



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 South Lexington Avenue, Burlington, NC, 27215, on January 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ian Baltutis presided

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Ian Baltutis, Councilmembers Robert Ward, James Butler, Kathy Hykes and Harold Owen

Councilmembers Absent: *None*

City Manager: Hardin Watkins, *Absent*

City Attorney: David Huffman, *Present*

Director of Development and Technical Services: Nolan Kirkman, *Present*

City Clerk: Renee M. Ward, *Present*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ian Baltutis

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Jim Butler

**RECOGNITION:** Council recognized the Alamance Chamber for recently being awarded the 2017 NC Outstanding Chamber of the Year.



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- December 4, 2017 – Work Session
- December 5, 2017 – City Council Meeting

Upon motion by Councilmember Hykes, seconded by Councilmember Butler, it was resolved unanimously to approve the above listed minutes.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Nominations were opened and Councilmember Ward nominated Councilmember Hykes. There were no other nominations.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ward, seconded by Councilmember Owen, it was resolved unanimously to close the nominations.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ward, seconded by Councilmember Owen, it was resolved unanimously to elect Kathy Hykes as Mayor Pro Tem.

The oath of office was administered to Councilmember Hykes by City Clerk Ward.



**CODE OF ETHICS–DISCLOSING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** City Clerk, Renee Ward

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Councilmember Ward, seconded by Councilmember Owen, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. To set a date of public hearing for January 16, 2018, for citizens to comment on the amendments to the 2017-2018 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

- B. To approve waiving bulk collection fees for the period of March 5, 2018, through April 27, 2018.
- C. To adopt a Resolution to amend the ground lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC, for City-owned real property located at 2748-A South Church Street, known as #4 Fire Station Tower Site.

**Resolution #18-01**

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-272**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington has declared certain City-owned surplus real property, said property being more particularly described as follows:

**BEING** a portion of that real property owned by the City of Burlington and located at 2748 South Church Street, known as #4 Fire Station Tower site to New Cingular Wireless PCS for the purpose of providing cellular and wireless internet service and said property proposed to be leased being more particularly described as follows:

**Lease Area**

**Commencing** at a point, said point being a chiseled “X” in concrete at the intersection of US Highway 70 and International Drive, thence along the westerly Right-of-Way of International Drive, S 13-46-57 E, 122.57’ to a point on the westerly Right-of-Way of International Drive and being the northeast corner of Ingold Investments, LLC as recorded in Deed Book 1877 at Page 880, Alamance County Records, thence along the northern property line of Ingold, N 88-49-03 W, 26.89’ to a point, said point being known as the True **Point of Beginning**; thence continuing along the northern property line of Ingold N 88-49-03 W, 83.73’ to a point, thence N 1-21-54 E, 1.75’ to a point; thence N 88-38-15 W, 17.20’ to a point; thence N 1-21-54 E , 22.80’ to a point; thence N 87-34-43 W, 3.80’ to a point; thence N 2-25-17 E, 39.40’ to a point; thence S 87-55-59 E, 21.00’ to a point; thence S 2-25-17 W, 39.52’ to a point; thence S 87-34-43 E, 17.59’ to a point; thence S 1-57-38 W, 14.71’ to a point; thence S 88-18-01 E, 19.02’ to a point; thence N 1-41-59 E, 2.50’ to a point; thence S 87-51-15 E, 47.23 to a point; thence S 1-13-24 W, 10.68’ to the Point and Place of beginning, containing 2,335 Square Feet or 0.054 Acres, more or less. Bearings are based on Deed Book 449, Page 210.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Burlington, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-272, desires to extend the lease of said surplus real property to New Cingular Wireless PCS, for four additional five-year terms and in consideration, therefore, the City shall receive a rental fee of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight-Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$38,872.80) per year for the additional terms commencing on November 8, 2021, and expiring November 7, 2041, and shall increase 3% annually.

**WHEREAS**, the proper notice has been given in accordance with NCGS-160A-272 of the City of Burlington's intentions to execute an agreement to lease City-owned surplus real property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Burlington, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, shall adopt a resolution authorizing the extension of the lease of the City-owned surplus property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON** does hereby resolve that said surplus property shall be leased to New Cingular Wireless PCS, as more particularly described above and in accordance with NCGS 160A-272, and in consideration, therefore, the City of Burlington shall receive a rental fee of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight-Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$38,872.80) per year plus three (3) percent annual increases for the additional terms commencing on November 8, 2021, and expiring November 7, 2041. In addition the City shall receive a one-time payment of \$15,000.00 upon signing.

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this lease shall become effective upon the adoption of this resolution by the City Council of the City of Burlington and the execution of said lease by the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Burlington.

- D.** To adopt a Resolution to amend the ground lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC, for City-owned real property located at 3715-A Rural Retreat Road, known as Joe C. Davidson Park Tower site.

### **Resolution #18-02**

### **RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-272**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington has declared certain City-owned surplus real property, said property being more particularly described as follows:

**BEING** a portion of that real property owned by the City of Burlington and located at 3715 Rural Retreat Road, known as Joe Davidson Park site to New Cingular Wireless PCS for the purpose of providing cellular and wireless internet service and said property proposed to be leased being more particularly described as follows:

EXHIBIT B

Deed Description for the City of Burlington – Davidson Park – Additional Utility Easement  
(Project Number 4242-13)

Being a certain tract or parcel of land located in Boone Station Township, Alamance County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a new iron rod, said new iron rod being located N45°56'28"E for a distance of 995.49' from NCGS Monument "RURAL" and also having NC Grid Coordinates; N = 846,117.18' and E = 1,846,125.23. Thence with a new easement line for a bearing of N83°55'44"E for a distance of 253.07' to a computed point a corner of the existing utility easement; Thence with the existing utility easement the following five calls; 1) a bearing of S30°20'47"W for a distance of 28.48' to a computed point; 2) a bearing of S83°55'44"W for a distance of 202.76' to a computed point; 3) a curve to the left having a chord bearing of S47°09'49"W, a chord distance of 41.90', a radius of 35.00', an arc of 44.92' and a delta angle of 73°32'22" to a computed point; 4) a bearing of S10°23'54"W for a distance of 262.83' to a computed point; 5) a curve to the left having a chord bearing of S18°02'07"E, a chord distance of 195.22', a radius of 205.00', an arc of 203.47' and a delta angle of 56°52'02" to a new nail; Thence with a new easement line for a bearing of S20°52'27"E for a distance of 76.34' to a new iron pipe in the north right of way line of Rural Retreat Road; Thence with the north right of way line of Rural Retreat Road, a bearing of S89°51'44"W for a distance of 35.81' to a new nail; Thence with a new easement line for the following two calls; 1) a bearing of N20°52'27"W for a distance of 160.00' to a new iron rod; 2) ) a curve to the right having a chord bearing of N04°13'04"W, a chord distance of 110.28', a radius of 218.51', an arc of 111.48' and a delta angle of 29°13'53" to a new iron rod in the east property line of the Michael Anthony Taylor property (DB.536 P.321); Thence with the east property line of the Michael Anthony Taylor property, a bearing of N10°24'36"E and passing an existing iron pipe at a distance of 221.93' for a total distance of 308.90' to a new iron rod, the place and point of beginning.

Containing 0.35 Acre+-, according to a survey dated May 23,2013 by BRADY H. GOFORTH, PLS L-2955, CITY OF BURLINGTON ENGINEERING and based on NC Grid North meridian.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Burlington, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-272, desires to extend the lease of said surplus real property to New Cingular Wireless PCS, for four additional five-year terms and in consideration, therefore, the City shall receive a rental fee of Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$24,897.72) per year for the additional terms commencing on November 15, 2021, and expiring November 14, 2041, and shall increase 3% annually.

**WHEREAS**, the proper notice has been given in accordance with NCGS 160A-272 of the City of Burlington's intentions to execute an agreement to lease City-owned surplus real property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Burlington, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, shall adopt a resolution authorizing the amendment of the lease of City-owned surplus property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON** does hereby resolve that said surplus property shall be leased to New Cingular Wireless PCS, as more particularly described above and in accordance with NCGS 160A-272, and in consideration therefore, the City of Burlington shall receive a rental fee of Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$24,897.72) per year plus three (3) percent annual increases for the additional terms commencing on November 15, 2021, and expiring November 14, 2041. In addition the City of Burlington shall receive a one-time payment of \$15,000.00 upon signing.

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this amendment shall become effective upon the adoption of this resolution by the City Council of the City of Burlington and the execution of said lease by the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Burlington.

- E. To adopt a Resolution to amend the ground lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC, for City-owned real property located at 225 Stone Quarry Road, known as Stone Quarry Road Tower site.

**Resolution #18-03**

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-272**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington has declared certain City-owned surplus real property, said property being more particularly described as follows:

**BEING** a portion of that real property owned by the City of Burlington and located at 225 Quarry Road, known as Quarry Road Tower site to New Cingular Wireless PCS for the purpose of providing cellular and wireless internet service and said property proposed to be leased being more particularly described as follows:

**Lease Area**

**COMMENCE** at an iron pin marking the Northeast corner of the Marketplace of Haw Village property as described in Deed Book 815 at page 118 in the Alamance County Public Registry; said property also shown on the tax map of Alamance County as Pin #13-10-25; thence N28°51'20"E 1039.55 feet to an iron pin set marking the Westerly corner of the Lease Area, the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N28°03'35"E 100.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence S61°56'25"E 100.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence S28°03'35"W 100.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence N61°56'25"W 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 10,000 square feet as shown on a survey prepared by Edward L. Killough, NCPLS L-1519 dated May 25, 2004.

**30 Foot Wide Ingress/Egress and Utility Easement**

**COMMENCE** at a Mag nail in the centerline intersection of Ruby Lane and Stone Quarry Road, said Mag nail also being the POINT OF BEGINNING of the 30 foot wide Ingress/Egress and Utility Easement; thence with the centerline of said easement the following five (5) calls: 1<sup>st</sup> ) N09°46'01"E 201.38 feet; 2<sup>nd</sup> ) N20°24'13"E 177.77 feet; 3<sup>rd</sup> ) N28°50'42"E 720.95 feet; 4<sup>th</sup> N38°05'02"E 343.29 feet; 5<sup>th</sup> ) N61°56'25"W 29.70 feet to the terminus of the 30 foot wide Ingress/Egress and Utility Easement, said point being located S28°03'35"W 50.00 feet from an iron pin set marking the Westerly corner of the Lease Area as shown on a survey prepared by Edward L. Killough, NCPLS L-1519 dated May 25, 2004.

**Parking/Turnaround Area**

**COMMENCE** at the terminus of the 4<sup>th</sup> call of the hereinbefore described 30' Ingress/Egress and Utility Easement, the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence with the centerline of the Parking/Turnaround Area N57°31'48"E 40.00 feet, said Parking/Turnaround Area being 30 feet wide and lying 15.00 feet on each side of the described centerline as shown on a survey prepared by Edward L. Killough, NCPLS L-1519 dated May 25, 2004.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Burlington, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-272, desires to extend the lease of said surplus real property to New Cingular Wireless PCS, for four additional five-year terms and in consideration, therefore, the City shall receive a rental fee of Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$27,423.36) per year for the additional term commencing on June 1, 2020 and expiring May 31, 2040. In addition, the City of Burlington shall receive a one-time payment of \$15,000.00 upon signing and three (3) percent annual increases.

**WHEREAS**, the proper notice has been given in accordance with NCGS-160A-272 of the City of Burlington’s intentions to execute an agreement to lease City-owned surplus real property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Burlington, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, shall adopt a resolution authorizing the extension of the lease of the City-owned surplus property.

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**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this lease shall become effective upon the adoption of this resolution by the City Council of the City of Burlington and the execution of said lease by the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Burlington.

- F.** To temporarily close Lexington Avenue from Davis Street to Maple Avenue on February 13, 2018, from 12:00 noon until 11:00pm for the City of Burlington’s 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration special event.
- G.** To approve an amendment to the sewer agreement between the City of Burlington and the Town of Whitsett. (*This item was removed to New Business*).

**H.** Budget Amendment – 2018-23 – Melvin L. Hall Fund Donation

BA2018-23

Increase Revenues:

01004511 30108	Police Donations–Melvin Hall	\$3,707
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Increase Expenses:

01051511 43323	Police Donations M. Hall	\$3,707
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**I.** Budget Amendment – 2018-24 – Fire – Donation

BA2018-24

Increase Revenues:

01004530 30111	Contributions – Fire	\$50
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Increase Expenditures:

01053532 43300 Departmental Supplies \$50

Councilmember Owen asked that Item G, an amendment to the sewer agreement with the Town of Whitsett, be removed and considered under New Business.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ward, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, it was resolved unanimously to approve the foregoing consent agenda with the exception of Item G.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ITEM 1: VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION – PINE TERRACE MOBILE HOME PARK**

Mayor Baltutis announced that a public hearing had been set to consider adopting a contiguous voluntary annexation Ordinance of Pine Terrace Mobile Home Park.

Senior Planner Daniel Shoffner stated that this was a public hearing regarding a voluntary annexation of the Pine Terrace Mobile Home Park located on Apple Street Extension. He stated that the voluntary annexation met all statutory requirements and that the petitioners' attorney Joe Kalo was present to answer any questions.

The public hearing was opened and there were no comments.

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, seconded by Councilmember Owen, it was resolved unanimously to close the public hearing.

Councilmember Owen stated that this process had been ongoing for quite some time and asked if staff was comfortable that services could be delivered to this site.

Director of Development and Technical Services Nolan Kirkman stated that sanitation services based on current road conditions would be an issue and that there would have to be modifications in order to accommodate sanitation vehicles.

Councilmember Owen asked City Attorney Huffman if the internal roads would be the responsibility of the property owner.

City Attorney Huffman stated that was correct and that the petitioner was in the process of repaving the road.

Attorney Joe Kalo stated that there were a number of improvements and they were enumerated in the ordinance, including the road improvements.

Mr. Kirkman stated that the internal roads would also need to ensure proper turn-arounds if the land owner wanted to have City services.

Councilmember Owen asked Fire Chief Smith if the fire trucks could enter the mobile home park.

Fire Chief Smith stated that the conditions of the roads would be very difficult for the trucks to get through. He stated there was a section near the rear of the park that would be challenging, but the hose could be extended.

Councilmember Owen asked Mr. Kalo to communicate these challenges to the property owner that could come forward regarding providing basic City services and to also communicate that to the tenants.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes moved to approve the annexation.

Councilmember Ward suggested that Council hold-off to make sure staff was clear about what services could be provided as required by the statute. He stated that due to the road conditions regarding providing services, he did not want it to come back to Council that the City was unable to provide services as directed by the statute. He stated that he would like to table this for a final decision until a firmer grip on providing services could be provided.

Councilmember Ward moved to table the item until the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Owen stated that at the last work session, Council began the conversation with planning staff to begin proactive minimum housing enforcement and by annexing this property it could affect the people living in the mobile home park and that the City may not be able to provide essential services that everyone else gets in the City.

City Attorney Huffman stated that staff had performed a great deal of background work and that if Council elected to table the item for a month, it would be a good idea for staff to present the background work in order to bring the Council into a comfort level it was looking for regarding the provision of normal City services.

Mr. Shoffner stated that staff had gone from mobile home to mobile home to identify violations that crossed the board of various City departments. He stated that staff had worked with each department that would be responsible for a service to ascertain the capabilities to provide services. He stated that each department had challenges but could offer services.

Mr. Kalo stated that the annexation ordinance drafted for taxation was not envisioned to come affective until June 20, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes stated that for those listening, this had been on the agenda several times and that it was important to recognize that the City had already extended water and sewer to this mobile home park, because the people needed those services. She stated that statutorily, the legislature had set as part their annexation laws that the City had to annex people that are in a situation that this mobile home park was in and that the benefit would go to the person that owned the park and not to ones living in the mobile homes. She stated that this was why Council was being so reluctant.

Mr. Kalo stated that the ordinance included the developer making a number of improvements; paving roads, replacing mailboxes, buying adjacent property for adding a soccer field and a playground. He stated that in order for all these things to work, it needed to be annexed from a cash flow standpoint.

City Attorney Huffman suggested that staff present to Council an extensive lot-by-lot evaluation for how services would be provided at the February 5<sup>th</sup> work session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ward, seconded by Councilmember Butler, it was resolved unanimously to table the public hearing to February 6, 2018, City Council meeting and for staff to present the findings of the background work at the February 5, 2018, work session meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **ITEM G: SEWER AGREEMENT – TOWN OF WHITSETT**

Mayor Baltutis announced that City Council would consider amendment to the sewer agreement between the City of Burlington and the Town of Whitsett.

Councilmember Owen stated that in recent months the City had agreed to sewer allocations to the Town of Whitsett in the amount of 40,000 gallons. He stated that it was his understanding that the cost involved, in reference to the flow, would be substantial and that the architects had determined that the flow would go to the Gibsonville outfall line and the cost for the Town of Whitsett would be half of what it was potentially projected to be if it was coming back to the City's line at Springwood Park.

Water Resources Director Bob Patterson stated that was correct.

Councilmember Owen stated that this was the first time the City had an agreement where allocation was now being shared between two cities.

Mr. Patterson stated that there was a similar situation where part of Elon flows into Gibsonville's sewer that is pumped to the East Plant.

Councilmember Owen expressed concerns for the overall picture in terms of growth and what our plants could hold before the expense of an upgrade.

Upon motion by Councilmember Owen, seconded by Councilmember Ward, it was resolved unanimously to approve the sewer agreement with the Town of Whitsett.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Alamance County African-American Cultural Arts & History Center

Mayor Baltutis stated that City Manager Hardin Watkins was unable to attend the Council meeting and asked that this item be moved to the January 16, 2018, Council meeting.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:**

- Planning and Zoning Commission – A public hearing will be held on January 16, 2018, to consider a zoning request to MFA, Multi-family residential, for property located at the east end of Pace Drive.
- Traffic Commission – None
- Public Transit Advisory Commission (PTAC) - None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Ms. Jane Sellars, 431 Friendly Drive, Burlington spoke in reference to the African American Cultural Arts History Center and volunteered to speak with each Councilmember to answer any questions regarding the Center.

LaShauna Austria, 1336 Hanford Hills Road, Graham, on the Burlington side, spoke in support of the African American Cultural Arts History Center.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes gave the following statement regarding a potential youth violence task force:

“We said at the last meeting that we would discuss a proposal for a Youth Violence Task force at this meeting.

To remind you, the primary goal for this is to prevent and reduce youth violence. The tipping point that motivated me to take action was the recent killing of a 17 year old by another youth of the same age.

The second goal is to alert the community to the seriousness of this problem, to help understand what we are concerned about. To let our citizens know that the problem will get worse if we don't address it. Youth violence affects us all. It says something about our community that we do not want to be said.

The third goal is to find out what is driving this, are there root causes, and then arrive at mutual goals and perspectives, to improve the systems where they need improving, intervene when needed, and thereby improve our community.

Since we last met, I have been listening to others and I have heard from many citizens who have expressed interest in what we are trying to do. I have met with dozens of youth - serving professionals involved in the work of preventing crime and working with young people. There are many more that may have insight into this problem that I did not have time to interview.

There seems to be momentum around this topic. People are concerned about their cities and our county and they want to help make the improvements that may be needed. There are very few people who are sure what that needs to look like. There is no single strategy that immediately will fix the problem.

I think we have the public will to engage in this problem evidenced by the response I have had. It is clear to me from the reading and the listening project I have been working on these last six weeks, that we have to look at root causes, and not just symptoms, as well as systems that are already in place that work and those that don't, to prevent this violence from happening. There are models and strategies out there that have worked in other places that need to be looked at for their potential to work here.

I have looked at various statistics, surveys and needs assessments that different groups have done in our county and they seem to suggest that we have many areas that we could review. This is not just a law enforcement problem but a public health problem too. Kids subjected to violence become violent; children who see violence are at risk of becoming violent. Families who experience violence end up sicker and dying younger. Trauma hurts, and it costs us a lot. We need to stop the cycle.

One thing that is missing in my conversations is youth. We need to talk with young people about what they think is going on. One group has been doing that already.

Alamance Citizens for a Drug Free Community has done a survey of some children in grades 6 -12 and their parents. (*Youth say they have stress, mental health issues, bullying, social and peer pressure. Adults say they feel disconnections from youth.*)

I have read these needs assessments and surveys that are out there though I have not drawn many conclusions from them except that mental health services are lacking:

Community Health Assessment  
PRIDE Grades 6-12 for drug and alcohol use  
Morrowtown Survey  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission Needs Assessment  
Public School Forum Roadmap of Need

Some of the many things I have learned in last several weeks:

- Police Department has a comprehensive program of outreach and crime prevention that the Chief reported on in our work session including:
  - Faith Based Community Action group ...
  - Junior Police Academy
  - DARE
  - Neighborhood Watch- Times News editorial extolled the virtue of this sort of strategy
  - Girls with Pearls and others

We have a Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) headed by our own Officer Chad Laws, their mission is similar, deployed by the county and funded by the state, and supports several youth serving organizations and court related entities.

The Department of Justice report Councilmember Butler brought to our attention, gives us a common language and evidence based programs that have worked in other cities that have applied them.

Programs such as:

- **Cure Violence**-deploys outreach workers and violence interrupters to mitigate conflict on the street
- **Defending Childhood**-to stop child abuse and end child trauma
- **Restorative Conversations**-teaching middle school students to talk through their grievances with each other, has cut down on all school suspensions dramatically in Chapel Hill - Carrboro
- **Gang Resistance Education and Training**- speaks for itself

These are not strategies that we are employing now, but could be considered. All in all, we are a community that does a good job of collaboration; in fact we pride ourselves on that. But in this case, we are not getting the job done. Something is still wrong. Our youth are committing crimes and shooting at each other and killing each other. I don't believe we can lower our eyes and wait for the police or the courts or someone else to fix this.

What we need to do now is begin the work by mobilizing a task force. I need your agreement to engage the staff's help to contact the entities on this list, some of which have already stepped up and agreed to be involved. We will need a work plan for moving forward, making sure the right people are at the table and that we know what we want to see happen, and by when. My list for the task force is as follows:"

**Task Force**

Burlington Police Department  
Sheriff's Department  
ABSS  
Court System  
United Way  
Impact Alamance/Alamance Achieves  
DSS  
Dept. of Health  
City Government, Graham, Burlington, Mebane  
County Government  
Recreation  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
Faith Community  
Elon University  
Drug Free Community Task Force  
Youth  
Community/ Neighborhood Representatives  
Community Agencies  
Mental Health Representatives

Councilmember Butler suggested hearing from the community in a community forum to find out what they see and what they think could help with the problems. He stated that it was the Council's role to listen to the community, listen to what they need and then move forward on this endeavor.

Councilmember Ward suggested dedicating an evening just for the purpose of a community forum.

Mayor Baltutis stated that he agreed with the need for a public input but the public does not always engage in public hearings and suggested allocating staff to work with Mayor Pro Tem Hykes to evaluate how best to engage our citizens and it could be in the form of a public hearing and digital communication.

Councilmember Butler suggested taking the platform to the public so that transportation and internet access would not be an issue and have these citizens talk to Council.

Councilmember Owen stated that it could be more than one meeting. He also suggested a space other than this building, such as schools and churches. He suggested a place where people felt comfortable.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes suggested that the task force be the listeners and then the task force report back to Council.

Councilmember Butler suggested that the Council be the first task force going out into the community meeting our citizens at a school or church and listening to their stories, what they are thinking and what they need. He stated that he did not see handing this off to a task force to report back. He suggested Council taking the lead, canvassing neighborhoods, getting our Police Department involved and utilizing our resources.

Councilmember Owen suggested getting the court system involved.

Council consensus was to schedule a public forum separate from Council meetings no later than February 15, 2018.

Councilmember Butler asked those in attendance if they had anything to share. The following persons spoke:

- Yvette Gaboury, 111 Fonville Street, Burlington, suggested going out into the community and speaking to those residents that are affected by youth violence or deal with violence in their communities. She stated that these people would provide Council with solutions. She stated that if you send the Chief or Court system representatives, it would deter your audience that Council would be trying to capture. She suggested having a forum that would build up interest in the community by those who are personally affected by this issue in a place where they are comfortable.
- Jose Luis Alegria, 1717 Askew Street, suggested beginning with schools first because that was where a lot of the issues are starting. He shared that the Queen Ann neighborhood had already come together in an effort to address these issues. He suggested going to the residents in the communities, working with the youth that we are trying to reach with the help of parents, schools, churches and organizations. Mr. Alegria volunteered to help Council make their effort work.
- Iris Chapman, 1521 St. Andrews, Mebane, shared a program called the Black Male Initiative. She shared that Kim Scales with the Alamance-Burlington School System leads this program. She looks for African-American male adults to go into the schools and become mentors with young males that need positive role models.
- Justasia Drayton, 1917 Morningside Drive, stated that the history center was needed in order to have a place where youth could go to be involved in different programs.
- Dorothy Yarborough, 331 Woodhaven Drive, Burlington, shared that gaining the youths trust would be the key to learning what was happening with them, in their homes and in their neighborhoods.
- Jane Sellars suggested that if Council goes in these neighborhoods to dress casual in an effort to gain their trust.

Mayor Baltutis suggested a program called Community Engagement 2.0, which was a good model for the task force to use for direction on how to reach out to the Community, engage with individual people, empower and build a level of trust and begin having those deep conversations about what was working and what was not.

Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Hykes stated that she could not solve this problem by herself and that it was a community problem and that the people who are involved and being hurt by the violence would be the people who could fix this. She stated that until people stood up and say they have had enough, it would not change.

Mayor Baltutis suggested that Mayor Pro Tem Hykes work with staff resources to evaluate and organize the first of these community sessions as well as any other tools that are necessary to reach youth members of our community, different faith organizations and to hold the first meeting no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked Council if they had any objections in allowing Mayor Pro Tem Hykes to work with staff to organize the first community outreach session in which all Councilmembers would be invited.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes invited Council to be part of the planning.

Councilmember Owen asked that if those in attendance if they want to be a part of organizing the community meeting to get your contact information to Council.

Mayor Baltutis:

- January 8, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Maple Avenue Corridor Plan feedback session – Kernodle Senior Center
- January 6 – No Frills 5K
- The City will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 13 – Burlington125.com
- Belong in Burlington - February 28, July 25 and October 24 - Municipal Building – 6:00 – 7:30p.m.
- New program to allow residents to dispose of old TV's – Drop the TV off at the curb and Sanitation will pick the TV up for a fee of \$15.00.

## ADJOURN:

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, seconded by Councilmember Butler, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn. (9:01PM)

*Renee M. Ward*

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City Clerk

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