resolution 15-31)

Interim City Manager Wyatt said this is a momentous occasion and commented on the excellent article in *The Daily Dispatch* regarding this expansion. The NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) has scheduled a public hearing at City Hall on March 31, 2015,

regarding this Interbasin Transfer and this Resolution of Support will be presented to NCDENR during the hearing.

There was no discussion. Mayor O'Geary asked for the pleasure of Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Inscoe to approve Resolution 15-31, *Supporting the Kerr Lake Regional Water System Proposed Interbasin Transfer Petition*. Motion seconded by Council Member Daeke, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey and Inscoe. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (See Resolution Book 4, p 203)

Approving FY15-16 Budget Review Calendar and Scheduling of Special Council Budget Work Sessions. (Reference: CAF 15-52; Resolution 15-32)

Interim City Manager Wyatt said this is a routine matter setting forth the dates and times for Council to meet and work toward balancing the budget.

There was no discussion. Mayor O'Geary asked for the pleasure of Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Peace-Jenkins to approve Resolution 15-32, *Approving FY15-16 Budget Review Calendar and Scheduling of Special Council Budget Work Sessions*. Motion seconded by Council Member Rainey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey, Inscoe and Rainey. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (See Resolution Book 4, p 205)

Providing for the Disposition of Several Jointly Held Properties by the City and County Otherwise Identified as 742 Hillside Avenue, Parcel ID #0092 02012; 744 Hillside Avenue, Parcel ID #0092 02017 and 747 Hillside Avenue, Parcel ID #0092 01023. (Reference: CAF 15-47, Resolution 15-29)

Interim City Manager Wyatt explained in September 2012, Council approved an agreement between the City and County to allow interested parties to bid and purchase jointed owned City/County properties acquired through tax foreclosure. A private buyer has bid on these three properties of which the City has no liens against for weed abatement. Prior to foreclosure, the unpaid City portion of tax for each property was as follows: 742 Hillside Avenue - \$669.00; 744 Hillside Avenue - \$307.00; and 747 Hillside Avenue - \$308.00. The assessed value for each property is as follows: 742 Hillside Avenue - \$18,237.00; 744 Hillside Avenue - \$4,652.00 and 747 Hillside Avenue - \$4,121.00. Mr. Wyatt said he drove by these parcels earlier today and said it will take a lot of work to bring them up to code.

Council Member Coffey felt the purchase price for each property of \$750.00 was too low and referenced Council's earlier decision to reject an offer for the same reason.

Council Member Inscoe asked if restrictive covenants could be placed on City/County owned properties requiring renovation and code compliance within a certain timeframe. City Attorney Edwards said he would look into this and provide Council with a written response.

Council Member Daeke felt Henderson does not need more rental property and a discussion ensued regarding how public authority, housing authority and/or the Redevelopment Commission could help keep the City from “spinning its wheels” with this issue.

Council Member Peace-Jenkins said these parcels were owned by her church at one time and she has no desire to see them revert back to a less than desirable neighborhood.

Motion was made by Council Member Inscoe to DELAY action on Resolution 15-31, *Supporting the Kerr Lake Regional Water System Proposed Interbasin Transfer Petition*. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey, and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Daeke, Simmons, Daye, Coffey, Inscoe, Rainey and Peace-Jenkins. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney. (See Resolution Book 4, p 203)

Interim City Manager Wyatt said he has a meeting scheduled with the Interim County Manager this week and with Council’s permission will add this to the discussion. Development Services Director Corey Williams will talk with the Vance County Housing Authority and a report will be given to Council.

Tax Releases and Refunds from Vance County for the Month of February 2015. The releases and refunds below are in order and recommended for approval. (Reference: CAF 15-51)

Interim City Manager Wyatt made note of the Real and Personal Property Refunds to Duke Life/Maria Parham which is a result of the appeal by the hospital to the State Board. He added the Personal Property appeal still has not been resolved.

Council Member Daeke made note of the \$16,000 lost to foreclosure. Council Member Inscoe said at the last County Commissioner’s meeting revisions to the current procedure are being made so those that owe the most will be pursued first. Council agreed this is a positive step forward.

Feb 2015 Tax Releases & Refunds			
Name	Reason	Tax Year	Amount
Real & Personal Property Releases			
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2003	\$ 15.25
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2004	\$ 16.00
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2005	\$ 540.50
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2005	\$ 16.75
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2006	\$ 660.50
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2006	\$ 16.75
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2007	\$ 1,180.50
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2007	\$ 16.75
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2008	\$ 565.79

Feb 2015 Tax Releases & Refunds Continued			
Name	Reason	Tax Year	Amount
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2008	\$ 18.36
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2009	\$ 465.42
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2009	\$ 19.01
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2010	\$ 585.82
Robles, Gustavo Lopez	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2010	\$ 45.24
Tirados, Agustin	Personal Property billed in Error	2010	\$ 34.78
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2010	\$ 19.01
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2011	\$ 585.84
Robles, Gustavo Lopez	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2011	\$ 8,815.76
Tirados, Agustin	Personal Property billed in Error	2011	\$ 34.78
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2011	\$ 19.01
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2012	\$ 965.84
Robles, Gustavo Lopez	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2012	\$ 266.04
Tirados, Agustin	Personal Property billed in Error	2012	\$ 34.78
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2012	\$ 19.01
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2013	\$ 800.88
Robles, Gustavo Lopez	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2013	\$ 91.19
Tirados, Agustin	Personal Property billed in Error	2013	\$ 36.86
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2013	\$ 20.15
Plummer, John F. Jr. Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2014	\$ 620.88
Robles, Gustavo Lopez	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2014	\$ 91.19
Townes, Ella Heirs	Taxes Lost to Foreclosure	2014	\$ 20.15
Triumph LLC	Personal Property billed in Error	2014	\$ 346.38
Vance County	Government	2014	\$ 1,524.27
Hargrove, Carolyn Bernadine	Personal Property billed in Error	2015	\$ 95.91
Total Releases/Real & Personal Property			\$ 18,605.35
Refunds/ Real & Personal Property			
Duke LifePoint/Maria Parham	Correct Value	2012	\$ 35,815.70
Duke LifePoint/Maria Parham	Correct Value	2013	\$ 37,958.52
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Gupton, Kimberly D	Correct Value	2014	\$ 153.34
Total Refunds Real & Personal Property			\$ 111,886.08
Total Releases & Refunds R & P Property			\$ 130,491.43
Registered Vehicle			
Refunds			
Southerland, Cherry Lee	Correct Situs	2012	\$ 66.16
Total Refunds			\$ 66.16
Registered Vehicle			
Releases			
NONE	NONE		\$ -
Total Reg Veh Releases			\$ -
Total Reg. Veh Refunds			\$ 66.16
Total Reg Veh Releases			
& Refunds			\$ 66.16
Total All Release & Refunds			\$ 130,557.59

Financial Report – 1st Six Months FY 2015. (CM 15-04)

Finance Director Brafford touched on several points: Sales Tax collections lag 4 months; the Beer and Wine tax will be received toward the end of May; only one payment of four has been made regarding the Utility Franchise; and Sanitation shows only 5 months of billing.

Council Member Daeke asked about the Garage Sales. Ms. Brafford will review these figures with the Fiscal Compliance Officer and report back to Council with her findings.

Council Member Inscoe asked if based on expenses year-to-date, if Ms. Brafford thought there would be a surplus of funds this year. Ms. Brafford said it is too early to respond.

Mayor O'Geary asked Council to approve this Financial Report. Motion was made by Council Member Rainey and seconded by Council Member Coffey with the following consensus: YES: Daye, Coffey, Inscoe, Rainey, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke and Simmons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Kearney.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk advised the Mayor and Council Members that one citizen wished to address to Council.

Horace Bullock, 129 South Bullock Street Mr. Bullock asked why the structures at 910 and 1000 East Andrews continue to exist. He was concerned as these structures are on one of the main streets into Henderson and sees them as an eyesore. He understands funding is an issue but would like these properties to have top priority.

Development Services Director Williams explained since he now has a full staff, the Inspector is currently going through all four wards and plans to prepare a formal report so priorities can be set. Mr. Williams said enforcement was put on hold to allow the owner time to bring the property up to code. Some work was done but enforcement is now proceeding.

Council Member Inscoe asked how much funding remains for demolition. Mr. Williams said approximately \$40,000 of which about \$30,000 is designated for demolition of property on Garnett Street. The remaining funds will be used for cutting grass and perhaps one more demolition.

REPORTS

- a) Mayor/Mayor Pro-Tem – Mayor O'Geary thanked Council Member Coffey for providing dinner this evening. Mayor Pro-Tem mentioned how much he enjoyed the Service Awards Banquet.

- b) City Manager – Mr. Wyatt said in over 40 years, the Service Awards Banquet was the most tasteful he has ever attended. The highlight of the night for him was the vignettes about each employee.
- c) City Attorney (No Report)
- d) City Clerk – Because the Service Awards are so special, the following is a list of the 29 employees that were recognized: 5 Years of Service: Cathy Brown, Human Resources Director; Jonathan Collier, Police Sergeant; Samuel Crosson, Parks Maintenance Worker; Wesley Harris, Police Sergeant; Matthew Jackson, Police Sergeant; Teresa Jaynes, Police Records Clerk; Brandon Logue, Police Officer; Michael Patrick, Water Quality Technician; Jeffrey Turner, Fire Engineer; Stanley White, Senior Street Maintenance Worker; Graham Woodlief, Police Sergeant. 10 Years of Service: Andrew Abbott, Jr., Meter Reader; Robert Alexander, Street Maintenance Crew Leader; George Durham, Street Maintenance Worker; Kyle Holtzman, Fire Lieutenant; Wilbur “Gene” Roberts, Plant Maintenance Supervisor; Thomas Smith, Street Maintenance Worker; Jessica West, Police Sergeant. 15 Years of Service: Randall “Scott” Hunt, Senior Instrument Technician; Dorothy Jones-Wortham, Customer Service Representative; Clarissa “Christy” Lipscomb, Kerr Lake Regional Water Director; Anthony “Tony” McGhee, Park Maintenance Supervisor; David Nickels, Laboratory Technician; Allen Simmons, Police Detective. 20 Years of Service: Angela Feingold, Police Sergeant; Steven Osborne, Recreation Program Supervisor; Marti Stewart, Police Sergeant. 25 Years of Service: David Hedgepeth, Police Lieutenant; Mary Loyd, Laboratory Analyst.

OTHER

Council Member Daeke asked for an update on Chavasse Avenue. Assistant City Manager Frazier said the project will begin just as soon as the bid process is complete.

Mr. Daeke then asked about leaf pickup after the season ends. Public Services Director Ross explained there is a fee for collection after the season concludes.

Mr. Daeke also asked what is being done about all the signs that are popping up around town for things such as tax services. Development Services Director Williams said this has been a topic during his staff meeting. The current plan is to first send out a courtesy notice emphasizing the legalities regarding signage. Council Member Inscoe suggested perhaps the Meter Readers to pick up any signs they see and apologized to Ms. Brafford for possibly creating more work for her staff.

Council Member Peace-Jenkins asked about the policy for picking up limbs. Public Services Director Ross said Code requires limbs to be no more than 4’ in length. He added there is a fee for anything over 200 pounds and the normal process is for the brush truck to pick up smaller items like brush, leaves, etc. and the knuckleboom truck picks up the heavier limbs and other items.

Council Member Inscoe asked if the Vac Truck is operational and mentioned several streets that need attention. Mr. Ross said he is in the process of instituting several projects for preventative maintenance but currently he is scheduling these projects in between emergencies. Mr. Frazier added a schedule change is in place to allow the street sweeper to be used throughout the day.

Council Member Coffey asked whether there are any restrictions regarding painting business windows. Her concern was that they should be tastefully done. Development Services Director Williams said there are no restrictions on windows.

With no further business, Mayor O'Geary asked if Council was prepared to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Coffey moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Council Member Daye, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

James D. O'Geary
Mayor

ATTEST:

Esther J. McCrackin
City Clerk