

Agenda

Greenville City Council

April 7, 2008 6:00 PM City Council Chambers 200 West Fifth Street

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- I. Call Meeting To Order
- II. Invocation Mayor Pro-Tem Council
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of the March 13, 2008 City Council meeting
- 2. First reading of an ordinance for a limousine franchise for two limousines requested by Frederick Douglas d/b/a H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outreach Promotes Excellence)
- Resolution accepting dedication of rights-of-way and easements for Bedford, Section 11; Lake Ellsworth, Section 7; Medford Pointe, Section One, Phase One; Bedford, Section 9, Phase 3; Westhaven South, Phase 1; Westpointe, Section Ten, Phase 2; and Westpointe, Section Six, Phase Two
- 4. Brownfield Project Management Contract
- 5. Budget ordinance and reimbursement resolution for Greenville Utilities Commission's Sterling Pointe Sewer Pump Station and Force Main Project
- 6. Resolution approving financing team for upcoming Greenville Utilities Commission debt issuance
- 7. Budget ordinance amendment #9 to the 2007-2008 City of Greenville budget
- VII. New Business

- 8. Presentations by Boards and Commissions
 - a. Housing Authority
 - b. Affordable Housing Loan Committee
 - c. Mid-East Commission
- 9. Resolution in support of Federal and State Anti-Predatory Lending Legislation
- 10. Pitt County Law Enforcement 800 MHz Interoperability Grant
- 11. Public safety information systems vendor selection and contract award
- 12. Paint scheme for Fire and EMS units
- 13. Legislative Initiatives for the 2008 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly
- 14. Preview of the City's proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and financial plan for fiscal year 2009-2010
- VIII. Review of April 10, 2008 City Council agenda

IX. Comments from Mayor and City Council

X. City Manager's Report

XI. Closed Session

- To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, said law rendering the information as privileged or confidential being the Open Meetings Law
- To establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease

XII. Adjournment



City of Greenville, North Carolina

Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Minutes of the March 13, 2008 City Council meeting
Explanation:	The minutes of the March 13, 2008 City Council meeting have been prepared and are ready for City Council consideration.
Fiscal Note:	None
Recommendation:	Approval of the minutes

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MINUTES PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC March 13, 2008

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, third floor of City Hall, with Mayor Patricia C. Dunn presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation by Mayor Dunn and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following were present.

Mayor Patricia C. Dunn Mayor Pro-Tem Mildred A. Council Council Member Rose H. Glover Council Member Max Joyner, Jr. Council Member Bryant Kittrell Council Member Calvin Mercer Council Member Larry Spell Wayne Bowers, City Manager Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk David A. Holec, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Bowers indicated that a request had been received to continue the request by Ward Holdings LLC to April 10, 2008. Upon being asked the reason for the request, Mr. Ward indicated that he is continually trying to work with the neighborhood. He stated that he is in the process of removing the homes that were vacated, and there are still some residents in the area that he is meeting with, some of whom are not here tonight. In keeping with what has been the attitude of the Council on these types of issues, he is trying to work with the adjoining property owners to work out something that is mutually agreeable. Things are ongoing not only with the neighbors, but with the changes to the look and appearance of the tract of land, as well.

Motion was made by Council Member Mercer and seconded by Council Member Spell to table this indefinitely and have Mr. Ward inform the City when he is ready to have it addressed.

Upon being asked if there is anyone in the audience that would like to speak to the continuance, Mr. Charles Jackson stated that this has been continued many times. Mr. Ward has said he was going to call Mr. Jackson; however, he has not heard from Mr. Ward. Mr. Jackson asked others in the audience if they had heard from Mr. Ward, and they indicated that they had not. Mr. Jackson informed the Council that they would like to get this settled. He urged the Council to set a definite date and have the hearing.

Mr. Ward stated that he has talked with all the Jacksons and has correspondence from Joyce, the sister. He has asked for several meetings. He has spoken to Joyce, John and Bill on a couple of occasions. Perhaps in the future, he will do written correspondence and send a copy to the Council.

Council Member Mercer withdrew his motion, and Council Member Spell withdrew his second.

After discussion of the pros and cons of continuing this request and to what date to continue it, if continued, motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Mercer to continue this item until the May 8, 2008 City Council meeting, which was agreeable with the parties. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Christine Lewis was presented with a plaque upon her retirement with 21 years and 7 months of service in the Police Department.

Scott Batchelor, the City reporter for <u>The Daily Reflector</u>, was presented a City of Greenville paperweight and a commendation that read as follows:

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COMMENDATION OF T. SCOTT BATCHELOR

WHEREAS, T. Scott Batchelor, an eastern North Carolina native, earned a Bachelor of Arts and English Degree from East Carolina University, where he interned at the East Carolinian writing a weekly opinion column during the summer of 1992 and 1993;

WHEREAS, the former New Bern Sun Journal reporter has written for The Daily Reflector since November 2, 1998 reporting City government and local news to the citizens of Greenville and eastern North Carolina;

WHEREAS, during his journalism career, Scott has received awards for his newspaper reporting and has been honored by the North Carolina Press Association for his work; and

WHEREAS, Scott will be leaving Greenville on March 30, 2008 to begin his employment with the Department of Defense in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, during his nine years of tenure with The Daily Reflector, Scott has done a remarkable job as the City government reporter and has worked well with the City staff and elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, on behalf of the Greenville City Council, do hereby commend and recognize

T. SCOTT BATCHELOR

for his accomplishments and express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding service that he has provided to Greenville and the surrounding area.

This 13th day of March, 2008.

/s/ Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Affordable Housing Loan Committee

Council Member Glover asked that the appointments to the Affordable Housing Loan Committee be continued until April 2008.

Community Appearance Commission

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Council to appoint Ben Deck to fill an unexpired term, expiring July 2010, replacing Kishen Rao, who resigned, and to continue the other appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Authority

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Council and seconded by Council Member Spell to appoint Linda Pleasants to fill an unexpired term expiring July 2008, replacing Richard Garafolo, who is no longer employed by First Carolina Management (Holiday Inn Express). Motion carried unanimously.

Public Transportation and Parking Commission

Motion was made by Council Member Joyner and seconded by Council Member Spell to appoint Michael Glenn to fill an unexpired term, expiring January 2008, replacing Daniel Spuller, who has relocated. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE WASHINGTON-</u> <u>GREENVILLE JOINT ISSUES COMMITTEE</u>

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Council Member Mercer to appoint Council Member Kittrell to serve on the Washington-Greenville Joint Issues Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Council to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Minutes of the February 18 and February 21, 2008 City Council meetings
- 2) Resolution accepting dedication of rights-of-way and easements for Oakhurst Park, Oakdowne Way, Lowes Home Centers, Inc.; Langston Farms, Phase 9; and Woodridge Corporate Park, Phase 2, Lots 1 and 2 (Resolution No. 08-04)
- 3) Budget ordinance and reimbursement resolution for Greenville Utilities Commission's Bells Fork Electric Substation Upgrade (Ordinance No. 08-28, Resolution No. 08-05)

- 4) Budget ordinance and reimbursement resolution for Greenville Utilities Commission's Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pump Station Improvements Project (Ordinance No. 08-29, Resolution No. 08-06)
- 5) Budget amendment ordinance and reimbursement resolution for Greenville Utilities Commission's Water Resources Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Project (Ordinance No. 08-30, Resolution No. 08-07)
- 6) Budget ordinance amendment #8 to the 2007-2008 City of Greenville budget and to Ordinance 05-50 West Greenville Revitalization Capital Project (Ordinance No. 08-31)
- 7) Report on bid awarded <u>Date</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Vendor</u> <u>Amount</u> 2/13/2008 Materials and labor to renovate Evans Park Restroom building

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CG DISTRICT TABLE OF USES TO INCLUDE THE USE ENTITLED "BUSINESS OR TRADE SCHOOL" AS A PERMITTED USE - ADOPTED

City Manager Wayne Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3 and March 10, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Carlton Taylor to amend the CG district table of uses to include the use entitled "Business or trade school" as a permitted use. The Planning and Zoning Commission, at its February 19, 2008 meeting, voted to approve the request

Mr. Harry Hamilton, Chief Planner, stated that currently, "business or trade school" is a permitted use in the OR (Office/Residential), CD (Downtown Commercial) and CDF (Downtown Commercial Fringe) zoning districts. The subject use does not include public schools, kindergarten and nursery schools, or colleges or other institutions of higher learning. Those "school" facilities are allowed as a permitted use or special use in a variety of residential, medical office, and commercial districts. No "cool use" is currently allowed in the CG (General Commercial) district. Since the term "business or trade school" is not defined in the zoning regulations, City staff relies on the common definition of trade school. In staff's opinion, the request is in compliance with Horizons: Greenville Community Plan.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience.

Mr. Mike Baldwin stated that this is a reasonable text amendment request.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Kittrell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to adopt the ordinance amending the CG District Table of Uses to include the use entitled "Business or Trade School" as a permitted use. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-26)

ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF MUMFORD ROAD AND ADJACENT TO THE FORMER QUAIL VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK FROM RA20 to IU – ADOPTED

City Manager Wayne Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3 and March 10, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by J. T. Harris Enterprises, LLC and Michael J. DeFrees to rezone 4.3725 acres located 250<u>+</u> feet south of Mumford Road and adjacent to the former Quail Village Mobile Home Park from RA20 to IU. The Planning and Zoning Commission, at its February 19, 2008 meeting, voted to recommend approval of the ordinance.

Ms. Chantae Gooby, Planner, delineated the property on a map, explained the request and stated that the request is in compliance with the Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience.

Mr. Ken Malpass was present to represent the petitioners.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Council and seconded by Council Member Joyner to adopt the ordinance rezoning property located south of Mumford Road and adjacent to the former Quail Village Mobile Home Park from RA20 to IU. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-32)

ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF OLD FIRE TOWER ROAD, EAST OF COUNTY HOME ROAD, AND SOUTH OF FIRE TOWER ROAD FROM RA20 TO OR - ADOPTED

City Manager Wayne Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3 and March 10, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Adams Builders, Incorporated to rezone property located along the northern right-of-way of Old Fire Tower Road, east of County Home Road, and south of Fire Tower Road from RA20 to OR. The Planning and Zoning Commission, at its February 19, 2008 meeting, voted to recommend approval of the ordinance.

Ms. Chantae Gooby, Planner, delineated the property on a map, explained the request and stated that the request is in compliance with the Land Use Plan map and the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience.

Mr. Dirk Tyson was present to represent the petitioner.

Ms. Marian Jordan Jones, who owns property across the street, asked if this request would interfere with her agricultural property across the street. She stated that she owns 4.3 acres.

City Attorney Dave Holec informed Ms. Jones that changing the zoning of the property across the street from her does not impact the use of her property.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Council to adopt the ordinance rezoning property located along the northern right-of-way of Old Fire Tower Road, east of County Home Road, and south of Fire Tower Road from RA20 to OR. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-33)

ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DAVENPORT FARM ROAD, NORTH OF WEST ACRES LANE, SOUTH OF US HIGHWAY 13, AND WEST OF FROG LEVEL ROAD FROM RR TO R6S - ADOPTED

City Manager Wayne Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3 and March 10, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Rebecca Winstead Gay, Paul Martin Jones, and Bobby Jones to rezone 58.2236 acres located along the eastern right-of-way of Davenport Farm Road, north of West Acres Lane, south of US Highway 13, and west of Frog Level Road from RR to R6S. The Planning and Zoning Commission at its February 19, 2008 meeting, voted to recommend approval of the request.

Ms. Chantae Gooby, Planner, delineated the property on a map, explained the request and stated that the request is in compliance with the Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience.

Mr. Ken Malpass, representing the petitioner, was present to answer questions.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Council to adopt the ordinance rezoning property located along the eastern right-of-way of Davenport Farm Road, north of West Acres Lane, south of US Highway 13, and west of Frog Level Road from RR to R6S. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-34)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING REBECCA WINSTEAD GAY, PAUL MARTIN JONES, AND BOBBY JONES PROPERTY LOCATED ON DAVENPORT FARM ROAD SOUTH OF US HIGHWAY 13 - ADOPTED

City Manager Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Rebecca Winstead Gay, Paul Martin Jones, and Bobby Jones to annex 58.2236 acres located on Davenport Farm Road south of US Highway 13. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Seth Laughlin, Planner, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 5 and will be served by Fire Station Number 5. The property is

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Council and seconded by Council Member Kittrell to adopt the ordinance annexing Rebecca Winsted Gray, Paul Martin Jones, and Bobby Jones property located on Davenport Farm Road south of US Highway 13. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-35)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING VANCROFT, LOT 103, SECTION 2, LOCATED ON THOMAS LANGSTON ROAD WEST OF BELFAIR DRIVE - ADOPTED

City Manager Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Vanrack, Inc. to annex Vancroft, Lot 103, Section 2, containing 7.813 acres located on Thomas Langston Road west of Belfair Drive. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Seth Laughlin, Planner, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 5 and will be served by Fire Station Number 5. The property is currently vacant and the proposed use is 89 multi-family units. The current population is 0, and the anticipated population at full development is 209, with 90 being minority.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Council Member Joyner to adopt the ordinance annexing Vancroft, Lot 103, Section 2, located on Thomas Langston Road west of Belfair Drive. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-36)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING DAVENCROFT, PHASE THREE, LOCATED ON THOMAS LANGSTON ROAD SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF DUBLIN ROAD - ADOPTED.

City Manager Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by CCR Properties of Pitt County, LLC to annex Davencroft, Phase Three, containing 8.944 acres located on Thomas Langston Road south of the intersection of Dublin Road. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Seth Laughlin, Planner, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in voting District 5 and will be served by Fire Station Number 5. The property is currently vacant and the proposed use is 28 single-family homes. The current population is 0, and the anticipated population at full development is 65, with 28 being minority.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Joyner to adopt the ordinance annexing Davencroft, Phase Three, located on Thomas Langston Road south of the intersection of Dublin Road. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-37)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAUREL RIDGE (A PORTION OF SECTIONS 2 AND 3) LOCATED SOUTH OF TEAKWOOD DRIVE AND WEST OF ALLEN ROAD - ADOPTED

City Manager Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Pitt Land Development, LLC to annex Laurel Ridge (a portion of sections 2 and 3) located south of Teakwood Drive and west of Allen Road, containing 7.060 acres located south of Teakwood Drive and west of Allen Road. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Seth Laughlin, Planner, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 1 and will be served by Fire Station Number 5. The property is currently vacant and the proposed use is 25 single-family homes. The current population is 0, and the anticipated population at full development is 61, with 18 being minority.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Joyner and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Council to adopt the ordinance annexing Laurel Ridge (a portion of sections 2 and 3) located south of Teakwood Drive and west of Allen Road. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-38)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING BKJ CAPITAL, LLC PROPERTY LOCATED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGHWAY SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD - ADOPTED

City Manager Bowers reported that a notice of public hearing was published in <u>The Daily</u> <u>Reflector</u> on March 3, 2008 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by BKJ Capital, LLC to annex property located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway South of the intersection of Industrial Boulevard, containing 14.3159 acres. This is a noncontiguous annexation.

Mr. Seth Laughlin, Planner, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in voting District 1 and will be served by Fire Station Number 4. The property is currently occupied by Agri-Supply Company and the owner is requesting sewer to upgrade a failing septic system.

Mayor Dunn declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Joyner to adopt the ordinance annexing BKJ Capital, LLC property containing 14.3159 acres located on

Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway south of the intersection of Industrial Boulevard. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-39)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mrs. Nancy Colville expressed that she preferred the tobacco leaf on the wayfinding signs as opposed to the single "G" as proposed. She felt that to leave off the tobacco leaf ignores the history of the city and its accomplishments. Tobacco is the County's heritage. Mrs. Colville cited examples of how tobacco has been a part of Greenville's history.

Mrs. Brenda Highsmith asked the Council to consider innovative new uses of tobacco. She encouraged the Council to consider the tobacco leaf on the wayfinding signs.

Mr. Roger Kammerer, a local historian, stated that he is for having the tobacco leaf on the wayfinding sign. It is decorative, and it is also Greenville's past. It is a nice memory for a lot of people.

Ms. Candace Pearce agreed that the tobacco leaf or some form of it should be included in logos across the city. She felt that not doing so denied the heritage of the community. Without slavery, economic development would not have gone anywhere in the community. Whites and African-Americans worked in tobacco. Eliminating the tobacco leaf is another way to eliminate the impact the part of the culture that is Greenville—the African-American heritage. She is opposed to the plain "G".

<u>RESOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (EAC)</u> <u>RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ADVANCED RECYCLING FORMAT FOR</u> <u>THE CITY OF GREENVILLE – SUPPORTED</u>

Dr. Ulrich Alsentzer, Chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Commission, stated that last year the City of Greenville adopted the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and joined the "Keep America Beautiful Campaign. He reminded the Council that in January he gave a presentation on the recycling results to City Council, and a resolution was prepared in February by the Environmental Advisory Commission in hopes that the City could advance the recycling performance to get better results. The resolution will decrease energy demands, decrease air pollution, decrease the Green House Gas emissions, increase people's health and especially for Greenville it will increase local jobs. As part of the City's 2008 Goals and Objectives the City Council listed as one of the goals to promote sound environmental policies. In cooperation with the Public Works Department, the Environmental Advisory Commission has recommended to study several methods or alternatives that are available and would result in an increase in The Public Works Department intends to develop the alternatives and have recycling. recommendations to City Council on or before the August 11, 2008 City Council meeting. It has been stated that there will be some demand placed on City staff to explore available alternatives and to prepare a report examining the operational cost of each of the alternatives. This report will be presented to the City at a later date. Dr. Alsentzer concluded by recommending, on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Commission, that that the City Council support the resolution of the Environmental Advisory Commission recommending the adoption of advanced

Mayor Pro-Tem Council announced that a couple of weeks ago, Public Works sent out a revised pamphlet on how and what to recycle. The pamphlet showed how much it was saving the landfills, etc. More education is needed and people will make it happen when they understand that it will make a difference in their quality of life. Mayor Pro-Tem Council also encouraged people to get the ones walking around with buggies engaged in recycling by getting recyclables to them so they can make money.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to support the resolution of the Environmental Advisory Commission and to direct staff to investigate and develop alternatives which will result in a significant increase in the capture of recyclable materials for the City of Greenville. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (EAC) RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF PRACTICES THAT WILL ACHIEVE ENVIRONMENTAL SHORT-TERM GOALS RELATED TO DIESEL TRANSPORTATION – SUPPORTED

Dr. Ulrich Alsentzer, Chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Commission, reminded City Council that a Protection Agreement was signed a year ago and a large portion of the agreement dealt with the amount of vehicle emissions being controlled and reduced. diesel engine related transportation is what is being proposed today. Since July 2007, the City of Greenville has purchased vehicles that meet the Federal Emission Standards and cars equipped with systems to remove particulates that can penetrate indoors at a rate of 85%. The vehicle replacement program established by the City allows the replacement of older vehicles more rapidly with vehicles that meet the 2007 Federal Emission Standards as well as Hybrid vehicles or other alternative fueled vehicles. In the Fiscal Year 2007-08 the Public Works Department replaced 10 vehicles and is proposing to replace 18 more vehicles in the upcoming budget cycle with particulate filters verifying removal of PM2.5. The Public Works Department has secured funds from the Federal Transit Grant to retrofit seven Great buses. It will cost an estimated \$700,000 to retrofit the remaining diesel fleet. If funding is available, staff will need to determine the availability and feasibility of retrofits for each vehicle. The Public Works Department will determine which vehicles are technologically and economically feasible to be retrofitted, and will seek and apply for any available grants. The combined recommendation of the Public Works Department and the Environmental Advisory Commission is that the City Council support the proposed resolution recommending the adoption of practices that require all new diesel vehicles purchased by the City of Greenville have a fine particulate filter verifying removal of PM 2.5 and that all feasible vehicles be retro-fitted with a PM 2.5 replacement verifying removal of fine particulates as determined by the Director of the Public Works and the availability of funding.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to support the resolution recommending the adoption of practices that require all new diesel vehicles purchased by the City of Greenville to have a fine particulate filter verifying removal of PM (2.5) and that all feasible vehicles be retrofitted with a PM(2.5) replacement verifying removal of fine particulates to be determined by the Director of Public Works and available funding. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 2 OF THE GREENVILLE CITY CODE BY ADDING AN ARTICLE G WHICH ESTABLISHES AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION - ADOPTED

Dr. Ulrich Alsentzer informed the Council that the Environmental Advisory Commission had reviewed its by-laws and found some things that were no long correct. Also, the Environmental Advisory Commission has not been created by ordinance, so he suggested doing so and also suggested incorporating a few small changes so that the committee is more in line with the requirements. He recommended the following modifications:

Membership was limited to the residents of the City of Greenville and the items underlined were added to the description of each position.

- A. A lawyer or <u>other person with knowledge of environmental regulations and</u> <u>environmental safety practices;</u>
- B. A building contractor, land developer, or someone familiar with construction techniques;
- C. A member of a local environmental group;
- D. An educator of the natural or physical sciences of physician;
- E. A professional engineer;
- F. An at-large member from the Greenville community;
- G. An at-large member from the Greenville community with skills and interest in environmental health, safety, and/or medicine.

The Environmental Advisory Commission will be responsible for the maintenance and publication of the environmental review record for all community development projects" was deleted from the responsibilities and duties. This environmental review record is no longer necessary for block grant applications. Also, "The City Planner shall serve as executive secretary" was changed to reflect the Director of Public Works. In addition, Resolution 211 as amended by 589 has been rewritten in ordinance format which is similar to how other commissions are established in the City of Greenville.

Motion was made by Council Member Mercer and seconded by Council Member Spell to adopt the ordinance amending Title 2 of the City Code by creating a Chapter G which establishes an Environmental Advisory Commission. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 08-27)

PURCHASE OF HURST PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1717 SKINNER STREET ADJACENT TO PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX - APPROVED

City Attorney Dave Holec stated that the Public Works Department has a need for additional open storage space. The City has the opportunity to acquire the property located at 1717 Skinner Street, which is located across Skinner Street from the rear of the Public Works Complex. This property is proposed to be used as open storage space for the Public Works Department and as an additional future building site for covered storage, when needed. The property consists of 2.372 acres. the owner of the property, Billy A. Hurst, Jr. has agreed to sell it to the City for \$146,000.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to approve the acquisition of the property located at 1717 Skinner Street for \$146,000. Motion carried unanimously. (Contract No. 1673)

PRESENTATION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2013

Ms. Bernita Demery, Director of Finance, informed the City Council that the most significant funding source is the City's General Fund, which is made up of property tax, sales tax and other revenue sources. The Powell Bill Fund includes funds from the State for maintaining streets and thoroughfares. The City's Capital Improvement Program includes revenues from the City's proposed enterprise fund, the City's Sanitation Management Program, the Storm Water Utility Fund, and Capital Reserves which are from the City's savings and grants. Other funding sources include the Vehicular Replacement Fund and bonds which are current borrowings. The City still has \$8 million worth of authorized, but unissued, general obligation bonds. Some of the City's major funding sources are grants from the Department of Transportation and local and state contributors. The estimated cost of all projects for the FY 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program is \$142,341,061, with the estimated cost of all projects for FY 2008-13 is \$54,152,960, and the unmet projects for that timeframe total \$89,188,101. The estimated cost of met projects for FY 2008-13 is \$54,152,960, and the unmet projects for that timeframe total \$89,188,101. The estimated cost of met projects for FY 2008-2009 is \$21,472,900 and the unmet projects total \$5,956,733.

City Manager Bowers reviewed the projects for next year. For the Information Technology Department, the met needs include funding to enhance accessibility through e-government technology, update Fire/Rescue data collection software, expand disaster recovery capability, increase storage and security, and to update communications technology. For the Fire/Rescue Department, the met needs include funding to begin the design for Station 7, add a classroom at Station 6, and purchase land for Station 8. For the Recreation and Parks Department, the met needs include funding to convert Elm Street Gym into a fully accessible facility, install HVAC at the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center and Eppes Gyms, build restrooms at the Bradford Creek Soccer complex, upgrade playground equipment, renovate River Birch Tennis Center, and pave paths at River Park North and the Town Common. For the Public Works Department, the met needs include funding for Intermodal Transportation Center, to purchase additional garbage trucks, to build Thomas Langston Road Extension, to complete storm drainage projects in the Dickinson Avenue/Chestnut Street and Skinner Street/Beatty Street areas, and to complete the South Tar River Greenway. For the Community Development Department, funding for met needs is for the West Greenville and Center City revitalization projects.

City Manager Bowers reviewed the following "The Year After Projects" that are included in the City's met needs. For the Information Technology Department, those items were to update Fire/Rescue data collection software, enhance accessibility through e-government technology,

add disaster recovery capability, increase storage and security, update communications, and to expand the City's Geographic Information Systems capability. For the Fire/Rescue Department, the met need was to add a traffic signal at Fire Station 5. For the Police Department, the met need was to expand the property and evidence storage capability. For the Recreation and Parks Department, the met needs were to upgrade playground equipment and provide for inspection and renovation of the Town Common bulkhead. In the Public Works Department, the met needs included the Intermodal Transportation Center, purchase of additional buses, building the Stantonsburg Road/Tenth Street Connector, completion of the storm drainage maintenance projects, and building the Green Mill Run Greenway. In the Community Development Department, the met needs included the West Greenville Redevelopment and the Center City Revitalization projects.

City Manager Bowers then reviewed the unmet projects. The citywide wireless project is an unmet need in the Information Technology Department. In the Fire/Rescue Department, the Emergency Medical Services unit and equipment, Fire Station #7, vehicle storage unit, emergency traffic light program, and Fire Station 4 maintenance are all unmet needs. The mobile command post is an unmet need in the Police Department. For the Recreation and Parks Department, the unmet needs include the Bradford Creek restroom/shelter facility, land banking, H. Boyd Lee Park parking lot expansion, H. Boyd Lee Park multi-purpose fields, splash parks, Bradford Creek soccer complex lighting, Jaycee Park Arts and Crafts Center expansion, and Eppes Recreation Center renovations. In the Public Works Department, the unmet needs include the comprehensive wayfinding system, historic theater renovations, and West Fifth Street Streetscape design and construction. The proposed unmet projects for the Library include the Sheppard Memorial Library south basement and a northwest branch.

Assistant City Manager Moton discussed the future Capital Improvement Programs and informed the City Council that there would be a preview of the budget in April and a presentation of the proposed budget in May. The proposed adoption of the FY 2008-2009 budget will be presented to City Council in June.

CITY OF GREENVILLE 2008-2009 GOALS - APPROVED

City Manager Wayne Bowers stated that during the Annual Planning Session on January 26, 2008, the City Council tentatively agreed to 10 goals and several objectives for the next two years. Following this direction, City staff came up with specific action items to meet those goals and objectives. Staff assigned 147 action items to the goals and objectives established by City Council and they were sent to Council for review on February 29, 2008. City Manager Bowers recommended changing Goal 9, Objective C from "Promote Cool City Initiative" to "Implement the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement."

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Council and seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the change recommended by the Environmental Advisory Commission to change "Promote Cool City Initiative" to "Implement the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement". Motion carried unanimously. Upon being asked to do so, Mayor Dunn read the 147 action items. The Council asked for clarification on certain items, discussed the action items and made changes as follows:

Motion was made by Council Member Kittrell and seconded by Council Member Mercer to add to Goal 2, Objective B, an Action Item 3 to read, "Invite the Pitt County Development Commission Director to give an update to City Council". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Mercer and seconded by Council Member Spell to change Goal 2, Objective E, Action Item 2 from "Partner with *STRIVE and its non-profit partners* to provide support and training for job opportunities for non-violent offenders who are re-entering the community from the correctional system" to "Partner with *nonprofit and governmental agencies* to provide support and training for job opportunities for non-violent offenders who are re-entering the community from the correctional system". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Joyner and seconded by Council Member Glover to delete Goal 4, Objective D, Action Item 1, which read, "Explore the opportunity to increase the motor vehicle tax and/or add a gas or sales tax for transportation improvements". Motion failed with a 2:4 vote. Council Members Glover and Joyner voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Council and Council Members Kittrell, Spell and Mercer voted in opposition.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Kittrell to amend Goal 6, Objective C, Action Item 1, which read, "*Amend the* subdivision and zoning regulations to require recreation and open space reservations and/or dedications based on population impact" to "*Consider amending* the subdivision and zoning regulations to require recreation and open space reservations based on population impact". Motion carried with a 5:1 vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Council and Council Members Glover, Mercer, Spell, and Kittrell voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Joyner voted in opposition.

Council Members Kittrell and Joyner thought that this issue may need to be studied more, and Council Member Kittrell requested a copy of the report or ordinance regarding this that was referred to by the Director of Community Development.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to add to Goal 7, Objective A, an Action Item 3 to read as follows: "Continue to explore ways of communication with citizens on City services and programs using GTV-9". Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to add to Goal 9, Objective C, an Action Item 4 to read as follows: "Explore meetings with East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, Pitt County Commissioners, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Pitt County School Board." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to approve the City of Greenville 2008-2009 Goals, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Bowers indicated that for action items that were added, he will assign a responsibility, timeframe and fiscal note to the items that were added by Council.

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- 1. Goal: Promote a Safe Community
 - A. Objective: Continue to support community policing
 - Action Item #1: Implement district/sector policing concept in Patrol and **Investigations Bureaus** Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost Action Item #2: Continue support of Police Community Relations Committee meetings to be held throughout the five voting districts Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost Action Item #3: Establish a Citizens on Patrol Program consisting of volunteers and members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: \$25,000 Action Item #4. Partner with the new Community/Neighborhood Liaison in the Community Development Department to create "super" community/neighborhood support groups
 - Responsibility: Police and Community Development Departments Timeframe: August 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #5: Partner with Red Cross, Salvation Army, and willing landlords to develop a "Special Needs Safe Housing for Special Needs Victims" Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined
 - B. Objective: Expand crime prevention activities for youth
 - Action Item #1: Continue support of the Greenville Police Athletic League (PAL) by becoming a formally recognized non-profit organization of the National PAL

Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: PAL funding included in Police budget

- Action Item #2: Explore expanding the PAL after-school, summer, and spring break programs to increase maximum enrollment and to serve additional at-risk age groups and new locations
 Responsibility: Recreation and Parks, and Police Departments Timeframe: December 2008
 Fiscal note: Continuation funding contained in budget and expansion funding to be determined
- Action Item #3: Create a Police Explorer (Boy Scouts) Program for youth with funding and scholarships (at-risk) Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined
- Action Item #4: Continue partnership with Communities in Schools and the Power of One Mentoring Program by increasing the number of Police Department employees who participate in the Department's Mentoring Program Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- Action Item #5: Work with local schools to recruit teenagers for summer camp "Counselor in Training" volunteer program to train teens in job skills and interpersonal relationship skills and to keep teens active in constructive activity and off the streets Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: April 2009 Fiscal note: Minimal direct cost
- C. Objective: Strengthen partnerships between the Police Department and the Pitt County School System
 - Action Item #1: Continue support of Middle School Initiative (Summer Significance Academy) with the United Way of Pitt County, Pitt County School System, Greenville Police Department, and other partners Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: August 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Partner with Pitt County School System in the development of a citywide truancy program Responsibility: Police Department

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Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined

- D. Objective: Consider more police substations in high crime areas
 - Action Item #1: Evaluate the effectiveness of the West Greenville Substation on West Fifth Street and its use by the IMPACT Team Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Examine the possibility of establishing substations north of the Tar River and the south side of Greenville Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: March 2009 Fiscal Note: No direct cost to conduct examination
- E. Objective: Create jobs and housing opportunities for adult/youth re-entering the community from the correctional system
 - Action Item #1: Partner with Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Probation and Parole to identify entry-level job opportunities for non-violent offenders who are re-entering the community from the correctional system Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: August 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Partner with nonprofit and governmental agencies to provide support and training for job opportunities for non-violent offenders who are re-entering the community from the correctional system Responsibility: Human Resources Department Timeframe: August 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #3: Partner with Community Development, the Department of Social Services, Greenville Housing Authority, and non-profit agencies to explore transitional housing opportunities for non-violent offenders who are re-entering the community from the correctional system Responsibility: Police and Community Development Departments Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined
- F. Objective: Evaluate the effectiveness of the false alarm ordinance
 - Action Item #1: Develop an online alarm training/public awareness program for users

Responsibility: Police and Information Technology Departments Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost

- Action Item #2: Prepare quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports evaluating the effectiveness of the program with recommendations pertaining to the alarm ordinance Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: April, July, and October 2008; and January 2009 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- G. Objective: Address problems created by gang activity
 - Action Item #1: Partner with Pitt County Sheriff's Office and other municipal law enforcement agencies to target gang activity Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: To be determined
 - Action Item #2: Continue support of Citizens United Against Violence (CUAV), Blue Print for Peace, and Project Unity Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct costs
 - Action Item #3: Continue support of the Police Department Gang Unit financially and educationally through training, equipment, and other resources as determined necessary Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: To be determined
 - Action Item #4: Research and draft a Youth Protection Ordinance (curfew) to be presented to City Council for consideration Responsibility: Police Department Timeframe: May 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost to draft ordinance
- 2. Goal: Promote/Strengthen Economic Development Opportunities
 - A. *Objective: Promote diverse economic housing and cultural entertainment in the downtown area*
 - Action Item #1: Explore potential incentive programs that may be paired with existing federal and state tax credit programs for the adaptive reuse and renovation of historic structures in the downtown area Responsibility: Community Development Department

Timeframe: November 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined

- Action Item #2: Create more public and "for lease" parking in the downtown area Responsibility: Community Development and Public Works Departments Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined
- Action Item #3: Review existing regulations that may inhibit diverse housing and explore potential Code revisions that may promote diverse housing in the downtown area Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct costs
- Action Item #4: Continue to provide culturally diverse entertainment at Town Common through Sunday in the Park performances; explore concert sponsorship to lengthen the summer program and expand into other seasons Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: March 2009 Fiscal Note: Minimal cost to explore sponsorships
- Action Item #5: Support existing cultural initiatives such as the Greenville Museum of Art and the Emerge Gallery as well as partner with these and other arts interest groups to establish a civic arts program for the City Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct costs in planning stages
- B. Objective: Coordinate with existing economic development agencies
 - Action Item #1: Participate in quarterly City and Town Managers of Pitt County meetings hosted by Pitt County Development Commission Responsibility: City Manager and Assistant City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct costs
 - Action Item #2: Create an economic development agency database and meet representatives from each agency and extend an offer to collaborate on projects impacting Greenville Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: May 2008 Fiscal Note: \$200

- Action Item #3: Invite the Pitt County Development Commission Director to give an update to City Council.
- C. Objective: Increase participation in economic development events
 - Action Item #1: Participate in meetings sponsored by North Carolina's Eastern Region and other regional economic development agencies Responsibility: Mayor, City Council, and City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Work with Pitt County Development Commission, Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, and North Carolina Department of Commerce so that the City Manager's Office can be notified of events and increase attendance at economic development events Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- D. Objective: Promote public/private partnerships for economic development
 - Action Item #1: Coordinate a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Mix-Meet-n-Learn with other local agencies Responsibility: Financial Services Department Timeframe: February 2008 Fiscal Note: \$3,150
 - Action Item # 2: Work with the Training Coordinator in the Human Resources Department to offer workshops presented by City employees to MWBE vendors Responsibility: Financial Services and Human Resources Departments Timeframe: November 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
 - Action Item #3: Prepare and present a proposal to East Carolina University, NC Department of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, Pitt County Development Commission, and Pitt County to host an economic summit in Greenville highlighting effective public/private economic development partnerships Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined
 - Action Item #4: Continue effort to complete the small business incubator program design and planning process Responsibility: Community Development and Financial Services

Departments Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: Redevelopment Commission funding

- 3. Goal: Promote Sustainability and Livability of Both Old and New Neighborhoods
 - A. Objective: Create walkable/bikeable communities
 - Action Item #1:Review implementation status of the August 2002 Greenville Urban
Area Bicycle Master Plan
Responsibility: Public Works Department
Timeframe: August 2008
Fiscal Note: No direct cost to conduct reviewAction Item #2:Develop a sidewalk master plan to create interconnectivity with
 - Action item #2. Develop a sidewark master plan to create interconnectivity with neighborhoods, parks, and mixed-use developments Responsibility: Community Development and Public Works Departments Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - B. Objective: Expand the greenway system
 - Action Item #1: Plan and implement a long-term strategy of greenway development that ensures neighborhood connectivity in a manner consistent with the goal of providing opportunities for walking, bicycling, or other appropriate methods of alternative transportation Responsibility: Recreation and Parks, Community Development, and Public Works Departments Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost for planning phase; implementation cost to be determined
 - Action Item #2: Investigate and, if appropriate, pursue grant opportunities intended to implement greenway transportation corridors Responsibility: Recreation and Parks, and Public Works Departments Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost to investigate and pursue
 - Action Item #3: Complete construction of the South Tar River Greenway Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: June 2009 Fiscal Note: \$1,500,000 (federal grant)
 - Action Item #4: Complete construction of the 1st Phase of the Fork Swamp Canal Greenway

Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: \$10,000

- Action Item #5: Complete design of the Green Mill Run Greenway Extension to Evans Park Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: January 2009 Fiscal Note: \$100,000
- C. Objective: Enhance citizens' understanding of predatory lending
 - Action Item #1: Maintain awareness of pending legislation on the issue of predatory lending and the foreclosure crisis facing the nation and make recommendations to City Council as needed Responsibility: Community Development Department and Assistant City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Prepare resolution in support of state and federal legislative efforts prohibiting predatory lending Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct costs
 - Action Item #3: Initiate anti-predatory lending public awareness campaign offered through the United States Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: May 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
 - Action Item #4: Create semi-annual educational workshop programs for citizens through partnerships with service providers and financial institutions Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined
 - Action Item #5: Evaluate membership in the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), an association of 600+ community-based organizations that promote access to basic banking and lending services Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: \$500 membership fee

- Action Item #6: Attend the NCRC annual conference's special session on home foreclosure and creating sustainable home ownership Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: March 2008 Fiscal Note: \$1,000
- Action Item #7: Sponsor a "Homeownership Fair" during CDBG Week to educate citizens Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: \$250
- D. Objective: Promote community gardens (such as Meadowbrook and Intergenerational Center)
 - Action Item #1: Work with community partners at the Intergenerational Center to establish suitable locations for community gardens on City-owned property Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: June 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Work with community neighbors in the Meadowbrook area to establish suitable locations for community gardens on City-owned property Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
- E. Objective: Monitor the work of the Blue Ribbon Task Force for 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Pitt County
 - Action Item #1: Assign a staff member to serve on the "Management Advisory Team" to prepare a plan to end chronic homelessness in 10 years Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: February 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Partner with Pitt County, Pitt County United Way, and others to fund a project coordinator position to organize and facilitate the Blue Ribbon Task Force meetings Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: February 2008 Fiscal Note: \$15,000

Action Item #3: Present semi-annual reports on the progress of the Blue Ribbon Task Force for City Council Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost

4. Goal: Develop Transportation Initiatives

A. Objective: Upgrade Greenville Boulevard and other State-maintained streets within the city (safety and more attractive)

Action Item #1:	Create a Traffic Services Division and, in conjunction, upgrade the Traffic Engineer position from a Civil Engineer II to a Civil Engineer III to make the position more marketable to the experienced traffic engineers Responsibility: Public Works and Human Resources Departments Timeframe: Complete reclassification process of position including City Council approval by May 2008 and have position filled by August 2008 Fiscal Note: Reclassification will increase the position by one pay grade; estimated increase in personnel cost is \$11,400 based on difference between mid-points of the two pay ranges
Action Item #2:	Construct sidewalks along both sides of Greenville Boulevard between Landmark Street and Bismarck Street as part of the Convention Center Business District

- Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: April 2009 Fiscal Note: Project cost to be determined and funded with Convention Center fund
- B. Objective: Improve pedestrian mobility
 - Action Item #1: Include the construction of sidewalks in all state and city street reconstruction and new construction projects Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal note: Cost will be determined for each project
 - Action Item #2: Construct sidewalks in areas presently not served based on availability of right-of-way with priority to areas with larger amounts of traffic Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: Ongoing

- Fiscal Note: \$375,000 is programmed in FY08/09 Sidewalk Construction Program; future projects subject to available funds
- Action Item #3: Promote citizen involvement in the planning and implementation of the City's greenway system, beginning specifically by working with the Friends of Greenville Greenways (FROGGS) and other interested citizens to investigate greenway opportunities that promote connectivity Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: Cost will be determined for each project

C. Objective: Improve public transit

Action Item #1: Explore specific opportunities for coordinating existing transit systems, for example, website linkages to County/ECU transit web information from the City of Greenville website; continue to maintain staff level contact (GREAT, PATS, ECUSTA) to target additional coordination opportunities Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: August 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost; contact and discussions performed by staff

- Action Item #2: Continue to address enhanced coordination and potential merger of local transit systems in conjunction with construction of the Intermodal Transportation Center Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost; contact and discussions performed by staff
- Action Item #3: Continue process for constructing Intermodal Transportation Center by completing site selection process and development of a conceptual plan Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: Estimated cost for entire project is \$9.2 million with Federal/State government paying 90% and City paying 10% local match
- Action Item #4: Continue process for constructing Intermodal Transportation Center by completing land acquisition and building design Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: May 2009

- Fiscal Note: Estimated cost for entire project is \$9.2 million with Federal/State government paying 90% and City paying 10% local match
- D. Objective: Explore ways to finance construction of new streets
 - Action Item #1: Explore the opportunity to increase the motor vehicle tax and/or add a gas or sales tax for transportation improvements Responsibility: Public Works and Financial Services Departments Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal note: Minimal cost; may add \$500,000 in revenue
 - Action Item #2: Explore the possibility of a new general obligation bond authorization for transportation improvements Responsibility: Financial Services Department Timeframe: June 2009 Fiscal Note: Minimal cost
- E. Objective: Move the railroad switching yard
 - Action Item #1: Assist North Carolina Department of Transportation with constructing the new WYE connection north of CSX's switching yard
 Responsibility: Public Works Department
 Timeframe: March 2009
 Fiscal note: Total project cost is \$3,365,000; City to provide funding for right-of-way acquisition
 - Action Item #2: Assist North Carolina Department of Transportation with completing the preparations necessary to move CSX switching yard from the Howell Street area to north of the City within vicinity of NC Highway 903
 Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: Total project cost is \$4,816,500; City to provide funding for right-of-way acquisition
- F. Objective: Work with railroad companies to better maintain railroad properties
 - Action Item #1: Explore the option of obtaining a beautification agreement allowing the City to maintain vegetation in the area outside of the flagman zone but within the right-of-way of the rail lines in the City Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal note: No direct cost; staff time only

- Action Item #2: Maintain vegetation in the area outside of the flagman zone but within the right-of-way of the rail lines in the City to include mowing every two months, where appropriate, during the growing season and by using a growth regulator treatment at appropriate times Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: Estimated cost is \$40,000
- Action Item #3: Obtain permission from the Norfolk/Southern Railroad to paint the exposed surfaces of the railroad bridge over Dickinson Avenue Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: April 2009 Fiscal Note: Estimated cost of project is \$150,000
- G. Objective: Explore the initiation of passenger rail service from Greenville to Raleigh
 - Action Item #1: Greenville is already included in North Carolina Department of Transportation's long-range plans for passenger rail service; provide NCDOT passenger rail planners with any backup documentation required to support their plans Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal note: No direct cost
- H. Objective: Improve commercial air service
 - Action Item #1: Provide funding to match federal commercial air service development grant Responsibility: City Council Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal note: \$33,333
 - Action Item #2: Provide funding for the airport economic stimulus program and allow flexibility to use these funds for commercial air service incentives Responsibility: City Council and City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: \$98,732
- 5. Goal: Keep Planning Ahead of Anticipated Growth
 - A. Objective: Encourage use of the planned unit development zoning classification
 - Action Item #1: Revise the PUD development regulations to eliminate the additional zoning district designation requirement and to substitute a performance-based special use permit process in replacement

Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: Ordinance options report to City Council in September 2008 with Planning & Zoning amendment consideration in November 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost

- B. Objective: Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team
 - Action Item #1: Contact the local R/UDAT representatives and request that they make a presentation to City Council concerning the initiation of, and the City's endorsement of, a local program

Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: Staff report to City Council in May 2008 concerning R/UDAT contact, and R/UDAT presentation to City Council in August 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined

- 6. Goal: Enhance Cultural and Recreational Opportunities
 - A. Objective: Better and improved park/recreation facilities in underserved neighborhoods
 - Action Item #1: Install and update security camera systems at all recreation centers to enhance safety for program participants Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: March 2009 Fiscal Note: \$12,000
 - Action Item #2: Install air conditioning systems in the gymnasiums at the Eppes Recreation Center and the Aquatics and Fitness Center Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: April 2009 Fiscal Note: \$200,000
 - Action Item #3: Consider hiring a Park Planner to administer the Parks Comprehensive Master Plan and seek funding for and assist in developing and improving parks and facilities in underserved neighborhoods Responsibility: City Council Timeframe: June 2008 Fiscal Note: \$85,000
 - B. Objective: Create a playful city (KaBoom!)
 - Action Item #1: Contact KaBoom! (a national nonprofit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in

America) and obtain information on implementing the program in Greenville Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal cost

Action Item #2: Research criteria for qualification of new playground structures in underdeveloped neighborhood parks and their facilities under the KaBoom! program Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: August 2008 Fiscal Note: To be determined

C. Objective: Develop strategies for ensuring more open space and neighborhood parks

- Action Item #1: Consider amending the subdivision and zoning regulations to require recreation and open space reservations and/or dedications based on population impact Responsibility: Recreation and Parks, and Community Development Departments Timeframe: Three months after completion of Parks Comprehensive Master Plan Update Fiscal Note: To be determined
- Action Item #2: Develop strategies to identify potential opportunities for corporate support of parks Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal cost
- D. Objective: Establish a nonprofit to enhance recreation projects/parks
 - Action Item #1: Create "Greenville Parks & Recreation Council", a nonprofit coalition of *Friends of the Park* or special recreation-interest organizations Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: \$1,000
- E. Objective: Internationalize the City
 - Action Item #1: Provide City Council report on Sister Cities International, including participating North Carolina cities and list of international cities seeking partners Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: May 2008

- Fiscal Note: Annual membership dues are \$680; additional costs to be determined
- Action Item #2: Develop tools to get broad feedback from International Festival participants and attendees to assist in planning annual event Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- Action Item #3: Ensure that variety of International Festival participants and entertainment support diversity efforts to appeal to the greater community Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: No additional cost
- Action Item #4: Bring in better entertainment to help increase the attendance at the International Festival Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: June 2008 Fiscal Note: \$10,000 proposed in 2008-2009 budget (increase of \$5,000)
- F. Objective: Develop feasible strategies to get a performing arts center in the city
 - Action Item #1: Continue dialog with East Carolina University in support of the University's plan to construct a performing arts center Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost in planning stage
 - Action Item #2: Form partnerships with interest groups who share the mission of promoting performing arts within Greenville's Center City Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #3: If available, acquire suitable land or building in support of a smallscale performing arts/community theatre venue Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: \$160,000 CIP request in 2008-2009 budget
- 7. Goal: Enhance Understanding and Increase Broader Citizen Participation in City Government

- A. Objective: Continue to look at ways to improve communication with citizens through the media, primarily GTV-9
 - Action Item #1: Explore the possibility of increasing exposure of boards and commissions utilizing programming on GTV-9 Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: May 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #2: Explore offering GTV-9 programming on-demand via the City's website Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: Estimated cost \$5,000 – \$15,000
 - Action Item #3: Continue to explore ways of communicating with citizens on city services and programs using GTV-9.
- B. Objective: Continue to monitor and get citizen feedback from the citizen action line
 - Action Item #1: Provide monthly reports on citizen action line usage Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact
 - Action Item #2: Initiate a citizen action line reminder public information campaign Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: July 2008 Fiscal Note: Minimal direct cost
- C. Objective: Expand opportunities for citizens' suggestions (online)
 - Action Item #1: Explore the possibility of creating an online comment box Responsibility: Public Information Office and Information Technology Department Timeframe: May 2008 Fiscal Note: Limited fiscal impact
- D. Objective: Citizens Academy (increase number)
 - Action Item #1: Hold the Academy as planned in the fall and expand to two sessions per year (spring and fall) when the fall class becomes at least ³/₄ full (at least 19 people) Responsibility: Public Information Office Timeframe: October 2008 Fiscal Note: \$1,500 provided in 2008-09 budget

- E. Objective: Enhance help provided to citizens who are appearing before certain boards
 - Action Item #1: Review and modify the information mailed to property owners owning property near the site of scheduled agenda items for the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, and the Historic Preservation Commission to ensure that citizens have substantial information on the procedure and relevant matters to be considered by the commission or board as the agenda items are addressed Responsibility: City Attorney and Community Development Department Timeframe: July 2008

Fiscal Note: No direct costs

- Action Item #2: Conduct a session with the chairs of the boards and commissions created by City Council to review applicable guidelines for the conduction of a meeting Responsibility: City Attorney Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct costs
- F. Objective: Keep promoting the Talent Bank (increase recruitment)
 - Action Item #1: Place an advertisement for upcoming board and commission appointments in <u>The Daily Reflector</u> as appointments come up. Place an advertisement recruiting applications for all boards and commissions in <u>The Daily Reflector</u> and <u>The M Voice</u> on a quarterly basis. Responsibility: City Clerk Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: \$1,000
 - Action Item #2: Run an advertisement for upcoming board and commission appointments on GTV-9 and the City's website as appointments come up and run an advertisement recruiting applications for all boards and commissions on a weekly basis Responsibility: City Clerk Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #3: Place an advertisement for board and commission members on the official bulletin board in City Hall and other City buildings Responsibility: City Clerk Timeframe: March 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost

- Action Item #4: Have Talent Bank forms available for citizens to pick up at City Council meetings Responsibility: City Clerk Timeframe: March 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- 8. Goal: Enhance Diversity
 - A. Objective: Enhance race relations

- Action Item #3: Sponsor an annual Race Equality Event (unity walk, breakfast, luncheon, festival) Responsibility: Community Development Department/Human Relations Officer Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: \$1,500
- B. *Objective: Promote inclusive communities*

Action Item #1: Hold an inclusive community meeting (or meetings) and draft a report that will identify issues and strategies that will identify strategies for the community based upon input received from the community meeting(s) Responsibility: Community Development Department/Human Relations Officer Timeframe: April through December 2008 Fiscal Note: \$500

- Action Item #2: Sponsor an annual inclusive community celebration Responsibility: Community Development Department/Human Relations Officer Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: \$1,500
- Action Item #3: Garner public support to build a small business incubator Responsibility: Financial Services and Community Development Departments Timeframe: November 2008 Fiscal Note: \$5,000
- C. Objective: Diversity training for Council and staff
 - Action Item #1: Increase understanding of community diversity issues through the participation of City Council Members and management staff in a diversity training workshop Responsibility: Human Resources Department Timeframe: November 2008 Fiscal Note: \$5,000

9. Goal: Promote Effective Partnerships

- A. Objective: Stay engaged with student groups such as the ECU Student Government Association
 - Action Item #1: Provide follow-up report on issues discussed at the joint City Council-ECU Student Government Association meeting conducted on January 24, 2008 Responsibility: City Manager Timeframe: April 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct costs
 - Action Item #2: Conduct annual meeting at start of academic year with ECU Student Government Association Responsibility: City Council/City Manager Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
 - Action Item #3: Continue internship programs for college students Responsibility: Various departments Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: Funds included in departmental budgets
- B. Objective: Address extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) issues
 - Action Item #1: Develop a parcel level map that illustrates the maximum extent of ETJ extension allowed by statute for City Council evaluation

Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: June 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost

- Action Item #2: Present ETJ extension request for southwest area as recommended by joint Greenville-Winterville-GUC Committee to the Pitt County Board of Commissioners Responsibility: Community Development Department Timeframe: September 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- Action Item #3: Prepare for City Council consideration a comprehensive annexation plan to address areas in the ETJ that meet legal requirements for annexation Responsibility: Assistant City Manager Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost
- C. Objective: Encourage cooperation of fellow governmental agencies

Action Item #1: Work to establish an intergovernmental agreement with Pitt County School System and ECU regarding use of recreation facilities, sports fields and parks Responsibility: Recreation and Parks Department Timeframe: June 2009 Fiscal Note: Minimal cost

- Action Item #2: Implement ways to combine training efforts and support for small businesses in the Greenville/Pitt County area Responsibility: Financial Services Department Timeframe: December 2009 Fiscal Note: Minimal cost
- Action Item #3: Continue to develop effective working relationships with the Pitt County Commissioners and meet quarterly with the Commission Chair and County Manager Responsibility: Mayor and City Manager Timeframe: Ongoing Fiscal Note: Minimal cost
- Action Item #4: Explore meetings with East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, Pitt County Commissioners, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and Pitt County School Board.
- 10. Goal: Promote Sound Environmental Policies

A. Objective: Increase recycling in the city

Action Item #1:	Investigate adding recycling bins and initiating a weekly collectio at outdoor recreational venues		
	Responsibility: Recreation and Parks, and Public Works Departments		
	Timeframe: Fall 2009		
	Fiscal Note: Minimal cost		
Action Item #2:	Provide a comprehensive report to City Council on alternative ways to increase recycling		
	Responsibility: Public Works Department		
	Timeframe: August 2008		
	Fiscal Note: No direct cost to produce report		
Action Item # 3:	Implement the approved alternatives to increase recycling		
	Responsibility: Public Works Department		
	Timeframe: Start public information campaign in April 2009 and begin implementation in July 2009		
	Fiscal Note: Dependent upon option selected by City Council; costs range from 0 to \$500,000 per year		

B. Objective: Monitor air quality situation

Action Item #1:	Inventory global warming emissions in City operations to establish
	a baseline to review new City projects and their impact on air
	quality
	Responsibility: Public Works Department
	Timeframe: December 2008
	Fiscal Note: Initially staff support only; outside assistance may be
	required for later phases; estimated cost of \$30,000
	for outside support

C. Objective: Implement the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

Action Item #1: Develop a strategy to include environmental and sustainability goals in the City's Horizons Plan Responsibility: Public Works and Community Development Departments Timeframe: December 2008 Fiscal Note: No direct cost

Action Item #2: Establish partnership with local homebuilders to implement green building practices in the City and apply for federal grant to support plan of action Responsibility: Public Works Department Timeframe: February 2009 Fiscal Note: No direct cost

Action Item #3: Provide a recommendation for replacing all vehicles on their scheduled replacement date with an industry-proven and available vehicle that has a more efficient fuel system and thus generates lower emissions
 Responsibility: Public Works Department
 Timeframe: August 2008
 Fiscal Note: Additional costs will be identified as part of recommendation

Action Item #4: Provide a recommendation for a policy that all City buildings will meet as a minimum LEED certification standards with a goal of meeting the LEED silver standard
Responsibility: Public Works Department
Timeframe: September 2008
Fiscal Note: On the average to meet LEED certified standard there is an average premium of 0.66% over construction costs and to meet the silver standard the average premium is 2.11%

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COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The Council Members expressed comments and made announcements of upcoming events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Council presented the Council Members with information that Council Member Glover and she had obtained from the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC and asked that the submittal letter be made a part of the minutes.

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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Mayor Pat Dunn Council Member Larry Spell, District 3 Council Member Calvin Mercer, District 4 Council Member Max Joyner, District 5 Council Member Bryant Kittrell, At-Large
- FROM: Mayor Pro-Tem Mildred A. Council, District 1 Council Member Rose Glover, District 2
- SUBJECT: National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional Cities (NLC) Congressional Cities Conference, March 8-12, 2008, Hilton Washington and Towers,

Washington, DC

DATE: March 13, 2008

We represented Greenville and are pleased to share some vital information that possibly will help as we govern for the next two years.

Enclosed is the following:

- NLC Life After Election: How to Survive as a Newly Elected Official
- NLC Lapel Pen, Writing Pen & American Cities Button '08, and The Road to the White House Runs through American Cities & Towns, Questions for the Candidates '08
- NLC 2008 Legislative Priorities
- American Cities '08 Issues for the 2008 Elections Booklets
- 2008 Congressional Cities Talking Points
- Congressional Directory 110th Congress, Second Session, 2008
- Join National League of Cities Brochure
- NLC Congress of Cities Flyer for Orlando, Florida Conference, November 11-15, 2008
- Certificate of Achievement in Leadership Training Institute Luncheon Flyer on 3/9/08 at NLC Conference
- NLC Celebrate Diversity Breakfast Flyer on 3/10/08
- NLC's Action Kit—Helping Families Achieve Financial Stability, Issue #9 For Municipal Leaders

Several workshops were hot topics, such as "Cushioning the Fall: Federal Response to the Subprime Mortgage Crisis" (2 sessions) and "When the Foreclosure Crisis Hits Home: What Local Officials Can Do". Council Member Glover was on C-SPAN during one of these sessions.

We brought information that may give us some ideas in problem solving, prevention, etc.

- NLC Municipal Action Guide on Seizing Opportunities to Develop and Preserve Affordable Housing
- Housing Finance System Reform
- Foreclosure Intervention Counseling Quick Reference
- Foreclosure Intervention and Default Counseling Certification
- What is HOPE NOW?
- HOPE NOW: Results in Helping Homeowners as of February 25, 2008
- The Homeowner's HOPE Hotline
- NLC's Anti-Predatory Lending Ordinance, February 2008 Briefing
- USA Today, March 11, 2008, Article on "Foreclosure Crisis Has a Ripple Effect"

James Mitchell, Council Member in Charlotte, NC and President of the National Black Caucus/Black Elected Officials is in the above article. Our cards are included. If we can share more information, please contact us.

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Council Member Spell stated that he would like to have the creation of a Neighborhood Association added to the April agenda. He will have something typed up and ready for that meeting.

Council Member Joyner asked for information on which boards are televised and which ones are not. He would like to have 100% participation. He was informed that the Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission are televised.

Motion was made by Council Member Joyner and seconded by Council Member Glover to encourage the Redevelopment Commission to hold their meetings in the Council Chambers so that they can be televised. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Joyner stated that the alarm system ordinance needs to be tweaked. He asked that the Council review that.

Mayor Pro-Tem Council asked that earned income tax credit be on the Council agenda, too. She stated that there needs to be an education session on it. City Manager Bowers indicated that staff would provide more information to Council on that.

Mayor Dunn informed the Council that a video would be made of the Council Members speaking on different topics to be shown at the Community Leaders Breakfast. She made assignments to the Council Members and informed them that Steve Hawley would have bullet points for them and that there would be pictures of some of the projects being displayed. The assignments were as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Council--Intergenerational Center, Council Member Kittrell—transportation, streets and roads, Council Member Glover—community policing, Council Member Mercer—International Festival and the Inclusive Community initiative, Council Member Spell—neighborhoods, and Council Member Joyner—uptown development.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bowers informed the Council that the Mayor and he were presented a nice plaque in appreciation for one of the sponsoring agencies of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association basketball tournament. He stated that it was a very good event.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Joyner to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks City Clerk



City of Greenville, North Carolina

Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

<u>Title of Item:</u>	First reading of an ordinance for a limousine franchise for two limousines requested by Frederick Douglas d/b/a H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outreach Promotes Excellence)
Explanation:	An application for a limousine franchise to operate two limousines has been received from Frederick Douglas d/b/a HOPE (Healthy Outreach Promotes Excellence). The request has been reviewed by the appropriate City departments. The Police Department worked with Mr. Douglas regarding an expired license and some past-due taxes, and Mr. Douglas then renewed his license and made arrangements with the Pitt County Tax Office to make payments on his taxes and to have them paid in full no later than June 15, 2008. The Community Development Department indicated that a limousine service would be an incidental use at the location where Mr. Douglas wishes to operate. The staff has worked with Mr. Douglas regarding the process for approval of the incidental use, and Mr. Douglas will need to take care of this after approval by City Council but before beginning operation of the business. Mr. Douglas understands that this has to be done prior to beginning the operation of the business. Based on this, the review departments see no reason to prohibit Mr. Douglas from operating a limousine franchise in the City of Greenville. The first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for April 7, 2008; the second reading of the ordinance in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2008, and letters were mailed to the limousine franchises advising them of the public hearing on March 26, 2008.
Fiscal Note:	None
Recommendation:	The review departments see no reason to prohibit Mr. Douglas from operating a limousine franchise in the City of Greenville. Therefore, approval is recommended.

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Limousine franchise backup information

ORDINANCE NO. 08-____ AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A LIMOUSINE FRANCHISE TO FREDERICK DOUGLAS D/B/A HOPE (HEALTHY OUTREACH PROMOTES EXCELLENCE)

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville is authorized by G.S. 160A-304 to license and regulate all vehicles operated for hire within the City of Greenville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville has adopted an ordinance, Title 1 of Chapter 11 of the <u>Greenville City Code</u>, requiring the operators of limousine businesses within the City to obtain a franchise from the City permitting said operation, and said ordinance sets forth certain requirements and criteria that must be satisfied in order to obtain and maintain the franchise for the operation of a limousine business; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Douglas d/b/a HOPE (Healthy Outreach Promotes Excellence) is an applicant for a franchise permitting the operation of two limousines within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, following investigation into the qualifications of the applicant, the City Council has determined that the applicant satisfies the requirements and conditions for the operation of a limousine business within the City and has presented evidence substantiating the public convenience and necessity of such a business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Greenville City Council that:

<u>Section 1</u>. A limousine franchise is hereby issued to Frederick Douglas d/b/a HOPE (Healthy Outreach Promotes Excellence) to permit the operation within the City of Greenville of not more than two limousines.

<u>Section 2</u>. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

<u>Section 3</u>. Any part or provision of this ordinance found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States or North Carolina is hereby deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

First reading passed on this the 7th day of April, 2008.

APPLICATION FOR LIMOUSINE FRANCHIS

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greenville

The undersigned hereby makes application for a limousine franchise under the provisions of Chapter 564, Session Laws 1945, and presents the following information:

- The applicant is familiar with the ordinances of the City of Greenville relating to liability insurance, 1. drivers regulations, regulations of rates, and other matters pertaining to the operation of limousines.
- The individual, corporate or trade name and business address of the applicant is: H.O.P.E. Healthy Outreach Anomotes Excellence 3192 NC Hay 43 N. Creenville, NC 27834 2.
- 3.
- The Applicant is: Frederick Dougles An individual and sole owner of the limousine business to be operated under the above name.
 - A corporation chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina in the year _ Β. and the officers of the corporation are
 - A partnership, as shown by articles hereto attached, and the names of partners are: C.

The Applicant operates in the following cities: Greenville 4.

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- The Applicant is requesting franchise to operate <u>2</u> limousines. 5.
- In support of this application, the following Exhibits are attached: 6.
 - A full statement of facts which, if supported by substantial testimony at the Exhibit A. hearing, will support a finding of public convenience and necessity for this operation.
 - A complete list of Applicant's motor equipment showing year, make, model, and Exhibit B. carrying capacity of each unit.
 - Financial statement showing assets, liabilities and net worth of applicant. Exhibit C.
 - Statement showing applicant has made complete arrangement for off-street Exhibit D. parking of all motor vehicles.
 - Statement of proposed fares for transportation of persons and property. Exhibit E.
 - Statement of experience of applicant in conducting limousine business. Exhibit F.

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Statement of Facts of Public Convenience and Necessity

The H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outreach Promotes Excellence) educational tutorial will service students at nearby Elementary. There are parents that need extra help with their children's school work and physical health. H.O.P.E. will provide students with a healthy snack, tutoring, and outdoor fun activity.

List of Motor Equipment

1992 Toyota Land Cruiser Carrying Capacity: 7

1997 Lexus 450

Carrying Capacity: 7

Financial Statement

None due to new business.

Off-Street Parking Arrangements

The parking for H.O.P.E. would be at the facility and at the school. Contact for the pick up of the students has been discussed with school officials.

Proposed Fares for Transportation

The fares will be included in the cost of the tutoring tuition. The weekly cost for a student to attend H.O.P.E. will be \$65.00.

Experience Conducting Limousine Business

I have experience in driving a school bus for about three years. I have been a driver of straight bed trucks for a moving company for two years. I am currently a driver for our church van service.



City of Greenville, North Carolina

Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

<u>Title of Item:</u>	Resolution accepting dedication of rights-of-way and easements for Bedford, Section 11; Lake Ellsworth, Section 7; Medford Pointe, Section One, Phase One; Bedford, Section 9, Phase 3; Westhaven South, Phase 1; Westpointe, Section Ten, Phase 2; and Westpointe, Section Six, Phase Two
Explanation:	In accordance with the City's Subdivision regulations, rights-of-way and easements have been dedicated for Bedford, Section 11 (Map Book 69 at Page 156); Lake Ellsworth, Section 7 (Map Book 53 at Page 190); Medford Pointe, Section One, Phase One (Map Book 69 at Pages 120-122); Bedford, Section 9, Phase 3 (Map Book 69 at Page 173); Westhaven South, Phase 1 (Map Book 69 at Pages 115-116); Westpointe, Section Ten, Phase 2 (Map Book 68 at Pages 175-176); and Westpointe, Section Six, Phase Two (Map Book 56 at Page 59). A resolution accepting the dedication of the aforementioned rights-of-way and easements is attached for City Council consideration. The final plats showing the rights-of-way and easement are also attached.
Fiscal Note:	Funds for the maintenance of these rights-of-way and easements are included within the FY 2007-2008 budget.
Recommendation:	City Council adopt the attached resolution accepting dedication of rights-of-way and easements for Bedford, Section 11; Lake Ellsworth, Section 7; Medford Pointe, Section One, Phase One; Bedford, Section 9, Phase 3; Westhaven South, Phase 1; Westpointe, Section Ten, Phase 2; and Westpointe, Section Six, Phase Two.

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- Bedford Section 11
- Lake Ellsworth Section 7

- Medford Pointe Section One Phase One
- Bedford Section 9 Phase 3
- **Westhaven South Phase 1**
- Westpointe Section 10 Phase 2
- Westpointe Section Six Phase Two
- April 2008 Right of Way and Easement Resolution 748591

RESOLUTION NO. 08 _____ A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION TO THE PUBLIC OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS ON SUBDIVISION PLATS

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-374 authorizes any city council to accept by resolution any dedication made to the public of land or facilities for streets, parks, public utility lines, or other public purposes, when the lands or facilities are located within its subdivision-regulation jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Review Board of the City of Greenville has acted to approve the final plats named in this resolution, or the plats or maps that predate the Subdivision Review Process; and

WHEREAS, the final plats named in this resolution contain dedication to the public of lands or facilities for streets, parks, public utility lines, or other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Greenville to accept the offered dedication on the plats named in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenville, North Carolina:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City of Greenville accepts the dedication made to the public of lands or facilities for streets, parks, public utility lines, or other public purposes offered by, shown on, or implied in the following approved subdivision plats:

Bedford, Section 11	Map Book 69	Page 156
Lake Ellsworth, Section 7	Map Book 53	Page 190
Medford Pointe, Section One, Phase One	Map Book 69	Pages 120-122
Bedford, Section 9, Phase 3	Map Book 69	Page 173
Westhaven South, Phase 1	Map Book 69	Pages 115-116
Westpointe, Section Ten, Phase 2	Map Book 68	Pages 175-176
Westpointe, Section Six, Phase Two	Map Book 56	Page 59

<u>Section 2</u>. Acceptance of dedication of lands or facilities shall not place on the City any duty to open, operate, repair, or maintain any street, utility line, or other land or facility except as provided by the ordinances, regulations or specific acts of the City, or as provided by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

<u>Section 3</u>. Acceptance of the dedications named in this resolution shall be effective upon adoption of this resolution.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk

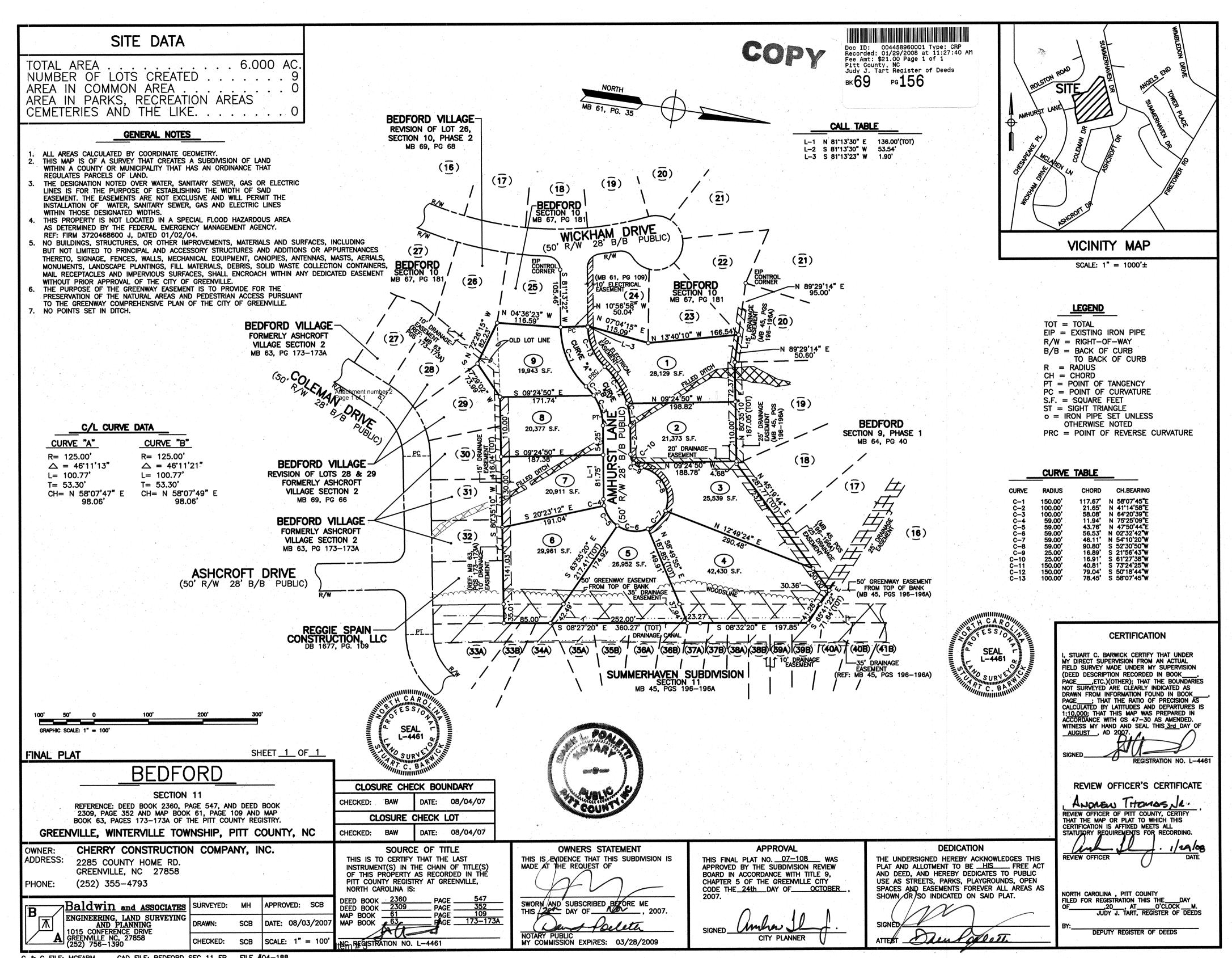
NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY

I, Patricia A. Sugg, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is the City Clerk of the City of Greenville, a municipality, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the municipality, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its mayor, sealed with the corporate seal, and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

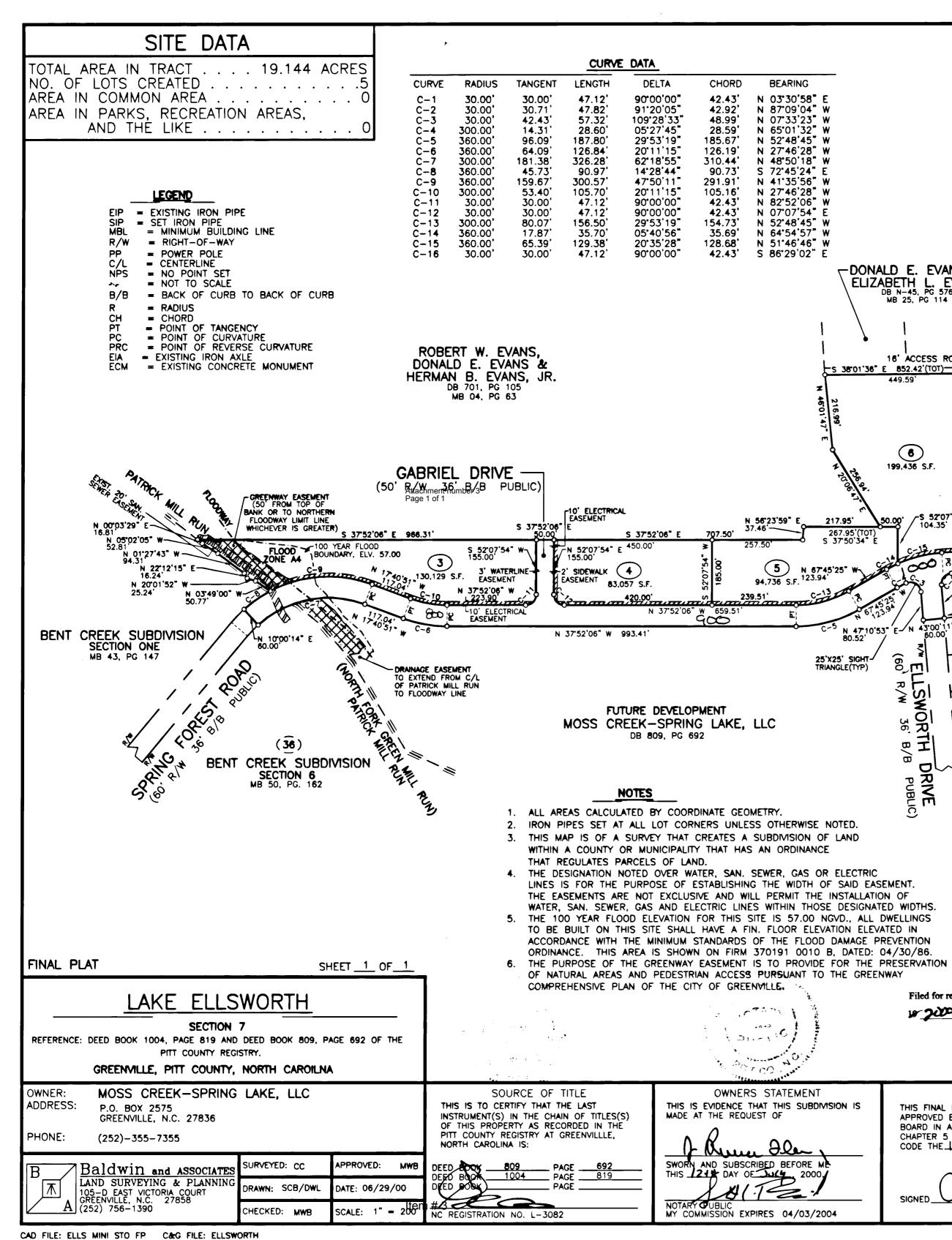
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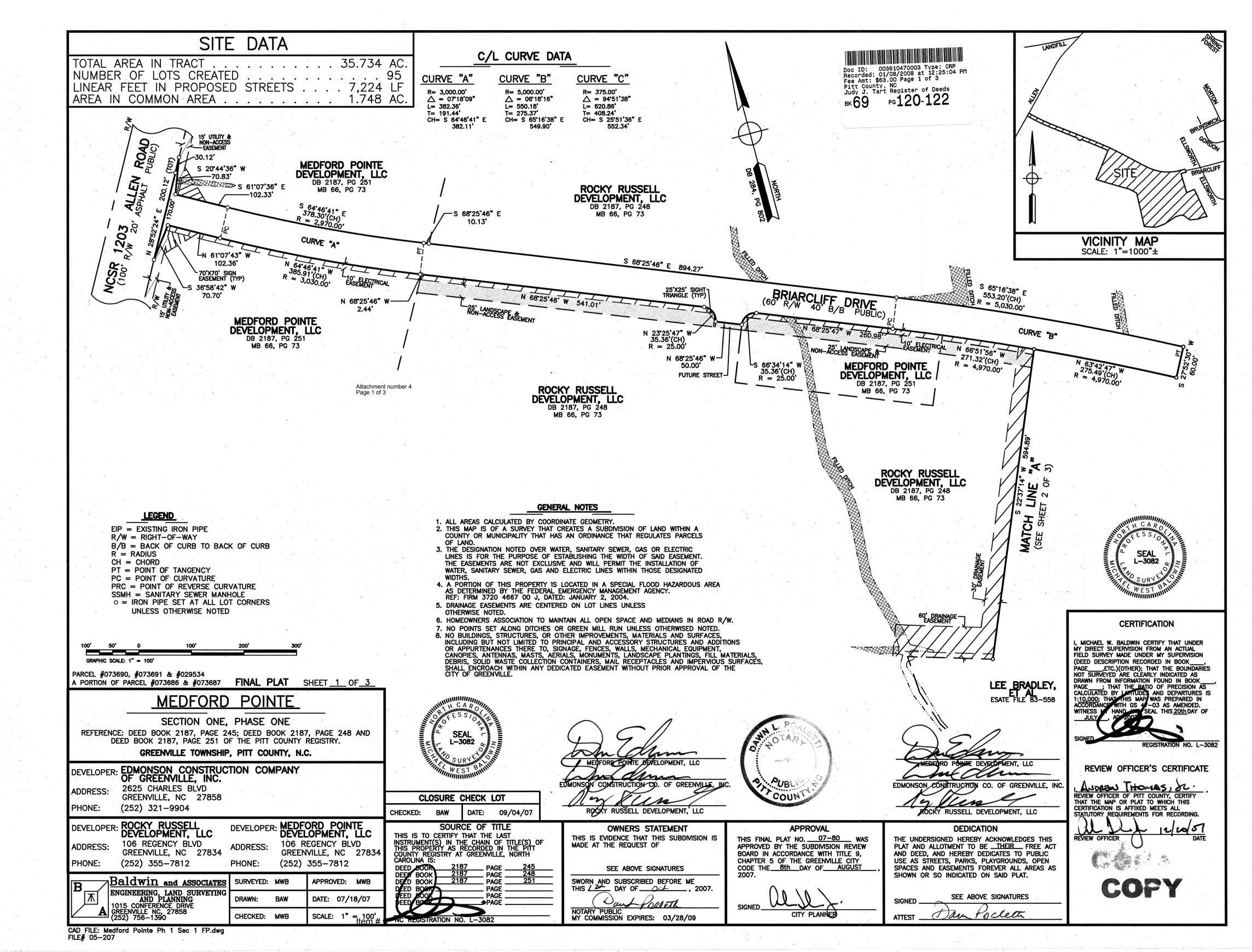
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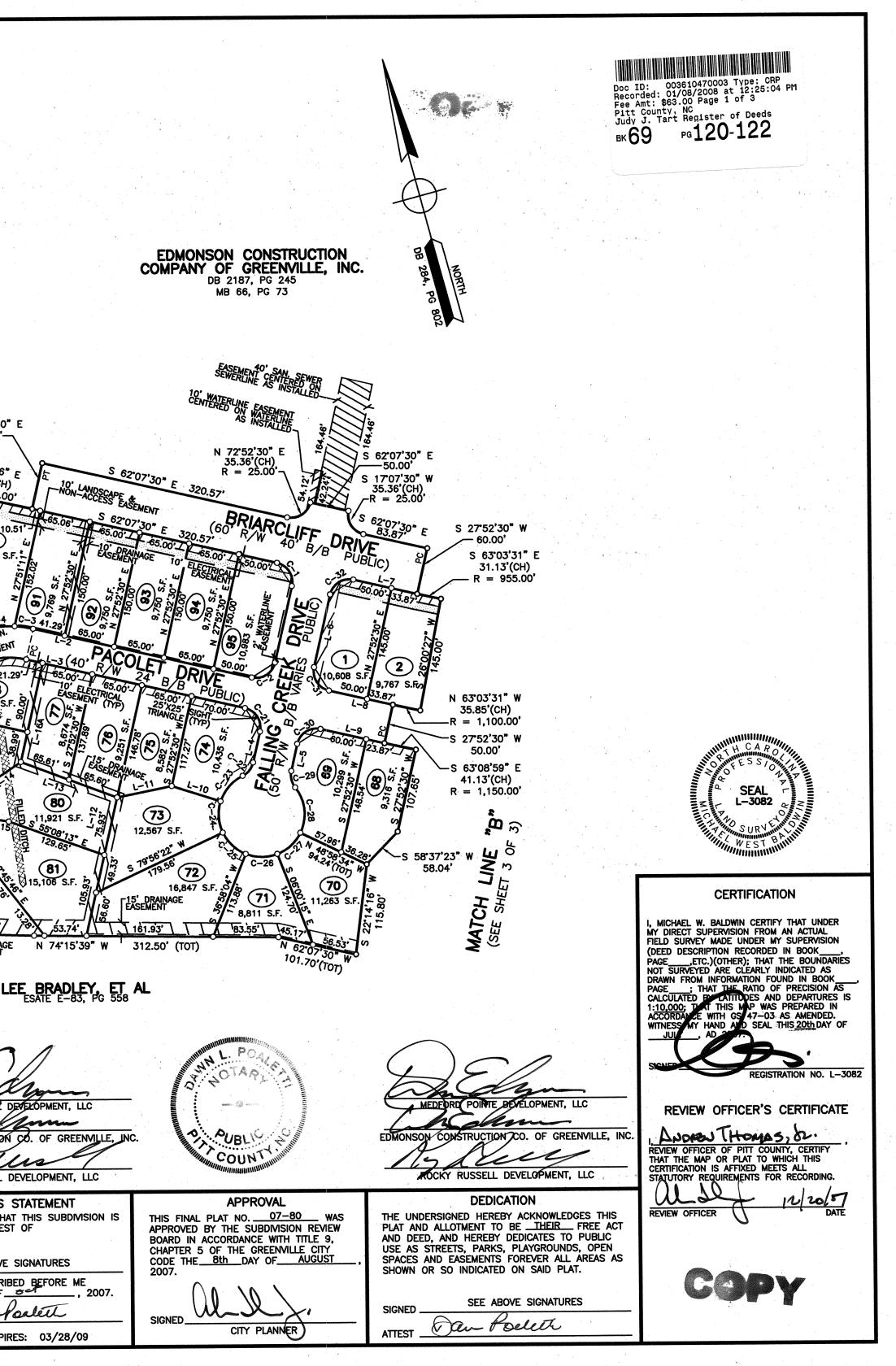
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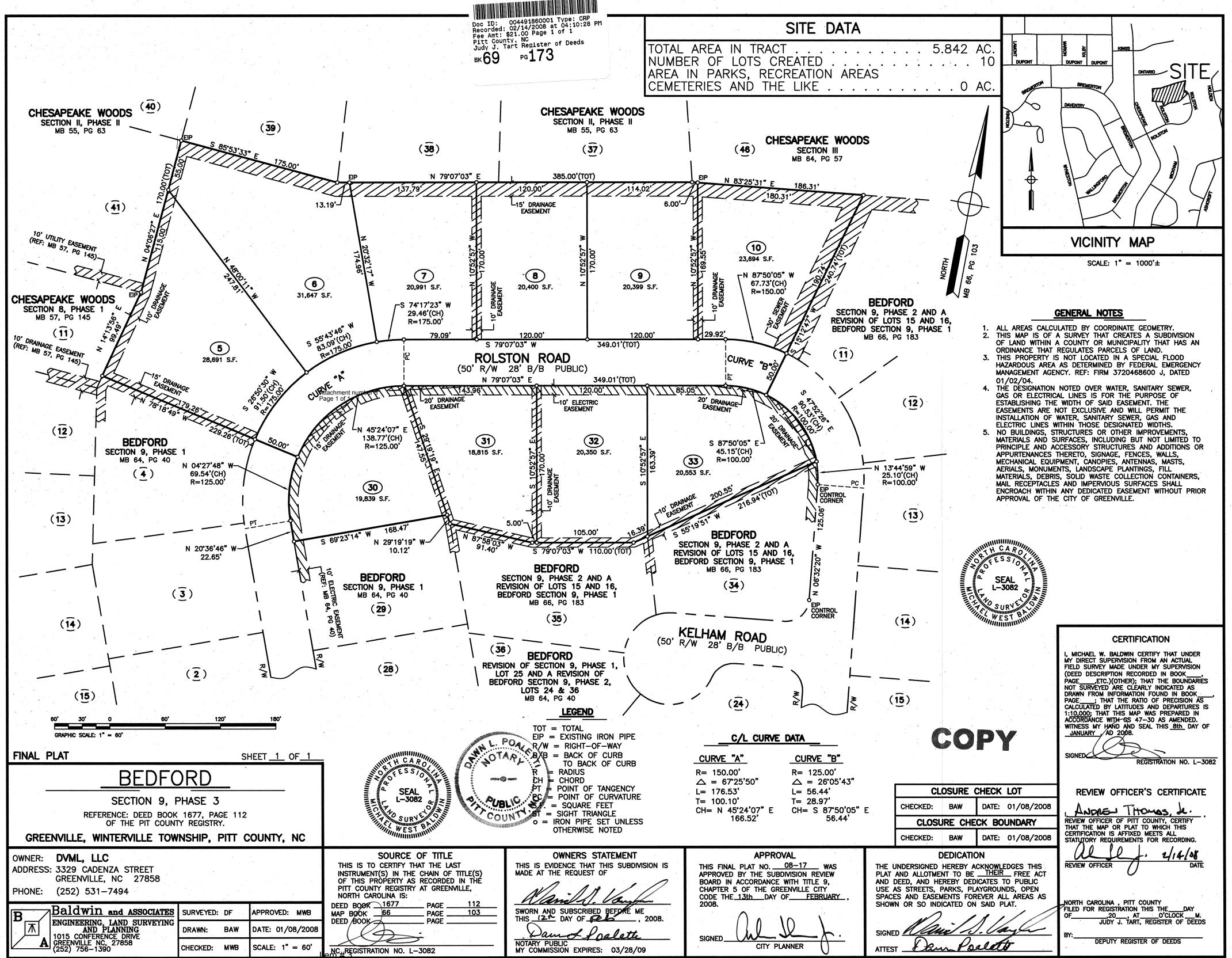


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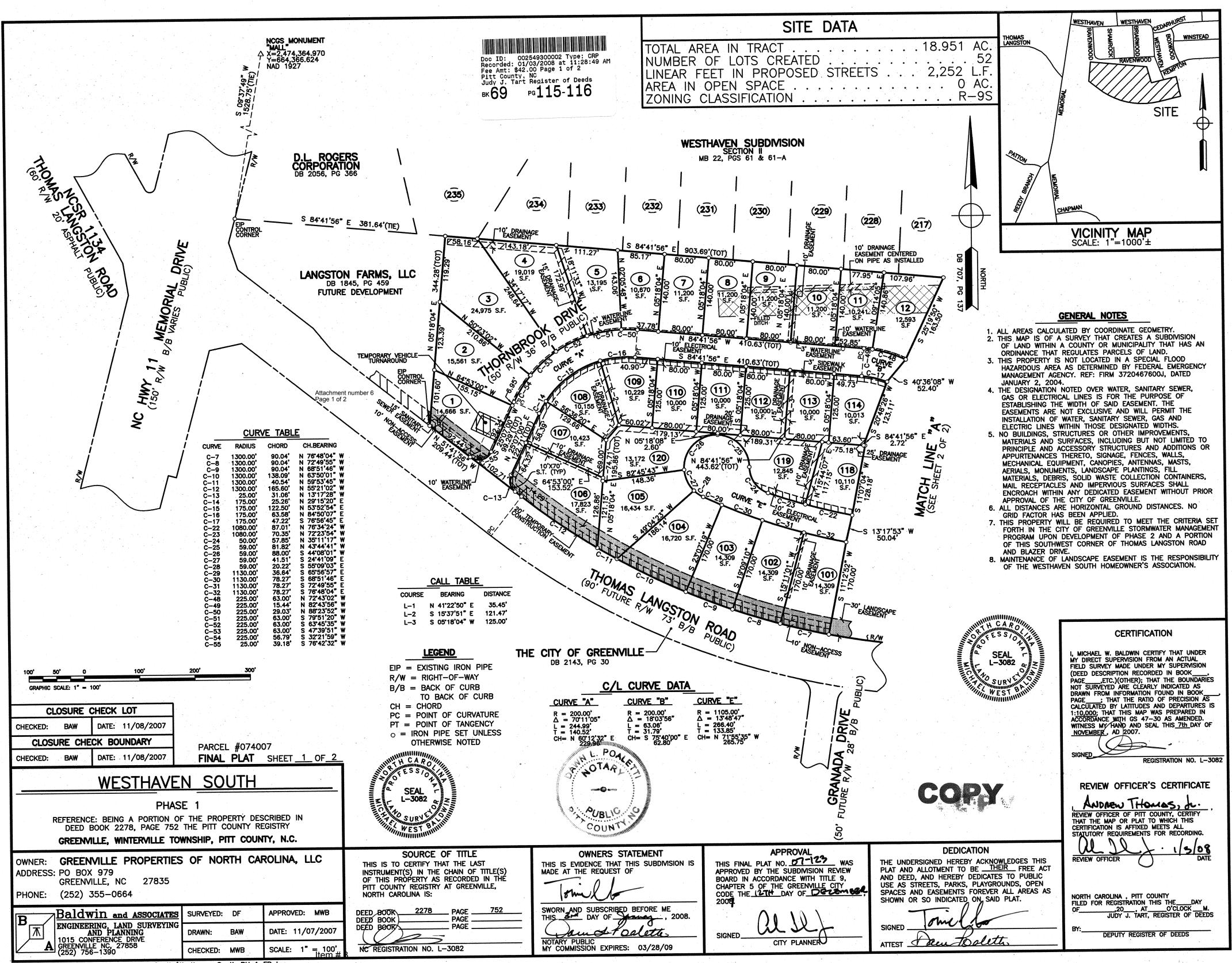
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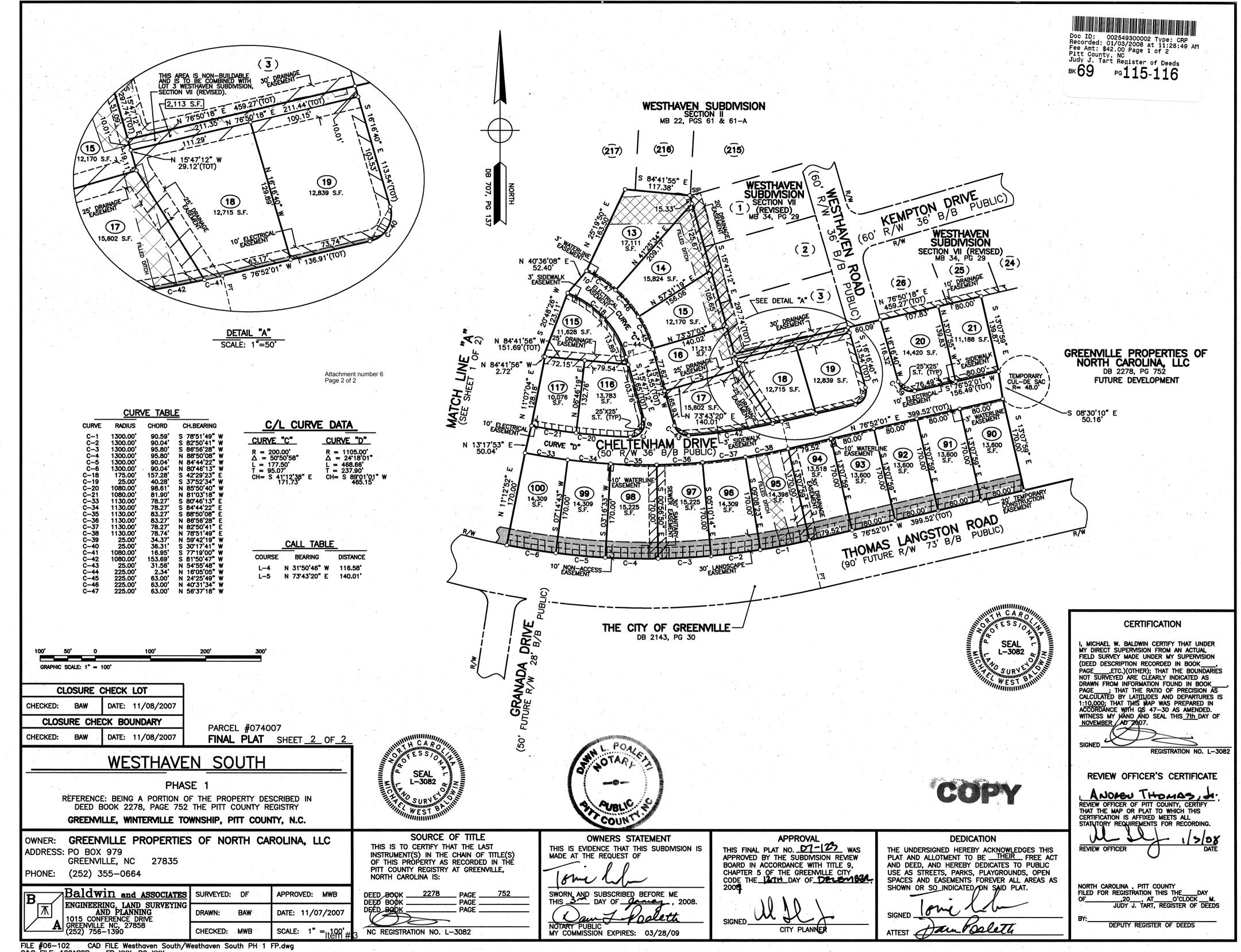


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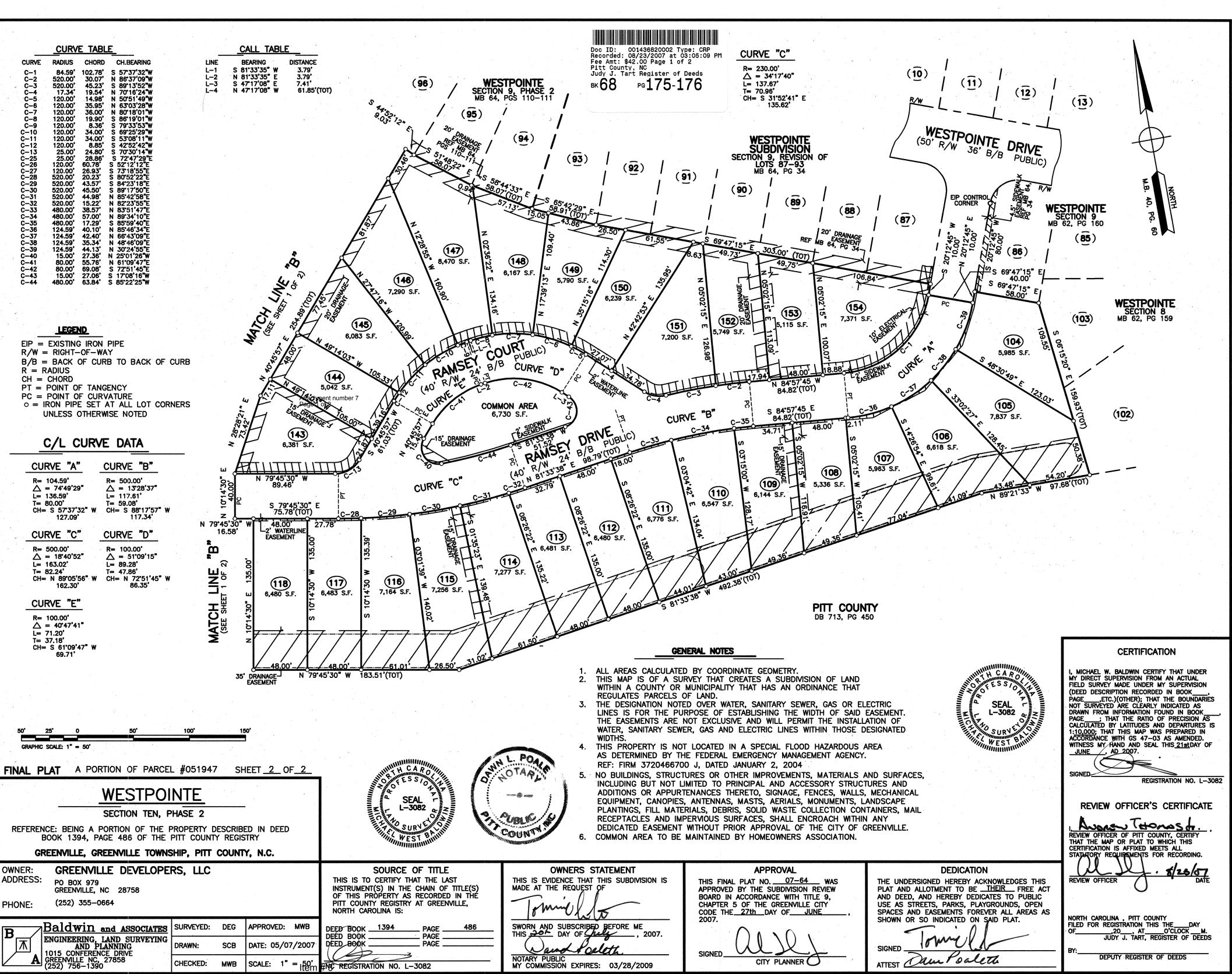
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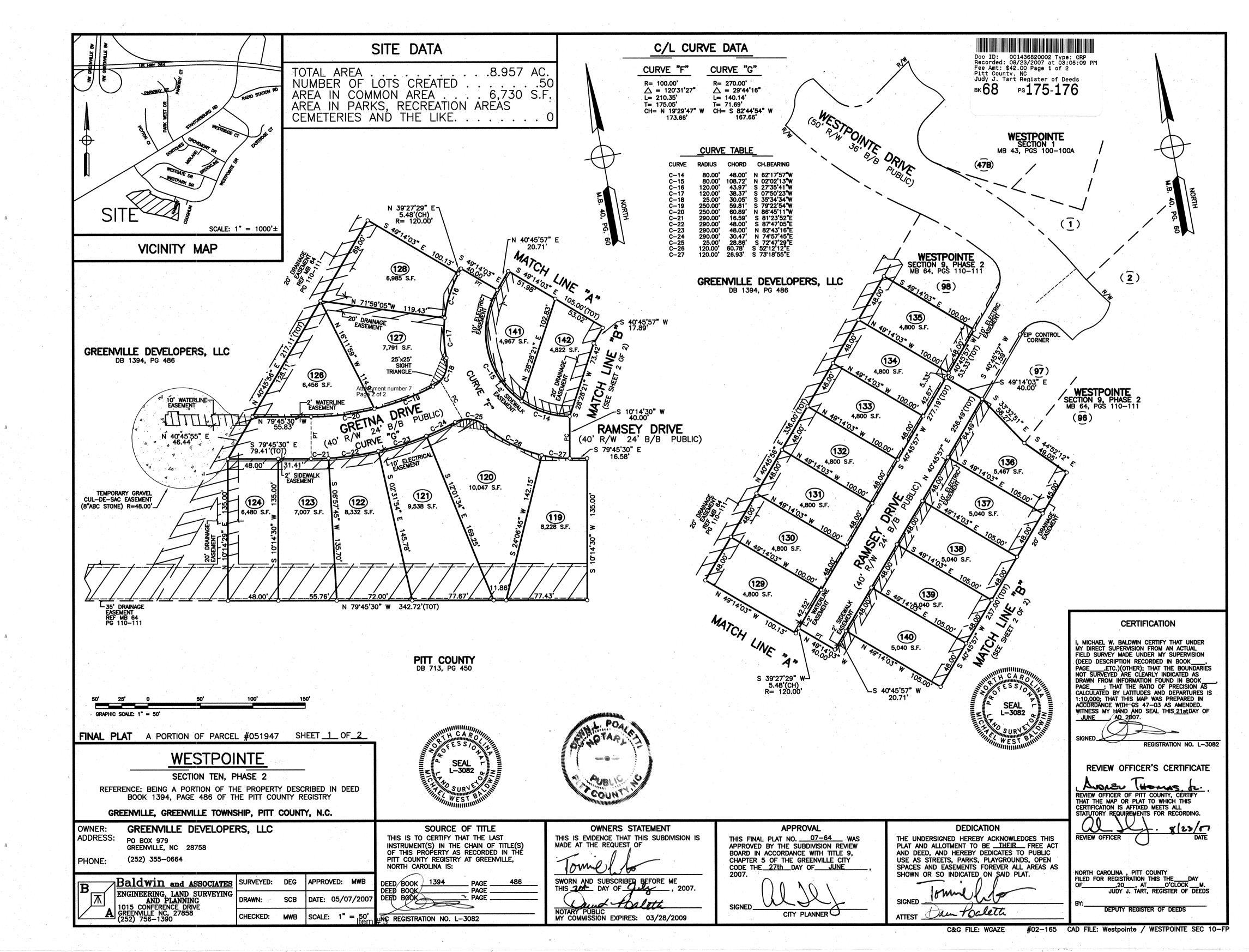


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City of Greenville, North Carolina

Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Brownfield Project Management Contract
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Explanation: Based on a competitive procurement process that included a review of proposals as well as "in person" interviews, Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) has been selected as the most qualified firm to assist City staff with management of activities under the \$200,000 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant awarded to the City of Greenville in the summer of 2007. As indicated on the attached list, seven companies submitted proposals. As described in the attached summary, CTC staff and subcontractors will perform a broad range of services for the City, including community outreach, site inventory, environmental assessments, visioning, and remediation planning. It is expected that CTC will begin their services shortly after the approval of this contract, and will complete all agreed-to services no later than September 30, 2010.

Fiscal Note: Concurrent Technologies Corporation has agreed to a cost reimbursable contract in an amount not to exceed \$191,000. Funds are available from the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve a contract with Concurrent Technologies Corporation to perform services as outlined in the attached summary in an amount not to exceed \$191,000.

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- Concurrent Technologies Corporation Contract Executive Summary
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EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant: Consultant Selection Process

"Short List" of Firms/Teams Selected for Interviews with Selection Committee

		Firm	Project Manager	Project Manager Location
Pos	1	Concurrent/Duncklee & Dunham	David Sykes	Columbia, SC
t-Inte	2	Hart & Hickman	Sharon Eckard	Charlotte, NC
Post-Interview	3	S&ME	Julie Bennett	Charlotte, NC
Ranking	4	Gannett Fleming	Beth Turner	Raleigh, NC
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In-person interviews with the above firms/teams were conducted Feb. 27 & 28, 2008

Other Firms/Teams that Submitted Proposals (Not Selected for Interviews)

Firm		Project Manager	Project Manager Location
×	Irminger Consulting, Inc.	Steven E. Irminger	Concord, NC
×	Mid Atlantic	Darin McCLure	Raleigh, NC

West Greenville Brownfields Assessment Project Services Agreement between the City of Greenville and Concurrent Technologies Corporation

Executive Summary

Concurrent Technologies Corporation (*CTC*) is pleased to provide the following executive summary of activities to be conducted on the West Greenville Brownfields Assessment Project. *CTC* will partner with the City of Greenville to effectively administer and manage all aspects of the US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant, including all required reporting and contractor procurement. *CTC* will insure that all activities are completed in accordance with the work plan and all required statutes, circulars, terms & conditions, including establishment and maintenance of necessary cooperative agreement records and files; financial management, project oversight, attendance at necessary project meetings, and attendance at EPA conferences and meetings.

In addition to the project management activities, *CTC* will complete the following five (5) tasks described below.

Task 1 – Community Outreach & Education

Community involvement is a vital aspect of EPA Brownfield Grants, and one that requires knowledgeable and experienced staff to execute. Incorporating lessons learned and successful strategies developed from 10 years of experience with the EPA Brownfield program, *CTC's* staff will craft a customized and effective community outreach and education program for the City of Greenville. *CTC* will develop a draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to ensure the City's objectives are met and that community concerns are considered in site identification, assessment and redevelopment planning, and execution. The Plan will not only ensure that the public is kept informed of a project's progress and results but also will encourage public involvement in the project. The Plan will be developed with input from the City and the community. Some of the activities to be detailed in the PIP will include, community service announcements, public meetings, presentations to community and neighborhood groups, and development of outreach materials (brochure, website, etc.).

Task 2 – Site Inventory and Mapping

CTC will work with the City, stakeholders/investors, cooperative partners, and the target population to identify and select those brownfields sites with the greatest potential for economic development and reduction of risk to human health and the environment for further assessment. The first step will be to create an inventory of all the brownfield sites in the project area. *CTC* will task subcontractor Duncklee & Dunham to prepare a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based Brownfields Inventory to identify candidate sites. Duncklee & Dunham will use the City

of Greenville's GIS shape files and begin the development of an inventory database by creating additional attributes for environmental public record information and for site reconnaissance observations of environmental concerns. This newly developed database and GIS file developed using ArcGIS will reflect the parcel's history, potential contamination issues, redevelopment potential, and other related concerns. Information on property owner's names, size of property, zoning, tax value, and other pertinent information will also be included in the database. The City will then be able to utilize the database to assist in the prioritization and selection of brownfield sites for further assessment.

Task 3 – Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments

CTC and subcontractor Duncklee & Dunham will utilize an innovative GIS approach to conducting multiple Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA). This will allow for a greater number of ESAs to be performed using grant funding. The focus of assessments will be collection and reporting of information in evaluating business environmental risk in a commercial real estate transaction and to obtain protection from potential liability as an innocent landowner, a contiguous property owner, or a bona fide prospective purchaser. Based on the results of the Phase I ESAs, with direction from the City and their redevelopment objectives, sites will then be prioritized for Phase II ESA work.

Based upon the results of the Phase I ESA's, we will conduct Phase II ESA's under the City's direction on the high priority sites. Site-specific sampling and analyses will be performed in an effort to characterize the occurrence, distribution, nature and extent of petroleum and hazardous compounds in soil and groundwater at a property. In order to maximize the potential redevelopment of selected sites, the project team plans to use non-traditional, innovative approaches.

Task 4 – Visioning

CTC and a qualified engineering/planning/design firm (to be selected) will engage stakeholders, cooperative partners, the target population, and the general public in envisioning how key brownfields properties and adjacent public infrastructure can be enhanced to create opportunities for public-private reinvestment in West Greenville. The enhancement of public and semi-public spaces and infrastructure - parks, plazas, streets, streetscapes, bikeways, utilities – can serve as a catalyst for the economic and physical revitalization of brownfields within the project area. The project team will coordinate the visioning workshops and develop a visioning/planning document that will define the community's needs, explore the market potential, identify potential funding opportunities, and define a redevelopment strategy.

Task 5 – Remediation Planning

CTC will prepare a Cleanup and Redevelopment Plan for the highest priority sites where Phase II ESA activities have been completed. The Cleanup and Redevelopment Plans will include an Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA). The ABCA will summarize information about the site and contamination based upon the Phase I and II ESA's; cleanup standards; applicable laws; alternatives considered; and the proposed cleanup plan. The primary goal for this effort will be to identify potentially applicable remediation alternatives and to estimate the nature, extent, duration, and cost of implementing select remediation alternatives at the sites. This task will provide potential buyers and end users with a general description of potential remediation alternatives and approximate cost to assist in redevelopment planning.

CTC will complete these activities by no later than September 30, 2010. *CTC* is proposing a cost reimbursable type contract with a total estimated cost of \$191,000.



City of Greenville, North Carolina

Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:Budget ordinance and reimbursement resolution for Greenville Utilities
Commission's Sterling Pointe Sewer Pump Station and Force Main Project

Explanation: The existing Sterling Pointe pump station was constructed in 1995 in response to requests from local developers for sewer service to a then undeveloped area of land located north and west of Pitt Community College. Subsequent to the construction of the existing Sterling Pointe pump station, three additional pump stations, which discharge into the Sterling Pointe Pumping Station, were constructed to serve the Southwest Sewer Service Area. Due to the significant growth that has occurred in the Southwest Service Area over the past 12 years and the growth that is forecast to occur in the future, the existing Sterling Pointe pump station will not be adequate to meet future demand and it is necessary to move ahead with the project to construct a new, larger Sterling Pointe Regional Pumping Station.

In accordance with the recommendations of GUC's Wastewater Collection System Master Plan, the new Sterling Pointe Regional Pump Station and Force Main will be designed to accommodate all wastewater flows from the Southwest Service Area through the design year 2030. In addition, the station will be designed for ready expansion to provide additional capacity for growth beyond 2030. The preliminary estimate (pre-design) of the total project cost is in the range of \$10.6 - \$11.3 million.

In addition to funding for the engineering services work, the proposed Sewer Capital Project budget includes \$250,000 for land acquisition for the new pumping station site and easements for the proposed force main.

The GUC Board, at their meeting on March 25, 2008, adopted a Sewer Capital Project Budget for this work and recommended similar action by the City Council. In addition, the GUC Board adopted a reimbursement resolution to allow GUC to reimburse itself from future debt financing and recommended similar approval by the City Council.

Fiscal Note:	No cost to the City of Greenville.
Recommendation:	 Adopt the attached Sewer Capital Project Budget for the Sterling Pointe Pump Station & Force Main Project; and Adopt the attached reimbursement resolution to allow GUC to reimburse itself from future debt financing.

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- **D** <u>Reimbursement Resolution</u>
- Capital Project Budget Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 08-_____

FOR SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET STERLING POINTE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Revenues. Revenues of Sewer Capital Project Budget, Sterling Pointe Pump Station and Force Main Project, is hereby established to read as follows:

Revenue:

Debt Financing Total Revenue \$1,034,000

\$1,034,000

Section 2. Expenditures. Expenditures of the Sewer Capital Project Budget, Sterling Pointe Pump Station and Force Main Project, is hereby established to read as follows:

Expenditures:

Project Cost Total Expenditures \$1,304,000

\$1,304,000

Section 3. All ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 08-___

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A DEBT FINANCING FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE AND TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville, North Carolina (the "City") has paid, beginning, April 7, 2008, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof, certain expenditures in connection with the acquisition and construction of certain improvements (the "Improvements") more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto, consisting of improvements to its electric, gas, sanitary sewer and water systems (collectively, the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") has determined that those moneys previously advanced no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof to pay such expenditures in connection with the acquisition and construction of the Improvements (the "Expenditures") are available only on a temporary period and that it is necessary to reimburse the City for the Expenditures from the proceeds of an issue of debt (the "Debt");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Council hereby declares its intent to reimburse the City from the proceeds of the Debt for the Expenditures made on and after April 7, 2008, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The City Council reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the City for the Expenditures from the proceeds of a like amount of the Debt.

<u>Section 2</u>. Each Expenditure was or will be either (a) of a type chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined as of the date of the Expenditures), (b) the cost of issuance with respect to the Debt, (c) a non-recurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues of the System, or (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or an agent of the City so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the City.

Section 3. The principal amount of the Bonds estimated to be issued to reimburse the City for Expenditures for the Improvements is estimated to be \$1,034,000.

<u>Section 4</u>. The City will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the City that evidences the City's use of proceeds of the Debt to reimburse an Expenditure no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which such Expenditure is paid or the Improvements are placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The City recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain <u>de minimis</u> amounts, (expenditures by "small issuers" based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure), and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.

<u>Section 5</u>. The resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this the _____ day of ______, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

THE IMPROVEMENTS

The Improvements referenced in the resolution include, but are not limited to, all operating and capital expenditures associated with the installation of the new Sterling Pointe Regional Wastewater Pumping Station, and associated appurtenances, to serve the southwest wastewater service area.



Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

<u>Title of Item:</u>	Resolution approving financing team for upcoming Greenville Utilities Commission debt issuance
Explanation:	At their meeting on March 25, 2008, the GUC Board adopted a resolution approving the financing team, as outlined below, for the upcoming debt issuance and recommended similar approval by the City Council.
	The GUC Board's actions included:
	1) Approval of Banc of America Securities LLC to serve as senior managing underwriter on the transaction, and depending on the ultimate size of the bond issue, include Wachovia Securities as co-manager;
	2) Approval of Sidley Austin LLP as bond counsel. Sidley Austin LLP has served GUC as bond counsel on all debt transactions since 1994.
	3) Approval of The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as trustee. GUC has employed The Bank of New York as trustee since 1996.
	4) Approval of First Southwest Company as financial advisor for the 2008 debt financing. First Southwest began serving as GUC's financial advisor in February 2008.
	5) Approval of retaining Black and Veatch Corporation and/or Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. as financial and engineering consultants. Both of these firms have been providing rate study and engineering services to GUC since 1996. These firms will complete a review and report on the projected operating results prepared by GUC.
Fiscal Note:	No cost to the City of Greenville.

Recommendation: Adopt the attached resolution approving the financing team for upcoming GUC debt issuance.

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<u>Resolution Approving Financing Team</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 08 - ___

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING TEAM FOR AND MAKING THE FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$35,000,000 GREENVILLE COMMISSION UTILITIES COMBINED ENTERPRISE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008A OF SAID CITY AND UP TO \$25,000,000 GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION COMBINED ENTERPRISE SYSTEM **REVENUE BONDS, REFUNDING SERIES 2008B OF SAID** CITY, AND REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL SAID BONDS BY NEGOTIATED SALE.

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville, North Carolina (the "City") is considering the acquisition and construction of certain improvements to its combined enterprise system (collectively, the "Additional Improvements"), which certain additional improvements will be approved by the City Council in a subsequent resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with the Additional Improvements and to proceed with the authorization and issuance, pursuant to the provisions of The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act, of revenue bonds of the City in the amount of approximately \$35,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for paying the cost of acquiring and constructing the Additional Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City is also considering the advance refunding of a portion of the City's outstanding Greenville Utilities Commission Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 and Series 2000A (collectively, the "Refunding Candidates") in order to achieve an acceptable level of debt service savings;

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with the advance refunding all or a portion of the Refunding Candidates and to proceed with the authorization and issuance, pursuant to the provisions of The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act, of its Greenville Utilities Commission Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2008B (the "Series 2008B Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to advance refund all or a portion of the Refunding Candidates; provided, however, that the Series 2008B Bonds shall be issued only if and to the extent that the General Manager/CEO of the Commission shall determine, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Series Resolution to be adopted by the City Council, that the criteria relating to the level of debt service savings have been satisfied.

WHEREAS, if the Series 2008B Bonds shall be sold together with the Series 2008A Bonds, the Series 2008B Bonds may be combined with the Series 2008A Bonds

into a single series of bonds known as the "Series 2008 Bonds" (references hereinafter to the Series 2008 Bonds shall be (i) to the Series 2008A Bonds and the Series 2008B Bonds if the Series 2008B Bonds shall be sold together with the Series 2008A Bonds or (ii) to the Series 2008A Bonds alone if the Series 2008B Bonds shall not be sold together with the Series 2008A Bonds);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE:

Section 1. The Director of Financial Services of the City, the General Manager/CEO of the Commission ("Commission") and such other officers of the City and the GUC as may be appropriate are hereby authorized to apply to the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "LGC") for the approval of the issuance of the bonds and otherwise to participate in the development of such financing.

Section 2. The City Council recommends the selection of the following professionals, and other professionals, as necessary, to assist the City and the Commission in connection with such financing and requests the LGC to approve such selection:

Bond Counsel	-	Sidley Austin LLP
Underwriter	-	Banc of America Securities LLC
Trustee	-	The Bank of New York Trust Company, N. A.
Financial and	-	Black and Veatch Corporation and/or
Engineering Consultants	;	Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.
Financial Advisor	-	First Southwest Company

Section 3. In the event that the cost of acquiring and constructing the portion of the Additional Improvements not currently under contract exceeds the current estimate of such cost, the City and GUC have available funds in an amount up to twenty percent (20%) of such cost which can and will be appropriated to pay such cost in order to be able to complete the Additional Improvements.

Section 4. The City Council hereby finds and determines in connection with the issuance of the Series 2008 Bonds that (i) the issuance of the Series 2008 Bonds is necessary or expedient for the City, (ii) the proposed principal amount of the Series 2008 Bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such issue, (iii) the City's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, and (v) under current economic conditions, the Series 2008 Bonds can be marketed at a reasonable interest cost to the City.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda T. Elks City Clerk



Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Budget ordinance amendm	nent #9 to the 2007-2	008 City of Greenv	ille budget
Explanation:	Attached is an amendment the April 7, 2008 City Cou added to each line item of the explanation below:	ncil meeting. For ea	use of reference, a fo	potnote has been
	A To appropriate funds a Greenville Youth Council. and program costs for the City Hall on March 8, 200	These funds were u Real World Youth L	sed to offset some	of the advertising
	B To allocate Capital Res Skinner Street in Greenvill Public Works Department funds originated from the properties. This property v City Council Meeting. (To	le. This property wil and as a future build sale of the former Ke was approved for pur	l be used as open st ing site for covered el Warehouse and I	orage space for the storage. These Pepsi Plant
	<u>C</u> To appropriate funds re Telecommunications Servi government access channe \$34,877)	ices tax to provide su	pplemental PEG ch	nannel support for the
Fiscal Note:	The budget ordinance ame	ndment increases the	e General Fund by \$	6224,877:
	Fund Name	Adjusted <u>Budget</u>	Proposed <u>Amendment</u>	Revised <u>Adjusted Budget</u>
	General Fund	\$69,919,117	\$ 224,877	\$ 70,143,994

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ORDINANCE NO. 08-____ CITY OF GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA ORDINANCE (#9) AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-93

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, DOES ORDAIN:

<u>Section I.</u> Estimated Revenues. General Fund, of Ordinance 07-93, is hereby amended by increasing estimated revenues in the amount indicated:

-	Original/	Proposed	Revised
Account	Adjusted Budget	Amendment	Adjusted Budget
Human Relations Donations ^A	\$ -	\$ 1,000	1,000
Supplemental PEG ^C	-	25,502	25,502
Transfer from Capital Reserve ^B	-	189,000	189,000
Appropriated Fund Balance ^C	4,074,495	9,375	4,083,870
Total Estimated Revenue		\$ 224,877	

<u>Section II.</u> Appropriations. General Fund, of Ordinance 07-93, is hereby amended by increasing appropriations in the amount indicated:

	<u>Origin</u>	<u>al/</u>		Proposed		Revised
<u>Department</u>	Adjust	ted Budget	An	<u>nendment</u>	<u>Adjus</u>	ted Budget
City Manager ^C	\$	993,064	\$	34,877	\$	1,027,941
Community Development ^A		2,146,803		1,000		2,147,803
Capital Improvements ^B		2,358,137		189,000		2,547,137
Total Appropriations		•	\$	224,877		

<u>Section III.</u> Appropriations. Capital Reserve Fund, of Ordinance 07-93, is hereby amended by decreasing appropriations in the amount indicated:

	<u>Original/</u>	Proposed	Revised
Account	Adjusted Budget	<u>Amendment</u>	Adjusted Budget
Increase in Reserve ^B	\$ 3,559,201	\$ 189,000	\$ 3,370,201

<u>Section IV.</u> Appropriations. Capital Reserve Fund, of Ordinance 07-93, is hereby amended by increasing appropriations in the amount indicated:

	<u>Original/</u>	Proposed	Revised
<u>Account</u>	Adjusted Budget	<u>Amendment</u>	Adjusted Budget
Transfer to General Fund ^B	\$ -	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000

Section V. All ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section VI. This ordinance will become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2008.

ATTEST:

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk



Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

<u>Title of Item:</u>	Presentations by Boards and Commissionsa. Housing Authorityb. Affordable Housing Loan Committeec. Mid-East Commission
Explanation:	The Housing Authority and the Affordable Housing Loan Committee will make their annual presentations to City Council at the April 7, 2008 meeting. In addition, Mr. Tim Ware of the Mid-East Commission is scheduled to give a brief update to City Council.
Fiscal Note:	N/A
Recommendation:	For information only; no action recommended

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Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Resolution in support of Federal and State Anti-Predatory Lending Legislation
Explanation:	The adopted 2008-2009 City Council Goal 3, Objective C "Enhance citizens' understanding of predatory lending", Action Item #2 requires that staff prepare a resolution supporting anti-predatory federal and state legislation for City Council consideration. The July 2007 National Community Reinvestment Coalition's (NCRC) report entitled Income is No Shield Against Racial Differences in Lending: A Comparison of High-Cost Lending in America's Metropolitan Areas analyzed mortgage practices and found a noticeable pattern of steering low and moderate income home buyers, especially minorities, into high-cost loans. Further, the NCRC reported that the Greenville metropolitan area scored as one of America's highest ranked communities to have a disportionate number of African-American home buyers using high-cost or sub-prime loans.
Fiscal Note:	No direct cost at this time.
Recommendation:	Approve the attached resolution supporting anti-predatory lending federal and state legislation.

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING LEGISLATION AND PROGRAMS TO COMBAT THE EROSION OF BORROWER WEALTH AS A RESULT OF PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES

WHEREAS, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition's (NCRC) July 2007 report entitled <u>Income is No Shield Against Racial Differences in Lending: A Comparison of High-Cost Lending in America's Metropolitan Areas</u> ("the Report") identifies the Greenville metropolitan area as one of America's highest ranked communities to have a disproportionate number of low-income and minorities across all income segments utilizing high-cost or subprime loans; and

WHEREAS, the Report finds that a disproportionate number of minorities, particularly African-Americans and Hispanics, is most at risk of receiving poorly underwritten high-cost loans or subprime loans; and

WHEREAS, the Report further finds middle-class or upper-class status does not shield minorities from receiving dangerous high-cost loans; and

WHEREAS, predatory lending involves (1) charging excessive rates and fees to a borrower who qualifies for lower interest rates and/or fees offered by a lender; (2) "packing" a loan with singlepremium credit insurance products, such as credit life insurance, and not adequately disclosing the inclusion, cost or additional fees associated with the insurance; (3) repeatedly refinancing a loan within a short period of time and charging high points and fees with each refinance; (4) providing the borrower with an artificially low introductory mortgage rate while the interest rate resets in short periods to a substantially higher rate; (5) lender misrepresentation of loan terms and excessive fees in the form of broker kickbacks; (6) irresponsible underwriting practices, including failure to establish ability to repay and failure to include homeowners' insurance and property tax escrows for payment qualification purposes; (7) bloated property appraisals; (8) prepayment penalties that lock borrowers into high-cost loans; and (9) steering of borrowers to high-cost loans regardless of their ability to qualify for traditional prime loan products; and

WHEREAS, predatory lending involves practices that strip away borrower's equity; and

WHEREAS, a need exists for strong anti-predatory lending legislation that would protect consumers from abusive practices, which have been especially targeted at lower-income and minority persons; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greenville is committed to improving the quality of life for all residents and finds that predatory lending practices adversely impact individual lives and deprive the community's residents of economic wealth opportunities; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Christopher J. Dodd has introduced comprehensive legislation that strengthens consumer protection, prohibits predatory lending practices, and requires consumer education and counseling; and there is a need for such federal legislation to be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby expresses its support of federal and state legislation that will offer greater consumer protection and in particular the proposed H.R.3915 Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007 bill introduced by United States Senator Christopher J. Dodd.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to write the United States Home Loan and Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and request an anti-predatory lending tool kit and establish the program in Greenville.

Section 3. The City Council hereby expresses its support in joining other states and cities across the United States in recognizing October 2008 as Anti-Predatory Lending Month in conjunction with Freddie Mac's anti-predatory lending campaign.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk

#740768



Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Pitt County Law Enforcement 800 MHz Interoperability Grant
<u>Explanation:</u>	The Greenville Police Department was invited to apply for a COPSTECH grant by the U.S. Department of Justice. A grant application was submitted for radios and equipment that would allow all county public safety agencies including the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, Pitt County 911, and Greenville Fire-Rescue to operate on an 800 MHZ radio system through the State of North Carolina Viper radio system. This system will allow for true interoperability between public safety agencies in Pitt County.
	Greenville was one of only two locations in the state of North Carolina selected to receive these grant funds. Greenville was awarded \$2,977,343.00 of Federal Funds that must be matched with 25% local funds, bringing the total grant project to \$3,721,678.70. The funds will be used to purchase hand-held portable radios, vehicle radios, communication center consoles, and technical equipment necessary to achieve true interoperability between local public safety agencies. The equipment will be purchased from Motorola, Inc. under a state contract.
	The Greenville Police Department will serve as the administrator of the grant and associated funds. However, each local government agency will be responsible for its portion of the matching funds based on the amount of equipment they have been designated to receive through the grant.
Fiscal Note:	Federal Funds \$2,977,343.00
	25% Match \$744,334.70
	Estimated City of Greenville portion of match: \$463,357.50 (Police \$354,917.50 and Fire/Rescue \$108,440.00). These funds are available in the Capital Reserve account.

Recommendation: Award contract to purchase 800 MHz radio equipment in an amount of \$2,279,051.52 using COPSTECH grant funds and local matching funds to Motorola, Inc. under State Convenience Contract #725G (see attached), subject to approval by the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase Motorola, Inc. equipment.

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State Contract Certification



CERTIFICATION OF AWARD

THIS IS NOT A PURCHASE ORDER

BID/FILE NUMBER: ITS-003908

THIS BID NUMBER MUST BE SHOWN ON YOUR PURCHASE ORDER

TO: Angelene E. Brinkley, Purchasing **City of Greenville**

DATE: March 24, 2008 **REQUISITION NO: DELIVERY: FOB Destination**

In accordance with the requirements of General Statutes 147-33.95, we certify contract on the items listed below to be ordered by you. Issue order immediately and directly to the vendor listed, giving complete shipping instructions. Order only the item(s) listed and the quantity(ies) as shown in the ITS contract document. Price(s) includes delivery to destination. Read the contract in its entirety including the attached Terms and Conditions to be aware of any action necessary on your part.

Commodity: 725G – Abnormal quantity request for 725G Radio Equipment (887 Total Units)

In accordance with State Convenience Contract 725G and Motorola's discount to the City of Greenville.

TOTAL: \$ 2,279,051.52

VENDOR: Motorola, Inc. 2004 Charlion Downs Lane Apex, NC 27502

Contract Specialist Statewide IT Procurement Office

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS:

- THIS IS NOT A PURCHASE ORDER. Do not make shipment until you have received an official order from the using agency. 1.
- 2. Invoices should be made out to the using agency and forwarded directly to them for payment
- The exact items certified and ordered must be shipped. No substitutions shall be made without prior approval of the Office of Information 3. **Technology Services.**
- Applicable North Carolina sales and use tax shall be added to invoices as a separate item. 4

Please note the contract award description above: the contract awarded to you may be a portion of the contract rather than the complete contract. 5



Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Public safety information systems vendor selection and contract award
Explanation:	The Police, Fire/Rescue, and Information Technology Departments formed a Public Safety Technology project team to study public safety software and technology needs for a new integrated public safety information system that will include replacement of current records management and computer aided dispatch programs. Based on the criteria and specifications developed by the project team, the City sent out requests for bids.
	Based on that competitive procurement process that included a complete review of proposals from New World Systems and OSSI/Sungard, the City staff is recommending the selection of New World Systems as the vendor that has submitted the best overall proposal and recommending that the contract be awarded, subject to agreement on contract terms, to New World Systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,328,305.
Fiscal Note:	\$3,484,000 has been appropriated in capital reserve for this project over the next three years.
Recommendation:	Approve the selection of New World Systems as the vendor that has submitted the best overall proposal for this project and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with New World Systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,328,305.

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Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

Title of Item:	Paint scheme for Fire and EMS units
Explanation:	The Fire/Rescue Department is seeking approval to paint future fire and EMS units in a purple and gold paint/graphics scheme versus the previous red and white paint/graphics scheme. The members of the department were anonymously surveyed and are supportive of the proposal. There are no cost implications and no regulatory standards regarding the color choices. Additional background information, the survey results, and other considerations can be found in the attached document. The comments provided by members of the Fire-Rescue Department are also attached.
Fiscal Note:	There are no fiscal implications.
Recommendation:	Request that City Council approve a change in the paint scheme for future fire and emergency medical services units to a purple and gold paint scheme.

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- GFR Paint Scheme Options to City Manager 752955
- Survey_Comments_748011

MEMORANDUM

To: Wayne Bowers, City Manager

From: Mike Burton, Fire/Rescue Chief

Date: March 20, 2008

Subject: Paint Scheme

When the option to paint the new Engine #1 (assigned to the downtown station) in a purple and gold paint scheme appeared, the original concept was for that unit only, and not for future units. However, there has been significant interest expressed in painting all future fire apparatus in a similar paint scheme. While there have been no formal or informal polls of community members, anecdotally the response to the purple and gold scheme has been very positive.

We have two fire units on order now by the same manufacturer that produced the most recent purple and gold unit. The bid specifications included the option to paint the units in the traditional red and white scheme, or to paint the units in purple and gold, with no difference in pricing. The manufacturer's paint warranty includes fading for a period of 10 years, and they report there are NO differences in durability between red and purple.

In addition, we will soon be going out to bid to replace two Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units. There has also been some support within the department for painting the newly purchased EMS units in a purple and gold paint scheme. For these units, the cab and chassis are not produced by the same manufacturer as the ambulance body, so the cab is painted white from the factory. The cab would likely remain all white as painting the cab or portion of the cab purple/gold would increase the costs. Also, the upper portion and roof of the patient compartment would be white to avoid the solar heat that comes with a darker color. One option may be to maintain the existing graphic scheme of our EMS units, but adapt the graphics to include purple and retro-reflective gold striping.

It is the opinion of the Fire Rescue Chief and the City Manager that if further purchases of purple and gold fire/rescue assets would take place, then this move should include the commitment to continue with this plan for future purchases. The transition from a mixed fleet to an all purple and gold fleet of apparatus and EMS units would take 10+ years to complete as there are no plans to paint existing apparatus.

As a means to evaluate the internal stake holder's (within the Fire Rescue Department) view points regarding the proposal to change the paint color for new units, a survey instrument was created and distributed to all current employees. The surveys were anonymous and safeguards were employed to avoid duplication of the instrument. Of the 130 that were distributed, 118 were returned.

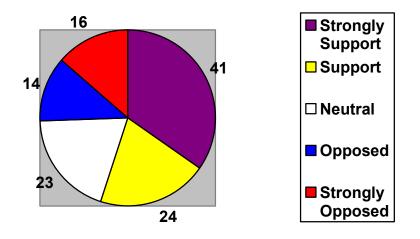
The survey included the following two items and the results are found below:

Please mark the rating that BEST fits your opinion on each option:

1. Option #1 – To make a change in the paint scheme for ALL future apparatus to that of purple and gold. (This would include the two on order)

- I strongly support this change [41]
- I support this change [24]
- **O** I am neutral to this change [23]
- I am opposed to this change [14]
- I strongly oppose this change [16]

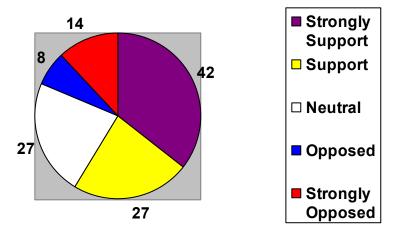




2. Option #2 – To make a change in the paint scheme for ALL future EMS units to that of purple and gold. (This would include those being purchased in the near future)

- I strongly support this change [42]
- I support this change [27]
- I am neutral to this change [27]
- I am opposed to this change [8]
- I strongly oppose this change [14]





While there was no requirement that participants provide comments, many provided them. The comments helped to explain their positions and clarified how strongly they feel about their given position. The comments are available in an unedited version in Hummingbird document #748011.

Considerations:

- 1. There are no financial implications as the costs are the same for either option.
- 2. There are no plans to seek funding from ECU for the purple and gold paint scheme.
- 3. There are no regulatory requirements regarding color.

4. If the change to purple and gold takes place for new units, there are no plans to repaint existing units to purple and gold.

5. While ECU is providing no direct funding for units that are on order, the State of NC provided approximately \$350,000 in FY 07/08 for fire protection fees for state owned facilities that the City of Greenville protects.

6. There are no plans to alter the current white paint scheme for staff and support vehicles.

Based upon the support for the change in the paint scheme by the internal stake holders, I request the proposed change be taken to City Council for their consideration. The request of City Council is to provide direction as to the paint color schemes for future fire and EMS units between:

Option A – Paint all future units in the traditional red/white color scheme Option B – Paint all future units in a purple/gold paint scheme

SURVEY COMMENTS

Survey
FormFire Truck CommentsEMS Comments

2	Downtown units near ECU Purple/Gold	Single Unit for EMS 1. Downtown units near ECU should be Purple/Gold. Other units traditional Red/White.
4	I am in favor of Eng. 1 being the only engine with this color scheme. It is unique and I like the attention it receives. However, I would like the remaining engines to be more traditional and could personalize these engines according to their assignment.	
5	E1 is an exciting addition to the dept., however I believe E1 should remain unique. I am strongly opposed to painting all the apparatus Purple/Gold.	
6	I have never received so many positive comments from the public on something we have done. I think it looks great. I get asked all the time, "Where can I see the Purple fire truck?"	If we make the change with the engines then I think we have to make the change with the EMS Units. If not, then it would further confuse the public that we were from the same department.
7	Red & Purple & Gold DO NOT look good together. If you order them Purple & Gold, go back and paint ALL of our old equipment Purple & Gold. This gives a professional, uniform look.	SAME
8	If you change the color, we need to go and paint all the other trucks the same color.	SAME
10	We once had a fleet of Red and White trucks with one Yellow truck. What a mess.	
11	I like the new engine scheme and think the show of community support can only benefit us.	White vehicle with Purple/Gold graphics/striping as opposed to painting the vehicle purple/gold to avoid cost increase.
12	Just one purple truck is unique, but a whole fleet makes us look like the ECU FD.	No more than one unit should be purple. If it is an all or nothing deal, then I vote for none of the units being Purple.
15		Purple and Gold interior (patient compartment). Now that would show school spirit.
18	I believe Eng. 1 looks great and shows some local pride.	I feel that if we got to Purple, to get full effect there should be more Purple than in picture above.

19		I think if we were to stay with the same scheme as EMS 1, the change could be in the stripes from Red to Purple.
23	I support the change and agree all future apparatus to be purple and gold.	
28	As long as cost is not increased and delivery is not delayed.	As long as cost is not increased and delivery is not delayed (by 1 day). We are in desperate need on an EMS unit that runs and will not routinely go out of service. Paint it Pink if that will expedite delivery.
30	I think supporting ECU is a great thing. The people in the community love it! I'm all for it!	
31	I feel it would be an excellent plan to do so. Helps the department to stand out and be recognized	SAME
33	I feel that the Red and White color scheme should stay the same on the other units.	Red and White will show up better at night time on an emergency call rather then the purple color.
35	Keep tradition and make Eng. 1 special.	I like the idea of Purple and Gold all EMS.
36	No ECU – No GFR in its current form. The town would be much smaller thus less F/R jobs needed. I think every effort to involve ECU with our department should be made.	EMS and Fire are together in our department. All vehicles should look alike. This is no different than all wearing the same uniform.
39	I do not agree with a full fleet of purple trucks. ECU is not the whole city. One fire truck and one EMS Unit is all that's needed. "Red" is fire truck color.	EMS I only.
57	Red and white are neutral colors in our community. Purple and gold only represents ECU as part of our community	
59	One fire Eng. And one EMS unit painted Purple and Gold show great support to our ECU family. But I think our future apparatus should be painted red.	SAME
60	The tradition of the fire service over the years has been units Red and White with gold leaf trimming. As the fire service evolves there is no doubt that changes need to be made. The changing of the color scheme for all fire and rescue units seems to me that our organization may be moving toward a practice that may please the status quo. Though the changing of the color scheme may be a	

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	moral buster on a short term when the newness wears off that's it. ECU is not the only ones that has donated money for the purchased or emergency vehicles and we should be careful not to set ECU above all other organizations that have given money or may donate money in the future. I'm sure that all this has been taken into consideration and discussed but not really it should be the public's option for they are the ones that pay taxes that buy most of these units. Why not get some of the news media to do some polling to get the public view. Give them the same options. I'm sure to some the statement just made may be an over reaction, but hey! So may be changing a tradition of the fire service that for years. Tradition, that part of the fire service is fading fast. This just happens to be a paint scheme on emergency units. It would take away from the beauty of the	
61	first truck.	
62	There is real value with this for our department. We gain support from the entire community with this plan. There is nothing of real value at risk, therefore nothing is lost by the change.	SAME
68	Have we studied/questioned the long term fading of purple? Purple is one of the worst colors for fading.	I support the change as long as the truck cab has some Purple/Gold to help blend it into the box. If the cab is only white, I do NOT support the change. It wouldn't look good with a White cab and Purple box. The scheme in the picture would be fine.
69	Yes, it looks real good and the whole city comments on it!	It would be nice if everything matched for once. I know it will take awhile, but it would still be nice.
74	Great Idea – Supports our community colors.	Only change Red to Purple on existing EMS units.
75	Let's do it. E-1 looks great.	I like this idea as well. I have had positive response from people. I think we should support our community and this is a good day to do it. Go pirates!
79	My only concern regarding the Purple paint scheme is now well it will resist fading as compared to the red we currently have.	

80	I had some reservations when we first purchased E-1, but since its delivery, I have been very pleased with the feed back we have received.	
81	I think that the Purple and Gold paint work for the station due to service area and the number of units that it responds to.	My concern with the Purple paint on the EMS units would be for the wear and tear that the ambulances have. Example would be the side of EMS 2, scratches from low branches would show up more on the darker paint.
82	I think the fire engines should be painted RED. After a few years when the paint starts to fade, that Purple paint turns to an unfavorable color. Have you noticed the old ECU school buses? However, ENG 1 is a beautiful truck, but I don't think a fleet of Purple faded fire trucks looks too appealing after 5-10 yrs of weekly washing them after the paint starts to fade.	Purple EMS units – Thumbs down. Purple is not a favorable color once it starts to fade. I support any color other than Purple.
84	All apparatus in my opinion should be RED.	For the same reason, all ambulances should be red and white. If it ain't broken, why fix it.
85	While I am neutral on this subject, I do appreciate the effort made to consider the firefighter's opinion on a decision. Too often it seems not to be a consideration as if MGMT doesn't care of it's just not worth the trouble (though I do realize some decisions are non-negotiable).	
88	One is enough!	
89	I think Fire trucks should be Red and White.	SAME
91	How about Purple pants and Gold shirts!	
93	Keep trucks uniform.	
100A	It would take away from Engine 1, thus not letting it stand out.	
102	I think it shows support of our community. The response from the citizens have been very positive in regards to the paint scheme. The employees feel as long as we have equipment in good working order, that is all that matters.	SAME Item # 12

107		I agree to this only if it applies to the EMS unit that is stationed @ Sta. 1 (EMS 1). There isn't any need to have purple and gold EMS units at every station. We can dedicate part of a station to them, but not the whole department. Especially, with the availability to help us, and the lack of effort that they show in support of us.
109	These colors show the support that the city gives to the college, just like what the college does for the city! GREAT IDEA!	Same. Everywhere in the city, there is an ECU building, bus, student, or employee!
112	Red with White contrast. 1 Purple/Gold unit is enough!	SAME
113	Fire trucks should be RED.	Keep them like they are.
114	I think this change will set Greenville apart from other agencies and adds character to the department. With that said, as long as we have equipment that is safe and in good operating order, I will be happy and I'm sure other will also.	SAME
116	E-1 represents not only ECU, but gives distinction to department.	Gives the department an individual appearance, along with identifying a valuable asset within Greenville and Pitt. Co.
119	I like the new engine and believe that painting any other units would cheapen the new Engine 1. I do believe that all future trucks at Sta. 1 should be Purple and Gold.	I support the New EMS 1 only being Purple and Gold.
124	I think this is the perfect paint. LETS MAKE THEM ALL PURPLE AND GOLD. EVEN THE OLD ONES.	SAME
126A		I wonder how the temp will be with a purple truck in the hot NC sun???
137	I have seen first hand the public's reaction to the new color – I think it is an excellent idea and 100k forward to fleet wide change.	Let's keep the momentum going – keep breaking tradition – Vehicle color is just the beginning.



Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

<u>Title of Item:</u>	Legislative Initiatives for the 2008 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly
Explanation:	The 2008 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly will convene at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The 2008 Session is the "short" session, and the matters that may be considered are limited. The following may be considered in the 2008 Session: bills directly and primarily affecting the state budget; constitutional amendments; bills introduced in 2007 that passed one chamber and were received in the other chamber in accordance with the rules; recommendations of study commissions and certain other named committees; certified non-controversial local bills submitted by established deadlines; appointments to state boards and commissions; matters authorized by joint resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting in each chamber; bills primarily affecting any state or local pension or retirement system; and bills to disapprove administrative rules.
	Local bills must be submitted to Legislative Bill Drafting by May 21, 2008, and introduced in the House or filed for introduction in the Senate by May 28, 2008. "Certified non-controversial" means that no pubic hearing will be required or requested, and the entire legislative delegation representing the local government has approved the local bill for introduction.
	Discussion by Council of issues and local acts which it desires to pursue with our local legislative delegation during this Session should occur at this time so that the City's legislative initiatives can be developed and identified. Upon Council reaching a consensus, resolutions for Council's consideration will be presented at its Thursday, April 10, 2008, meeting which will request the City's local legislative delegation to seek enactment of identified initiatives during the Session.
	The City is not alone in its efforts to secure legislation which will assist it in providing services to its citizens. The North Carolina League of Municipalities, in representing its more than 530 member cities, towns, and villages, promotes

the common interests of municipalities in the General Assembly. The League has core principles and an advocacy agenda which it promotes through staff members advocating these policies with the General Assembly. Attached is a copy of the NCLM Core Municipal Principles and the 2007-2008 NCLM Advocacy Agenda. Based upon the input received from City staff, some potential legislative initiatives for Council to consider for this session have been developed and are as follows:

1) <u>Gang Prevention Legislation</u>. Seek enactment of legislation relating to street gang prevention. Gang violence and associated activities pose a danger to the safety of the citizens of Greenville. Members of street gangs threaten, terrorize, and commit crimes against citizens. During the 2007 Session, bills were introduced in both the Senate and the House which provided for legislation relating to gang prevention. These bills were not ratified although House Bill 274 (Street Gang Prevention Act) passed the House on July 31, 2007, and was referred to the Senate where it remained in committee when the General Assembly adjourned on August 2, 2007. This bill contained provisions which resulted in increased penalties for crimes committed as a result of gang activity and established additional offenses relating to participation in criminal street gang activity. It also provided for \$4.7 million in grant money for public and private gang prevention programs. Since the bill passed the House and was not defeated in the Senate, it remains eligible for consideration during the 2008 short session of the General Assembly. Public safety would be enhanced by the enactment of legislation which will provide additional tools for law enforcement in combating gang activity. This was a City legislative initiative in 2007.

For your information, other actions were taken relating to gang prevention during the 2007 Session. The 2007 Appropriations Act (SL 2007-323 - ratified on July 30, 2007, and signed by the Governor on July 31, 2007) included in Section 16.5 gang prevention funds in the amount of \$4.76 million to be provided in grants awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission for street gang violence prevention, intervention and suppression programs and also included in Section 10.55 (g) and (k) \$2.75 million to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services for grants to community-based programs that demonstrate the ability to reach children at risk of teen pregnancy, school dropout and gang participation and also included in Section 10.55 (q) \$2.75 million to the Department of Delinquency Prevention to be used to support the existing Support Our Students Program, including gang prevention and to expand the Program statewide, focusing on low-income communities in unserved areas.

2) Additional Funding for Establishment of a School of Dentistry at East Carolina University. Support East Carolina University in its efforts to receive additional funding for a school of dentistry to be established at East Carolina University. During the 2006 Session, \$3 million of capital planning funds were allocated for the establishment of a school of dentistry at East Carolina University. During the 2007 Session, bills were introduced in both the Senate and the House which provided for funding for the School of Dentistry at East Carolina University. However, these bills never progressed out of committee. Instead, the 2007 Appropriations Act (SL 2007-323 - ratified on July 30, 2007, and signed by the Governor on July 31, 2007) included in Section 29.2 an appropriation in the amount of \$25 million for capital improvements for East Carolina School of Dentistry facilities. However, since \$90 million is needed for this facility, East Carolina University is seeking, during this session, the remaining \$62 million necessary for this facility. A school of dentistry at East Carolina University would address the rural and underserved populations of North Carolina in a similar manner as the Brody School of Medicine does. Additionally, there is a significant economic impact to the City of Greenville and its citizens which would be generated by the location of a school of dentistry in Greenville. This includes providing increased employment opportunities and building the healthcare infrastructure which will help in attracting jobs and industry. This was a City legislative initiative in 2007.

3) Additional Funding for PEG Channels. Seek enactment of legislation which will result in increased funding for public, educational and governmental access channels. During the 2006 Session, legislation was enacted which established a state franchise for cable service and provided for distribution to cities and counties of a portion of the sales tax on video programming service, telecommunication service, and home satellite television service as a replacement for the franchise fee which the cities and counties formerly received as a result of their being the franchise authority. Part of the formula for the distribution of this sales tax revenue included an amount (not to exceed \$25,000 per year) for each qualifying PEG channel (not to exceed 3 channels per city or county). This amount is required to be used for the operation and support of PEG channels. There was a \$2 million cap on the aggregate annual statewide amount to be distributed for this supplemental PEG channel support, however, the number of qualifying channels was underestimated and because of this, each qualifying channel is currently yielding \$7,220.20 per year (or less than one-third of the maximum annual per channel \$25,000 amount). During the 2007 Session, Senate Bill 1068 was introduced and included provisions which increased the amount of the sales tax revenue to be distributed to cities and counties and increased the aggregate amount of supplemental PEG channel support from \$2 million to \$7 million. This bill should be supported to the extent that the increased amount of sales tax revenue distribution to cities and counties covers the increased amount to be distributed to supplemental PEG channel support. Since the bill passed the Senate and was not defeated in the House, it remains eligible for consideration during the 2008 short session of the General Assembly. Receipt of additional funding to support the operation of public, educational and governmental access channels will benefit the operation of these important informational sources for citizens.

4) Funding for a Family Medicine Center at the Brody School

Medicine. Support East Carolina University in its efforts to receive funding for a Family Medicine Center at the Brody School of Medicine. East Carolina University is seeking \$36.8 million in state appropriations to be added to \$10 million in funds from ECU for this facility. The Department of Family Medicine was a founding department of the School of Medicine when it was originally established in 1975. It has grown from 6 faculty and 18 residents to 42 faculty and 30 residents. The current facility is forced to accommodate over double its capacity. A new facility will assist the Brody School of Medicine in

	achieving its mission of serving rural and underserved populations in North Carolina and educating the next generation of family physicians who are likely to remain in North Carolina. Additionally, like the establishment of the school of dentistry, this facility would have a significant economic benefit to the City of Greenville and its citizens. This includes providing increased employment opportunities and building the healthcare infrastructure which will help in attracting jobs and industry.
Fiscal Note:	The development of the Legislative Initiatives will not have a fiscal impact.
Recommendation:	Identify the initiatives which Council desires to include in its Legislative Initiatives so that resolutions for Council action at the April 10, 2008, meeting can be developed.

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NCLM Core Municipal Principles

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The core municipal principles are the foundational beliefs and position of our member cities. They were developed by the League's legislative action committees comprised of municipal representatives and our board of directors. The full membership approved these principles in late 2006.

MUNICIPAL REVENUES Sound municipal government requires preservation and enhancement of the existing tax and revenue structure.

The property tax, state-collected local taxes and revenues, and various local option revenue sources are all integral components of a stable, reliable and balanced revenue stream for municipalities. State-collected revenues should be distributed reasonably and equitably, providing local elected officials autonomy to best determine their use. New revenues, including those that may be obtained through local option revenue sources, are essential to meet the future needs of municipal citizens, to provide the infrastructure necessary for vital public services, and to fairly apportion the costs of growth. It is also imperative that any lost or repealed revenues be replaced, retroactively if necessary.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES Fiscal integrity and sound financial management require flexibility to borrow, invest and expend funds for public purposes.

Cities are challenged to use the funds entrusted to them in the most efficient and responsible manner possible. Flexibility in financing options and expansion of municipal investment authority provide basic tools to help meet that challenge The capacity to determine the nature and amount of an expenditure, based upon the totality of factors involved within the unique context of each city, is essential to economic efficiency and management. Cities need discretion to fund investments in infrastructure and local improvements such as affordable housing, redevelopment projects, and business and economic incentives.

MANDATES The state and federal governments should not enact burdensome and expensive mandates without adequate local authority, flexibility and additional financial resources for implementation and continuation.

> Mandates to perform functions or activities placed upon cities by the state or federal governments, either directly or through agency or administrative action, should be accompanied by funds for their implementation and continuation. Cities should not be required to appropriate funds for particular programs or functions, or to contract with private companies for public services. Management decisions must remain in the sound discretion of the municipal governing body

PREEMPTION Municipalities need a broad grant of authority and flexibility to allow elected officials to make decisions that effectively and efficiently meet the everexpanding needs of their citizens.

Voters elect municipal officials to decide significant issues in the public interest, which varies

	within the unique context of each municipality. Accordingly, the League stands opposed to legislation preempting municipal authority and to measures designed to otherwise erode local control of significant municipal issues. Municipal grants of authority should be broadly construed to include supplemental powers reasonably necessary to carry out the functions.
OPEN GOVERNMENT AND ETHICAL CONDUCT	All levels of government should adhere to principles of responsible open government and ethical conduct.
	The League supports the principle of openness in government and endorses the concept that meetings of governmental bodies should be open to the public. There are reasonable excep- tions that should permit closed sessions when such limitations are in the public interest. Public records should also be available to the public with reasonable exceptions for protection of confidentiality that are in the public interest. Elected and appointed officials should adhere to standards of conduct that promote public confidence in our system of governance. Requirements regarding openness, access to records, conflict of interest and ethical conduct should apply across all levels of government to include state, county, and municipal bodies.
MUNICIPAL LIABILITY	Fundamental rules pertaining to the liability of governmental entities should apply across all levels of government.
	Municipalities continually seek to provide a wide range of services to meet the needs of their citizens in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare. Accordingly, the League stands opposed to proposals placing burdensome liability upon municipalities, including measures that seek to erode well-established principles of immunity or other defenses, and to proposals unfairly imposing cost-shifting upon municipal taxpayers.
MUNICIPAL GROWTH	Healthy municipal centers are essential to the economic viability of the state. Municipalities must maintain the ability to expand and provide the higher level of services demanded by the citizens.
	Cities and towns are the economic engines of the state and must be permitted to grow in an orderly and reasonable manner that supports the continued economic development of the state New growth in and around existing municipalities should utilize existing infrastructure for the most efficient use of public revenue. Annexation ensures that all those who benefit from a municipality through use of the infrastructure, municipal amenities, proximity to jobs, commerce, and cultural resources, bear a fair share of the cost of providing those services. The legislature should not permit a new incorporation whose primary purpose is to prevent a proposed annexation without evidence of its ability to provide the necessary services. Municipalities are encouraged to enter into agreements to foster interlocal cooperation and long-range planning
MUNICIPAL SERVICES	Municipalities require adequate authority and flexibility to finance, operate and manage essential services to protect public safety, promote sanitation, health and welfare, and improve the quality of life.
	In order to serve growing urban populations with water, sewer, transportation, police protec- tion, fire protection, solid waste, stormwater, electricity, parks and recreation, public housing, and other services, municipalities need the autonomy to make appropriate management, financial, and operational decisions. With regard to enterprise services, municipalities must be

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free to determine appropriate rates and service areas, and free to determine when it is appropriate to enter into regional or multi-jurisdictional arrangements. State taxes or fees should not be imposed on municipal enterprise services. Furthermore, the power of eminent domain must be preserved as a means of acquiring property to provide municipal infrastructure, facilities, and services for the public benefit

PLANNING AND LAND USE Municipal planning authority must be maintained for sound growth, long-range planning and growth management.

Long range municipal planning is an essential aspect of municipal health and economic viability. Vibrant, well-planned cities are the economic engines of the state, attracting new businesses and industries, while providing the quality of life expected by residents in and around municipalities. Public participation and private property rights are key elements of growth management. For this reason, the government closest to the people is the best venue for making land use decisions. Municipal authority must be maintained and enhanced to allow for more flexibility and options. Necessary tools for planning include the ability to zone, to review and approve buildings and new development, exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction, urban redevelopment, and economic development strategies. Municipalities must have the capability to protect and plan for infrastructure, as well as ensure that the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens are preserved.

ENVIRONMENTAL For municipalities to be successful partners in environmental protection, environ-PROTECTION mental laws and regulations must be science-based, feasible, and equitable, with flexibility to comply in the most cost-effective manner.

Local governments are partners with state and federal agencies in protecting the environment and quality of life for our citizens, serving as both regulators and members of the regulated community. As regulators, municipalities need adequate authority to set standards, enforce requirements, and perform inspections. The discretion to impose more stringent requirements than the state when necessary to protect public health or the environment must not be impaired, and delegation of any state regulatory programs must be voluntary. The state should continue to provide technical assistance to local governments as well as its share of financial resources for the implementation of environmental programs. In supporting environmental programs, local governments as well as the state should maintain the ability to make reasonable, equitable, and justifiable adjustments in permitting and compliance fees to help recover the costs of regulatory programs.

As members of the regulated community, municipalities must be allowed full participation in the development of new environmental laws and regulations. Environmental laws and regulations should be based on sound science, be technologically and economically feasible, apply equitably to all contributors of pollution, allow the flexibility to attain standards using those practices best suited to the topographical, hydrological, atmospheric, and other characteristics of the jurisdiction and provide incentives that recognize existing environmental programs. The state and federal governments should fully analyze costs associated with environmental requirements before adopting them

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NCLM Advocacy Agenda 2007–2008

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The Advocacy Agenda addresses the key initiatives for municipalities for the 2007-2008 biennium in priority order. It was developed by our members serving on legislative action committees and our board of directors. The full membership approved the advocacy agenda in late 2006.

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING	The League will seek legislation to provide additional funds for municipal infrastructure, including both short term funding in the form of bonds and a long- term permanent source of revenue.
	The League will seek adequate permanent and dedicated sources of revenue for infrastructure needs.
	The League will seek legislation to create additional local option revenue sources for municipali- ties, which may be dedicated to infrastructure needs including those required for transportation, water, and sewer services.
	The League will seek legislation authorizing a state bond package that includes significant fund- ing for clean water projects and urban transportation needs.
TRANSPORTATION	Transportation funding shortfalls and the increasing cost associated with building and maintaining new roads need to be addressed at the state and local level.
	The League will seek a legislative study of transportation issues, to include an evaluation of the DOT equity formula, a comparison of the total motor fuel tax collected in each county to highway trust fund expenditures, and realignment of DOT operational divisions to match regional planning needs and transportation functionality.
	The League will seek legislation to prohibit transfer of Highway Trust Fund monies to the General Fund so that these funds can be directed to vital transportation needs.
PUBLIC DUTY DOCTRINE	In April 2000, two appellate court decisions removed the well-established public duty doctrine as a defense for local governments in negligence actions arising from situations where local governments have sought to provide various services in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare.
	The League will seek legislation to codify the public duty doctrine as a defense in tort actions brought against municipalities.

PLANNING AND LAND USE	Although municipalities have statutory options for addressing substandard dwellings, they need additional authority to remedy non-residential buildings.
	The League will seek legislation to provide municipalities with additional authority to regulate non-residential dilapidated structures.
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) PERMITTING	Significant secondary effects can arise from the inappropriate location of alcohol establishments, yet under the current statutory framework and case law, there are substantial limitations on municipal authority to regulate such locations.
	The League will seek legislation to enhance municipalities' ability to regulate inappropriate loca- tion of licensed alcohol establishments.
ENVIRONMENT	There are ongoing conflicts between municipalities and state agencies about the state's responsibility to pay municipal stormwater utility fees for state property.
	The League will seek legislation to clarify governmental agency responsibility with regard to local government stormwater utility fees.
	The state should seek a bond referendum to create a substantial source of funding to address the depletion of natural resources due to growth and development.
	The League will seek legislation authorizing a statewide bond referendum for the acquisition of land for the preservation of natural resources
PUBLIC SAFETY	Gang violence and associated activity has increased exponentially in many areas throughout the state and local governments need additional means to combat the negative impacts of this activity.
	The League will seek legislation to provide new tools and funding for gang prevention.
HOUSING	Municipalities seek to provide a wide range of housing options for their citizens to provide a high quality of life. The League supports state efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing to complement the existing efforts of local governments.
	The League will seek additional dedicated funding for affordable housing.

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Meeting Date: 4/7/2008 Time: 6:00 PM

<u>Title of Item:</u>	Preview of the City's proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and financial plan for fiscal year 2009-2010
Explanation:	As provided in the approved budget schedule, City staff will present a preview of the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and financial plan for fiscal year 2009-2010. The presentation will highlight several significant budgetary issues such as major revenue sources, the impact of the property tax revaluation process, major expenditure items, and proposed new positions. The proposed budget and financial plan will be distributed to the City Council on April 30 and formally presented at the May 5 City Council meeting. As required by Section 160A-148(5) of the <u>North Carolina General Statutes</u> , the City Council will consider adopting an ordinance in June approving the 2008-2009 budget.
Fiscal Note:	The amount of the budget will be determined by City Council action in June.
Recommendation:	The City Council receive a staff preview on the operating budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and financial plan for fiscal year 2009-2010.

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