

**NORTH CAROLINA
GRANVILLE COUNTY
CITY OF OXFORD**

**OXFORD CITY HALL, BOARD MEETING ROOM,
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007 AT 7:00 PM**

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford met for the August Regular Session at City Hall, 300 Williamsboro Street at the above-mentioned time and place.

Present: Mayor Alvin Woodlief, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Howard G. Herring, Sr.
Commissioner Paul Kiesow
Commissioner Chance Wilkinson
Commissioner S. Quon Bridges
Commissioner Robert Shope
Commissioner Robert B. Williford, Sr.
Commissioner Stephen C. Powell

Present also were City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, City Manager Thomas S. Marrow, City Clerk Tanya S. Weary and Deputy Clerk Donna Hosch.

All members of the board and local news media were notified of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Mayor Woodlief called the meeting to order.

Reverend Phillip Betts gave the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNIZED – DAVID HARRIS

Mayor Woodlief recognized David Harris of the Street Department as July's Employee of the Month winner. A certificate of appreciation and a check for \$25.00 will be given to David.

WILLIE PERRY RECOGNIZED ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mayor Woodlief presented Willie Perry of the Water and Sewer Department with a plaque of appreciation given by himself and the Board of Commissioners on behalf of all the citizens of Oxford for his 18 years of service with the City.

Willie Perry noted it had been an honor to work for the City of Oxford and thanked the Board of Commissioners, coworkers and friends for their support.

XAVIER WORTHAM RECOGNIZED

Mayor Woodlief placed this item on the agenda.

Mayor Woodlief presented a plaque of appreciation to Xavier Wortham for the physical improvements made on the old 7-11 building at 602 Raleigh Street.

JAMES THOMAS RECOGNIZED

Mayor Woodlief placed this item on the agenda.

Mayor Woodlief read a plaque of appreciation to James Thomas for the physical improvements made at 417 Person Street. Mr. Thomas was not in attendance to accept the plaque.

**MAYOR'S YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD -
BETTY PEACE – AUGUST'S RECIPIENT**

Mayor Woodlief recognized August's Mayor's Yard of the Month winner, Betty Peace. Mayor Woodlief read the certificate, which recognizes her for the outstanding job of landscaping maintenance and overall attractiveness of 103 Leak Street. He added a sign would be placed in her yard recognizing her as the winner for Mayor's Yard of the Month and that a picture would be taken for the *Oxford Public Ledger*.

**STREET CLOSING APPROVED – TAKING THE CITY FOR GOD
PRAYER MARCH & COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve closing of Granville Street from Hillsboro Street to Spring Street on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM for Taking the City for God Prayer March & Community Fun Day. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

GRANVILLE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Granville County EDC Director Leon Turner reported the hub project is moving forward with Granville, Vance and Warren Counties in charge of the hub board and will acquire the fourth site. He noted having the 3 sites secured have secured the tier 1 tax credits through the NC Legislature. A good prospect is looking at the Granville Business and Technology Park (hub site) in Oxford. The National Bio & Agro Defense Facility is being recruited to Butner and is moving forward and a scoping meeting will be held on September 18th at South Granville High School. This project is looking at NC, GA, TX, MS and KS with hopes to make a decision within a year. The NC Biofuels Center (old research station) has located to Oxford and received \$5 million from the legislature to begin this project. He recognized this holds great potential for Oxford and the County. Mr. Turner recognized the \$55 million expansion at CertainTeed, which is the largest roofing plant in the world as well as Oxford has the largest cosmetic plant in the world (Revlon). Revlon's upgrading project is underway and adding 125 new jobs from a department moving out of Maryland. Retail projects are still online and no major problems to report.

Commissioner Kiesow recognized the nice article in *Carolina Business*.

Commissioner Bridges asked if the CertainTeed expansion added any jobs to which Mr. Turner responded 75 jobs had been added.

There were no other questions or comments.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE SIZEMORE HEIRS
PROPERTY FRONTING LINDEN AVENUE

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open and invited comment. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider request to rezone the Sizemore Heirs property fronting Linden Avenue from R-6 to O-I. Mayor Woodlief added the Sizemore Heirs' request is to keep Coggeshall Street property as residential and rezone the Linden Avenue property.

No one from the audience wished to speak.

City Manager Marrow explained rezoning the property to O-I would serve as a buffer between the residential and business district. O-I allows for office type businesses. This request allows businesses to move into the residential area on Linden Avenue.

Commissioner Shope commented businesses should look at vacant buildings downtown before moving businesses into the residential area.

Commissioner Bridges asked if the neighbors had been notified of the intentions. City Manager Marrow noted all adjoining property owners were notified by law and a sign was placed on the property advertising the public hearing. Mayor Woodlief recognized a property owner spoke in opposition at the Planning Board meeting.

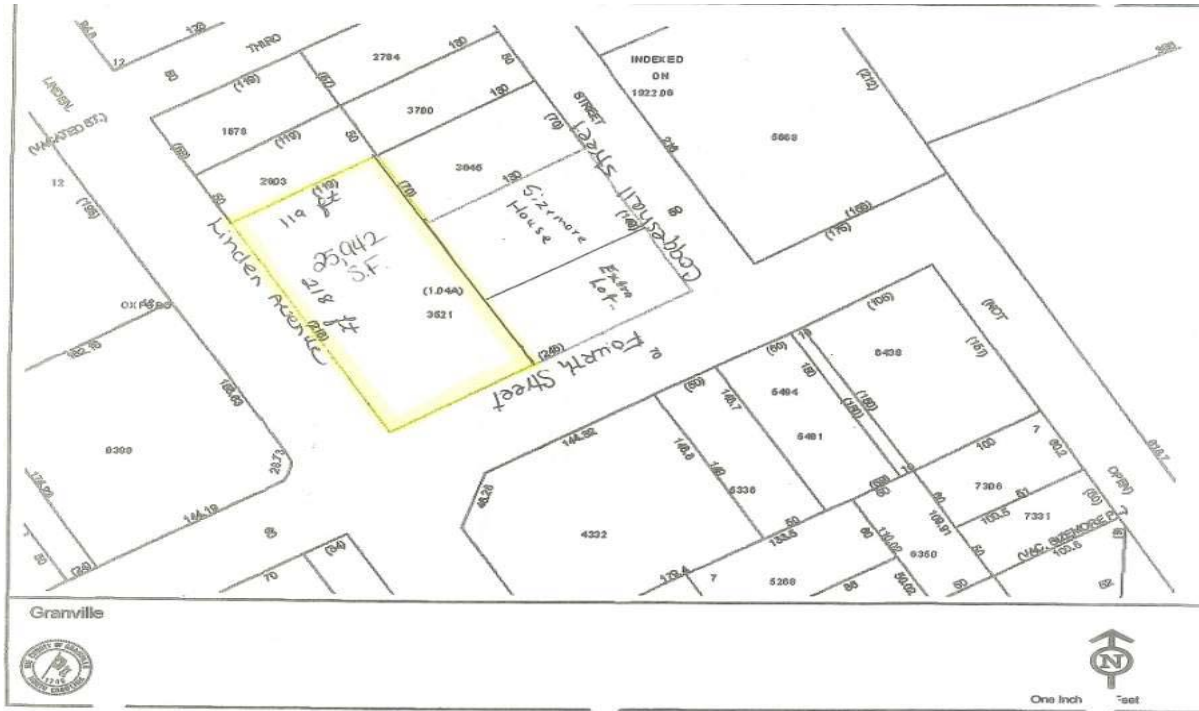
Commissioner Herring requested the City Manager's recommendation. City Manager Marrow noted there is an opportunity for additional residential development in this area. He stated there are a lot of resources invested in the downtown area to keep it thriving. He prefers to see the downtown to be the central business area for Oxford and these areas grow in the future once the downtown is completely built out, including the second stories, which were used as offices at one time. City Manager Marrow noted he was not adamantly against the request, but should focus on the downtown area at this time.

Mayor Woodlief asked Linda Norris about the possibility of town homes to which she responded possibly on Coggeshall and added residential ends on Linden Avenue at the end of the median. A daycare center is directly across from the lot. Neighbors are okay with the request since it does not rezone Coggeshall Street. Mayor Woodlief noted this could allow offices to move from the downtown area in order to free up space for retail businesses.

Mayor Woodlief closed the public hearing.

REZONE REQUEST APPROVED - SIZEMORE HEIRS
PROPERTY FRONTING LINDEN AVENUE

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to rezone property owned by the Sizemore Heirs fronting Linden Avenue from R-6 to O-I as referenced on map below; being that this is rezoning a portion of a lot that has not been subdivided yet (because they are waiting for approval). Commissioner Kiesow seconded the motion. Commissioners Wilkinson, Kiesow, Williford, Herring, Bridges, Powell voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Shope voted against. The motion passed 6-1.



OXFORD ATHLETIC PARK DESIGN PRESENTATION

Mike Hammersley, Project Manager for Corley Redfoot Zack noted the Oxford Athletic Park is located on Horner Siding Road, which is near Oxford Park and Oxford Swim Club. Susan Hatchell & Associates teamed with his firm to design landscaping and park design. His firm performs projecting engineering and the architect.

Susan Hatchell explained the park has a split entrance with planting. The road curves in order to have various views of the park. 200 parking spaces are spread throughout the park. A drop off area is provided. The road will terminate into a cul-de-sac until Victoria Street is completed. Four ball fields in a wheel formation are spread out for more of a welcoming format. An entry gate plaza with a multi-purpose building (restrooms, concessions) will be installed at the ball fields. A tot lot will also be nearby. Two football fields as part of phase II will be down

the hill. Trees will be placed for shade, framed views and to block views. Trails will loop through the site. There will be some natural areas to provide environmental education.

Mr. Hammersley noted the entrance gate is wrought iron with piers of brick columns; schedules and events can be posted here. The multipurpose building will have a concession stand, restrooms and upstairs is an open area for people to look at all four fields. A concession stand with restrooms will be at the football fields. In the future the park can tie into greenway trails and Victoria Street, which will have sidewalks. He recognized the existing Stormwater management pond as part of the Oxford Park project.

Commissioner Bridges, Recreation Committee Chairman, noted this facility would host tournaments that will attract people to spend money and spend the night and will showcase Oxford and the County.

Commissioner Kiesow questioned if Phase II for the football field is different to which Mr. Hammersley noted there were two phases for grants, but they will do both phases together because there is enough money for both.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the football field would be regulation size to which Mr. Hammersley replied yes.

Commissioner Powell asked the seating capacity and the estimated completion date? Mr. Hammersley noted work would begin in fall 2007 with completion by summer 2008. The baseball facility hosts bleachers that hold 300-400 spectators and the football field will have seating capacity of 200.

Mayor Woodlief recognized the complex could host the State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament in 2009. He added the tourism tax charged on hotels goes towards recreation. He added he hopes the City can receive 3% of this money or \$75,000 per year.

City Manager Marrow noted the City had applied for a County tourism grant for ball field lighting and underground irrigation.

There were no other questions.

OXFORD ATHLETIC PARK DESIGN APPROVED

Commissioner Bridges motioned to allow Corely, Redfoot & Zack to call for bids for the construction of the Oxford Athletic Park located on Horner Siding Road. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

CONCERNS OF POLICE CONDUCT – MICHAEL MUHAMMAD

Commissioner Herring, Public Safety Committee Chairman, noted he had received a letter from Michael Muhammad dated June 25, 2007, which indicated he had received several complaints concerning police misconduct and 4th amendment rights violations. The letter cited two specific incidents that occurred on March 21, 2007 and May 9, 2007. He told he had spoken with Police Chief John Wolford regarding the two incidents and found that Chief Wolford had responded in writing to the mother of the son of the March 21st incident and in addition had responded to the individual involved in the May 9th event. Chief Wolford wrote Mr. Muhammad on June 7th addressing the two incidents. On July 3rd Commissioner Herring sent the following letter to Mr. Muhammad:

Thank you for your letter dated June 25, 2007. The Public Safety Committee met on July 2, 2007 to discuss your correspondence. We are also in receipt of correspondence written by Police Chief and (names were not disclosed).

The Public Safety Committee believe that Chief Wolford has adequately addressed the issues of the incidents in question. Therefore, we see no need in meeting with you. However, this does not prevent you from airing your concerns to the full Board of Oxford City Commissioners.

Should you elect to appear before the full board? Please call the City Hall at (919) 603-1100 and ask the City Manager, City Clerk or the Deputy Clerk to place you on the meeting agenda. Or you may contact me at (919) 690-8612 and I will have you placed on the agenda.

Michael Muhammad, PO Box 1796, Oxford, noted on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee he wanted to express concerns of police misconduct and 4th amendment rights violations that are apparently increasing in the City of Oxford. He recognized the 4th amendment guarantees the rights of the people to be secure in their persons, papers and houses and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. The Constitution does not forbid seizures; but makes sure certain requirements are met in order for the seizure to be lawful. All searches should be reasonable and warranted based on probable cause. He recognized as a former law enforcement officer searches and seizures are difficult; additionally officers are charged with making decisions on the spur of the moment. Abuse by law enforcement officers is one of the most serious and divisive human rights violations in this country. The American government has a long drawn out history of using police agencies and over aggressive police tactics to destroy black leaders, organizations and communities. Mr. Muhammad recalled witnessing in the mid-80's up to present day how police corruption, councils, public officials and courts have targeted the black communities. This has resulted in many young black men in the prison system and noted a whole generation of young black men has been lost. Left are women on the streets, drugs and crack children. Crooked white lawyers and business owners were equally involved in this corruption still remain in this City. He recognized the number of repeatedly abusive officers is generally small and added there are some good police officers. The problem is the responsible authorities: chief of police and city manager. He feels they have failed to act decisively to penalize the officers for their conduct; therefore the brutal and racial attacks have gone unchecked and continue to overshadow the good things the police department may do. Mr. Muhammad commented the Public Safety Committee is incapable of making an unbiased assessment and it has been no more than a role step committee that either align themselves with

the brutal and racial attacks against the community or they are naïve as to what is going on in the community. One thing is for certain, speaking on the disadvantage and disenfranchised community; most of the young and old do not have anything good to say about the police. Those who understand the desperate need for policemen could help deter crime if they were able to get past the stigmas developed and continue to be developed as a result of police actions. The Oxford Police are no more than thugs with guns and badges.

Mr. Muhammad reported an incident that involves 3 white detectives and 4 black boys where the amount of police force was excessive and searches unreasonable and shameful. He explained any time a person is deprived of their freedom of movement by a law enforcement officer it becomes a seizure under the 4th amendment. In order for a police officer to seize a person lawfully he must have specific facts that can be articulated and what he has observed is connected to criminal activity. This is called reasonable suspicion. On March 21st Mr. Muhammad was contacted by the parents of the boys, ages 11-16. The parents report that the detectives searched their children and looked inside their underwear on their bare nakedness, looking for marijuana. He added Xavier Wortham, Oxford Housing Director, alleged that someone had called him and reported the boys were standing behind one of the buildings in the projects smoking marijuana. Mr. Wortham then called the police. Uniformed policemen did not show up, instead three detectives. This brings concern to Mr. Muhammad. According to Chief Wolford, when Detectives Curl, Dickerson and Ford exited their vehicles, they smelled marijuana smoke coming from the direction of the boys. This is called false building blocks; in order to abide by the search they have to have a spin in order to get justification. Searching the boys at this point would have been illegal, based on Mr. Wortham's report. As they approached the boys, the 11-year-old boy began running home. Mr. Muhammad asked the boy why he ran

when he saw the police and he stated he was afraid at how they were bowed out. They did not approach as a public servant. The boy was chased by Detective Dickerson and was cuffed at his door and searched to a degree where he looked into the boy's underwear. No drugs were found. The other three boys were sitting on the electrical box. Detective Curl pulled her taser weapon and held the boys at bay. No aggression was shown and no report of use of violence or force. The original report did not say the boys had guns; the young boys were allegedly smoking marijuana. The boys were not mouthing back, but Detective Curl found the need to pull the taser weapon. Mr. Muhammad commented Chief Wolford tries to justify this act. He reported all the boys were searched and underwear pulled back to look at their bare nakedness. No drugs were found. He read the following from Chief Wolford's letter: *Our officers know from their experience that drugs are hidden in the pants and undergarments of many, many of those we come into contact with in similar circumstances. In this instance Detective Dickerson pulled out the pants of the boys and looked down into them as part of his search. The boys were not disrobed.* Mr. Muhammad disagreed because anything that strips you of your dignity is disrobing you.

Mr. Muhammad knew problems existed before with his interview with Mr. Wortham before the response from the Chief. Since Mr. Wortham who called and responded with the Police stated he was very disrespectful to the black parents. He asked Mr. Wortham what did he see and Mr. Wortham noted he did not see the children being searched or a taser being drawn, but the Police Chief said otherwise. He asked why would Mr. Wortham lie to them and try to cover up the conduct of the police? Mr. Muhammad stated the Chief's letter noted the use of the taser weapon is in keeping with the departmental policy in general when the officer is unsure of the circumstances at hand, has a suspect fleeing whom we believe has or may have engaged in

criminal activity. He added this is not what the policy says. The policy states general order 2604, dated 11-04-04, taser gun procedure use and deployment is prohibited to be used on any suspect who does not demonstrate an action or intent to use violence or force against an officer or other persons or flight in case officers pursue on foot to resist, avoid a potential arrest. He stressed according to the report the boys were not showing any aggression; they were just sitting on the box. He added pulling the taser weapon is a violation of policy; there is over aggressive police tactics in this City. He believes Chief Wolford has given the authorization to pull a taser at will and believes this is presenting a danger to the community. Mr. Muhammad asked the Board to place serious attention to local law enforcement. He noted it is a waste of taxpayers' money for trained detectives going after little boys in backyards smoking marijuana. He added this is also a conspiracy to destroy black boys. They were not smoking marijuana. He stated they have to deal with the people postural about being genuinely concerned with the kids, but they are becoming the agents to destroy them. This must be dealt with. He asked the Board if they had distributed monies to the police agency to produce any kind of results? He asked what results had the high intensive target team produced? He asked if it were like the mid-80s, early 90s where drug peddlers and distributors were arrested? Results were not gotten then and are not now. He recalled reading an article on DA David Waters, regarding a white man named Charles Hudson who was arrested as a major supplier of cocaine to the white community. No white people went to prison. Rodney Huff, a magistrate was involved and Hudson gave him cocaine to evade police and Rodney Huff was allowed to walk away. He stressed they want to stop drugs in the community, and then there is a need to address police misconduct. Drugs are being used in the black community to serve some's interest. Police misconduct is real.

Mayor Woodlief gave Mr. Wortham an opportunity to respond. Xavier Wortham did not have any response.

Willie Darby, citizen of Oxford and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Oxford Housing Authority, noted this was the second time he had been in a public gathering where Mr. Muhammad had publicly trounced Mr. Wortham. He refused to sit back and watch this happen again and asked when would Mr. Muhammad talk about the positive things Mr. Wortham has done, such as graduating 12-15 kids from the community with scholarship possibilities for college and the new education center. None of these are ever mentioned by Mr. Muhammad. He added Mr. Wortham is on a mandate by the Board of Commissioners and the Federal Government to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for people in Oxford. Mr. Wortham is doing this and goes far beyond the call of duty to keep this place safe and habitable for the citizens. He addressed Mr. Muhammad by stating he is out of order, trouncing on Mr. Wortham and asked if he wanted kids to smoke marijuana then invite them to his backyard?

Mr. Muhammad asked to respond. Mayor Woodlief replied no he was out of order.

FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2007

Finance Officer Stephen McNally supplied the Board with a copy of the July 2007 financial report that included General Fund actual revenues of \$506,100 actual expenses of \$569,359; Water Fund actual revenues of \$360,322, and actual expenses of \$423,213 and Other actual revenues of \$110,309 and actual expenses of \$40,577. The subtotals to date are General Fund actual revenues of \$506,100 and actual expenses of \$569,359; Water Fund actual revenues of \$360,322 and actual expenses of \$423,213; Other actual revenues of \$110,309 and actual expenses of \$40,577. Mayor Woodlief noted that if there were not any questions concerning the report, Finance Director McNally would be in his office tomorrow for any questions.

GRANVILLE STREET PARK BUILDING USE APPROVED

Commissioner Williford, Property Committee Chairman, noted citizens should share the building at Granville Street Park. He recognized SOLO is a great idea and commented SOLO may could have helped in the situation presented tonight by asking why the boys were not in school? He recognized Ms. Jones has a wonderful program and added Ms. Cooper also wanted to use the building. He suggested sharing the building among those who had requested to use the building.

Mayor Woodlief recognized at the Agenda Session Ms. Cooper had 30+ people in attendance in support of her and Ms. Jones had 20-25 persons in support of her. He noted at this meeting it was decided many people as possible should use the building. The question was asked if those who had requested to use the building could it be shared and Ms. Cooper and Ms. Jones had indicated they would share. He addressed Curtis Gatewood and recognized problem areas as noted in the prior presentation. He does not know if anything could be worked out with the Housing Authority in order to use or rent their property. The City has cleaned up the area of Granville Street; most calls are from the elderly who live off Henderson Street. The City has spent over \$100,000 in this area for recreational facilities and for it to be used as an office does not seem as if it was money well spent.

Commissioner Bridges noted he was concerned that the building set abandoned for a period of time and added he was happy that people were fighting over the building to help young people. He noted he was worried that the City should not in the future allow something like this to happen again and stated when there is an effort to try and use it. He believes what Ms. Cooper and Ms. Jones want to do is admirable, but believes the Board needs to make sure that it does not miss an opportunity to help young people. He hopes the City will monitor the use of the building

if the Board decides to allow Jones and Cooper to use the building in order to make sure it is getting full use and the young people are being helped. He recognized the young people in the audience and noted they want to see the community do things for them. He seems substance as it relates to what SOLO wants to do. Commissioner Bridges noted if the building will be shared he hopes that all interested parties will have an opportunity to use it.

Commissioner Powell noted he was not certain on what the Board would be voting on and he is unable to determine the outcome. Mayor Woodlief noted this would be made clear when a motion is made. Commissioner Powell asked City Manager Marrow if the building had windows to which Mr. Marrow responded the windows couldn't be opened. He asked if the building had air condition, heat to which Mr. Marrow responded yes. Commissioner Powell recognized this should not be a situation where one organization is against another. He asked why Ms. Jones' plans did not surface until after SOLO made a presentation and noted the plans could have been suggested as soon as the other program had shut down. He asked if the children are from the Granville Street area to which Ms. Jones replied more than half are from the area. He recognized the prior organization lost participation due to other activities going on at other places. Ms. Jones clarified she lost participation only with the after school programming. Commissioner Powell commended Ms. Jones and Rev. Gatewood for their positive efforts.

Commissioner Powell recognized the drop out rate in North Carolina and Oxford is continuously rising among African American children. Webb High School has 55 students on long term suspension, most African American. The freshman class for the last 6 years has entered Webb with over 400 students and has graduated barely 200. The arrest rate for Oxford from July 2005 to June 30, 2007 reports: white females - 157; black females – 592; white males – 390 and black males – 1753. This illustrates that there is no guidance for the needs of African

American males. Commissioner Powell noted the decision about the occupancy of the building is not about a building or condemning or elevating one group, picking sides, it is about the lives of African American young men and young adult males. It is about a life of a community and the lives to be affected in the community within Oxford. This is also about the whole of Oxford because when something within a City affects one it affects all. If the needs of one are neglected, then everyone is affected some way or another. It could manifest as a lack of progress that inhibits the possibilities for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. It could affect the level of crime now and in the future; economic development or growth of population that affects the tax base. The school systems are faced with an audacious task of parenting to overcome the lack of some children's experience in their households. This impacts the effectiveness and productivity of teachers, which in turn plays a role in whether new families make Oxford their home. Businesses and industries have a difficult time in recruiting hireable, qualified male workers because of the same socio-related concerns that have been ignored and complained about for decades. This continues because the issue is not addressed with a clear and strategic plan of action, hoping it will go away or fix itself or not intrude on our lifestyles and spill over into the fantasy world by ignoring the reality that no one is immune to the society ills. We are supporting the cause of these problems with the lack of action and becoming part of the problem instead of an element in forming a successful solution. It cannot be said from this day forward that no one stepped up to the plate, desirous black men are willing to rally to the cry for help for children. It would be a lie and great injustice to stereotypically accuse black men of neglecting the needs of the community as the media often does when it seeks to sell horror and misery, while sensationalizing the circumstance portraying victims as the perpetrators of wrongdoing. On the contrary it is often untold that there are good black men that may not be

given the opportunity to encourage positive change and lives found in the community. This may be the day that onlookers acknowledge that there are black men who are willing to serve if not hindered by forces beyond their control. This may be the day that the world and media recognizes SOLO as African Americans willing to assist and hopefully avail the opportunities to help save the lives of other African Americans. Often times it is the matter of life and death. Commissioner Powell quoted Muhat Magandi who stated poverty is the worse form of violence. The vision of Oxford should address the social ills that have befallen upon its citizens and with the same sense of urgency it does when responding to a malfunctioning component of faulty infrastructure or deteriorating bricks and mortar that demand immediate attention parted with balance so it is not to allow the condition of those inadament objects who have no soul or life force to evolve to something of limited use and purposelessness. Commissioner Powell requested the Board to consider the seriousness of this problem and the concerns as it relates to African American males. He noted the battle is being lost because it is not being fought. He recognized the City is only as good as its investment it is willing to make for all children. A chain is as only strong as it's weakest link. He asked if the City government was willing to do what it can as part of the village charged with raising the children to strengthen all links in need of repair and to help galvanize them into productive and responsible members of society is the question whose answer is demonstrated by actions will determine the future and how kind history reference our legacy.

Commissioner Williford commented he believes the building should be shared and recognized the young people with Ms. Jones are entitled to use the building.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked why the building could not be shared? Mayor Woodlief noted Rev. Gatewood would be given 3 minutes as to why the building could not be shared?

Rev. Gatewood asked why something so important as this would require 3 minutes. He asked Mayor Woodlief to revisit SOLO's proposal and understand that they just do not want to use the building for office space. He recognized persons in audience from Fayetteville. He noted this is more than a Granville Street project and noted if their office were on Granville Street it would not limit them to Granville Street. Rev. Gatewood recognize this began as a request for the building and asked how this small request has allowed the creation of the need to address one of the biggest needs addressing Oxford which is the need for righteous people to come together and stop allowing certain politicians and certain ones identified as so-called leaders who represent the status quo whose job is to make sure there isn't any change and no true progress made in our communities. He added SOLO can no longer play the political game with the lives of children and it is time for the City to stop talking the talk unless Oxford is willing to walk the walk. If you fail to act when people are willing to come and bring forth cost effective and wonderful solutions that will save our children do not come back to their churches at election time talking about what you are going to do for our youth. As you delay, you are making their dreams fade away and instead of children arriving as candidates of North Carolina Central University they are arriving as inmates of North Carolina's Central Prison. He noted if urgency had been made to SOLO's proposal they would be further ahead of the wolves on the streets, rather than finding themselves three months later left without anything they requested. Drug hustlers, gang solicitors are bigger and growing bigger threats to children. They have been wrongfully forced to debate over 3 African American groups to share a small building as offices while knowing full well when SOLO came forward no one seemed to care if the building set there vacant until it rotted, deteriorated and had not served one child. Rev. Gatewood noted you continue to deprive and divide their communities each time a solution is brought forth regarding youth and asked not

to come to meetings at election time with repetitious and meaningless political speeches when the door has been slammed in the face of positive African American men. He noted there are not enough visible, positive African American role models who are willing to step forward. He recognized SOLO's original proposal asked for several items and noted the plan was endorsed by the Granville County Ministerial Alliance. This alliance elects the Board. He recognized some of the ministers present in the audience. He commented some officials are waiting for SOLO to fade away. He warned that this is a risky game, and asked how many children must die or certain movements die. Rev. Gatewood commented many men who represent SOLO are men of faith. He asked not to underestimate the men and women who believe in their mission and God. The SOLO concept teaches to spiritually and physically rebuild the villages that raised their ancestors. They will not allow anyone else to continue using youth as political footballs, kicked around again and again. It is more than rhetoric and a dream. SOLO has a dream and plan. He recognized the youth had already lost the basketball goals at Granville Street Park. The residents of Granville Street Park remain divided on this issue and it is not as easy as the picture being painted about Granville Street. SOLO can serve as a healing solution as they seek to restore villages throughout the city, state, nation in an effort to bring the whole village together to raise their children again. Granville Street and other areas of Oxford continue to suffer from a political divide and deprive. The children are left to fall through the cracks of divided adults. The divide and deprive game became apparent when the Granville Street community building was shut down for an extensive period of time; whether by poor management or intentionally to allow a particular organization an excessive amount of time to regroup remain irrelevant. Rev. Gatewood noted their program could serve many in the community and carry love and momentum that include people who are excited about helping children.

Commissioner Herring asked Rev. Gatewood if he was willing to share the building to which Rev. Gatewood responded he was asked to send a proposal with specific needs to the Mayor. The needs outlined a proposed time to use the facility and that they are willing to collaborate, work and encourage work with other groups as long as they do not have to compromise SOLO's bylaws. If SOLO has to share the building the regulations would have to be very clear because SOLO wants to stand with integrity, be accountable and doesn't want to be in position wondering what happened under the offices of one group versus another group, especially if it were illegal or if it hurt a child. As long as SOLO does not have to compromise its mission and standard they are willing to share.

Commissioner Herring recognized taxpayers fund the City and the Board is charged with using the City's resources for the best interest of the City. He does not believe there is a plan too permanent or a change too great and believes organizations and individuals must remain flexible. He recognized the great need for SOLO's efforts.

Commissioner Herring motioned to share the building located at Granville Street Park as follows: Jackie Jones (Community Youth Program) may use the building for the fall schedule for Monday and Tuesday from 3:00 PM –6:00 PM; summer schedule: Monday –Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Rev. Charlotte Cooper (Southside Community Watch) may use the building on the 3rd Thursday of each month and Rev. Curtis Gatewood (SOLO), if desires may use the building at the remaining times. If the building is to be shared, times rescheduled should be worked out between the organizations. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Powell commented he did not feel the small building would be habitable for children and office attendants simultaneously. He does not see how Ms. Jones can fit all the children into the building and do activities, when the building is being shared. Why are we

looking to compromise two programs when effective ways should be sought out without the two programs having to be cramped?

Commissioner Bridges requested the times of use to which Commissioner Herring repeated the times. Commissioner Powell commented during the summer from 9 AM –2 PM, SOLO would not have any access during this time to which Commissioner Herring responded if the Board approves the motion this would be correct. Commissioner Powell did not see how this would work in order for SOLO to be effective. Commissioner Herring noted the request is to use the building and added he is not belittling any of the programs. The issue is the building.

Commissioner Bridges recognized the use of the word “share” and added the Board would be given two programs every thing they have asked for and then give SOLO the rest, which is not sharing. He recognized Rev. Gatewood, Williams, Darby, Mr. Wortham, and Rev. Davis as positive men who are trying to do something for the youth. He believes this Board is saying take a little bit or forget about it. He does not think it is sharing if giving SOLO equal time does not cut it. Ms. Jones has gotten more than half.

Commissioner Wilkinson recognized Ms. Jones has taught the children and worked in the community. SOLO wants to accomplish the same purpose. Ms. Jones has been doing this and should continue her program and the City should not deprive her of this program. He recalled SOLO stated they would be walking at night and noted Ms. Jones would not be doing this. He believes SOLO could use the building when they are walking at night when they are helping African American men. He believes Commissioner Herring’s motion would be good use of the building. Commissioner Bridges does not believe the Board is leaving SOLO much time for use of the building.

Commissioner Powell recognized you have to find fortitude to make a tough decision and does not feel that there is a compromise between the two organizations. He added Rev. Cooper's meeting time does not affect anything. He stressed the need to make a decision and courage to stand on what they think is right. This is a strong issue; young black men who are suffering. There are good men willing to service the children who are in most need and the City is not willing to say do your thing.

Commissioner Kiesow asked Commissioner Powell how would you do this and added he had not heard how this would be done. Commissioner Powell noted it is in the proposal to which Commissioner Kiesow stated it is not in the proposal. He had only heard to use the building.

Mayor Woodlief recognized he had given Rev. Gatewood his time to speak and asked if there was anything else he would like to say. He clarified \$100,000 was spent for recreation and not an office. He noted he was not trying to separate the two. Rev. Gatewood noted what SOLO is doing would not compromise this. He added that by working at night does not mean that their office hours would be limited to the time they are walking the streets. They will not be in the office when they are walking the streets. He hopes this is not counted as office time. Rev. Gatewood hoped the Board did all their homework; for example approved by the NC Department of Child Development for children to be there, the numbers and have they seen the setup? How many children, ratio, etc.? He felt someone from the Committee would assure SOLO of these types of legal issues. He does not want it to appear that he is a part of something that is threatening a violation as it relates to children, those serving the children and times they will be there?

Mayor Woodlief asked if the location of the office mattered and gave examples of Granville Street, Lake Devin? Rev. Gatewood noted he was not familiar with the area and added

the neighborhood would not matter. Mayor Woodlief asked if a church had offered a location? Rev. Gatewood asked if the other groups involved were being asked these questions? Mayor Woodlief repeated if the City could make available a building with a lot of room and parking at a low cost would SOLO be interested? Rev. Gatewood responded that he had not had time to research and recognized he does not know what exactly is being offered, however he is willing to look at it. He added he was attracted to the Granville Street area because the building was vacant and the basketball goals were taken out; therefore something needed to go back in. He stressed SOLO was not closed to anyone needing help. Rev. Gatewood noted Mayor Pro Tem Herring suggested at a press conference on May 16 about the building; the idea did not initially come from him. Commissioner Herring noted he misunderstood the role of SOLO and thought they would be using the park. He suggested proceeding with the motion to allow SOLO to participate or follow up on the comments of another location.

Commissioners Herring, Wilkinson, Williford, Kiesow and Shope voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Bridges and Powell voted against. The motion passed 5-2.

Mayor Woodlief noted the City owns property not in the city limits which in a good recreational area with more room and privacy. He recognized the renters are behind on the rent. He noted the City Manager and Recreation Director would discuss the building with Rev. Gatewood. Mayor Woodlief clarified the motion and noted he would be offering an additional alternative and clarified after Rev. Gatewood looks at the site, the Board would make the decision. Rev. Gatewood requested an address of the property and timeline. The location was not disclosed. Commissioner Wilkinson suggested sending this to the Property Committee because he did not know what the Mayor was talking about. Mayor Woodlief noted Rev. Gatewood would have the opportunity to visit the site.

Mayor Woodlief asked Xavier Wortham, Director of the Housing Authority, if he had any space available for SOLO to which Mr. Wortham responded none at this time.

Commissioner Herring noted he had mentioned to Commissioner Powell that he had been trying to find a nice location for SOLO and is still working on it and is willing to assist with the rent. This is his commitment. Rev. Gatewood commented he was sorry he did not know.

AGREEMENT WITH GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPROVED

Commissioner Kiesow questioned the use of the equipment as mentioned in the agreement and asked if the City paid for this to which City Manager Marrow noted the Board of Elections pays for the equipment. Mayor Woodlief noted the City pays for its election costs as budgeted for each election year.

Commissioner Herring motioned to adopt resolution approving agreement to authorize the Granville County Board of Elections to conduct elections as per the provisions of NCGS 163-284-286. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF OXFORD &
GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford and the Granville County Board of Elections have previously entered into agreement for the Granville County Board of Elections to conduct its elections as per the provisions of N.C.G.S. 163-284-286; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections has deemed it necessary to adopt said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA:

That the Agreement between the Granville County Board of Elections and the City of Oxford, North Carolina be, and the same is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford and the Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver said agreement.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners this 14th day of August, 2007.

SEPTEMBER AGENDA SESSION DATE CHANGED

Commissioner Bridges motioned to change the date of the September Agenda Session from September 3 to September 4, 2007 beginning at 5:45 PM due to the Labor Day Holiday. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEADOWBROOK FLOODING – CONTRACT
AWARDED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mayor Woodlief noted two engineering firms were interviewed at the Agenda meeting. The firm selected will meet with the residents of Meadowbrook to make sure the residents are willing to donate a portion of their property to help solve the flooding problems. It would not be worthwhile to award the contract and then the property owners will not donate their property. It could cost around \$250,000 to solve the frequency of flooding, but not to eliminate it.

Constance Lue of 104 Greenfield Circle commented she was disappointed in the turn out of residents because she had given notices to the residents of Meadowbrook Subdivision concerning the two meetings. She hears from the residents that they have been down this road before trying to get the Board of Commissioners to help with the flooding problem and they never receive any help. Ms. Lue noted she is willing to give some of her property so she does not have flooding. She does not understand why the residents would not give to get the problem worked out. Mayor Woodlief asked if anyone in Meadowbrook would host the engineering firm in their home? Ms. Lue indicated the residents would talk with the engineer, but is disappointed they did not come to this meeting. She told them that this meeting concerns their property, but they do not have any faith in the Board. Mayor Woodlief recognized this process has never been done before.

Jeff Derry of 109 Meadowbrook recognized neighbors are not showing up at the meetings, but he does not feel they object to it. He asked what happens if only 4 residents show up? Commissioner Wilkinson suggested someone from the City, such as City Engineer Thomas, talk to the residents. Mr. Derry recognized the progress on the Board's part concerning the flooding.

Mayor Woodlief noted the decision should be based on if participation is not there from the community, cost may be prohibited if the City has to buy every foot needed. This will determine if the City can go forward.

Allan Daniel 108 Meadow Heights noted there had not been any flooding issues since March 28. He noted someone had placed rocks and removed the tree trunk from the ditch. He recognized where the water comes out of the two culverts it is almost blocked halfway. He asked why hadn't the engineering firm looked at this when it was actually flooded. He asked where are the Corps of Engineers to which Mayor Woodlief responded the City is working with them and the engineering firm would be too.

Mr. Derry asked if someone objects would this affect the outcome to which Mayor Woodlief responded if you have 50% participation this would lock it down.

Mr. Daniel requested something in writing from the City stating the contract has been awarded to Dewberry & Davis. Mayor Woodlief noted the City Clerk would type a letter stating the contract has been awarded to Dewberry & Davis to do the study for the flooding and it will request participation. Mr. Daniel suggested adding a larger pipe.

Commissioner Herring recognized that Dewberry & Davis did the WWTP upgrade.

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to award contract to Dewberry & Davis for Meadowbrook flooding and hold a neighborhood meeting to discuss acquiring easements with

Dewberry & Davis in attendance to explain and answer questions. Commissioner Kiesow seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bridges asked if the motion included paying Dewberry & Davis. Commissioner Wilkinson replied no, it is to discuss easements and see if it is feasible and if so, then the City would proceed with Dewberry.

Ms. Lue asked if the City had the power to protect the residents from themselves, meaning if the road is flooded and they couldn't get out. City Attorney Burnette explained the City can take the easement, but would have to compensate the property owner.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING SET – GRANVILLE COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

City Manager Marrow explained this CTP replaces the City's Comprehensive Transportation Thoroughfare Plan dated 1998. We have tried to incorporate all the important features of our plan into the County's plan. Once adopted, if the City makes one small change to the CTP, then every municipality and Granville County will have to readopt their plans to incorporate our changes, and vice versa.

Commissioner Kiesow asked if the plan would be adopted at the hearing to which City Manager Marrow replied yes. Commissioner Kiesow noted he was concerned that the outer loop was improved except for the portion along I-85, recognizing this was called a service road. He stressed this is wrong because this is the busiest portion and it will not be widened. City Manager Marrow noted this portion is strictly a service road and is not designated as a US highway. Commissioner Kiesow asked if the Goshen Street Extension would be included to which City Manager Marrow replied yes. City Manager Marrow noted the loop has been requested to be widened from Linden Avenue to Bandag and the Highway Patrol Station, but

Burger King to Dill Air Controls is not planned to be 4 laned. Commissioner Kiesow stressed all should be included.

Commissioner Shope motioned to call for a public hearing in conjunction with the September Regular Session beginning at 7:00 PM on September 11, 2007 to consider adopting the Granville County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE POLICY & AGREEMENT

City Manager Marrow explained the water shortage response policy and agreement are required as part of our water supply plan which is updated every couple of years and also for the Kerr Lake Regional Water System's interbasin transfer request that would allow Oxford to sell water outside of the Roanoke River basin. An advisory committee will implement water shortage criteria when there is a drought from a regional perspective. If the water system calls for water conservation, the system cannot enforce this inside the City of Oxford; therefore it is up to the City to adopt a policy that is enforceable in its jurisdiction.

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to adopt the water shortage response policy and water shortage response agreement with the City of Henderson. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kiesow, Public Works Committee Chairman, noted he discussed this with the Kerr Lake Regional Water System on March 28 and pointed out all parties should be part of any control and recognized the system uses 10 mgd, Virginia Beach uses 60 mgd and the Army Corps of Engineers is unlimited. A meeting was called for June 22 and rescheduled to July 25. At this meeting it was noted to approve this by August 1st. The chairman was not present at the meeting on July 25, no one had read the document, and Warren County had not approved the

document and he asked who was the governing board for the KLRWS. He also questioned at what point is conservation declared and administrated and referred to page 8 and stated it was voted for mostly non-metered residential customers and not one entity had non-metered. No one knew how deep the pipe goes into the lake. Commissioner Kiesow recommended the Public Works Committee write procedures pertaining to the water shortage response policy.

Commissioner Wilkinson withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Kiesow motioned for the Public Works Committee write procedures for the water shortage response agreement and policy and approve at the September Regular Session at the earliest. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**INFRASTRUCTURE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KERR TAR
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ADOPTED**

City Manager Marrow explained this is the infrastructure reimbursement agreement which spells out the terms and conditions that will allow the Region K EDC to fund up to \$900,000.00 towards extending infrastructure (force mains, gravity lines and pump station) to the hub site and other areas in the eastern vicinity of the City. The grant dollars will be run through the City's books; the City will inspect the work, and then pay the contractor.

Commissioner Kiesow asked about no private benefit certification to which City Manager Marrow explained the City would hold 5% of the funds at each draw down, as a retainer, so the City is assured the project is done properly. This equals \$45,000 that will be held. The money will not directly benefit a private individual. City Attorney Burnette agreed.

Commissioner Bridges motioned to adopt Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement with the Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RETURNED CHECKS SERVICE FEE INCREASED

Commissioner Herring motioned to increase service fee for returned checks from \$20 to \$30. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

WATER & SEWER DEPOSIT SCHEDULED INCREASED

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to increase the deposit schedule as follows:

		New Proposed Deposit
Inside Residence	Water and Sewer	\$75
Inside Residence	Water Only	\$25
Inside Residence	Sewer Only	\$50
Outside Residence	Water and Sewer	\$90
Outside Residence	Water Only	\$40
Outside Residence	Sewer Only	\$50

Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

STREET CLOSING – 2nd ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL & HOT SAUCE CONTEST

Commissioner Bridges motioned to approve the street closing on Main Street between Spring Street and High Street from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for carriage rides to be held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Heritage Festival and Hot Sauce Contest. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT

Commissioner Herring, Public Safety Chairman, motioned to approve a budget amendment made payable to the General Fund in the amount of \$9,839.00 to recognize Highway Safety Grant money received from the NC Department of Transportation. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010510494	State Grant – Police Dept	\$9,839.00	
010351190	Highway Safety Grant	\$9,839.00	

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – WWTP CLARIFIER

Commissioner Bridges motioned to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$15,512.00 made payable from the Water Fund to cover the cost of emergency repairs to the clarifier at the WWTP. Commissioner Kiesow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
030824352	Equipment Main & Repair	\$15,512.00	
030399000	App Fund Balance	\$15,512.00	

STREET CLOSING – HICKMILL ROAD – 3rd ANNUAL GRABALL REUNION

Commissioner Bridges motioned to close Hicksmill Road between Watkins Street and Woodson Street from 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM on Saturday, September 29, 2007 for the 3rd Annual Graball Reunion. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSING – LITTLEJOHN STREET – OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Commissioner Shope motioned to approve request to close Littlejohn Street on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM for Oxford Baptist Church Family Night Kickoff. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – SEWER MAIN
AT CENTRAL CHILDREN’S HOME**

This will eliminate over 100,000 of I&I at a low cost.

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve a budget amendment made payable from the Water Fund in the amount of \$14,014.00 for Hight's Backhoe Service to repair the sewer main line at the Central Children's Home. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
030828203	Contract Labor	\$14,014.00	
030399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$14,014.00	

MINUTES CORRECTED – 29.80 ACRES ADJACENT TO ROYAL HOME FASHIONS

Commissioner Bridges motioned to correct minutes of June 12 & July 10, 2007 to reflect 29.80 acres adjacent to Royal Home Fashions and backing up to Marian Lane were rezoned B-2 instead of 20.80 acres. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING SET – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT –
INCLUDE DEFINITIONS FOR FAMILY CARE HOMES,
GROUP HOMES AND HALFWAY HOUSE**

Commissioner Powell motioned to call for a public hearing in conjunction with the September 11, 2007 Regular Session beginning at 7:00 PM to consider amending the Oxford Zoning Ordinance to include definitions for Family Care Homes, Group Homes and Halfway House. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT & RESOLUTION APPROVED – GOVERNORS
HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM**

Commissioner Kiesow noted he supported the amendment, but was concerned about adding a person and felt other departments would be requesting the same thing.

Commissioner Herring, Public Safety Chairman commented it would cost the City \$42,000 over a three year period, but by the end of this period, the City would be receiving full revenues from Rollingwood, Lexington Park, Oxford Park and Wal-mart. These entities are an addition to the police force.

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve a resolution and a budget amendment made payable from the General Fund in the amount of \$11,550.00 to match a \$77,548.00 grant from the Governors Highway Safety Program. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Oxford Police Department has completed an application contract for traffic safety funding; and that the Oxford Board of Commissioners has thoroughly considered the problem identified and has reviewed the project as described in the contract;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Oxford Board of Commissioners, IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE City of Oxford, North Carolina, this 14^h day of August, 2007, as follows:

1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Oxford Board of Commissioners and the general public, and
2. That Captain Glen Boyd is authorized to file, on behalf of the Oxford Board of Commissioners, an application contract in the form prescribed by the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of \$77,548.00 to be made to the Oxford Board of Commissioners to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the contract application; and
3. That the Oxford Board of Commissioners has formally appropriated the cash contribution of \$11,550.00 as required by the project contract; and
4. That the Project Director designated in the application contract shall furnish or make arrangement for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports as required by the contract, if approved, or as may be required by the Governor's Highway Safety Program; and
5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the contract referenced above; and

6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010510495	Traffic Safety Unit Grant	\$89,098.00	
010399000	App Fund Balance	\$11,550.00	
010395050	Traffic Safety Unit Grant	\$77,548.00	

PARKING LOT CLOSING APPROVED – 2nd ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL & HOT SAUCE CONTEST

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve request to close parking lot behind Western Auto leaving the first row of parking spaces open (behind Ace Hardware) on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM for the 2nd Annual Heritage Festival and Hot Sauce Contest. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

WOMAN’S CLUB MONUMENT

This item was taken off the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to approve meeting minutes of July 2 & 10, 2007. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – CONTRACT & PERSONNEL

On a motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Williford, the Board voted to go into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss a contract and personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the closed session and on motion by Commissioner Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, the Board voted unanimously to return to the Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Woodlief adjourned the meeting.