

TOWN OF LA GRANGE, NORTH CAROLINA

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA



**August 1, 2011
6:00 PM**



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1. **Call to Order** **Mayor Gurley**
2. **Moment of Silence**
3. **Welcome**
4. **Public Hearings - None** **Mayor Gurley**
5. **Board of Adjustments – No Cases To be Heard** **Heith Harrison**
6. **Public Comment Period** **Mayor Gurley**
7. **Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda** **Town Manager**
8. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Session Minutes; June 6, 2011.
 - ii. Special Session Minutes; June 7, 2011.
 - iii. Approval of the Fire Department’s Contract with Wayne County.
9. **New Business & Presentations**
 - a. East Carolina Council Presentation – Larry Moolenaar, ECC Executive Director
 - b. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 892 Presentation – Eric Cantu, VVA Project Director
 - c. Request to Use Park Facility for “Back to School Revival” – Ravon Ravenell.
10. **Unfinished Business & Informational Items**
 - a. PARTF Grant Application – Recreation Master Plan & 2012 Application Process
 - b. Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.
 - c. Update on Rail Crossing Signalization & Crossing Project and the Charles Street & Railroad Street Traffic Pattern.
11. **Closed Session**
12. **Adjournment**



PUBLIC HEARINGS

AGENDA ITEM # 4

Public Hearings

As established by the Town Council during the February 25, 2006 Work Session, a Public Hearing period has been established and incorporated into the Regular Meeting Agenda. There is one Public Hearing scheduled.



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

AGENDA ITEM # 5

There are no Board of Adjustments cases to be heard.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

AGENDA ITEM # 6

Public Comment Period

As established by Council Action, the public has a designated time period during the Town Council's Regular Council meeting each month to address the council regarding items not included on the printed agenda.

All comments are subject to the "Public Comment Policy". The Council allotted time for up to five (5) citizens to address the council for up to 3 minutes each. Citizens **are required** to sign in with the Town Clerk between 5:45 and 6:00 on the night of the council's regularly scheduled meeting. A response from the Council or Town staff is **not** required during the Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: None.



AMENDMENTS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM # 7

At this time, the Town Manager will recommend that the agenda be approved as submitted or he may recommend the addition of item(s) or deletion of item(s) from the printed agenda to be addressed during the Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Agenda as Recommended by Town Manager during the meeting.



CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM # 8

Attached for your review and consideration are items submitted for the consent agenda. These items, if the agenda is approved, will be handled with a single action of the Council. If for any reason, a member of the council wishes to move an item from the consent agenda to the Items for Discussion and Approval, it is an automatic process that places that item(s) at the end of the printed agenda to allow for a more detailed discussion of the item.

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR CONSENT:

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Session Minutes; June 6, 2011.
 - ii. Special Session Minutes; June 7, 2011.
 - iii. Approval of Fire Department Contract with Wayne County.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Items submitted for Consent.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM # 8A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attached for your consideration and approval are the minutes for the meetings since the last regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

8. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Session Minutes; June 6, 2011
 - ii. Special Session Minutes; June 7, 2011

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Minutes as submitted as part of Consent Agenda.

REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina met in Regular Session at the Town Hall on June 6, 2011, at 6 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, David S. Holmes, Clifton Harrison, Greg Rouse, and Veronica Lee; Town Manager, John P. Craft; Town Attorney, George Jenkins, Jr.; Town Clerk, Kyle J. DeHaven.

Absent: 0

Guest: 6

ITEMS 1, 2, 3: CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, WELCOME

Mayor Gurley called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Gurley gave a warm welcome to the visitors and citizens in attendance.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ITEM 5: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT-LAURA LANG; 108 W. WASHINGTON STREET

Manager Craft explained that Matt Tribula and Laura Lang Tribula, owners of 108 W. Washington St. are requesting a Special Use Permit to operate an Auto Repair Facility at that location. Planner Heith Harrison will give his recommendation regarding the request.

Manager Craft asked that all persons giving testimony be sworn in.

Town Clerk Kyle DeHaven swore in Heith Harrison, and Matt Tribula.

Planner Harrison explained that there was an application for a special use permit for an auto sale/repair business at this location. Harrison reminded the council that previously, the tenants had been removed from that sight and the council had voted not to allow this type of business to operate there again.

Harrison went on to state that public notice requirements were met. The notice was advertised in the Weekly Gazette, as the Free Press. The adjacent property owners were also notified.

Planner Harrison went on to explain that the Town staff recommend allowing the Auto Sales business as permitted use, but not allow the Auto Repair business. He reasoned that if they were allowed, the same types of nuisances could start again, such as revving motors, storage of vehicles in need of repair, storage of tires, and parts, and working on vehicles late at night.

Harrison went on that if the council saw it in the town's best interest to approve this Special Use Permit, the following criteria are considered:

- 1.) Required hours of operation are between 8:00am and 6:00pm, Monday Through Saturday.
- 2.) No revving of motors or playing loud music
- 3.) No outside storage of tires, vehicle parts, or wrecked or dismantled vehicles unless stored inside an opaque, PVC, or Masonry fence 6 feet in height.
- 4.) Light evergreen hedges be planted along the outside of the fence line
- 5.) Vehicles for sale must be at least 10 feet from adjoining residential property lines.
- 6.) Fluids from vehicles must be properly stored in approved containers and stored within the fence
- 7.) Cannot allow any fluids to leak from vehicles or be poured on the ground
- 8.) Vehicles must have inflated tires
- 9.) The wash pit should not be used as a separate part of the business for washing vehicles, only vehicles that the tenant intends to sell to the public.

Matt Tribula of 4720 Shelley Drive, La Grange explained that he is the property manager for the aforementioned property. Tribula explained that everything the council had asked him to do, he has complied with. He went on to say that there was much interest in this particular property, but different things didn't work out among them until this opportunity came about. Tribula explained that Paul Davis is the person interested in leasing this property for the Special Use Permit reasons, and that he has experience in other business ventures previously.

Paul Davis arrived at the meeting and was sworn in by Town Clerk Kyle DeHaven.

Davis explained that he would like to operate the sales/repair business in a professional manner, abiding by all town requests that are placed upon him. He stated that given the chance, he could create a profitable business for himself, and the community.

After deliberation, Mayor Gurley asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Holmes. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Motion to grant Special Use Permit for an auto repair shop at 108 W. Washington St., with hours of operation from 8am-5pm, and abiding by all other aforementioned stipulations set by the town, was made by Council Member Gladney, Seconded by Council Member Rouse. Motion carried 4-2. Harrison and Holmes were against.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Manager Craft recommended the approval of the agenda with the addition of 4 items, 9B-Approval of Audit Contract, 9C-Albert Lee Gray CDBG Lien, 10D-West Boundary Street Drainage, and to change the order of business to dispose of closed session business before review of the budget, handle all items before 9A, let the budget discussion be handled last.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 4 items, 9B-Approval of Audit Contract, 9C-Albert Lee Gray CDBG Lien, 10D-West Boundary Street Drainage, and to change the order of

business to dispose of closed session business before review of the budget, handle all items before 9A, let the budget decision be handled last was made by Council Member Wooten, seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ITEM 8: CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Craft recommended the Approval of the May 2, 2011 Regular session minutes, the appointments to the Moseley Hall Firefighters' Relief Fund Board of Trustees, and a Resolution Continuing the Town's participation in the Main Street Program.

Motion to approve the consent agenda which included the May 2, 2011 Regular session minutes, the appointments to the Moseley Hall Firefighters' Relief Fund Board of Trustees, and Continuing the Town's participation in the Main Street Program was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Lee. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ITEM 9B: APPROVAL OF AUDIT CONTRACT

Manager Craft refreshed the Council that at the end of every fiscal year, an audit needed to be performed to produce current financial statements for the Town. Manager Craft went on to explain that the council is required to approve the Audit Contract with the auditors. He explained that this year's contract is \$13,500 for the annual audit, and \$5,000 for the preparation of the financial report. Manager Craft explained that the audit had increased \$500 from the previous year for various economic reasons, and recommended the approval of the proposed audit contract.

Motion to approve the Audit Contract Prepared by Pittard Perry and Crone was made by Council Member Wooten, and seconded by Council Member Gladney. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ITEM 9C: ALBERT LEE GRAY LIEN

Manager Craft explained that a lien had been placed on Albert Lee Gray's home for CDBG work that was deeded January 11, 1995. He went on to explain that the lien had been formally satisfied as CDBG forgives loans pro-rata over a specified length of time, in this case, 7 years. Manager Craft explained that the Council needs to formally declare the lien as satisfied and instruct Town Attorney Jenkins to take appropriate action to release the lien.

Motion for Town Attorney Jenkins to take appropriate action to release said lien was made by Council Member Gladney, and seconded by Council Member Holmes. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ITEM 10A: UPDATE ON PARTF

Manager Craft explained that the PARTF grant was not funded in either funding cycle last year, and had not been funded in the first cycle of this year. Manager Craft went on to explain that a Master Plan for the Town's athletic complexes was needed to be successful. Manager Craft explained that he will use the \$20,000 in the FY 11-12 budget to complete the plan.

ITEM 10B: UPDATE ON WWTP IMPROVEMENTS

Manager Craft updated the Council on the WWTP improvement grants. The Reuse Project is now complete. The Clarifier, Headworks & Control System Improvements are 100% complete, as well.

ITEM 10C: UPDATE ON RAIL CROSSING SIGNALIZATION AND CLOSING

Manager Craft updated the Council on the Rail Crossing Signalization. The repaving is 100% complete. Signalization has been completed on Wooten St. and is expected to begin soon on Charles St. Curb and Guttering has been installed on North Railroad St. with grading and asphalt to begin soon, and South Railroad St. is to begin work soon. Striping of parking spaces and installation for parking bumpers are both 100% complete.

ITEM 10C: UPDATE PERTAINING TO CHARLES ST. & RAILROAD ST. TRAFFIC PATTERN

Manager Craft updated the Council on the traffic pattern at Charles and Railroad St. He spoke of a conversation with Dwayne Alligood of NCDOT regarding the count and recommendation. Mr. Alligood agreed to a "limited" count. Manager Craft stated he would tell of the results and NCDOT's recommendation when it becomes available.

ITEM 10D: WEST BOUNDARY STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT

Manager Craft updated the Council on the Towns drainage issues and progresses. Pricing for the West Boundary Street Drainage issue has been bid and direction for how to proceed was needed from the Council.

Manager Craft quoted the three different bids for possible ways to improve the drainage system.

- 1.) Open a ditch all the way to Boundary St. with total cost of \$15,658
- 2.) Open a ditch on Simmons St. with a total with a total cost of \$22,903
- 3.) Tile entire section of ditch with a total cost of \$29,653

Manager Craft recommended that the cheapest solution will satisfy the issue and save the town money for other town projects.

Motion to open a ditch all the way to Boundary St. with a total cost of \$15,658 was made by Council member Harrison, and seconded by Council member Holmes. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Manager Craft then recommended that the Council go into Closed Session as authorized by General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) (7) (8).

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:22pm was made by Council Member Wooten, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ITEM 11A: CLOSED SESSION

Motion to proceed with the purchase of McConnell Property was made by Council Member Wooten, seconded by Council Member Gladney. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Gurley recessed the meeting for a five minute break.

ITEM 9A: FY 11-12 BUDGET REVIEW

Manager Craft informed the Council that increases in Water, Sewer, and Garbage rates were needed for 2011. The increased costs will make the enterprise funds more closely to self sufficient as required by grants, and help Garbage become more capable of being self sufficient, too. A new recycling vendor who pays for the recyclables, rather than the town paying for recyclables to be taken, will also help in making Garbage more self sufficient. He mentioned these increases will be the main issues talked and discussed in the community about this budget.

Manager Craft mentioned increased fuel costs were driving prices up on all costs associated with the Town, and was something that needed to be watched in the near future.

Manager Craft then mentioned the \$58,000 savings in healthcare premiums saved the Town from further increases in rates in the budget. He then mentioned that every budget in the general fund is very close, plus or minus, to where it was last year.

Manager Craft spoke to the council about the police budget in the general fund. He mentioned the decrease in contracted services line item, but an increase in the fuel line item, as we will be bringing their fuel consumption costs back in house to take advantage of the sales tax refund that the county does not currently take advantage of. He also spoke of an increase in the amount charged for lot mowing from \$50 an hour to \$75 an hour.

The Council recommended and increase from \$50 an hour to \$100 an hour was more appropriate.

Council Member Gladney asked Manger Craft if a kiosk had been included in the budget to which Manager Craft responded yes, he thought it was in the Capital Projects line items in the different funds.

Manager Craft then spoke to the council about replacing a lawn mower not in the equipment replacement plan until next year that Tyrone had requested. Manager Craft agreed that the Town was in need of two new mowers now, rather than one and asked the council to consider this before voting.

Manager Craft briefly went over the recommended budgets for the water/sewer funds, as well as the electric fund.

With no further questions, Manager Craft stated that a public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday June 7, 2011 at 6:00pm to hear public comment on the budget at which a motion to accept the budget could be made.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the June 2, 2011 meeting was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council Member Rouse. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Kyle J. DeHaven, Town Clerk

Woodard H. Gurley, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina met for a Public Hearing at the Town Hall on June 7, 2011 at 6 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, David S. Holmes, Clifton Harrison, Greg Rouse and Veronica Lee; Town Manager, John P. Craft; Town Attorney, George Jenkins, Jr.; Town Clerk, Kyle J. DeHaven.

Absent: 0

Guest: 0

ITEM 1A) PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 11-12 BUDGET

Mayor Gurley announced that the intention of the Public Hearing was to hear public opinion and concern about the Town's upcoming years' fiscal plans. He asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

With no one in attendance, there was no public comment.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Council Member Rouse, seconded by Council Member Holmes. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Manager Craft explained to the Council that three amendments to the proposed budget had been made.

- 1.) Increase the appropriation to the Cemetery Department Capital Outlay by \$8,000 to purchase an additional zero turn mower to replace an aged Cub cadet model. Line item 10-6400-7000 increased from \$12,500 to \$20,500.
- 2.) Increase expenditures to offset the mower purchase will come from General Fund Balance. Line item 10-3100-9705 will increase from \$0 to \$8,000.
- 3.) The Council discussed increasing the minimum charge for lot mowing from a recommended \$75 to \$100/hr minimum. This is an amendment to the rate schedule.

Motion to approve the FY 11/12 budget as amended was made by Council Member Wooten, seconded by Council Member Gladney. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Manager Craft then presented the Council with a Budget amendment for the FY 10/11 budget to make it more ready for the fast approaching audit.

Motion to approve the FY10/11 Budget Amendment was made by Council Member Gladney, seconded by Council member Lee. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Manager Craft then recommended that the Council go into Closed Session as authorized by General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) (7) (8).

Motion to go into Closed Session at 6:20pm was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Holmes. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Kyle J. DeHaven, Town Clerk

Woodard H. Gurley, Mayor



APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT WITH WAYNE COUNTY

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM # 8B

Attached for your review and consideration is the Fire Department Contract with Wayne County. The contract is substantially the same as last year's, with the exception of the increased revenue resulting from the increased tax base within the Fire Department's Service Area within Wayne County. The tax rate remains at \$0.04/\$100 in valuation, the same as the Fire Tax Rate within Lenoir County.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Fire Department's Contract with Wayne County.

**NORTH CAROLINA
WAYNE COUNTY**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of this day, **July 1, 2011**, by WAYNE COUNTY, a body politic and corporate, hereinafter called the COUNTY, and **TOWN OF LA GRANGE**, a body politic organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, with its principal place of business in Lenoir County, North Carolina, hereinafter called the **TOWN OF LA GRANGE**.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, by reason of an election held on the **6th day of November, 1990**, in the **Moseiev Hall Special Fire District** in Wayne County, as described in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County, it is the duty of the COUNTY to furnish fire protection to said district to the extent of the tax levied, appropriated and collected for fire protection in said District; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has employed the **TOWN OF LA GRANGE**, located in said district, to furnish fire protection for said District; and the **TOWN OF LA GRANGE** has accepted its employment upon the terms herein set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. The **TOWN OF LA GRANGE** will furnish adequate fire protection to the Fire Protection District, which protection shall include, but not be limited to, the use of fire truck, pumps, hose, and all other necessary equipment, manpower, water, and all things necessary for fire fighting and protection.
2. The services mentioned in Paragraph 1 shall be in accordance with standards set forth by the County Resolution, in particular Article 4, Section 2, and minimum requirements of the North Carolina Department of Insurance for 9S communities. No compensation shall be paid except upon approval of the Fire Protection Commission.
3. This contract shall begin upon execution, and continue until midnight **October 31, 2012**, unless a new contract becomes effective prior to that date, and compensation herein provided shall be for that period.
4. Compensation for this service shall be **\$10,954.00**, provided that in no event shall the compensation exceed the tax collected for fire protection in said District prior to **June 30, 2012**, at twelve o'clock noon.

5. The compensation may be paid at regular or irregular intervals and in varying amounts between **July 1, 2011**, and **June 30, 2012**; but no payment shall exceed the amount then collected as taxes for fire protection in said District and not disbursed.
6. It is mutually agreed between the parties hereto to this agreement that on or before the **1st of June 2012**, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners will restudy the income that is produced by a **4 cent** levy on the **Moseley Hall Special Fire District**, and that in event the levy produces more than **\$10,954.00** the Wayne County Board of Commissioners will keep in a special fund for fire protection any excess over **\$10,954.00**.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the said Wayne County has caused this Agreement to be signed by the Chairman of, and attested by the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County, and its official seal to be hereto affixed all by authority of said Board duly given, and said **TOWN OF LA GRANGE** has caused this agreement to be signed by the Mayor and Fire Chief of, and attested by the Clerk of the said **TOWN OF LA GRANGE**, all by authority of its Board duly given, this the date and year first above written.



EAST CAROLINA COUNCIL PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM # 9A

Larry Moolenaar, Executive Director of the East Carolina Council will be present to make a presentation to the Council about the services provided by the East Carolina Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item – No Action is Required.



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 892 PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM # 9B

Eric Cantu, VVA Project Director will be present to make a presentation to the Council regarding “The Wall That Heals”.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item – No Action is Required.



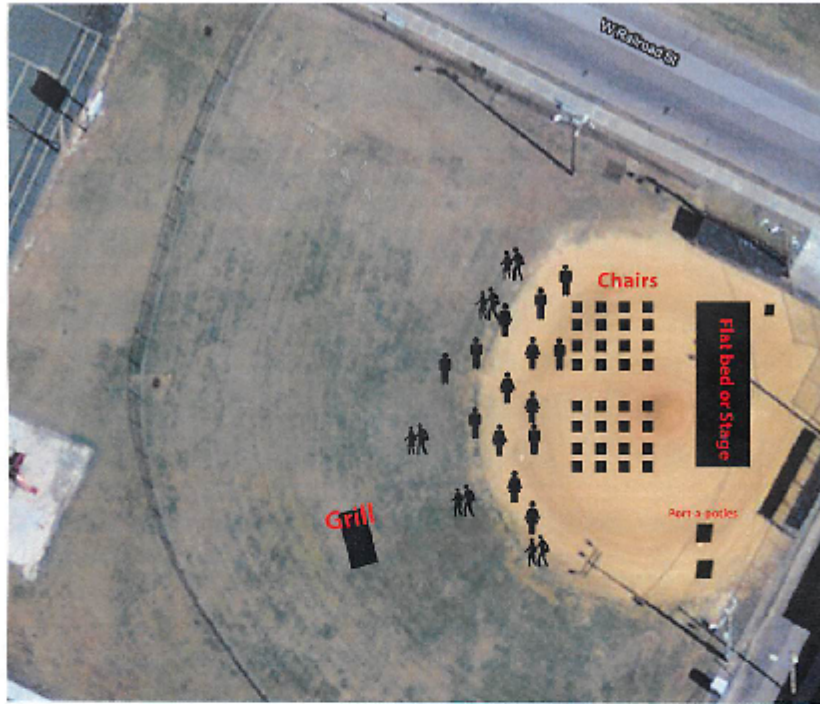
REQUEST TO USE PARK FACILITY FOR A “BACK TO SCHOOL REVIVAL”

AGENDA ITEM # 9C

As I mentioned in my weekly report to the Council on June 24, 2011; I had a request to reserve the ball field portion of our park downtown for a “Back to School Revival” to be sponsored by Deeper Life Ministries out of Goldsboro. Mr. Ravon Ravenell, of 301 Fire Tower Road, is a minister at Deeper Life Ministries. He hopes to partner with local church(s). He proposes to hold the event on August 26-27, with events on Friday from 6-8 pm, Saturday from 6-8pm. I have checked with the Recreation Association, and they have nothing scheduled for that weekend.

Mr. Ravenell will be present to present this request to the Council for consideration and approval. He is asking for use of the field, additional garbage carts for refuse collection, and the presence of LCSD when possible. I told him if he wanted guaranteed LCSD presence, he should consider requesting an off duty officer. If approved, I would recommend that the use of the facility not limit the public’s access to the remaining portions of the park (the Sprayground, playground, picnic shelter, and walking trail). I have attached a copy of the “brochure” that Mr. Ravenell provided to me initially, but the plans have changed slightly, as they have decided to eliminate the activities planned for Sunday and have changed the time of the event for Saturday.

RECOMMENDATION: Consider request to utilize Park Facility



3 NIGHT BACK TO SCHOOL REVIVAL

1. Each night will have praise and worship and the arts ministry and food
2. Alter call each night with ministers available to pray and get info from new converts
3. Bible study created for new converts to help them grow in Christ????

Things we need: Equipment

1. Instruments: drums keyboard, etc
2. Generator
3. Port-a-poties
4. Flat bed or Stage
5. Grill
6. Microphones
7. Chairs
8. Stairs

Things we need: Food

1. Hamburgers
2. Hot dogs
3. Water and can sodas
4. Paper Plates
5. Hand sanitizer
6. Serving Tables
7. Buns
8. Pans for food

Things we need: People

1. Choirs/Singers
2. Mimes/Praise dancers
3. Cooks/Servers
4. Ministers
5. Clean Up/Set up
6. Presiders



UPDATE ON STATUS OF PARTF GRANT APPLICATION

AGENDA ITEM # 10A

As you are aware, we have been unsuccessful in obtaining a PARTF Grant after two failed applications. Due to the current state of the economy, the funding available for award has been significantly reduced; thereby causing the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund to reduce the number of projects that are funded annually, as a result, the application process is much more competitive making the scoring of individual project more important. One area that we can gain additional points is to have a Recreation Master Plan in place. We originally considered developing a Comprehensive Recreation Plan for the entire Town; but opted not to do that due to the fact that the cost estimates for this plan from consultants was approximately \$30,000 and it was felt that the \$30,000 would be better utilized by using that \$30,000 as matching funds for our multipurpose recreation complex.

Since that time, I have learned that the Eastern Carolina Council (ECC) has staff that can complete the Comprehensive Master Plan for us at a fraction of the cost. The cost to develop this plan utilizing the ECC is \$2,500. Since the cost is significantly lower, I would recommend that the Council engage the ECC to complete the plan and our application for the PARTF application this year, and repeat all necessary steps to maximize the potential points received, if the Council wishes to submit an application in the 2012 funding cycle.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item – No Action is Required.



UPDATE ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

AGENDA ITEM # 10B

I will update you on the progress of improvements of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item – No Action is Required.



**UPDATE:
RAIL CROSSING CLOSURES,
SIGNALIZATION, AND RAILROAD &
CHARLES STREETS TRAFFIC
PATTERN**

AGENDA ITEM # 10C

As you will remember, representatives of the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) have requested that you consider a change to the traffic pattern at the intersection of Charles & Railroad Streets. Currently, traffic flows freely on Railroad Streets with traffic on Charles stopping at the intersection of both North and South Railroad Streets.

NCRR is requesting that you consider changing the pattern to free flowing on Charles Street, and stopping the Railroad Streets Traffic; which would make the traffic flow just like it is at Railroad and Charles.

I think that there are advantages to their pattern, but I am not certain which would be the best pattern for the area. I spoke with Lieutenant Jerry Davis, who thinks that the proposed pattern would be better than the current plan, as it would eliminate the possibility of stalled vehicles on the tracks.

At your November Council Meeting, you instructed me to ask for a traffic count and NC DOT's recommendation relative to the request and report back to the Council. I did ask NCDOT for a recommendation, and a traffic count, but have not heard back from them on this request. I did speak with Duane Alligood (NCDOT) at the Highway 70 Corridor Commission Meeting last month and he is planning a "limited count" of the traffic at that intersection during periods of "peak" traffic, which I requested to include 7-9 am and from 2-4 pm in order to determine the traffic flows while school is taking in and dismissing. I can't advise a firm timeline for that count, and pending recommendation from NCDOT at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: No Action Required – Informational Only.



CLOSED SESSION

AGENDA ITEM # 11

I am requesting a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) (7) (8).

RECOMMENDATION: