

Town of Garner Town Council
Work Session Minutes
October 27, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.

The Garner Town Council met in Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the Town Council Meeting Room.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attending: Mayor Williams, Mayor ProTem Kennedy, Council Members Behringer, Marshburn and Singleton. Council Member Johns has excused absence

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager; Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager; Lin Jones, Finance Director; Sonya Shaw, Parks and Recreation Director; Tony Beasley, Economic Development Director and Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager

Announcement from the Mayor:

The Mayor and Town Council were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of their Support for Garner Magnet High School and our Community from Garner Magnet High School.

The NC League of Municipalities GREEN CHALLENGE ADVANCED LEVEL AWARD was awarded to the Town of Garner.

DISCUSSION

Wake County Rehabilitation Loan Program

Presenter: Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager

A Power Point presentation was given on the Wake County Rehabilitation Loan Program.

The Wake County Housing and Revitalization is a division of the Wake County Human Services Department. They provide low interest loans for low income homeowners and a comprehensive home repair program.

Wake County Rehabilitation Program helps homeowners with fixed or limited incomes to make their homes safer, more energy efficient and able to meet housing quality standards.

Eligible properties are properties throughout Wake County except within the city limits of Raleigh, Cary and Holly Springs. These properties are owner occupied, single family houses or individuals with ownership interest in the property. The properties need improvements that will cost \$10,000 or more and manufactured homes may be eligible if they are on a permanent foundation.

- Eligible repairs and replacements consist of the following:
- Roofs
- Framing
- Foundation Repairs
- Exteriors
- Window and Doors
- Heating and Air Conditioning

- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Well and Septic

The program doesn't just help pay for the work, they arrange to have the work completed for the owner with qualified contractors, all repairs meet quality, safety and health standards.

The program guidelines are as follows:

Have ownership interest in the home to be rehabilitated

Occupy the home to be rehabilitated

The property must be free and clear of any federal, state or local tax liens. You can still qualify for the program if you have an active repayment plan to pay your tax lien.

Have an established satisfactory credit history

After the rehabilitation is complete, the total of all loans on the home may not exceed 95% of the home's value.

Household income must be below the 80% median income established by HUD

INCOME LIMITS

FY 2008-09 Income Limits for Wake County – 3/10/09									
Family size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
80%	43,050	49,200	55,350	61,500	66,400	71,350	76,250	81,200	
50%	26,050	30,750	34,600	38,450	41,550	44,600	47,700	50,750	
30%	16,150	18,450	20,750	23,050	24,900	26,750	28,600	30,450	

Loan Descriptions are as follows:

Amortized Loan-the term and interest rate of the amortized loan is extremely affordable for the homeowner; 2% for 15 years or 4% for 30 years

Deferred Loan-deferred loans may be available to disabled, very low-income and/or elderly (62 years of age or older) residents. Payments are deferred for as long as the homeowner resides in the rehabilitated property and does not sell or transfer ownership of the property

There have been a total of ten (10) separate families that have contacted either Ms. Vinson or Reginald Buie regarding the program. Of those ten (10), Ms. Vinson has taken one (1) application. Ms. Vinson is currently doing follow-up work with four (4) families to determine if they pre-qualify for the program and she is in the process of arranging a meeting with another. Three (3) families were over the income limit and one (1) had no equity in their home.

The goal of this program is to help the citizens of Wake County live in safe and healthy homes, regardless of income limitations. If you know of someone who may qualify for this program you can call a Wake County Rehabilitation specialist at 919-856-5689 or Ms. Vinson at 919-856-5906.

Mr. Buie stated Wake County does not publicize it but, they will tear down your house and build a new one. Brochures are now available at the library, area churches, Town buildings and the Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Kennedy asked if we have a large number of homes that qualify.

Mr. Buie responded yes we have a large number but, there needs to be more advertising. Ms. Vinson and I are planning to go into the churches in the Garner area to spread the information.

Council Member Marshburn asked what if the minimum amount of work to be done is less than the \$10,000.

Mr. Buie replied Wake County will still do the work even if the dollar amount is less. There is no up-front money required. Wake County doesn't want to put people in a bind with their cash flow.

Mayor Williams said all funding goes through Wake County.

Council Member Marshburn said the Town of Garner is just a conduit for the information.

Mr. Watkins replied yes, we are the clearing house for this information.

Mayor Williams said this is a good program.

Action: Updated Council

Alcoholic Beverages Policy for Garner Historic Auditorium

Presenter: Sonya Shaw, Parks & Recreation Director

Ms. Shaw gave the background on the Alcoholic Beverage Policy. She also explained the programming challenges, opportunities, and the cost for a 4 hour rental. A beer and wine survey was done with the other agencies.

Background: On occasion, the Town of Garner receives requests to allow renters to serve beer and/or wine at the Garner Historic Auditorium. General rules for use of Garner Historic Auditorium states alcohol is prohibited. An ordinance adopted in 2005 prohibits alcohol on any town property. Prior to the adoption of this ordinance in 2005, wine and beer were allowed at the Auditorium. Since 2005, staff can recall three occasions where the serving of alcohol was requested and subsequently, granted by the Town Council:

1. January 2009 on behalf of The Towne Players for four opening events in January, April, August and October of 2009.
2. October 11, 2008-The Towne Players 10th Anniversary Gala. The Towne Players served champagne.
3. August of 2007, the Chamber Banquet

Programming Challenges: Before the ordinance was put in place, wine was served at several functions such as weddings and class reunions. Now the ordinance generally discourages private individuals who want to serve wine, champagne or beer at a wedding reception or similar private function; consequently, they go elsewhere.

The purpose of going before the Town Council to request an exception is often an intimidating one for the ordinary individual. The Auditorium loses the booking to a facility that allows beer and wine.

Auditorium staff can recall at least a dozen performing art events and privately promoted concerts that have moved on after learning about the provision in our rules.

Opportunities: If the ban on alcohol was removed to allow beer and wine, the Town could rent the facility more often and produce more revenues. Many local venues sell wine and beer and/or allow renters to do so. Most have strict policies regarding what can be served, obtaining ABC permits, providing liability coverage and enacting security provisions.

This may be a good time for the Town of Garner to consider developing a policy regarding beer and wine use at the Auditorium separate from the town-wide policy that currently exists. This would alleviate groups having to go to Council each time a renter requests the distribution of beer/wine at the Auditorium. In addition, with the Town of Garner considering a performance series for the Auditorium, this may be a good time for us to begin working towards a policy. This could also prove to be highly profitable for The Towne Players and possibly help offset some of the Town funding, as well as, assist the Town with costs associated with future performing arts series at the Auditorium.

The agencies that were surveyed are as follows:

- Halle Cultural Arts Center, Apex
- The Clayton Center, Clayton
- Edna Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson
- Durham Parks & Recreation 2 Facilities
- The Carolina Theatre, Durham
- Theatre in the Park, Raleigh
- Raleigh Little Theatre, Raleigh
- Durham Performing Arts Center, Durham
- Paramount Theatre, Herman Park Center, Goldsboro

The sample auditorium fees with proposed alcohol use policy for (4 hour rental)

Non-Profit/Private Individuals

Auditorium Rental of \$90/hr	\$360
Parking Attendants	\$40
Deposit	\$200
Special Occasion Alcohol Permit	\$60
Liquor Liability Insurance	\$300
Total	\$960

For Profit

Auditorium Rental of \$105/hr	\$420
Parking Attendants	\$40
Deposit	\$200
Special Occasion Alcohol Permit	\$60
Liquor Liability Insurance	\$300
Total	\$1020

Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Shaw to do a beer and wine survey for the Town of Holly Springs.

Council Member Marshburn expressed concerns regarding underage people attending these events.

Mr. Watkins said there could be a clause, for example; which states 25% or more of people under the age of 21 attending the event would make the renter not eligible to rent the facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy asked about what particular fees will be charged for renting. For example renting the entire facility but, is the renter restricted to an area. He did not think this was a good idea. He also stated beer and wine should be restricted to only a certain area.

Council Member Singleton said he was very confused on some of the wording in the policy. He asked if people can rent the entire auditorium or just a portion of the building. He said if this occurs there should be restrictions added to state the details. Ms. Shaw said people can rent the front and/or the back with two different parties happening at the same time.

Council Member Singleton had a question on the Alcoholic Beverages Policy referring to Page 2 Item 5 which states: The sale of alcohol beverages is permitted at the following indoor performing venue: Garner Historic Auditorium. Should this item 5 include the main lobby too or should the wording be deleted.

Ms. Shaw replied we can add/delete whatever we need to for the auditorium only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy also referred to the same page 2, item 5 of the policy, he feels that in the policy it needs to spell out all the restrictions that pertain to only the auditorium.

Mayor Williams said the auditorium is public property. He asked if there should be a policy for every public building.

Council Member Marshburn referred to the same page 2, item 5 of the policy, could the permit include to say the selling of drinks at the performances for the Towne Players. Should the wording actually say "serve" or "sell" or both? He is concerned about the correct wording of serve/sell in the policy.

Mr. Watkins said he sees the wording as both serve and sell. He asked do we address both.

Council Member Singleton replied yes we need to state both sell and serve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said it may be a good idea to provide the renter of a list of three (3) insurance companies they go to that know the Town's Alcohol Beverage Policy.

Council Member Singleton asked what the procedure is for hiring of a police officer. He said the process needs to be spelled out in the policy on page 1, item 4.

Mr. Watkins replied potential renters are required to have a police officer on site and the Town will make the arrangements. He also said it is a large cost to rent the facility and it does not even include other things.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy stated half of the cost is the insurance.

Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Shaw to consult Jones Insurance in regards to all of the insurance costs.

Council Member Marshburn said this policy presented to us intends to make the auditorium a popular venue. Other venues allow beer and wine, but as a Town facility it does not share any insurance liability.

Mayor Williams stated we could waive certain fees for the Towne Players and Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Shaw stated the City of Wilson's policy states the renters must procure their own license and do their own selling, but usually they do not have people who want this option. The Clayton Center policy states all renters whether serving or selling, must secure their own alcohol permit. The Carolina Theater require alcohol permit for serving and selling with a 1 million dollar insurance liability required.

The Raleigh Little Theater policy states the renters are required to have three (3) licenses renewed annually from the City of Raleigh \$30.00, Wake County \$50.00 and ABC at \$40.00 in early Winter/Spring. This facility has volunteers that serve the beer and wine.

Council Member Singleton said The Clayton Center serves beer and wine to make money. Their off duty police officer is scheduled by The Clayton Center.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy stated we need the police protection.

Mr. Watkins said we can alter fees per organization who wants to rent the facility.

Ms. Shaw stated the Town Council needs to decide whether or not to say just serve or just sell or both.

Council Member Singleton said the biggest cost is the insurance fees.

Mr. Watkins stated the Town of Garner only gets back the \$100 rental fee, alcohol fee and off duty police officer charge. You can charge \$5.00 for the application fee and a park attendant fee.

Council Member Singleton stated the Town's goal is to make money for the facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy stated maybe you can get an umbrella coverage plan for the insurance costs.

Mr. Watkins said for an example with a concert promoter they will already have the insurance coverage handled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said the policy needs to be reworked on the listing of itemizing typical charges so it is clear up front.

Mr. Watkins asked Town Council if they would like Ms. Shaw to speak with the neighbors about this policy.

Council Member Marshburn asked if it seems reasonable to speak with their HOA or committee at the auditorium apartments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said to have a conversation but not get their consent. He said we are not restricting their access to the building. He also stated stopping the selling of alcohol at a certain time such as 8:00 at night. He feels there should be a suggestion of a time limit for the last drink served/last call.

Ms. Shaw said maybe an hour before the show ends could be the restricted time limit.

Mayor Williams said there is no need to rush into a decision tonight. Town Council needs to have more time to look over the policy and its details.

Council Member Marshburn said he feels that Council has raised some issues and we need more time to go over the policy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy stated this is a political game not a policy game.

Mr. Watkins asked Council to give Ms. Shaw any changes they would like to see in the policy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said he would like to see all the fees itemized. He also stated Ms. Shaw should have an informal conversation with the residents.

Action: Amend the draft policy; Place on November 17th meeting work session

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Dickerson stated the Town of Garner did not get the grant that was applied for. Due to the grant not being received the Hazard Mitigation Plan is being completed in house.

A Power Point presentation was given by Rodney Dickerson consisting of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2009.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Initiative:

A common sense approach to reducing loss

Natural hazards vs. disasters

Mitigation Planning

Capitalizes on the opportunity available to ensure safe and responsible development patterns.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Goal

Ultimate Goal

To reduce the current and future vulnerability of our communities to natural hazards.

How?

By promoting the integration of hazard mitigation principles into the routine decision making processes of local governments.

Overview of the planning process

Step 1: Hazard Identification and Analysis

1. Coastal and riverine erosion-Unlikely
2. Dam and levee failures-Possible
3. Droughts and heat waves-Very likely
4. Earthquakes-Very likely
5. Floods-Possible
6. Hurricanes and costal storms-Very likely
7. Landslides and sink holes-Unlikely
8. Severe storms and tornadoes-Very likely
9. Tsunamis-Unlikely
10. Volcanoes-Unlikely
11. Wildfires-Very likely
12. Winter storms and freezes-Very likely
13. Avalanche-Unlikely
14. Land subsidence-Unlikely

Step 2: Vulnerability Assessment

- Approximately 14.83 square miles in Town Limits, 29.49 in ETJ
- All types of construction (residential, commercial, mobile homes, various ages)
- Critical facilities (Police, Fire, EMS, Utilities, etc)
- Several creeks, dams. Lake Benson
- Vulnerable populations (elderly care centers, daycares, schools, etc)

Step 3: Community Capability Assessment/Some of the Resources & Tools available:

Institutional (Municipal Government)

- Planning
- Zoning
- Stormwater Management
- Building Code Enforcement
- Fiscal

Step 4: Community Goals

- Protect the public health, safety and welfare by increasing public awareness of hazards and by encouraging collective and individual responsibility for mitigating hazard risks.
- Improve technical capability to respond to hazards and to improve the effectiveness of hazard mitigation actions.
- Enhance existing or create new policies and ordinances that will help reduce the damaging effects of natural hazards.
- Protect the most vulnerable populations, buildings, and critical facilities through the implementation of cost effective and technically feasible mitigation actions.

Step 5: Mitigation Strategies

- Preventive
- Property Protection
- Natural Resources Protection
- Emergency Services Measures
- Structural Projects
- Public Information

What we are already doing:

UDO: Subdivision Standards-Continue to provide protection for residential areas by not allowing residential lots in the floodplain.

Continue to update flood hazard maps to reflect new subdivisions, changes in corporate limits, and any new DFIRM data as provided by the County.

Partner with Wake County and other interested parties to jointly identify and acquire open space lands, etc.

What we plan to do:

- Develop for public dissemination building inspections brochures regarding high winds, water damage prevention, and tie downs for accessory structures.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs)-The Town will include in the stormwater management plan (being developed with the Town NPDES Phase II Program) BMPs that will address both water quality and water quantity management on sites.
- Town website will be updated with public access to information pertaining to evacuation routes, emergency contact numbers, and detailed weather reports in case of emergency, etc.

Step 6: Adoption:

- Requires approval by NCEM
- Adoption by Town Council
- Plan goes to FEMA for final approval

Step 7: Implementation:

- Secure funding sources and implement action items
- Evaluate plan after every disaster
- Update plan every 5 years

Mr. Dickerson stated staff will be doing this review in house section by section. FEMA wants it done a certain way. Staff went to a FEMA workshop to learn how to do this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said this will save the Town some serious money.

Mr. Dickerson said the Town tried for grants twice and it takes a long time. Staff decided to do the document in house with a good faith effort.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said by separating the emergency plan and the disaster plan which is a good idea. He said after the first of year Council can have a case study. This will give us a benefit on what has been done so far. He said this needs to be brought back to a work session after the first of the year 2010. He said about ten years ago most of Garner was hit with a major ice storm.

Council Member Marshburn asked if the Town will have a plan in how to function as a municipality if there is not an office to come to.

Mr. Dickerson replied the Town had this plan intact for one year with all the policies and procedures.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said the Town may need a couple of case studies of the Town's position in case of a hurricane or other disaster. The citizens of Garner will inquire about this.

Action: Updated Council, Place on January or February work session.

Added Topic addressed to Mr. Dickerson

Mayor Williams asked Mr. Dickerson about the status on the solid waste contractor.

Mr. Dickerson said the leaf pick up will start on November 1st and go thru February 2010.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy stated at the Wake Human Services meeting, it was reported a 1% decline in the tonnage is going into the landfill. The recyclable tonnage has increased. The regular trash collection has gone down and he feels it is headed in the right direction. The decrease in regular trash will help extend the useful life of the landfill.

Mr. Beasley stated Ms. Howell will create a flyer to help our employees on the recycling habits.

White Deer Project Construction Update

Presenters: Tony Beasley, Economic Development Director

Sonya Shaw, Parks & Recreation Director

A Power Point presentation was given by Tony Beasley consisting of new aerials of White Deer Park and an update on the construction finals.

The park is complete to date at 98%. The percent paid to date is 89%. The total budget is 4.2 million dollars.

Schedule of Recent Events:

October 16	Furniture completion, refrigerator installed, staff to begin relocation from Town Hall to White Deer Park.
October 19	Staff operates out of White Deer Park and IT completes installation.
October 23	Park facilities turned over to the Town. Town insurance is in place.
October 24	Soft opening to the public. -NO FANFARE-NO ANNOUNCEMENT.
November 1	Grand Opening and DEDICATION of White Deer Park.

Project Progress Update:

Contractor is working to meet our needs for the Grand Opening and over the next 30 days should complete the remainder of our /work and the warranty of the park will begin.

Question & Answer Session

Mr. Watkins explained to Council Member Marshburn the mileage around the perimeter of the park and all the loops of both parking lots is a total of 1.8 miles (internal loops).

Mayor Williams asked who the contact is on handling the wetland.

Mr. Beasley replied FEMA out of Georgia is handling them. He said the greenway connection issue will return to Town Council at a future work session. Mr. Beasley will provide Council will three options to review regarding the greenway connection.

Council Member Singleton asked how someone will get back to the slide once they have gone down.

Mr. Beasley replied they can walk up the path or walk up the mulch area. He said another option is to do landscaping with railroad ties and/or handrails to be installed for the steep hills. He asked Council when they use the park to let staff know what they may see being done wrong or what needs to be fixed.

Council Member Singleton will make a list of his concerns and give it to Mr. Beasley.

Council Member Singleton expressed his concern on the gutters being crammed with leaves already. He stated that the gutters may need gutter guards. He also asked about the recycling cans and the possibility of placing a different color cover to distinguish the trash cans and recycle cans.

Mr. Watkins said this is a reoccurring problem everywhere with having trash and recycling cans.

Council Member Singleton stated that there is a sign in the parking lot which states low omission car parking lot preference spaces, car pool and van pool.

Mr. Beasley said by putting up this special sign the Town received a point toward LED Certification for having them.

Council Member Singleton said he feels the natural playground needs more swings.

Mr. Beasley said the playground slide has a pocket in it which holds water. He feels the slide needs to be drilled with a set of holes for drainage.

Council Member Singleton said the paving is not very good.

Mr. Beasley replied yes this is an issue and the contractors are working on it. He also stated in the future the Town will need specifications in order to protect ourselves.

Council Member Singleton said in the greenway in the back by the lift station there is an old yellow sign by the trail that needs to be removed and thrown away.

Mr. Beasley replied we are removing this sign and the concrete block that was from the City of Raleigh.

Council Member Behringer asked if the Town is charging the contractors any penalties or fines.

Mr. Beasley said the contractor's damage date is November 1 and they have 60 to 90 days from the punch list date.

Mr. Watkins said if Council has any concerns and/or questions, the time to express them is at the grand opening to the designers.

Council Member Singleton asked about the sidewalk on New Rand Road across from the old rodeo there is a section that needs to be replaced.

Council Member Marshburn said it is a great park and we will enjoy it for a long time.

Action: Updated Council

Ms. Shaw's Presentation Update:

Ms. Shaw stated Stephanie Moody and Ed Johnson have moved into the offices at White Deer Park. They are operating there and have two 2 full time staff employees from Public Works. The hours are from Tuesday through Saturday at 9:00-5:00. The gates of White Deer Park will open at 5:00 am.

On Sunday, November 1st the grand opening program schedule is from 12:00-5:00. The ribbon cutting will begin at 3:00. There will be crafts at the shelters for the children as they will rotate to different shelters. There also will be a scavenger hunt.

Ms. Shaw said there will be exhibits about learning different animal species, snake, environment education, worms, bird house display and the mascot for Rex Wellness will be in attendance.

Ms. Shaw stated about 180 invitations were sent out.

Mr. Dickerson will get together with Ms. Shaw tomorrow to go over the guest list.

Ms. Shaw said there will be walking tours and the ribbon cutting will be at 3:00 at the nature center program. Ms. Shaw or Ms. Howell will contact Council to go over all the details for Sunday, Nov 1st.

Ms. Janice Stephenson will speak about the legend of the white deer.

Council Member Singleton said staff should pick up all of the elections signs along the walkway at the White Deer Park. He said this event at White Deer Park is not a campaign event.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy said he feels there should be a clean sweep of these signs before the grand opening on Nov 1st.

Mr. Watkins stated staff must follow the rules regarding political signs per Planning Department, Planning Director Brad Bass. He said the Town always allows signs 10 feet off the road, but we do not allow these signs in the park lining the driveway. These signs are not allowed inside the park.

Ms. Shaw said the program should go as follows:

Ms. Moody, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Gay and Ms. Gallagher will be on site. Mayor Williams is the welcoming party and Council Member Johns will conduct the prayer. Mr. Watkins will have the closing remarks after the ribbon cutting has taken place.

Mr. Beasley stated the deck boards will be replaced per the contractor's expense. When the contractor pressure washed the deck the nozzle they used was damaged and created swirls in the boards.

Mayor Williams asked if Council need to be there by 2:45.

Council member Singleton asked what the attire is for the event on Sunday.

Mayor Williams replied a coat and tie would be appropriate.

Action: Updated Council

Economic Downturn Update

Presenter: Lin Jones, Finance Director

Prepared by: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager and Lin Jones, Finance Director

Mr. Jones reported on the following items:

- Wells Fargo securities monthly outlook report summary for October 7, 2009 "The recovery will be agonizingly slow".
- Journal of Accountancy for October 2009-Optimish grew again in Q3, Spread across industries by Megan Pinkston-Journal of Accountancy online editor.
- The US Economic Crisis: Root causes and the road to recovery, Journal of Accountancy October 2009 by Gregory W. Brown, PH.D. & Christian Ludblad, Ph.D.
- Consulting Economist Dr. Donald Ratajczar's economic commentary for Morgan Keegan-October 26, 2009.

Action: Updated Council

Mr. Watkins stated the new buzz word is the New Normal. This means just a different kind of recovery.

Questions & Answers to Mr. Jones

Council Member Marshburn stated the household savings rate went up to 8%.

Mr. Jones replied this is a positive in only one direction. People are not spending the money. Collectively the expansion of credit yielded levels of US household indebtedness and corresponding decreases in household savings, as a percentage of disposable income that was also unprecedented.

Mr. Jones asked if this recession is bad enough for people to change their way of thinking or their behavior.

Council Member Singleton stated technology has changed the economy. Newspaper subscriptions dropped because people look at the paper on the internet which in turn makes life seem easier.

Mayor Pro-Temp Kennedy said the scary thing he heard is the new generation may have to work to the age of 76.

Mr. Watkins said there is a \$1.5 trillion debt for our state which is troubling nationally. We can forget to see any state or federal monies in the future.

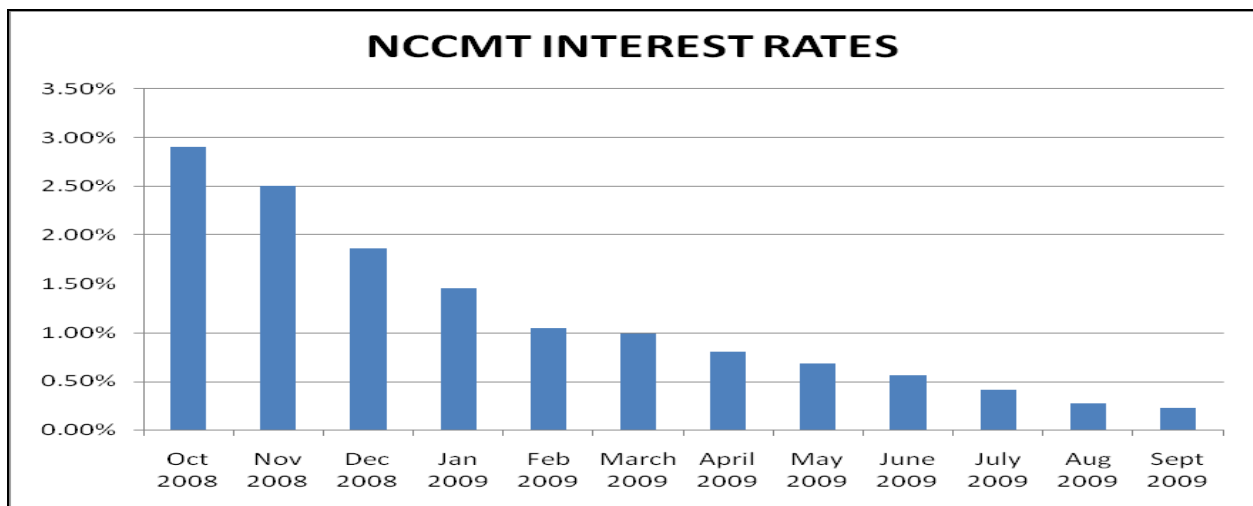
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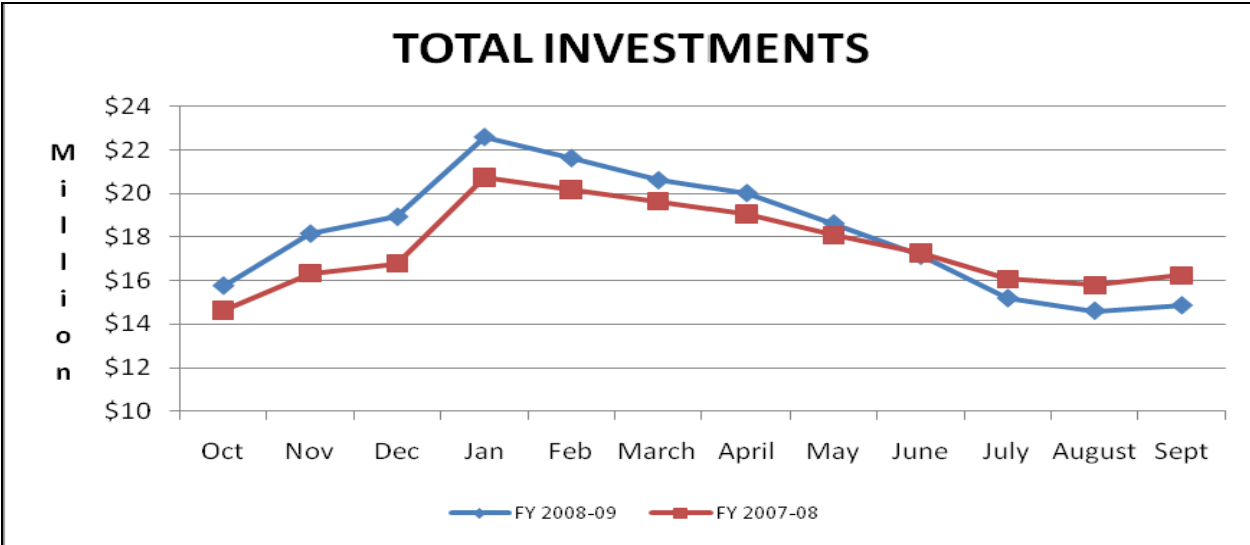
Investment Report for September 30, 2009

General Fund Investments have increased by \$248,339 since August 31, 2009. General Fund Investments increased \$463,315 during the same period last year. Total investments for all funds increased \$249,417 in September. As of September 30, approximately \$2.6 million has been advanced for White Deer Park construction. These funds will be recovered by issuing debt in the future.

Interest rates at the North Carolina Capital Management Trust were .23% for September which represents a .04% decrease from August. The interest rate has decreased 2.67% since September 2008. Interest rates for the past year are indicated in the following chart:

Total investments compared t the prior fiscal year is illustrated in the following chart:





TOWN OF GARNER, NORTH CAROLINA
INVESTED FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	Beginning Balance	Change	Reason	Ending Balance
10 General Fund	9,129,332.79	248,339.43	2,638.23 Interest (1,149,745.00) (To) From Operations 379,353.30 Sales and Use Tax 356,865.66 Utility Franchise Tax 659,227.24 Powell Bill	9,377,672.22
20 Street & Sidewalk Improvements	5,690.75	1.13	1.13 Interest	5,691.88
20 Park Development Reserve	694,265.12	137.60	137.60 Interest	694,402.72
20 Regional Retention Reserve	785,625.53	155.70	155.70 Interest	785,781.23
20 Stormwater Infrastructure Res	407,886.46	80.84	80.84 Interest	407,967.30
20 Lake Benson Park	149,990.63	29.73	29.73 Interest	150,020.36
20 Park Equipment	79,286.92	15.71	15.71 Interest	79,302.63
20 Community Center	56,177.91	11.13	11.13 Interest	56,189.04
20 Public Safety Equipment	18,662.32	3.70	3.70 Interest	18,666.02
20 Water & Sewer Improvements	569,536.50	112.88	112.88 Interest	569,649.38
20 Timber Drive	2,505,086.66	496.48	496.48 Interest	2,505,583.14
20 Water & Sewer Capacity	166,878.92	32.92	32.92 Interest	166,911.84
20 Fire Department Reserves	37,291.45	0.00	0.00 Interest	37,291.45
Totals	14,605,711.96	249,417.25		14,855,129.21

Invested Funds:

North Carolina Capital Management Trust	13,308,146.30
North State Bank Money Market Account	<u>1,546,982.91</u>
Total	14,855,129.21

Council Reports

Mayor Williams

- He wished Council Members Kathy Behringer and Gra Singleton good luck in the election.
- He stated Mr. John Wall received the honor of 2009 Principal of the Year from Wake County and he will be recognized at the November 2nd regular meeting.

Council Member Behringer

- She reported that she attended a Phillip Boyle work shop on Policy Choices for the Public Good. She stated the course was very good.
- She announced she had tickets for sale for the Garner Educational Foundation Halloween Pancake Breakfast this Saturday at O'Charley's from 7:00am to 10am. The proceeds go towards scholarships.

Mayor ProTem Kennedy

- He asked what the status was on cars parking on the side of the road by Bonica Creek Drive. Mr. Watkins said this is a public road and now that the White Deer Park opens at 6:00am there should be less parking issues.
- He stated on Wednesday, November 4th, there will be a North Garner Steering Committee meeting from 11:00-1:30. The public assembly is tonight from 6:30-8:30 at the Garner Historic Auditorium.
- He asked how many contestants turned in a design for the Veterans Memorial Contest. Mr. Watkins stated there were 24.
- He said he received an email from Lee Hudson regarding the Tarheel Traveler Show. Ms. Anna Hudson known as the "Seed Lady" will be featured on the show Wednesday, October 28 at 5:55 pm. Mayor Williams said we can create a special birthday proclamation for Ms Anna Hudson. Ms. Hudson is an unofficial ambassador for the Town.

Council Member Marshburn

- He announced that a home on Bonica Creek Drive in the Rosemoor Subdivision won the Gold Award for the Parade of Homes.
- He said the Oyster Fest had a great turnout and everyone had a good time. He felt it was one of the best organized over all the years.
- He would like to host a Christmas party for Council on December 4th.

Council Member Singleton

- He reported several areas in Town that have pot holes issues.
 - Between Buffaloe Road and Cravenridge Place
 - Vandora Springs Road south on Spring Drive two houses down
 - Grand Point Condos near the entrance on the right hand side

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 P.M.

Motion: Kennedy
Second: Marshburn
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Reynolds
Deputy Town Clerk