

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

December 19, 2022

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael presided, and the following members were present, to-wit: Mayor Pro Tempore Martha Sue Hall and Councilmembers Chris Bramlett, Chris Whitley, Dexter Townsend, Bill Aldridge, Benton Dry, and David Hunt.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Old North State Award

Liz Parham, Director of the NC Department of Commerce's NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center, on behalf of the Governor, and Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Commerce, came in front of Council to present the Old North State Award to Assistant City Manager Darren Rhodes for his previous work and service as part of the NC Department of Commerce's NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center. Also present were Charles Brown, Chairman of the Rural Infrastructure Authority, and Karen Smith, Bruce Naegelen, and Jeff Emory from the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center.

Ms. Parham noted that Mr. Rhodes has served as the Rural Planning Program Manager for the North Carolina Main Street and Rural Planning Center with the North Carolina Department of Commerce since 2016, and prior to that role, since 1999, served Commerce as the Program Manager for Economic Advancement and Planning, and Chief Planner for the Piedmont Regional Office.

The Old North State Award is presented by the governor to recognize "dedication and service beyond expectation and excellence to the Great State of North Carolina." Nominations can be made for individuals who have 20 or more years of service in the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Brown was asked if he would like to make any remarks. He conveyed a message from Assistant Secretary Kenny Flowers that the City gained Mr. Rhodes "fair and square."

Mr. Rhodes was presented with a certificate by Ms. Parham and then he made some brief remarks. He was surprised by this award and his former colleagues being here

tonight. He appreciated the kindness shown by his former employers and the City of Albemarle. He thanked everyone for being acknowledged.

Honoring Josh Baldwin

A video montage was shown of Mr. Baldwin’s singing career, and then the Mayor called up Mr. Baldwin to the front of the Chambers. The Mayor stated that everyone is proud of him and that Council and the City appreciated the recognition his singing career has given the City, the region, and the state.

The Mayor then read the proclamation aloud, and Mr. Baldwin was given a round of applause.

The Mayor called for a motion to adopt the proclamation. Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall, and unanimously carried, the motion passed and the proclamation was adopted. The Mayor asked if Mr. Baldwin would like to say a few words.

Mr. Baldwin thanked the City and Council. He noted that he fell in love with music and Jesus here in this City growing up, and now that he has been in back in his hometown he enjoyed driving by former places where he lived and visiting places and people here. He felt very honored and thanked everyone again.

[Proclamation – Acknowledging Josh Baldwin]

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, unanimously carried, the minutes of the December 5, 2022 regular and closed meetings were approved as submitted.

Unsealing of 2019 Closed Meeting Minutes

Council received partially or fully unsealed sets of closed minutes from 2019 to review.

The Mayor called for Council to make a motion.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hall, unanimously carried, Council approved the partial or full unsealing of the following closed session minutes: January 7, 2019; January 22, 2019; February 4, 2019; February 14, 2019; March 18, 2019; April 15, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 7, 2019; May 9, 2019; May 20, 2019; June 10,

2019; July 8, 2019; July 29, 2019; August 5, 2019; September 16, 2019; October 7, 2019 both parts; November 4, 2019; November 18, 2019; November 26, 2019; December 2, 2019; and December 16, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 22-73 – Consider a Request to Rezone Property on Highway 740 Bypass East from R-6 to GHBD (ZMA 22-17)

Council conducted a public hearing to consider a request by Bartlett Engineering & Surveying, PC to rezone tax parcel 15996 containing approximately 1.2 acres from R-6/Urban Residential District to GHBD/General Highway Business District (ZMA22-17).

Senior Planner Travis Swain presented the request and staff analysis to Council. The subject tract is currently used as a single family dwelling, but intends to be used for retail business.

This property is not located in the regulated floodplain, but is located within the watershed district and is currently speaking with the Watershed Administrator about development requirements.

Any use in the GHBD would have direct access onto a NC 740 Bypass East, which is a considered a major thoroughfare and would support commercial traffic. Furthermore, this property is contiguous to existing GHBD to the west and south. However, the future land use map indicates that the commercial area stops on the east side of NC 740 Bypass East at the parcels adjacent to the north side of Hilco Street. In addition, it is important to consider all uses allowed within GHBD because this is a general district request. Lastly, future development of this site would need to abide by watershed regulations and all other development regulations, including but not limited to landscaping and sidewalk installation.

At the December 1st, 2022 Planning and Zoning Board meeting, the Board unanimously made a recommendation for City Council to approve the initial zoning based on the consistency statement.

The Mayor asked Council if they had questions. Councilmember Townsend asked if there were any concerns about the acreage involved being converted to GHBD. Mr. Swain replied that Planning staff felt that it's ok and noted that previously the area surrounding this tract was zoned as GHBD.

The Mayor asked if the applicant wished to speak. The applicant declined but the surveyor came up in front of Council to see if they had any questions. There were no further questions from Council.

The Mayor called for the public hearing to be opened and asked if anyone would like to speak on the topic. No one came forward to speak.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, unanimously carried, Council closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Dry made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-73, which contains ZMA 22-17, with the consistency statement, which was seconded by Councilmember Townsend.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall commented before the vote that she appreciated staff and the Planning and Zoning Board's due diligence on this rezoning request.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried with 6 Council members for the motion and 1 against. Mayor Pro Tem Hall voted against the motion.

The City Attorney noted an error in the consistency statement, specifying that the clause "Neighborhood Residential District" should be "General Highway Business District (GHBD)", which Mr. Swain confirmed. The City Attorney requested that Council restate the motion with that clarification.

Councilmember Dry restated the motion to approve Ordinance 22-73, which contains ZMA 22-17, with the amended consistency statement, which was seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and again passed with a vote of 6 Council members for and 1 Council member against the motion.

Consistency statement:

The Albemarle City Council finds the action to amend Tax Record 15996 from R-6/Urban Residential District to GHBD/General Highway Business District to be consistent with the adopted 2028 Land Use Plan. Council finds the ~~Neighborhood Residential District~~ General Highway Business District (GHBD) zoning on these parcels to be reasonable and in the public interest.

[Ordinance 22-73 – Consider a Request to Rezone Property on Highway 740 Bypass East from R-6 to GHBD (ZMA 22-17)]

Ordinance 22-74 – To Consider Adopting Amendments to Chapter: 92 Zoning Regulations, Sections 8 Definitions and Section 102 GHBD

Council conducted a public hearing to consider a request by MHK Properties for text amendment, TA 22-06, for Council to consider adopting an ordinance changing Chapter 92: Zoning Regulations, Section 8 Definitions, Automobile Towing and Temporary Storage Services

and Section 102 GHBD General Highway Business District, Subsection (C) Special Uses Permitted. The proposed changes would amend Automobile Towing and Temporary Services definition to further define Towing services, provide specific buffering requirements, uses distances, and length of time for vehicles to be stored on the approved use. Furthermore, the proposed text amendment would add Automobile Towing and Temporary Storage Services to the GHBD list of Special Uses with development standards.

Senior Planner Travis Swain presented the request and staff analysis to Council. He reviewed the text amendments with Council per the mark up of the revised sections of Chapter 92 which was included in the agenda packet, and explained the rationale behind the changes proposed.

Council asked a series of questions about the proposed text amendment changes. A Councilmember asked for clarification on the 1 mile radius proposed prohibition on siting any other similar auto towing and temporary storage or junkyard lots. Mr. Swain replied that staff's intention with that proposed language is to make sure there is not a clustering of these types of businesses in a neighborhood. Another Councilmember asked for staff to explain the difference between an automobile towing/temporary storage lot versus a junkyard. Planning and Development Services Director Kevin Robinson replied that a junkyard involves longer storage time for vehicles or other scrap or junk, could sell scrap, and in general is a larger operation. In the staff analysis it seems as though staff is not supporting this due to the comments about inconsistency with the 2028 Land Use Plan. Mr. Swain explained how staff looked at this change in relation to the 2028 Future Land Use plan, but then noted that staff is generally in favor of the proposed text amendment due to the additional conditions placed on auto tow/temporary storage businesses that would be codified in the Code of Ordinances should Council pass this proposed text amendment.

A Councilmember wondered about the applicant's business location and how that could be impacted. The Mayor reminded Council that since the item in front of Council for consideration is a text amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, Council should refrain from location specific discussions or decisions since all related businesses in the City, not just the applicant, would be impacted. The Mayor asked the City Attorney to weigh in. She confirmed the Mayor's understanding of the scope of the proposal that Council is considering, adding that Council should base its remarks and considerations on not a particular property, but for all businesses similar to the applicant's which would be located within a General Highway Business District in the City. Mr. Robinson recounted to Council that the applicant rezoned the business property with Council's approval last month, but that the text amendment would be applied across the board. Although Planning staff felt that the proposed text amendment would not be in line with the 2028 Land Use Plan, like Mr. Swain's earlier comment, he stated that the added conditions in the text amendment would mitigate some of the inconsistencies.

Council discussed how businesses such as car towing/temporary storage and junkyards would need to operate should the text amendment pass. Planning staff advised that those businesses need to apply for a Special Use Permit subsequent to Council's approval of this text amendment in the future.

Mr. King representing MHK Properties briefly appeared before Council stating that this text amendment was done in partnership between his business and the Planning team, and that this was something his business could work with and is considered a fair assessment on their part.

The Mayor again reminded Council not to think of a specific business or business location in considering the text amendment being proposed. The City Attorney clarified that neither the business applicant nor a specific location should be discussed by Council for this item.

Mr. Swain noted in addition to the direction of the Albemarle Land Use Plan 2028, staff has reviewed other zoning ordinances from local municipalities and counties, such as Oakboro, Stanly County, City of Lexington, Town of Kernersville, Montgomery County, and others, regarding Tow Yards and Temporary Automobile Storage or similar uses. In most cases these uses were allowed in Industrial and Business Districts. However, majority of uses were either allowed by development standards, special use permits, and/or conditional use permits that had guidelines for fencings, landscaping and screening, distances from residential districts/uses, and types of vehicles stored on the property.

Staff believes the proposed text amendment, as designed, would be the best option for allowing Automobile Towing and Temporary Storage Yards in the General Highway Business District so long as there is a landscaping and screening buffer, opaque fencing, limit to 30 vehicles and duration of time on the lot, a 75 foot minimum of the use and all parts of the use from residentially zoned districts, and a 1 mile radius between like and similar uses. Staff also believes the development guidelines in the proposed amendment addresses the key issues of concern and their strategies as per the Land Use Plan 2028.

At the December 1, 2022 Planning and Zoning Board meeting, the Board unanimously made a recommendation for City Council to approve the text amendment based on the consistency statement.

The Mayor asked Council if they had other questions. Council further clarified that businesses, should this text amendment pass, would need to apply for a Special Use Permit for Council approval. Council and Mr. Robinson worked through how a business categorized in this text amendment which changed ownership would operate in the future, with Mr. Robinson noting that the property is categorized and zoned by the land, not by the owner.

A few Councilmembers commented that with the added conditions, the proposed text amendment eased their concerns.

The Mayor called for the public hearing to be opened and asked if anyone would like to speak on the topic. No one came forward to speak.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Hall, unanimously carried, Council closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to deny Ordinance 22-74 (TA22-06), which was seconded by Councilmember Dry.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall commented that there was nothing about the proposed text amendment that she opposed, just the possibility that the text amendment would create opportunities for these categories of businesses to apply for a special use permit to operate in neighborhoods. Councilmember Bramlett expressed his opposition to the motion to deny Ordinance 22-74.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion. With a vote of 2 Council members for the motion, and 5 against, the motion was defeated. Those Council members in favor of the motion were Mayor Pro Tem Hall and Councilmember Dry. Those against the motion: Councilmembers Whitley, Aldridge, Hunt, Townsend, and Bramlett.

The Mayor asked if Council wanted to put forth another motion.

Councilmember Aldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-74 which was seconded by Councilmember Townsend. Upon a vote, with 5 Council members voting for the motion, and 2 voting against, the motion passed. Those Council members in favor of the motion were Whitley, Aldridge, Hunt, Townsend, and Bramlett. Those against the motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hall and Councilmember Dry.

The City Attorney advised Council that they should restate the motion to include the consistency statement. Councilmember Aldridge restated the motion for approval of Ordinance 22-74 with the consistency statement, which again was seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and the vote was the same as the previous vote, with the same 5 Council members voting in favor of the motion and the same 2 against the motion.

Consistency statement:

The Albemarle City Council finds the action to amend Sections 8 of Chapter 92: "Definitions – Automobile Towing and Temporary Storage Services" and Section 102, subsection (C) Special Uses Permitted of Chapter 92: "GHBD

General Highway Business District” of City Ordinance to be consistent with the 2028 Albemarle Land Use Plan. City Council finds Text Amendment 22-06 to be reasonable and in the public interest.

[Ordinance 22-74 – To Consider Adopting Amendments to Chapter: 92 Zoning Regulations, Sections 8 Definitions and Section 102 GHBD]

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Downtown Historical Marker Program

Planning Specialist Brittani McClendon came in front of Council to provide an update on the Historical Markers Program efforts since Council approved the signs earlier in the year. Planning staff, in partnership with the Stanly County Historical Society, further developed the historical marker program in the following ways:

- The actual signs were reworked with a different background color and larger signage (12' x12');
- The signs have been further digitized so that when a person sees a sign there is a scannable QR code which will provide a storymap, which allows for easier updating of information, provides for analytics on audience trends, and creates a more immersive experience and enhanced storytelling.

Ms. McClendon added that staff experimented with the signs on the poles and confirmed that they can be 2-sided without losing any sign content once attached. She also has confirmed that Public Works has the necessary materials to hang the signs. She met with the Public Information Officer to ensure a strategy to promote the program at inception and beyond.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall commented that she appreciated staff efforts but also wanted to hear from Mr. Harkey from the Historical Society. Mr. Harkey came in front of Council and stated that the Historical Society was pleased to work with City staff on this project, but noted that their resident historian Lewis Bramlett deserved much of the credit for researching stories to ensure their accuracy.

Council asked about the timing of the implementation of the program. The City Attorney being aware of the purchase agreement replied that the markers purchase would be complete in January 2023 and so hopefully by February 2023 the signage would be up.

A Council member asked about whether the streetscape signage and social district was taken into account when developing this signage for coordination and visibility purposes. Yes this was taken into consideration.

Council thanked staff and the Historical Society for their efforts.

Spotlight Presentation – Public Utilities Department

Public Utilities Director Jay Voyles, along with Customer Accounts Supervisor Jennifer Simmons, Water/Wastewater Resource Manager Bryan Hinson, Water/Wastewater Systems Superintendent Chris Palmer, Electric Operations Supervisor Matt Crump, and Electric Operations Supervisor Scott Culp came in front of Council to discuss the department's mission, functions, etc.

Mr. Voyles gave Council and the public an overview of the department, noting the Public Utilities does the following City functions: manufacture and distribute clean, healthful drinking water; collect and treat wastewater; maintain approximately 400 miles of water and wastewater mains; perform right-of-way maintenance for overhead distribution, sanitary sewer outfalls and creek clearing for stormwater efforts; operate and maintain an electric distribution system; and provide quality customer service and accurate billing statements based on customer usage.

To review the customer service side of Public Utilities, Ms. Simmons reported out that her team has made the following changes and enhancements to provide better customer service: restructuring the customer service and billing operations; developing a customer service and electric development policy which soon will be in front of Council for consideration; revamping customer service interactions to be more proactive with notifying customers of imminent disconnection which has reduced the disconnection rate benefitting both customers and Electric Division staff.

Mr. Hinson came in front of Council to provide an overview of the water and wastewater treatment City functions as a whole and through a review of the Jack F. Neel Water Treatment Plant, US Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant, Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Plant Maintenance crew.

- Jack F. Neel Water Treatment Plant – Has the permitted capacity for 6.5 million gallons daily (MGD), and also supplies water to Concord and Kannapolis. Contractors include Synagro (sludge removal) and JH Waters (annual liner inspections). Updates include new carbon feed system in full operation and an in-house state-certified lab conducting water quality testing.
- US Highway 52 Water Treatment Plant - Has the permitted capacity for 12 MGD. Currently, the team is working to mitigate a small leak in the reservoir. Contractor Asplundh has cleared overgrowth around reservoir areas.

- Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant - Has the permitted capacity for treating 12 MGD of wastewater, but currently treats an average of 2.96 MGD. This average can fluctuate due to inflow and infiltration (I&I). The Phase 3 rehabilitation project has been bid with the recommended award coming to Council for consideration soon.
- Plant Maintenance crew – Responsible for daily maintenance of all 3 plants. Staff are on call to troubleshoot mechanical, electrical and plumbing failures.

For Water and Sewer Systems, the team is continuing to provide right-of-way and creek clearing efforts along sewer right of ways to help with stormwater management efforts. The team replaced and extended the water line on King Avenue to serve adjacent business owners and the future Alleyway Project. There are continuing efforts to replace large meters to ensure all water usage is accounted for. The team also is conducting cure-in-place manhole repairs and pipe lining to reduce inflow and infiltration.

In Metering Services, 50 routes are read per month to collect water and electric usage. The team also completes work orders for re-reads, customer complaints, re-connections and disconnections. For the AMI project the team is assisting by noting which routes are drive by AMR versus visual read.

Matt Crump came in front of Council to provide an overview of the Electric Division. The main project the team is working on is installing underground electric infrastructure for the new developments. Another modernization project underway is replacing oil switches with new vacuum switches to increase service reliability.

The department's active project list includes:

- Advanced Metering Infrastructure – The infrastructure for the AMI will be installed in February 2023 with new AMI meters to be installed between march and October 2023 in 3 phases: residential, commercial, customer information portal.
- Carolina Substation Buss Work – Taking the substation offline in early spring to make structural renovations.
- LED Street Light Change Outs
- Moss Springs Pump Station – Pumps are to be resized to accommodate future growth expectations; project set to be done in early 2023.

Council and staff discussed the pad mount transformer group purchase, and pros and cons of alternative options such as reusing current pad mount transformers. Staff could consider it if inventory becomes low but repurposing current ones would take about as much time as the new ones to arrive.

Council and staff also discussed the AMI project, with staff noting the benefits to the entire City on the AMI system.

Mr. Voyles finished the presentation with noting projects on the horizon and processes implemented for career development for staff in the department.

Council thanked Mr. Voyles, the team here tonight and the staff in the department for the presentation and the work they do.

Departmental Monthly Reports

Council reviewed November 2022 departmental monthly reports. The Mayor asked if anyone on Council had any questions or comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked about the structure burns today – which of the properties on the list approved by Council for demolition were they? They were the 2 properties on West Main Street. Mr. Robinson added that that Badin Road property is tentatively scheduled for a burn at the end of January 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointments to the Stanly County Convention and Visitors Bureau

At the December 5th meeting, Council requested more information about terms and representatives on this board before considering any appointments or reappointments. The City Manager obtained the following information about the CVB: the bylaws (copy provided in the agenda packet) states that terms are for three years, but do not set term limits or special requirements for members. The bylaws also suggest preferred backgrounds of members, but there are no requirements. The terms do not align with the organizational meeting, which is why the board makes appointments as terms expire or seats become available.

The City Manager contacted both current City representatives to the CVB, Tiffany Dahle and Martha Hughes, and both are willing to continue to serve. Ms. Dahle has a term expiring in June 2025, while Ms. Hughes has a term expiring June 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall added that she attended the most recent Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting and had obtained the bylaws. She noted that each municipality has at least 1 representative on the CVB, but the bylaws do not specify that the representative needs to be an elected official.

Since the City Manager noted that both representatives on the CVB are in the middle of their terms, Council took no further action and had no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Designate Voting Delegate for NCLM Legislative Goals Process

The City can designate one voting delegate. The NCLM has provided the following information about voting and the goals process:

The League's member-driven legislative goals development process coincides with the start of each new legislative biennium. During even-numbered years, members come together to submit their legislative goals and priorities. Over the last few months, the Legislative Policy Committee has been considering these ideas and will present its recommendations to the Board of Directors this month. The Board will refine the position further before sending them to the full League membership for a final vote. After the final voting period closes, cities and towns will have a focused advocacy agenda to pursue at the state and federal levels. Each member municipality is eligible to cast a single vote in this goal setting process. Each member municipality shall designate one voting delegate who is responsible for casting the municipality's vote.

The Mayor noted to Council that Mayor Pro Tem Hall has worked on this initiative before but was not voted as a delegate. Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked if staff could send the email about the legislative goals back to Council again, and also asked her colleagues to look at the list and let her know their top 10 or 15.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Dry, unanimously carried, Council approved Mayor Pro Tem Hall to be the voting delegate for this process.

Information - 2023 MLK Prayer Breakfast

The Stanly County NAACP 20th annual MLK Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 9:00 am in the EE Waddell Community Center. The keynote speaker will be Pastor John Barrino of Saints Delight Church. Council can contact the Clerk or the City Manager to confirm attendance and staff will obtain the tickets.

Council pointed out that the breakfast will be on Saturday not Monday.

Reminder - City Offices will be Closed on December 23, 26, and 27 for the Christmas Holiday and January 2 for the New Year's Holiday

The City Manager wanted to remind Council and the public that the City will observe Christmas and New Year's Day with City offices closed December 23rd, 26th, and 27th as well as January 2, 2023.

COMMENTS

The Mayor wished all City employees Merry Christmas and thanks for all they do throughout the year.

City Manager Michael J. Ferris:

- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Townsend:

- He congratulated Darren Rhodes and Josh Baldwin for their recognition and award tonight.
- He thanked PNG for restoring gas service last week after the outage.
- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Bramlett:

- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Aldridge:

- He congratulated Darren Rhodes and thanked Josh Baldwin for coming tonight.
- He thanked the Police for the good job they did directing traffic at the structure burn area this morning.
- He wished City staff and residents Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall:

- She asked if the Landfill site was ok. Public Works Director Ross Holshouser confirmed that it is.
- She commented that the music piped in around Courtyard Square is now playing Christmas music and is very inviting.
- She noted that there is a sign stating no entry on the 2nd Street side of City Hall and asked if Public Works made that sign. They did.
- She noted that the special meeting and public hearing for stormwater is 2 weeks away from tonight and requested an update on the mailing about stormwater that went out. City Manager Michael J. Ferris replied that all addresses will be getting another notification sent out at the expense of the contractor who incorrectly mail merged the 1st mailing after City staff proofed the mailing contents and addresses

- She inquired about when the Police Department will provide an update on traffic issues in the City. City Manager Michael J. Ferris replied that APD will provide their report at 1 of the Council meetings in January 2023.
- She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Whitley:

- He commented that the PNG techs were really nice and went house to house in his neighborhood checking things. They were very helpful and did a great job.
- He commented that the Courtyard Square lights and other downtown lights look good and thanked everyone including staff for the Christmas parade.
- He wished everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Councilmember Dry:

- He wanted to remind everyone that we are moving in a troubled world and he hoped that peace and good will could be brought back.
- He wished Merry Christmas at all.

Councilmember Hunt:

- He thanked all of the City departments for what they do throughout the year and hoped that they take time during the Christmas break to relax.
- He wished Merry Christmas at all.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, unanimously carried, Council approved moving into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) confidential and privileged information.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge and unanimously carried, Council returned to open session. The Mayor stated that a closed session was held pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) confidential and privileged information.

There was nothing to report.

The Mayor announced that Council will convene for a special session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers of City Hall to hold a public hearing and consider a proposed stormwater management plan.

He called for Council to make a motion to adjourn until January 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Hunt, unanimously carried, Council approved the motion.