

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD  
APRIL 1, 2019

**WORK SESSION**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding  
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway  
Councilmember Antonio Williams  
Councilmember Mark Stevens  
Councilmember Bevan Foster  
Councilmember David Ham  
Councilmember Gene Aycock  
Ron Lawrence, Attorney  
Randy Guthrie, Interim City Manager  
Melissa Capps, City Clerk  
LaToya Henry, Public Information Officer  
Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager  
Jennifer Collins, Planning Director  
Scott Williams, IT Director  
Felicia Brown, Interim P&R Director  
Mike Wagner, Deputy Public Works Director – Utilities  
Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director  
Joe Dixon, Fire Chief  
Julie Metz, DGDC Director  
Bernadette Dove, HR Director  
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director  
Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director  
Marty Anderson, City Engineer  
Allen Anderson, Chief Building Inspector  
James Farfour, Deputy Fire Chief  
Ken Conners, News Director-Curtis Media Group East  
Sierra Henry, News Argus Reporter  
Keyon Carter, Citizen  
Lonnie Casey, Citizen  
Bobby Mathis, Citizen  
Della Mathis, Citizen  
Jay Bauer, Citizen  
Yvonnia Moore, Citizen  
Carl Martin, Citizen  
Jay Bauer, Citizen  
Sylvia Barnes, Citizen  
Charlie Gaylor, Citizen  
Yvonnia Moore, Citizen (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 5:00 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Councilmember Foster stated he would like to add bus shelters, playground at Day Circle, and Dillard track to Old Business. Councilmember Williams stated he would like to add status update on H.V. Brown Park.

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Ham and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda with the requested additions.

**Closed Session Held.** Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter and a litigation matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Timothy Salmon as City Manager upon conditions outlined in the Letter of Understanding. Councilmember Stevens seconded the motion.

Councilmember Williams stated I just want to reiterate that I believe we have a poor candidate for this job and we should have searched a little more. We should have got some candidates that were more experienced.

Mayor Allen stated would you like to share that you did not attend the interviews. Councilmember Williams stated I read the candidate interviews.

Councilmember Foster stated I agree with Councilmember Williams, I too was not at the interviews, because it was a waste of time. And I hate to waste my time on something that was going to turn out this way anyway. I do not agree with the hire as well, I think that we should hire someone with some kind of city experience. Military experience does not always equate out to civilian experience. To never have worked in city government is a problem for me.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway stated we used a professional search firm, we had nine candidates, we narrowed it down to four candidates and both of the gentlemen did not attend.

Councilmember Foster stated we just said that we didn't because it was a waste of time but we were at the initial, where we had the nine candidates and at that time we expressed our feelings of, that we need to go back into the search pool and one member of this council stated we are not going to do that. Regardless if we were there or not, this is still a poor choice of those councilmembers who were there.

Councilmember Stevens stated whether or not the two were there or not, and they think it is a poor choice, I believe it is a good choice, I looked at the experience he does have. He started out as a private and worked himself up to Colonel.

Mayor Allen called for a vote. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Stevens, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Timothy Salmon as City Manager with the conditions outlined in the Letter of Understanding. Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed 5:2.

**Disclosure Form Complaint Investigation Results.** Attorney Ron Lawrence stated Mayor, I had the opportunity to do my investigation on that, it does that that any investigation conducted under this particular provision shall remain confidential and not be deemed a public record unless agreed upon by the alleged violator and the Council. So unless you Mayor Allen and the Council agree this can be done in open session, then we would need to go back into Closed Session. Mayor Allen stated I am fine if it is in open session.

Attorney Lawrence explained the process. If you look at the general statutes, the code of ethics is at least required to address the following:

- obey all applicable laws about official actions taken as a board member,
- uphold the integrity and independence of the office,
- avoid impropriety in the exercise of official duties,
- faithfully perform duties,
- act openly and publicly.

Attorney Lawrence stated I do feel like our current code is sufficient, it does need to be updated. Attorney Lawrence reviewed what other cities do, some require disclosure forms, and others do not.

Second, the Council received a complaint from Mr. Carl Martin in December of 2018 and a subsequent complaint in March, 2019. In the first complaint, Mr. Martin had stated in December 2018 Mayor Allen had failed to file the disclosure form, keep in mind it is supposed to be filed by the first day of February of each year. His allegation was, it did not occur in 2018, 2017, 2016, and 2015. He did not, but no one else did either. I know this investigation concerns the Mayor, but at the same time, I did not file one, the city manager did not file one. Nobody knew the disclosure form was being required. Once everyone found out, the disclosure form was required they starting filing the disclosure forms.

A form was filed in November and the Mayor filed another form in January. So when I took a look at the updated form, I felt like we would look at his other allegations. In the March 4<sup>th</sup> letter, he stated in 2018, 2019 Mayor Allen failed to fully disclose all of the real estate and business entities that he, his wife, and immediate family members may have had ownership in in Carteret, Pitt, Wake and Wayne Counties. The code does ask for and disclosure form does ask for business entities that you are an officer or owner of. I went through the Secretary of State and met with Mayor Allen on March 8<sup>th</sup>, he had listed all corporations. Allen Grading was not listed on the bottom, but it was listed up top. The next issue in that particular complaint number one was ownership of real estate in those counties. This is immaterial, it is not something I investigated, and this is not something this disclosure form requires.

Attorney Lawrence stated #2 stated in 2018 and 2019 Mayor Allen failed to fully disclose that he is an officer of Cambridge Farms, Inc. That is true but untrue, he identified it incorrectly as an LLC and part b of that was he may have been drawing a salary; that is immaterial that's not required by the disclosure form.

Attorney Lawrence stated under #3 Mayor Allen may have had a conflict of interest as Mayor and councilmember when he facilitated and participated in discussions on applying for and spending over \$20 million in federal, state and city funds for revitalizing of the downtown area because he should have known Council approving downtown revitalization projects would increase the value of businesses and real estate values where he, his wife and immediate family own. Attorney Lawrence stated that is not a conflict of interest if you take a look at the Crystal Case also page 118 Municipal Government Handbook cites cases that is not a conflict of interest.

Attorney Lawrence stated #4 states since this involves a request to City Council and involves an action against Mayor Allen it is his belief that there is a conflict of interest if Mayor Allen continues to participate in the city council discussions and voting on this matter. Attorney Lawrence states that brings in the voting statute 160A-75; it would not be a conflict of interest as Mayor Allen voted in favor of the investigation. This is one of those that come under 160A-75 he may be excused, which requires another Councilmember to make a motion he be excused, and it seconded. There is not an absolute requirement that he not vote.

In summary, no the forms were not filed in 2018, 2017, 2016 or 2015; but I think the form filed in 2019 is sufficient. The other issue I would like to add about the form, there was an issue about whether he listed all of his real estate, but if you want to stick to the letter of your form, the letter of the form states list property that "you" own, a business entity is not Mayor Allen or Councilmember Foster, or Councilmember Aycock, if you have a business and the business owns the real estate, so in actuality he reported more property than he was required to. All the others are owned by companies that he has ownership in. My determination is, yes he did not file the forms previously, but the most recent form meets requirements and is not a violation.

Councilmember Foster asked when was the last time the forms were filed. Attorney Lawrence stated he does not know if anyone knows when the last form was filed. Councilmember Foster asked who's responsibility it was to get them to file these forms; as a Council we did not know. Attorney Lawrence stated you are; if you go to court the judge will tell you that you are knowledgeable of the law, you have the duty with any law; once it is enacted you are deemed at that point to be on notice.

Councilmember Williams stated he does not feel like we should change our disclosure forms.

Mayor Allen stated now you have the state ethics act, at the state level I have to fill out the state ethics form for the MPO. I think if you feel that out, it should suffice for this form. Second, the general statute calls for certain criteria, what's the council's take on moving forward. Council asked the attorney to look at and provide feedback on current ethics code.

**Playground at Day Circle.** Mr. Guthrie stated we did receive confirmation they would like to continue that relationship and we should be bringing an updated contract to Council at a future meeting.

**Bus Shelters.** Mr. Guthrie stated we are working on those requests for additional bus shelters and staff will provide an update.

**Track at Dillard Middle School.** Ms. Felicia Brown, Interim Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on the track at Dillard. We did not receive any bids on the track the first time, we have put back out for rebid. I was told they did not want to give a bid because it was too wide open. We are looking at bidding the amenities separately. Concerns were expressed due to not having as-built drawings and draining issues. Mayor Allen shared the school system owns the track. Councilmember Foster shared he would like to see the track used for track and field events. Mayor Allen asked if Councilmember Foster would be agreeable with Ms. Brown meeting with the school system to see if they would participate in improvements. Councilmember Foster indicated he was agreeable. Mayor Allen shared information regarding agreement with the school to maintain the track.

**H.V. Brown Park Update.** Ms. Felicia Brown shared progress is being made with the new restroom shelter at HV Brown Park. Duke Progress Energy relocated the transformer closer to the area where the new shelter will go. An area has been cleared (where shelter #2 was located); grading will soon follow. Permits are being submitted to our Planning Department. Should everything stay on schedule, the restroom shelter construction will start the first week in April.

**Keys to Healing.** Mr. Guthrie shared information with Council regarding a request from Keys to Healing for a promotional campaign for a Guinness World Record for the Hug and Love Key event. The total budget is estimated at \$42,130. Council requested additional time to review the request.

**1919 American LaFrance 100 Year Anniversary and Restoration Drive.** Chief Joseph Dixon shared the following information:

- The history of the Goldsboro Fire Department (GFD) dates to the late 19th Century, when Goldsboro Fire Company No. 1 was organized in May 1881. Mary Alice, a third-class Silsby steam engine, was the primary piece of firefighting apparatus until the arrival of hose wagons after the installation of a municipal water system around 1885. Shortly after the turn of the century, the GFD apparatus included the steamer, a hook and ladder truck, two hose wagons, and two hand reels. There were also a chemical wagon, hose wagon, and hose reel in reserve. Goldsboro's first motorized fire engine was delivered in 1913 and subsequent motor trucks were soon added in 1919 and 1923.
- To celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the delivery of Goldsboro's oldest piece of mechanized fire apparatus, we are seeking funding to restore this piece of history.....
- Why....
  - It is a piece of firefighting history
  - It represents Wayne County history
  - It represents Goldsboro history
- How much will it cost?

- Multiple experts have looked at it and we believe it to can be done for 60-80K. We are excited about a public/private partnership. The bulk of funds will be raised by GFD fundraising efforts....
- Thinking outside the BOX!!!!
  - Actually we would like to explore placing it in a BOX. It could be displayed on Center Street.
- Sponsorship
  - Corporate
    - Diamond - 5000.00+
    - Platinum - 3500.00
    - Gold - 2500.00
    - Silver - 1000.00
  - Citizen
    - Diamond - 2500.00+
    - Platinum - 1500.00
    - Gold - 1000.00
    - Silver - 500.00
- Diamond
  - Traveling sponsorship board\*
  - Inaugural ride/photo op
  - Full page ad in commemorative publication
  - Name on sponsorship display plaque
  - Commemorative coin
- Platinum
  - Sponsorship board
  - 3/4 page ad in commemorative publication
  - Name on sponsorship plaque
  - Commemorative coin
- Gold
  - Sponsorship board
  - 1/2 page ad in commemorative publication
  - Name on sponsorship plaque
  - Commemorative coin
- Silver
  - 1/4 page ad in commemorative book
  - Name on sponsorship plaque
  - Commemorative coin

**Consent Agenda Review.** Each item on the Consent Agenda was reviewed. Additional discussion included the following:

**Item H. Contract Award – Repainting of Center/Holly Street Water Storage Tank – Formal Bid No. 2019-001.** Councilmember Williams expressed concerns regarding the bid. Mr. Anderson shared information regarding the bid and lead paint being discovered.

**Item L. Award to Cunningham Recreation to Install Splash Pad at Bryan Multi-Sports Complex.** Councilmember Foster stated he would like to use the money somewhere else and the city will have to pay for upkeep. Councilmember Williams agreed.

**Item O. Z-5-19 Allsbrook Gardens – East side of Cuyler Best Road between Chafin Road and Oxford Boulevard (R-16 Residential to R-6 CD Residential – Conditional District).** Ms. Jennifer Collins shared staff received a request from the applicant to withdraw the rezoning request.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously carried, Council amended the motion to accept the applicant’s withdrawal request.

**Item R. Unified Development Ordinance Amendments.** Councilmember Williams asked if Ms. Collins had a chance to talk with those who shared concerns at the public hearing. Ms. Collins stated I have had a few calls and people have come by. Councilmember Williams stated he would like to see us help them sell their property or solutions to help them out.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to put Item R. Unified Development Ordinance Amendments under Old Business. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion. Councilmember Stevens asked if the county could waive the taxes on those properties and Mayor Allen stated the short answer would be not without special legislation. Mayor Allen called for a vote. Councilmembers Williams, Stevens and Foster voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Ham and Aycock voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion failed 3:4.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding  
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway  
Councilmember Antonio Williams  
Councilmember Mark Stevens  
Councilmember Bevan Foster  
Councilmember David Ham  
Councilmember Gene Aycock

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen at 7:00 p.m.

Reverend Penny Ziemer with First Christian Church provided the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

**Approval of Minutes.** Councilmember Aycock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Retreat of February 14-15, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Stevens, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Foster voted against the motion. Councilmember Williams failed to vote, as such, his lack of a vote would count in favor of the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motions passed 6:1.

Councilmember Williams stepped out at 7:03 p.m.

**Human Relations Awards Presentations.** Mayor Allen and Ms. Simpson-Carter presented the following awards:

- The City of Goldsboro along with the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and the Commission on Community Relations and Development is honored to present the 2019 Human Relations Individual Award to Dr. David Tayloe for demonstrating a commitment and dedication to community service that promotes and solidifies Goldsboro and Wayne County's philosophy of inclusion, equal opportunity and advancing positive human relations in our diverse communities.
- The City of Goldsboro along with the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and the Commission on Community Relations and Development is honored to present the 2019 Human Relations Civic Organization Award to Men of FIC for demonstrating a commitment and dedication to community service that promotes and solidifies Goldsboro and Wayne County's philosophy of inclusion, equal opportunity and advancing positive human relations in our diverse communities.

Mayor Allen thanked Dr. Tayloe and the Men of FIC for their work in the community.

Councilmember Williams returned at 7:11 p.m.

**National Service Recognition Day Proclamation.** Mayor Allen proclaimed April 2, 2019 as “NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY” in Goldsboro, North Carolina and encouraged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Mayor Allen presented a copy of the Proclamation to Wages Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion Program volunteers and Wages staff.

**Boys and Girls Club Proclamation.** Mayor Allen proclaimed April 8-12, 2019 as “Boys & Girls Club Week” in Goldsboro, North Carolina and encouraged all citizens to join in recognizing and commending our Boys & Girls Club in Goldsboro, North Carolina for providing the young people of our communities with comprehensive and effective youth development services.

Mayor Allen presented a copy of the Proclamation to the Boys & Girls Club.

**Week of the Young Child Proclamation.** Mayor Allen proclaimed April 8-12, 2019 as “WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD” and commended its observance to all citizens of the City of Goldsboro.

Mayor Allen presented a copy of the Proclamation to the Partnership for Children.

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit Presentation.** Ms. Kaye Scott introduced Mr. Dean Horne of Carr, Riggs and Ingram. Mr. Horne stated you strive to get an unmodified opinion and I am happy to share the City of Goldsboro received an unmodified opinion. Mr. Horne provided a brief overview of the audit. Mr. Horne stated if Council has any questions to feel free to contact him.

**2019 Work Plan Presentation.** Ms. Julie Metz shared information regarding the Main Street Community accreditation information and standards met. She also introduced Mr. Andrew Jernigan, DGDC Board of Director’s President. Mr. Jernigan provided an overview of the 2019 Work Plan.

Councilmember Ham stated this is just another example of a volunteer organization who wants to make a difference. I commend them for it.

Mayor Allen stated I would like to thank the DGDC and staff for their passion. Thank you everyone for being involved.

**Public Comment Period.** Mayor Allen opened the public comment period. The following people spoke:

1. Lonnie Casey Jr. shared concerns regarding dirt being removed from Westbrook Road for sewer lines. He also asked who paid for storm drain and curb from John Street to the Fire Station. Mr. Casey also shared concerns regarding dumping in floodway.

Mr. Guthrie stated staff will look into the concerns.

2. Will Leathem shared concerns regarding the rezoning request by Allsbrook Garden.

Mayor Allen shared Ms. Collins received a request from the applicant to withdraw that request.

No one else spoke and the Public Comment Period was closed.

**Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended.** Interim City Manager, Randy Guthrie, presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Mr. Guthrie reminded Council Item O. Z-5-19 Allbrook Garden was amended to approve the applicant’s withdrawal request. Councilmember Ham moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q and R be approved as recommended by the Interim City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway and a roll call vote resulted Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Stevens, Ham and Aycock voting in the affirmative. Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended with 5:2 vote. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

**Contract Award – Repainting of Center/Holly Street Water Storage Tank - Formal Bid No. 2019-001. Ordinance Adopted. Resolution Adopted.** On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, four (4) sealed bids were received for the Repainting of Center/Holly Street Water Storage Tank.

The proposed work consists of repainting the exterior and interior of a 1,000,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and tank structure along with the final structural repair.

Utility Service Company, Inc. of Perry, Georgia submitted the low bid for this project for a total cost of \$1,040,200. The bids received for this project are tabulated as follows:

<u>Name of Bidder</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Utility Service Co., Inc. Perry, GA	\$1,040,200
Olympic Enterprises, Inc. Hubert, NC	\$1,076,500
D & M Painting Corp. Washington, PA	\$1,331,800
Titan Industrial Services, Inc. Baltimore, MD	\$2,169,638

The bids for this project have been reviewed by the Engineering Department, checked for accuracy, and found to be in order. We have reviewed the financing of this project with the Finance Director and determined that a \$513,500 allocation is included for this project in Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. A budget ordinance is required for the additional \$526,700 required for the Repainting of Center/Holly Street Water Storage Tank.

Staff recommended the City Council:

- (1) Adopt the following entitled budget ordinance decreasing the fund balance of the utility fund by \$526,700;
- (2) Adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract in the amount of \$1,040,200 with Utility Service Company, Inc. for the Repainting of Center/Holly Street Water Storage Tank. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR”

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19 “RESOLUTION AWARDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR REPAINTING OF CENTER/HOLLY STREET WATER TANK FORMAL BID NO. 2019-001”

**2018 Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Formal Bid No. 2018-007 – Change Order No. 1. Ordinance Adopted. Resolution Adopted.** The 2018 wastewater rehabilitation project provides for removal and replacement of approximately 1,635 linear feet of existing sanitary sewer mains for segments of Jefferson Street, Beech Street, and Audubon Avenue.

Staff requested the contractor, Herring-Rivenbark, Inc., provide costs for additional rehabilitation of street segments to facilitate improvements in this area. An estimated cost of \$844,753 was submitted by Herring-Rivenbark.

The addition of street segments for Jefferson Street, Beech Street, and Audubon Avenue will require the contract completion time to be extended by 150 days. The amended contract completion date for the remaining street segments is November 1, 2019.

Staff recommends issuing a change order to the current contract with Herring-Rivenbark for the wastewater collection system rehabilitation project. We have reviewed this change order with the Finance Director and determined that funds are available from FEMA for these repairs caused by Hurricane Florence. A budget ordinance is necessary for the additional rehabilitation.

It is recommended the City Council, by motion:

1. Adopt the following entitled budget ordinance appropriating funds for Change Order No. 1 for the 2018 Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Project.
2. Adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order for \$844,753 with Herring-Rivenbark, Inc. for rehabilitation of additional street segments. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR”

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH HERRING-RIVENBARK, INC. FOR 2018 WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB PROJECT FORMAL BID #2018-007”

**NC Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program Support. Resolution Adopted.** North Carolina has been one of 33 states (of 43 with a state income tax) that offers the “open to all” incentive of a state piggyback historic tax credit in addition to the federal credit. North Carolina pioneered this program in 1980 and later reaffirmed and strengthened it in 1998. The NC Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC) program is an invaluable tool to spur private sector reinvestment in projects and areas where reinvestment is unlikely to occur otherwise.

Since 1976, when the Federal program was instituted, the credits have encouraged \$2.398 billion of private investment in North Carolina’s historic buildings.

The City of Goldsboro has experienced success with meeting these historic rehabilitation challenges due to the availability of the NC HPTC programs. In fact, nearly \$5.5M of historic investments utilizing this program have been realized in Goldsboro. Of that total, four projects equaling approximately \$3.3M occurred since 2015 when the State reinstated their program after allowing it to sunset in 2014.

The current NC HPTC program is scheduled to sunset, again, at the close of this calendar year, December 31, 2019. This would cause the project we have been working towards

completing with Rehab Development to fail as the investor needs these credits to make the project work financially. This would be a \$12M investment loss and would result in us having to find another solution for the six historic buildings, equaling nearly 70,000 square feet of current unproductive; a solution unknown and possibly non-existent if the program is rendered inactive. This does not take into account many other buildings that need reinvestment to be put back into use for Goldsboro's downtown.

Representative Steve Ross from Burlington NC sponsored House Bill 399 that would reset the sunset for 10 years to extend the end date for the state's historic tax credits from next year to 2030. It would also increase the amount that developers can apply toward the credit to \$25M and add a 5% credit for projects that occur in a federally declared natural disaster area, such as Goldsboro. Due to our economic Tier and this new proposed credit for natural disaster recovery, Goldsboro would be able to boast a 25% credit for eligible projects; a 5% increase from what we currently have.

While it is recommended that the City support HB 399 as a win for cities and towns across the State and a bonus for towns such as Goldsboro, at a minimum, the City of Goldsboro should support the continuation of the State Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program due to its impact in Goldsboro to spur private investment in our rich historic architectural heritage.

Staff recommended Council authorize the Mayor to sign the following entitled resolution demonstrating the City of Goldsboro's support for the North Carolina Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program and to share the executed resolution with our partners and state elected officials. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21 "RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS"

**FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Agreement, Grant No. 12155296.**  
**Approved.** The City of Goldsboro applied for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program in the 2016 cycle. The City received notification in July, 2016 of a \$5,000,000 award to support the following projects: 1) Center Street Streetscape Project; 2) blocks of Center Street from Spruce Street to Elm Street, 2) The Hub, formerly known as Cornerstone Commons; demolition of the existing space and construction of an expanded space with amenities, 3) GWTA Transit Center Concourse Project; construction of a concourse at the transit center, 4) Wayfinding Signage Project; fabrication and installation of wayfinding signs within the Goldsboro MPO area.

Once notified of the successful award, the United States Department of Transportation assigned our project to the Region IV Federal Transit Administration to administer the grant on their behalf. City staff has been working with FTA and the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to meet and prepare all the necessary documents to permit us to move forward with the receipt of the funds and begin construction. The final necessary document is the attached Grant Agreement between the City of Goldsboro and the United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

The agreement states expectations in terms of responsibilities, timelines, benchmarks, reporting requirements, scope of work, source and use of funds, and cause for termination/expiration and modifications. Highlights of the Agreement include the following:

- 1) The City of Goldsboro (Grantee) is being granted \$5,000,000 by USDOT to complete the above mentioned projects.
- 2) The City of Goldsboro has committed 26% of the proposed project costs equaling to \$1,755,751.
- 3) If there are any cost savings, or if the contract award is under the engineer's estimate, the City of Goldsboro funding amount and percentage share may be reduced, provided the City's share of the costs may not be reduced below 20%.

- 4) Quarterly Progress Reports are due beginning August 17, 2019 and will continue through and beyond the completion of the project ending December 2024.
- 5) USDOT reserves the right to terminate the Agreement if the following benchmarks are not met:
  - a) The Grantee fails to begin construction before June 1, 2019;
  - b) The Grantee fails to begin expenditure of Grant funds by May 2019;
- 6) Funds made available under this Agreement, once obligated, are available for liquidation and adjustment through September 30, 2024.

The following City staff is identified in the Agreement with certain roles: Randy Guthrie, Primary Contact; Julie Metz, Secondary Contact, Catherine Gwynn, TrAMS Contact. TrAMS is the federal program mechanism for the grant funds. Once a City Manager is named, this person will be authorized to access and utilize TrAMS as well. These City staff persons and the City Attorney have reviewed the Agreement thoroughly and in its entirety.

Staff recommended Council authorize the Mayor to sign this grant agreement, on behalf of the City of Goldsboro, between the City of Goldsboro (Grantee) and the United States Department of Transportation permitting the City to execute the TIGER VIII Grant. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

**Award to Cunningham Recreation to install Splash Pad at Bryan Multi-Sports Complex. Ordinance Adopted. Resolution Adopted.** City of Goldsboro Parks and Recreation has a lease agreement with the United States Air Force that allows it to plan and program activities on scores of acres of federal land. To date, Parks and Recreation has constructed a field-house, eight (8) rectangular fields (2 of which are synthetic turf) and provided ADA accessibility throughout. Other amenities shown on the site plan include picnic shelters, playground and splash pad.

Staff requested quotes for cost and installation of a splash pad.

After reviewing the costs, staff selected Cunningham Recreation to provide and install a splash pad at the Bryan Multi-Sports Complex.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled budget ordinance and resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept the lump sum bid and execute a contract in the amount of \$121,065 with Cunningham Recreation to install a splash pad at Bryan Multi-Sports Complex. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR”

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH CUNNINGHAM RECREATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SPLASH PAD AT BRYAN MULTI-SPORTS COMPLEX”

**Z-3-19 Woodmac, LLC – East side of North Berkeley Boulevard between Holly Road and E. New Hope Road. Ordinance Adopted.** The applicant requests the rezoning from R-16 (Residential) to General Business Conditional District (GBCD). On February 4, 2019, City Council approved a request by the applicant to rezone property directly southwest and adjacent to the subject property to General Business Conditional District (GBCD). However, at the time of rezoning, subject property was not for sale. Now, the owner of subject property has agreed to sell the property to the applicant for future development purposes.

In conjunction with this request, the applicant is requesting a waiver of the site plan requirement. If the rezoning is approved, the new owner/developer will be required to have the site plan approved by City Council before future development of the property.

Frontage: 100 ft. (N. Berkeley Blvd.)  
 Area: 17,249 sq. ft., or 0.39 acres

Zoning: R-16 (Residential)

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-16 (Residential); O&I-1 (Office and Institutional);  
South: General Business Conditional District (GBCD); R-16 (Residential);  
East: Residential-16 (Residential); and  
West: General Business Conditional District (GBCD); R-16 (Residential)

The property is currently occupied by a single-family dwelling.

As previously stated, the applicant is requesting a zoning change from R-16 (Residential) to General Business Conditional District (GBCD).

Currently, there are no plans for development of the property. The applicant believes the marketability of the property would be enhanced if it is rezoned to General Business Conditional District (GBCD). As previously noted, separate site plan review and approval by City Council is required before development of the property.

The City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommends Medium Density residential development for the property.

City water and sewer are available to serve the property. Subject area is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

At the public hearing held on March 18, 2019, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 25, 2019, recommended approval of the zoning change with requirement to have site plan approved by City Council before future development of the property.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt an Ordinance changing the zoning for the property from R-16 (Residential) to General Business Conditional District (GBCD) with site plan approval required prior to development. Although not entirely compliant with the City's Land Use Plan, the Conditional District zoning would afford protection to adjoining properties and would extend commercial zoning along Berkeley Boulevard which is proposed to be upgraded to a four lane divided corridor. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-17 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES"

**Z-4-19 MC Morgan & Associates – South side of Central Heights Road between N. Oak Forest Drive and Thoroughfare Road (R-12 Residential and R-16 Residential to R-12 CD Residential - Conditional District). Ordinance Adopted.**

The applicant requests a change of zone from R-12 Residential and R-16 Residential to R-12 Residential Conditional District limiting the use to an 84-unit apartment community.

Frontage: 182 ft. (Central Heights Road)  
Depth: 1,239 ft. (approximately)  
Area: 12.0 Acres

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-16 Residential RM-NC  
South: R-16 Residential  
East: R-9 Residential  
West: R-16 Residential and R-12 Residential RM-NC

The property is currently vacant.

The applicant proposes to construct an 84-unit apartment community.

The City's Land Use Plan recommends that the property be developed for Medium Density Residential (MDR). This request would not be compatible with the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The submitted preliminary site plan indicates four newly-constructed three-story apartment buildings containing a total of 84 units. In addition, a community building is also being proposed on site.

Parking for the site requires two spaces per unit plus .5 per bedroom over two. Thirty of the 84 total units will be 3-bedroom units, 41 units will be 2-bedroom units and the remaining 13 units will be 1-bedroom units. A total of 183 parking spaces are required and 183 spaces have been shown on the preliminary site plan.

Access to the site will be directly from Central Heights Road. Interconnectivity has not been shown, as property adjacent to the proposed apartment community is single-family residences. The applicant is requesting a modification of the interconnectivity requirement.

City sidewalks are required along frontage of the proposed development. Frontage along Central Heights Road is approximately 182 linear feet. The applicant will need to install sidewalks or pay the sidewalk fee in the amount of \$3,276 in lieu of installation of the sidewalks.

City water and sewer are available to serve the subject property. Portions of the property are located within a special flood hazard area. City Engineering will require approval of stormwater calculations and drainage plans prior to issuance of any building permits.

Street trees have been provided along Central Heights Road. A Type B 15' landscape buffer is required along all property lines and vehicular surface area landscape requirements must be met. Staff is working with the applicant to ensure landscape requirements are met per the requirements of the City's Unified Development Ordinance.

Dumpsters have been shown on the site plan and staff will work with the applicant to ensure the dumpsters are appropriately screened from off-site views and not located within the required 15' landscape buffer.

Building elevations have been submitted and indicate the proposed buildings will be constructed of brick veneer and vinyl siding. Roofing materials will be asphalt shingles. Staff will ensure all multi-family development design standards are met per the requirements of the City's Unified Development Ordinance prior to issuance of any building permits.

At the public hearing held on March 18, 2019, one person spoke in opposition citing traffic and flooding issues. No one appeared to speak in favor of the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 25, 2019, recommended approval of the zoning change with requirement to have site plan approved by City Council before future development of the property.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt an Ordinance changing the zoning for the property from Residential 12 (R-12) and Residential 16 (R-16) to Residential 12 Conditional District (R-12 CD) with site plan approval. Although not entirely compliant with the City's Land Use Plan, the Residential 12 Conditional District would be appropriate and reasonable in conjunction with adjacent existing R-12 zoning districts, which permits multi-family developments. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-18 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES”

**Z-5-19 Allsbrook Gardens – East side of Cuyler Best Road between Chafin Road and Oxford Boulevard (R-16 Residential to R-6 CD Residential - Conditional District). Applicant’s Request to Withdraw Approved.** The applicant requests a change of zone from R-16 Residential to R-6 Residential Conditional District to limit the use of the property to 80 apartment units with related amenities.

The applicant has requested a waiver of the site plan requirement at time of rezoning. If the rezoning is approved, full development plans would have to be approved prior to issuance of any building permits.

Frontage: 860 ft. (Cuyler Best Road)  
200 ft. (North Park Drive)  
Depth: 399 ft. (approximately)  
Area: 5.5 Acres

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-9 Residential  
South: Highway Business  
East: R-12 Residential  
West: O-R Office Residential

The property is currently vacant.

As indicated previously, the requested R-6 Conditional District is requested to limit the use of the property to 80 apartment units and related amenities. Development plan approval would be required separately.

The City’s Land Use Plan recommends that the property be developed for Medium Density Residential (MDR). This request would not be compatible with the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

City water is available to serve the subject property at this time however; a site plan is required to determine if an existing sanitary sewer outfall line that extends near this property can serve the property. A portion of the property is located within a special flood hazard area.

At the public hearing held on March 18, 2019, seven people spoke in opposition of the request citing problems with traffic on Cuyler Best Road, flooding issues and consistency with the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan. No one appeared to speak in favor of the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 25, 2019, recommended denying the applicant’s request without prejudice citing detailed site plans were necessary at time of rezoning request to ensure proposed development could meet city regulations and design standards as it relates to site development and stormwater.

Ms. Jennifer Collins, Planning Director shared during the work session, the applicant submitted a request to withdraw this rezoning request. Council amended the motion in the work session to accept the applicant’s request to withdraw his request. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

**CU-3-19 Michael Garrett – Subject property located on the North side of E. Ash Street between Durant Street and Ridgewood Drive (Place of Entertainment w/out ABC). Approved.** Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an indoor competitive axe and hatchet-throwing facility within the Ash Street Shopping Center located at 2305 E. Ash Street.

The property is zoned SC (Shopping Center). Places of entertainment without ABC permits are a permitted only after the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council.

Frontage (Tenant Space): 98 ft.  
Depth: 38 ft.  
Area: 3724 sq. ft.

As previously stated, the applicant intends to operate an indoor competitive axe and hatchet-throwing facility within an existing commercial strip center.

The submitted site plan indicates six (6) hatchet throwing lanes, a lounge and seating area, office space, a storage area and restrooms including one handicap accessible bathroom.

Days/hours of Operation: Monday-Sunday: TBD  
Employees: 1-2

The site is served by three existing over-sized driveway cuts off E. Ash Street and Ridgewood Drive. Sufficient parking exist to serve customers of the Shopping Center. At the public hearing held on March 18, 2019, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 25, 2019, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and submitted site plan.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt an Order approving the Conditional Use Permit to allow a place of entertainment without ABC permits; and
2. Approve the submitted site plan. Consent Agenda Approval.  
Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

**CU-4-19 Scott and Christopher Wood – Subject property located on the North side of E. Ash Street between N. James Street and N. Center Street. Approved.** Applicants are requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an auto oriented use limited to a motorcycle service, repair and performance shop.

The property is zoned CBD (Central Business District). Auto-oriented uses are a permitted use within this district only after the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council.

Frontage (Tenant Space): 132.70 ft.  
Depth: 161.14 ft.  
Area: 21,398 sq. ft. or 0.49 acres

As previously stated, the applicants intend to operate a motorcycle service, repair and performance shop.

According to the City's Unified Development Ordinance, auto-oriented uses are permitted in the Central Business District if located outside the area bounded by the south side of Ash Street, the east side of George Street, the north side of Chestnut Street and the west side of William Street. The subject property is located outside of this area.

The submitted site plan indicates a retail sales area and showroom, an office space, a parts supply and workshop space, storage areas for bikes awaiting service and repair and restrooms.

Days/hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday: 9am-6pm

Employees: 3-4

The site is served by two existing driveway cuts off W. Ash Street. Sufficient parking is available for patrons of the business.

The buildings and lot existed prior to the adoption of City's Unified Development Code. Due to existing site conditions, the applicants are asking for a modification of the City's building setback and landscape requirements.

Since the property is located in the Historic District, any exterior improvements proposed for the facility will require a Certificate of Appropriateness before building permits can be issued.

At the public hearing held on March 18, 2019, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 25, 2019, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and submitted site plan with requested modifications.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt an Order approving the Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an auto oriented use limited to a motorcycle service, repair and performance shop; and
2. Approve the submitted site plan with building setback and landscape requirement modifications. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

**Unified Development Ordinance Amendments. Ordinance Adopted.** The City Council adopted the Unified Development Ordinance on April 4, 2005, which replaced existing land development regulations for the City of Goldsboro and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Since that time, the UDO has been amended, over the years, to address a number of minor text corrections and major changes as directed by the Council.

Currently, a number of proposed changes for consideration are "Minor Text Amendments" to Sections within the UDO under Article 5.0 Zoning as follows:

- **Section 5.2** General Setback, Height and Area Standards;
- **Section 5.3** General Use District Dimensional Tables/Standards;
- **Section 5.4** Table of Permitted Uses;
- **Section 5.9** Noise Overlay District;
- **Section 5.10** Accident Potential Zone; and
- **Section 9.0** Definitions.

Proposed changes are to reflect the recommendations from the 2011 Seymour Johnson AFB Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) report.

A Notice of Public Hearing listing all the Sections of the UDO under consideration for amendment was advertised for two consecutive weeks in the newspaper and posted on the City's website for review.

Minor changes, which are included for possible amendment include:

1. Amending Section 5.2 General Setback, Height and Area Standards by rewriting Subsection 5.2.7 Special Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and Goldsboro-Wayne Municipal Airport Height Regulations and Limitations;

2. Amending Section 5.3 General Use District Dimensional Tables/Standards by rewriting Subsection 5.3.5.1 Additional Standards;
3. Amending Section 5.4 Table of Permitted Uses by adding to Subsection 5.4.2 Criteria for Approving Unlisted Uses;
4. Amending Section 5.4 Table of Permitted Uses by adding a new Subsection 5.4.3 Permitted Uses within the Noise Overlay District or Accident Potential Zone;
5. Amending Section 5.9 Noise Overlay District by rewriting Subsections 5.9.1 Purpose and 5.9.2 Establishment;
6. Amending Section 5.9 Noise Overlay District by renaming Subsection 5.9.4 from “Permitted Uses” to “Land Use Compatibility and Noise Exposure and add table;
7. Amending Section 5.9 Noise Overlay District by adding new Subsections 5.9.4.1 Key to Land Use Compatibility Noise Exposure Table and 5.9.4.1.2 Notes to Land Use Compatibility Noise Exposure Table;
8. Amending Section 5.9 Noise Overlay District by rewriting Subsection 5.9.13 Replacement, Expansion and Reconstruction of Nonconforming Structures and Land Uses in the Noise Overlay District;
9. Amending Section 5.10 Accident Potential Zone by deleting in its entirety and rewriting and adding Land use Compatibility and Accident Potential Table to include Subsections 5.10.4.1 Key to Land Use Compatibility Accident Potential Table and 5.10.4.2 Notes to Land Use Compatibility Accident Potential Table; and
10. Amending Section 9.0 Definitions by rewriting Subsection 9.2 Definitions as it relates to the Definition for Agricultural Use.

Staff has reviewed the proposed changes with Seymour Johnson AFB Deputy Base Engineer and SJAFB recommends approval of proposed amendments.

At the public hearing held on March 18, 2019, nine people spoke in regards to the proposed amendments and cited concerns with decrease in property values due to Noise Overlay District and restrictions on land use due to SJAFB requirements. One person spoke in favor of the proposed amendments.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 25, 2019, recommended approval of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment.

Staff recommended accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the following entitled ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to reflect the recommendations from the 2011 Seymour Johnson AFB Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) report. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes/ 2 Nays)

**End of Consent Agenda.**

**City Manager’s Report.** No report.

**Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations.**

Councilmember Aycock stated no comment.

Councilmember Ham stated no comment.

Councilmember Foster stated no comment.

Councilmember Williams stated I have a lot of constituents who have asked why I am leaving when the Community Affairs Director presents information. I had a citizen contact me asking me why have you walked out when Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter has presented. I cannot sit before someone who has continuously told lies about me and she has threatened me and everyone knows it but continues to ignore it. She has gone to the paper repeatedly. She has threatened to sue me based on a false hostile work environment. Members of our city council and city manager are fully aware of what has been going on yet they continue to help her by putting her in front of me to agitate and aggravate me. Think about it, if she says something I am not in agreement with and I challenge her actions, she is going to run and claim hostile work environment. I am not going to give her the opportunity to do that to me or my community. So that's why I talked to my community about this and they are in support of me taking this action until my complaint is properly addressed. To avoid miscommunication with her, any questions or concerns that involve her department as it relates to my community. I have forwarded to our city manager, unfortunately things have been ignored repeatedly. Whenever I asked for a community liaison in hopes of a compromise, he has told me repeatedly he was working on it. He has been working on that since October. Unfortunately, what is being done is exactly what has been done to this community for years, selling us dreams along with certain members of our Council, so I want to communicate with you all because it appears we have lack of communication. So I want you all to hear from me the truth as to what has happened when something like this does not get addressed. I talked to the city manager repeatedly. I asked him if head a question or concern if he could find out and personally communicate back to me. He refuses to do that. They have ignored it. So I have no choice but to stand up for myself, to protect myself, my community and my family; and until legal can get involved and handle this this is unfortunately what has to be done. Though if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to address them to our city manager, our city attorney or our HR Director. Ask them why when I submitted my complaint back in October with more than enough documentation, why they have ignored it. Ask them why others have submitted complaints about her and haven't been answered, why have they also been ignored and if you happen to get an answer before me please share with me because they have not answered me. Now if you all want to discuss it, another distraction, look, think for a second, they have been distracting you for years with me. The same time they were talking about my \$250 tax bill, a member of our council owed \$850,000 yet nothing was really said. When they were questioning me about a trip, we learned Councilmember Ham had spent more money traveling than any of us. They are distracting you with me. It has been a game of smoke and mirrors. If any of you want to know the truth make an appointment with me and I will show you documents that they continue to ignore. It is sad how many citizens have come before us, voiced legitimate concerns and complaints and they have also been ignored. Some people say I get special treatment, ha, that's a joke. I'm treated no better than the citizens that come before us. Councilmember Williams stated they say I am a bad guy, there are other members of council who have done 10 times as worse. So when I remove myself from Ms. Simpson-Carter, it is not to remove my community's voice from the table, but it is because I cannot trust my city manager to do the right thing. I cannot trust our city attorney to do the right thing. I cannot trust our HR Director to do the right thing and I cannot trust some of my fellow councilmembers who are willing to go to court and side with a liar. So the only thing I have is my first amendment rights, I stand on that. If you had someone that took you to court and they said you were a violent person, what would you do? My complaints have not been taken seriously, this has hurt me, my family and my business. The community needs to know the truth. I have not done these things and that is why I am boycotting Ms. Simpson-Carter.

Councilmember Stevens stated tonight we have seen great organizations come together, and show the true spirit of Wayne County and City of Goldsboro and help the city grow. I get very disappointed with things I see in the media. It is true that some people say ignorance is bliss, you do not have to know about the hatred or evil in the world but that does not protect you from it. It seems to be in our community, whether it is our leaders, education system or educational leaders, they want to see us back to a time where progression was fast for a select few. The world is now mainstream, everyone has a voice. I think that if harassment is going on and I know it is going on, if it is found to

be that, then whoever these parties are should be punished accordingly. Councilmember Stevens stated we need to address battered women and drugs within this community. Councilmember Stevens stated please excuse me, I cannot sit here and be a part of something that is wrong.

Councilmember Stevens left the room at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway stated no comment.

Mayor Allen read the following Proclamation:

**Goldsboro Toastmasters Anniversary Month Proclamation.** Mayor Allen proclaimed the month of April as “GOLDSBORO TOASTMASTERS ANNIVERSARY MONTH” in the City of Goldsboro and commended this observance to our citizens.

Mayor Allen thanked everyone again for coming out tonight and for their service to the community. Last night I was at the Maxwell Center, there was over 800 kids there and several youth pastors. I could not believe the energy and enthusiasm there. What a great group of inspiring kids. The majority of Council agreed to make an offer for a new city manager. Once it is signed, we will be doing a press release. We look forward to getting him here around the first of May.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Chuck Allen  
Mayor

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Melissa Capps, MMC /NCCMC  
City Clerk