



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Rich Olson, City Manager  
June Brooks, Planning Director

**DATE:** July 7, 2016

**REF:** **Consideration** - Call for a Public Hearing to obtain citizen input on possible applications to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Program for City water and sewer projects

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***BACKGROUND:***

This request is for the City Council to call for a Public Hearing to be held on August 8, 2016 to obtain citizen input on possible applications to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Program for City water and sewer projects.

***ANALYSIS:***

The CDBG Infrastructure Program, which is administered by the NC Department of Commerce, offers funding assistance to non-entitlement communities in order to provide assistance for infrastructure upgrades. Thirteen million dollars is available through a competitive grant process for infrastructure needs across North Carolina. A public hearing to gain citizen input is required in order to move to site/project specific applications.

The City applied for grant funding in previous years for a sewer infrastructure project on Herrington Road and for a Raw Water Transmission Line Replacement Project. Unfortunately, our applications did not score high enough to receive funding. It is staff's

intent to make application again for these projects should City Council authorize staff to move forward with the grant applications.

***FINANCIAL:***

The Finance Committee discussed this matter during their meeting of July 7, 2016. Upon motion made by Mayor Peel, seconded by Councilman Donnelly, the committee unanimously recommended approval by the City Council.

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

By motion, call for a public hearing to be held on August 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows) in Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, 306 E. Colonial Avenue to gather citizen input regarding the availability of the Small Cities CDBG Infrastructure Grant Program funding.

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