

**CITY OF GRAHAM  
VIRTUAL SESSION  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Graham met in virtual session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, via livestreaming media.

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Jerry Peterman  
Mayor Pro Tem Chip Turner  
Council Member Melody Wiggins  
Council Member Jennifer Talley  
Council Member Ricky Hall

**Staff Present:**

Frankie Maness, City Manager  
Aaron Holland, Assistant City Manager  
Darcy Sperry, City Clerk  
Bryan Coleman, City Attorney  
Nathan Page, Planning Director  
Mary Faucette, Downtown Development Coordinator  
Jeff Wilson, IT Systems Manager

Mayor Jerry Peterman called the meeting to order and presided at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Peterman gave the invocation and everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve Minutes – June 9, 2020 Regular Session (Virtual)*
- b. Approve Minutes – July 8, 2020 Special Session*
- c. Approve Tax Collector’s Year End Report*
- d. Approve 2019 Outstanding Tax Listing*
- e. Approve Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of 2005 Chevy Impala and 2008 Crown Victoria to Alamance Community College Pursuant to G.S. 160A-274*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF A 2005 CHEVY IMPALA AND  
2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA TO ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-274**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Graham owns a 2005 Chevy Impala, Inventory #139, VIN# 2G1WF52K95978439 and a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, Inventory #175, VIN# 2FAFP71V58X157700; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-274 authorizes a governmental unit in this state to exchange with, lease to, lease from, sell to, or purchase from any other governmental unit any interest in real or personal property upon such terms and conditions as the governmental unit deems wise, with or without consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Graham has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to convey the 2005 Chevy Impala and 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to Alamance Community College, and deems it wise to do so for no consideration.

**THEREFORE, THE GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The City of Graham hereby conveys to Alamance Community College the following property:
  - 2005 Chevy Impala, Inventory #139, VIN# 2G1WF52K95978439; and
  - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, Inventory #175, VIN# 2FAFP71V58X157700.
2. The property herein described shall be conveyed for no consideration.
3. The City Manager, Finance Officer and City Clerk are authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey the property in the manner authorized by this Resolution.

Adopted this 14th day of July 2020.

*f. Approve Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Graham, Repealing Article VI. - Parade or Demonstration Permit of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Graham, North Carolina*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM, REPEALING ARTICLE VI.  
- PARADE OR DEMONSTRATION PERMIT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
GRAHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

The City Council of the City of Graham, North Carolina, does ORDAIN:

**Sec. 1.** That ARTICLE VI. - PARADE OR DEMONSTRATION PERMIT of the Code of Ordinances, City of Graham, North Carolina, is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

This the 14 day of July, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Chip Turner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Talley. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

**Old Business:**

- a. ***Public Hearing: Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation for 77 acres located on Jim Minor Road (GPIN 8893856817 & 8893762882) (AN2002):***
- i. ***Approve Annexation Ordinance***

**Recommendations from Planning Board:**

- a. ***Public Hearing: Riley’s Meadow (CR2002). Application by Tony Tate for initiation of zoning for 77 acres off Jim Minor Road (GPIN 8893762882 and 8893856817)***
- b. ***S2002 Riley’s Meadow. Application by Tony Tate for subdivision for 77 acres off Jim Minor Road (GPIN 8893762882 and 8893856817)***

Assistant City Manager Aaron Holland explained this is a voluntary request to extend the corporate limits for two lots, approximately 77 acres off Jim Minor Road. He added that because the Planning Board had tabled the rezoning and subdivision request for this property, staff recommended the public hearings for this item, along with items “a” and “b” (of the Recommendations from Planning Board) be tabled until the August 11, 2020 meeting.

Council Member Talley asked City Attorney Bryan Coleman about the sufficiency of this item. Mr. Coleman stated that the sufficiency notice had been done. With no further questions forthcoming, Mayor Peterman made a motion to postpone this item, as well as items “a” and “b” (of the Recommendations from Planning Board) to the August 11, 2020 meeting. Council Member Melody Wiggins seconded the motion. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

- b. ***Public Hearing: Voluntary Contiguous Annexation for 6.37 acres located at 1455 East Harden Street (GPIN 8893072659) (AN2003):***
- i. ***Approve Annexation Ordinance***

Mr. Holland explained this request seeks the Council’s approval for an extension of the corporate limits to include the subject property. The area being considered for annexation is 1455 East Harden Street. He reminded Council that the annexation process has multiple steps and following a Public Hearing, approval of an Annexation Ordinance is the final step for Council in the annexation process. Mr. Holland advised that the fiscal impact to the City is expected to be negligible, water lines are available at the property, the City provides trash service in the vicinity, and staff recommends approval.

With no questions from Council Members forthcoming, Mayor Peterman opened the Public Hearing.

The following individual addressed Council Members via the livestream:

Carey Griffin – 1745 North NC Highway 49 Burlington
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With no further comments forthcoming, Mayor Peterman closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Wiggins made a motion to approve the Annexation Ordinance to Extend the Corporate limits of the City of Graham, North Carolina, for 1455 East Harden Street, seconded by Council Member Ricky Hall. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

<p><b>ANNEXATION ORDINANCE</b>  <b>TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS</b>  <b>OF THE</b>  <b>CITY OF GRAHAM, NORTH CAROLINA</b>  <b>FOR 1455 E HARDEN STREET (AN2003)</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Graham City Council has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-31 to annex the area described below; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Graham City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at City Hall, 201 South Main Street, Graham at 6:00 P.M. on June 14, 2020, after due notice by publication on June 25, 2020; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Graham City Council finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31;</p> <p><b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED</b> by the City Council of the City of Graham, North Carolina that:</p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Graham as of July 31, 2020:</p> <p>A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Graham Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of NC Highway 54 (E. Harden Street), City of Graham and Michael P Hodges and wife Brenda B. Hodges and being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Beginning at an existing iron pin in the southern margin of the 120 feet right of way of NC Highway 54 (E. Harden Street) and in the western line of the City of Graham; running thence along and continuous with the existing corporate limits line of the City of Graham S 5° 49' 00" W 178.23 feet to an existing iron pin, corner with the City of Graham; running again along and continuous with the northern corporate limits line of the City of Graham, N 88° 27' 00" W 551.88 feet to an existing iron corner pin in the property line of the City of Graham, continuing with the City of Graham N 87° 42' 00" W 401.42 feet to an existing iron pin in the property line of the City of Graham, continuing with the City of Graham N 87° 42' 00" W 223.70 feet to an existing iron pin in the property line of the City of Graham, continuing with the City of Graham and the eastern boundary of Michael P Hodges and wife Brenda B Hodges, N 67° 30' 31" E 827.12 feet to an existing iron pin, continuing again with Hodges, N 83° 53' 02" E 35.15 feet to an existing iron pin, corner of Hodges, continuing again with Hodges N 60° 22' 57" E 170.18 feet to an existing iron pin corner with Hodges in the southern margin of the 120 feet right of way of NC Highway 54(E. Harden Street); thence along the southern margin of the 120 feet right of way of NC Highway 54(E. Harden Street) S 42° 41' 58" E 12.00 feet to an existing iron pin; running thence again with the southern margin of the 120 foot right of way of NC Highway 54(E. Harden Street), S 42° 48' 33" E 351.87 feet to the point of beginning and containing 8.37 acres ± (0.0099 square miles) and being an extension of the City of Graham Corporate Limits.</p> <p>The foregoing description was taken from a map prepared by Boswell Surveyors, Inc. dated 5/21/2020 entitled Final Plat, Voluntary Satellite Annexation Corporate Limits Extension City of Graham.</p> <p><b>Section 2.</b> Upon and after June 30, 2020, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Graham and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Graham. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.</p>
<p><b>Section 3.</b> The Mayor of the City of Graham shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alamance County, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Alamance County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.</p> <p><b>Adopted this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.</b></p>

With no further questions forthcoming, Mayor Peterman closed the Public Hearing and asked for a second on the motion by Council Member Wiggins. Council Member Ricky Hall seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

**Recommendations from Planning Board:**

***c. Public Hearing: Jimmie Kerr B-2 (RZ2003). Application by Kansith Sorsengihn for rezoning from I-1 to B-2 for 7.55 (+/-) acres off Jimmie Kerr Road (GPIN 8894522701)***

Planning Director Nathan Page explained this is a request to rezone the subject property from Light Industrial to General Business and this lot has been vacant for some time. Mr. Page added the rezoning request is to develop for the purpose of building a single family dwelling as a primary residence as well as a retail nursery.

Following Council Member Talley's request to have Mr. Page restate the reason for this rezoning, Mayor Peterman opened the Public Hearing.

The following individual addressed this agenda item with Council Members via the livestream:

Benton Neese – 1470 Country Meadows Lane Kernersville
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The following individual addressed Council Members via the livestream:

Ed Freshwater	Carey Griffin – 313 Providence Road Graham
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With no further comments forthcoming, Mayor Peterman closed the Public Hearing. Following a brief discussion between Council Members and staff, Council Member Wiggins made a motion that this application be approved, the application is consistent with The Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan and that this action is reasonable and in the public interest for the following reason: In keeping with Policy 2.2.1, and 2.2.3, rezoning the subject property would permit development more fitting of the Educational District. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***d. Public Hearing: Rogers R-9 (RZ2004). Application by Scott Wallace, Keystone Group for rezoning from R-18 to R-9 for approximately 35 acres on Darrell Drive and Council Road (GPIN 8873608974)***

Mr. Page explained this is a request to rezone the subject property from R-18 to R-9. He added that the property is currently wooded. Additionally, this property was crossed by the proposed Southern Loop, which has subsequently been removed. Mr. Page advised that the stated reason for this request is to build a residential subdivision. No sketch plans have been submitted for the subdivision at this time.

Council Member Hall informed Council that he lives within a quarter mile of this property. By consensus, Council determined that Council Member Hall did not have to be recused.

Council Member Talley expressed concern that this property is surrounded by R-12 zoned properties. With no further discussion forthcoming, Mayor Peterman opened the Public Hearing.

Keystone Group president Scott Wallace of 3708 Alliance Drive Greensboro joined the meeting via the livestream.

Mr. Wallace answered questions from Council Members about entrances to the property, traffic concerns, and topography of the property. Additionally, he addressed concerns about the proposed zoning.

The following individuals addressed this agenda item with Council Members via the livestream:

Keith Wilson – 2363 Council Road Graham	Travis Laughlin – 2205 North NC Hwy 87 Graham
Bobby Minor – 315 Old Farm Drive Graham	Patty Allen – 265 West Shannon Drive Graham

City Clerk Darcy Sperry read a public comment received via email for this agenda item:

Margarette Sheppard – 2374 Willowview Drive Graham
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Mayor Peterman closed the Public Hearing. Following a brief discussion between Mr. Wallace, Council Members and staff, Mr. Wallace advised that he would be open to the R-12 zoning designation. Mayor Peterman made a motion that the application be approved as R-12 zoning, the application is consistent with The Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan and that this action is reasonable and in the public interest for the following reasons: Rezoning the property would be in consistence with the Suburban Residential type and furthers policy 3.3.2, and strategy 4.3.1, as put forth by the Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Wiggins seconded the motion. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***e. Public Hearing: Service Road Light Industrial (RZ2005). Application by Phil Martin for rezoning from I-2 to I-1 for 5.5 acres (+/-) on East Interstate Service Road (GPIN 8884402904)***

Mr. Page explained this is a request to rezone the subject property from Heavy Industrial to Light Industrial. He added that this lot has been vacant for some time and the rezoning request is to reduce the building setback requirements.

With no questions forthcoming, Mayor Peterman opened the Public Hearing.

The following individual addressed this agenda item with Council Members via the livestream:

Chad Huffine – 505 East Davis Street Burlington
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With no further comments forthcoming, Mayor Peterman closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Wiggins made a motion that the application be approved, the application is consistent with The Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan and that this action is reasonable and in the public interest for the following reasons: In keeping with Policy 2.1.5, and 2.4.2, rezoning the subject property would permit a larger building footprint upon the lot. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***f. Public Hearing: Hanson and Palmer R-9 (RZ2006). Application by Martin Shoffner for rezoning from R-12 to R-9 of 71 acres (+/-) off Hanson and Palmer Drive (GPIN 8883100157 and 8883000530)***

Mr. Page explained this is a request to rezone the subject property from R-12 to R-9. He added that the property is currently vacant, wooded, and under cultivation. Mr. Page informed Council Members that the property was crossed by the proposed Southern Loop, which has subsequently been removed. Additionally, the stated reason for this request is to build a subdivision of approximately a maximum of 158 single-family residential lots with a density of 2.6 dwelling units per acre, with 15.1 acres of open space.

Following a discussion by Council Members and staff including the Planning Board's action in this matter, density of neighboring properties, and the open space provision for an R-12 subdivision, Mayor Peterman opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Martin Shoffner of 611 Westridge Drive Burlington joined the meeting via the livestream. Mr. Shoffner provided Council with a background of the property and spoke about the development that has already taken place on property in the area, leaving this piece of property still to be developed. He spoke about prior development leaving three street stubs into this property for future development. He pointed out that adjacent property is zoned R-9, medium density housing meets the requirements contained in The Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan, water and sewer is available, and the increase in tax base for the City. Mr. Shoffner stated he is currently working with NCDOT about getting additional traffic lights, speed reduced on Rogers Road, and a lighted walkway from the City's park to the creek. Mr. Shoffner also spoke about how he would like to get an ADA approved parking pad with a walkway allowing for those who cannot walk, to be able to roll down to the creek to see the beauty that is there. Council Member Wiggins told Mr. Shoffner she appreciates his awareness to protect the river. Council Member Talley expressed concern with the R-9 zoning request, and asked Mr. Shoffner about developing the property with the open space allowance that the current R-12 zoning affords. Mr. Shoffner stated that by his calculations, R-9 would allow for 142 lots and the current R-12 with the open space provision would allow for 112 lots. Council Member Talley referred to the The Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan calling for predominately single-family detached homes in suburban residential. She expressed concern with existing roads not being developed to handle the additional traffic and encouraged Mr. Shoffner to develop this property as R-12, its current designation. With no further comments forthcoming, Mayor Peterman opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Peterman read a letter received from William and Charlet Buckmaster. Ms. Sperry informed Council Members that she had also received two emails from Mr. Buckmaster. Mayor Peterman decided that Mr. Buckmaster could verbally address Council, as it was pointed out that Mr. Buckmaster was one of the individuals waiting to speak to Council during this Public Hearing.

The following individuals addressed this agenda item with Council Members via the livestream:

William Buckmaster-624 Whisper Ridge Dr. Graham	Larry Durham-1904 Palmer Dr. Graham
Steve Van Pelt-580 Grandview Dr. Graham	Jeanette Beauclair-616 Whisper Ridge Dr. Graham

Charlie Smith-616 Whisper Ridge Dr. Graham	Angela Parsons-506 Wildwood Ln. Graham
Patty Allen	Cynthia Thompson-1904 Palmer Dr. Graham
Lajune Moore-525 Wildwood Ln. Graham	Joann Henry-504 Grandview Dr. Graham
Paul Smart-556 Little Creek Dr. Graham	Carey Griffin-313 Providence Rd. Graham
Vance Evans-810 Spring Meadow Dr. Graham	

Mayor Peterman summarized concerns on a protest petition signed by 187 residents Council Members received via email prior to tonight's meeting. Ms. Sperry read an email submitted by Mr. Scott Smith of 671 Whisper Ridge Drive Graham.

Mr. Shoffner addressed some of the concerns expressed by those who spoke. He informed Council Members that it is his intent to develop this property himself. He expressed concern with whatever he does do with this property, residents will not be happy. Mr. Shoffner stated he would like to get approval for R-9, giving him flexibility. He admitted that Graham is changing and needs to adapt, and asked Council for a favorable approval. With no further comments forthcoming, Mayor Peterman closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Talley asked Mr. Page what the smallest front line lots on the proposed development and if he had plans with lot dimensions. Mr. Page advised those would be required as part of a subdivision review and he has not reviewed the sketch plan included in the agenda packet. Council Member Talley expressed concern with doing something like this during the pandemic and Council should err on the side of caution in a situation like this. She once again expressed concern with traffic and referred to The 2035 Plan's call for predominately detached single-family homes in this area. She stated that these neighborhoods have to be designed to maintain single-family character neighborhoods. Council Member Talley referred to the need for new neighborhoods to have pocket parks and parks located in the center of the neighborhood, and a pedestrian friendly design. She stated that she feels this proposed density is not consistent with surrounding properties and referenced strategy 6.1.2 – low impact development. Council Member Talley also expressed concern with the clearing of the tree farm that is currently on this property. Mayor Pro Tem Turner expressed concern for the amount of density and traffic that would be brought to this area. Council Member Hall advised that he is opposed to this request, stating that the amount of density would be overwhelming to the network of roads in this area.

Following a brief discussion between Mayor Peterman and Mr. Page about options available to the developer should Council not provide a favorable motion, Council Member Talley made a motion that the application be denied, the application is not fully consistent with The Graham 2035 Comprehensive Plan and this action is reasonable and in the public interest for the following reasons: In this plan I reference that we are supposed to be developing neighborhoods designed to maintain single family character.

Also, refer to Strategy 6.1.2 Low Impact Development; promote the use of low impact development techniques to mitigate the impacts of stormwater runoff. Such techniques should include the use of several things including reducing impermeable surfaces and restricting unnecessary grading and clearing of natural vegetation. There would be a ton of grading needed to develop this project. Its 70 acres in the size that it has. There is the use of no parks in the center of the new neighborhood.



Concerns about additional traffic through existing neighborhoods and neighborhoods that are coming, that have already been approved. Council Member Hall seconded the motion. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members. Ayes: Council Member Talley, Council Member Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Turner and Mayor Peterman. Nays: Council Member Wiggins. Motion carried 4:1.

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Peterman called for a 15-minute recess. At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Peterman reconvened the virtual meeting.

### **Boards & Commissions Appointments:**

Mayor Peterman read a letter he received from Larry Brooks, Executive Director of the Alamance Municipal ABC Board encouraging Council to reappoint Robert Sykes to the board.

Council Member Talley expressed concern with the application process currently in place and asked Mayor Peterman to consider appointments to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, Historic Resources Commission and the Appearance Commission at this meeting. She asked that the other appointments be made next month, allowing for those who are not chosen for one of these three boards the opportunity to apply for the others. Mayor Peterman stated he would like to make all appointments at this meeting and directed the City Clerk to reach out to all applicants tomorrow with a list of vacancies. Council Member Wiggins and Mayor Pro Tem Turner agreed with Mayor Peterman while Council Member Hall stated he was neutral.

#### ***ABC Board – 3-year term***

Mayor Pro Tem Turner made a motion to reappoint Robert Sykes to the ABC Board, seconded by Council Member Hall. All voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

#### ***Appearance Commission – 3-year term***

The following individuals addressed Council Members via the livestream:

Sarah Barham-112 Mallard Creek Dr. Graham	Judy Hall
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Council Member Talley made a motion to appoint Judy Hall and Cheryl Ray to the Appearance Commission, seconded by Council Member Hall. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members. Ayes: Council Member Talley, Council Member Hall and Mayor Pro Tem Turner. Nays: Mayor Peterman and Council Member Wiggins. Motion carried: 3:2.

#### ***Canine Review Board – 3-year term***

Mayor Peterman made a motion to reappoint Daphne Younger to the Canine Review Board, seconded by Council Member Hall. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***Historical Museum Advisory Board – 3-year term***

Council Member Talley made a motion to reappoint Elaine Murrin to the Historical Museum Advisory Board, seconded by Council Member Hall. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***Historic Resources Commission – 4-year term***

The following individuals addressed Council Members via the livestream:

Jennifer Brito	Matthew Haley-2545 Covington Loop Graham
Elaine Murrin	Travis Laughlin

Council Member Talley made a motion to appoint Karen Chin and Paul Tucker to the Historic Resources Commission, seconded by Council Member Hall. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members. Ayes: Council Member Talley and Council Member Hall. Nays: Mayor Peterman, Mayor Pro Tem Turner and Council Member Wiggins. Motion failed: 3:2.

Council Member Wiggins made a motion to appoint Karen Chin and reappoint Carla Smith to the Historic Resources Commission, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***Housing Authority – 5 year term***

Council Member Hall made a motion to reappoint Suzanne Moser to the Housing Authority, seconded by Council Member Wiggins. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***Planning Board/Board of Adjustment – (2) 3-year terms, (1) 2-year term***

The following individuals addressed Council Members via the livestream:

Beverly Scurry	Tony Bailey-1139 Challenge Dr. Graham
Mtende Roll-414 S. Maple St. Graham	Eric Crissman-208 Albright Ave. Graham
Bobby Minor-315 Old Farm Dr. Graham	Elaine Murrin

Mayor Peterman made a motion to reappoint Eric Crissman – term to expire June 2023, and appoint Bobby Chin – term to expire June 2023 and Beverly Scurry – term to expire June 2022 to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, seconded by Council Member Wiggins. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members. Ayes: Mayor Peterman and Council Member Wiggins. Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Turner, Council Member Talley and Council Member Hall. Motion failed: 3:2.

Council Member Talley made a motion to appoint Tony Bailey, Bobby Chin and Bobby Minor to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, seconded by Council Member Hall. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members. Ayes: Council Member Talley and Council Member Hall. Nays: Mayor Peterman, Mayor Pro Tem Turner and Council Member Wiggins. Motion failed: 3:2.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner made a motion to appoint Bobby Chin – term to expire June 2023 and Tony Bailey – term to expire June 2022 and reappoint Eric Crissman – term to expire June 2023 to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, seconded by Mayor Peterman. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***Recreation Commission – 3-year term***

Mayor Peterman made a motion to reappoint Brian Cutlip and Kent Davis to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

***Tree Board – 3-year term***

Mayor Peterman made a motion to reappoint Bonnie Hutchinson to the Tree Board, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner. Mayor Peterman polled the Council Members and all voted in favor of the motion.

**Issues Not on Tonight’s Agenda (Public Comment Period):**

Planning Board Chair Dean Ward of 1143 Challenge Drive Graham joined the livestream and asked Mayor Peterman to consider allowing the next Planning Board meeting to be held in person versus a virtual meeting. Mayor Peterman advised that we would look into it.

Mayor Peterman advised that at this time, the Council will not speak about or make any statements regarding the NAACP vs. Jerry Peterman, et al., civil action 1:20-CV-613 in Federal Middle District Court in Greensboro.

Ms. Sperry read a public comment received via email from Elizabeth McCue, which addressed making the County more pedestrian and bike friendly, as well as, the confederate monument. Additionally, Ms. Sperry read a public comment received via email from Casey Eggleston, which addressed the removal of the bell knocker in Court Square. Mayor Peterman addressed the removal of the bell knocker by informing everyone that the bell is on loan and does not belong to the City of Graham. He asked for it to be removed to prevent further damage. Ms. Sperry read two public comments received via email from Von Johnson of 225 West Harden Street Graham addressing the confederate monument and the ethnic make-up of the Graham Police Department. Mayor Peterman asked staff to email Mr. Johnson and advise him that he could call the Graham Police Department for that information.

Patty Allen joined the livestream and asked that the instructions for public comment on the Public Notice for Virtual meeting be made clearer.

The following individuals addressed the confederate monument, conduct of Council Members, protests and/or public safety in the City of Graham via the livestream:

Carey Griffin-313 Providence Rd. Graham	Addison Teachey-736 Banks St. Graham
Stephanie Ruiz	S. Blackwell-112 E. Gilbreath St. Graham
Dionne Liles-12 NE Ct. Sq. Graham	Von Johnson
Joshua Fitzgerald-3145 Midway Church Rd Elon	Krystal Ortiz

Casey Eggleston	Nathan Griffin
Colleen Leonard	

Council Member Talley expressed concern with allegations made by some of the callers.

Mr. Page reminded Council Members that approximately 18 months ago, Council requested on behalf of Alamance Community College that staff reach out to NCDOT and ask that the speed limit on Jimmie Kerr Road be lowered. Mr. Page advised that NCDOT has responded and that the existing 45 mph is appropriate for the road conditions. By consensus, Council Members asked staff to present Council with a formal recommendation for Council to consider at next month's meeting.

Mr. Maness responded to the earlier request for demographics within the Graham Police Department. He stated 16.6% of total sworn staff are African-American or Hispanic. He added that 16.6% of sworn staff are female.

Council Member Talley encouraged everyone to come to downtown Graham and hopes that we can have events soon.

Mayor Peterman reminded everyone of Graham Fire Department part-time firefighter Jimmy Lambert's funeral arrangements.

At 10:38 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hall. All voted in favor of the motion.

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Darcy Sperry, City Clerk