

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
FEBRUARY 6, 2017

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and 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 February 6, 2017 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Bevan Foster
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Bill Broadway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember David Ham
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Jim Womble, Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Rick Fletcher, Interim Public Works Director
Scott Williams, IT Director
Mike West, Police Chief
Gary Whaley, Fire Chief
Pamela Leake, Interim HR Director
Scott Barnard, Parks & Recreation Director
Marty Anderson, City Engineer
Bobby Croom, City Traffic Engineer
Tracie Davis, Marketing and Communications Director
Mike Wagner, Interim Public Utilities Director
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director
Rochelle Moore, Goldsboro News-Argus
Sylvia Barnes, Citizen
Lonnie Casey, Citizen
Bobby Mathis, Citizen
Della Mathis, Citizen
Shirley Edwards, Citizen
Yvonnia Moore, Citizen

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

Invocation. The invocation was provided by Chief Whaley.

Audible Pedestrian Signal Request. The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities had shared a request for an audible pedestrian signal to be placed at Walnut and John Streets. Mr. Bobby Croom shared information about audible pedestrian signals and discussed potential locations with Council. Council asked that staff gather pedestrian counts and will continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Retreat Topic Discussion. Mr. Stevens asked if Council had any specific topics they would like information on at the retreat. Councilmember Williams asked staff to include summer youth employment and Council salary and benefits.

Cover Agenda. Each item on the cover agenda was generally discussed. Additional discussion included the following:

Item C. CU-1-17 Mazin Saleh – East side of NC 111 South between Southeast Drive and US Highway 70 East. Council discussed the number of internet cafes in the

City and current distancing requirements. Council asked staff to look at distance requirements and bring back recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

Item J. Authorization to File Application for Approval for Installation Financing Agreement to Local Government Commission. Councilmember Williams asked if we could afford the \$5.3 million. Councilmember Aycock asked Ms. Scott to confirm the \$5.3 million would be paid back with the utility fund and Ms. Scott stated yes, it would be paid by the utility fund. Ms. Scott stated we cannot afford not to purchase the new meter reading system. She stated staff is currently reading the meters manually.

Item M. FY 2016-17 Budget Amendment for Wings Over Wayne Advertising and Modular Office Setup. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated he thought they had originally discussed one modular unit. Mr. Stevens stated the hospital had originally stated they wanted to only donate of one of the units but has since decided they would like to donate both units and the city would only be required to pay for moving and setup. Mr. Stevens shared we would need to provide housing when Fire Station 4 is being rebuilt. Council discussed whether to accept both units, leasing a unit instead when needed for Station 4. Council agreed staff could proceed with both units.

Item O. Resolution and Budget Amendment – Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool – Disaster Recovery. Mayor Allen stated he would like to be sure we are getting the word out about this program and asked if we had enough staffing. Mayor Pro Tem Foster suggested putting the information on the City’s website and on social media. Councilmember Ham asked Ms. Simpson-Carter if she needed additional assistance. Ms. Simpson-Carter replied it’s a one page application and she felt current staffing levels were sufficient.

Item P. Schematic Design Selection – Herman Park Recreation Center. Councilmember Aycock stated we signed a Joint-Use Agreement with the Board of Education for use of their gyms and asked how often we were utilizing their gyms. Mr. Scott Barnard stated we use Goldsboro High School on Saturdays, and Dillard and Carver gyms for games and practice. Mr. Barnard stated we can only access those gyms during non-school time. Mr. Barnard reviewed the following survey information:

Survey Results

Option A	217	67%
Option B	107	33%

86% of participants were from 27530 or 27534

Council reviewed the options. Mayor Allen shared one area where we are weak at is having emergency shelters. He stated Scott and I met with County representatives to discuss and maybe we can find other funding sources for the 3rd gym and have it available as an emergency shelter. Council discussed options. Councilmember Aycock expressed concerns regarding funding. Councilmember Williams said he would like to go with what the citizens preferred, Plan A, Councilmember Broadway agreed. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Councilmember Stevens and Ham stated they preferred Plan B.

City Council Discussion. Councilmember Williams expressed concerns regarding the current social media policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated he has copies of four department heads job descriptions and under education the work desirable is used. I feel as a department head for the City of Goldsboro making between \$77,000 to over \$100,000 that should come with some educational requirement. I am trying to understand why it is desirable and not required. Ms. Leake stated even with desirable there are specific requirements. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated I’ve never filled out a job application that said desirable, it said required.

Mr. Stevens stated we can make that a requirement but our applicant pool could be limited.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated it is not about the applicant pool it is about having qualified workers. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated as long as we accept mediocre workers, we're going to get mediocre work. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated when you are paid \$77,000 and are not required to have a degree, I am offended by it. You can be our Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Public Works Director you could have a lot of jobs here at the city and not have a degree. If you look at other cities, that is not going to happen.

Mr. Stevens stated a degree is preferable.

Mayor Allen asked if Council would be agreeable to having staff look at what others require within our region and report back. Council agreed.

Council went back to discussing the social media policy. Councilmember Williams stated he has constituents that have called him regarding the Chief's Facebook post.

Mayor Allen stated if we are going to talk about personnel, a specific individual it would need to be closed session, we can discuss generalities.

Councilmember Williams stated he is getting calls day and night because of something the chief has done. We need to get this resolved.

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

Council came out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

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 February 6, 2017 with attendance as follows:

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

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

Father John Alex Gonzalez, St. Mary Catholic Church provided the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Ham and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 19, 2016 and the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017 as submitted.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Allen opened the public comment period and the following person spoke:

1. Charles Wright, President of Wayne County Citizens for Better Schools, stated I come before you again today to talk about CALEA. CALEA stands for The Commission on Law Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. It is accreditation. Mr. Wright asked Council to look on the left hand

side of the booklet he handed out (a copy of the packet is on file in the Clerk's Office). Accreditation is something we should strive for in the Police Department. Our hospitals are accredited, our laboratories are accredited, our auto repair shops are accredited, and now even our veterinary clinics and hospitals are accredited. All accreditation means is we are providing the highest standards of law enforcement that we can possibly get by getting our accreditation. CALEA works in four areas of accreditation, law enforcement, communications, training academy and campus security. All four of those accreditations are in North Carolina. Under law enforcement there are 6 areas that CALEA focuses on with its standards; I will not read those. Under the process there are five steps, enrollment, self-assessment, on-site assessment, commission review/decision, maintaining compliance/reaccreditation, they give each Police Department or Sheriff Office two years to do. The next section is cost, cost is \$11,450 or it can be divided into (2) or (3) payments. I would like to point out if it was done in 2009 when I brought it up we could have saved almost \$3,000 if we had done it then, if we would have done it in 2015 when I brought it up again, we could have saved \$1,500. Section five is the benefits, one of the best benefits is greater accountability within the agency, reduce risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, staunch support from government officials, and increased community advocacy. In North Carolina we have 68 agencies that are accredited including those near to us, Clinton, Wilson, Greenville, New Bern, Smithfield, Clayton, Garner, Wilmington, Jacksonville, and Wrightsville Beach. As far as accreditation there is 189 basic accreditation standards and 484 advance accreditation. On the left side I have given you all standards, it is very thick, as a courtesy my wife put a blue dot next to each standard that would be included in Goldsboro's law enforcement accreditation, 189 of them which may include recruitment, traffic stops, community involvement, role and conduct of supervisors, juvenile operations/school liaisons, body/vehicle camera use, complaint procedures plus 179 other standards. I would like to now direct you to the right side, you will see a sheet highlighted with all the times CALEA was brought up to Council. Each time the City had a different reason, I would like to point out on March 24 at a Council Retreat Council directed the Police Department to research CALEA Accreditation, that has not happened, on August 17 it stated staff will look into it and that has not happened.

Mayor Allen stated Mr. Wright your time is up.

Councilmember Williams stated I have a question. So from all the research you have done you feel like this would be a win/win for our city as far as all of the accountability with the Police Department. Mr. Wright replied of course it would be a win/win situation and if I had the opportunity to finish, the previous Council already agreed it would be a win/win and the last comment made about it on October 19 the City Manager stated he would like to wait until a permanent Chief is in place and Councilmember Aycock immediately agreed. Mr. Wright stated now we have had a permanent Chief in place for almost a year come next month and I have not heard anything about it. Councilmember Williams stated thank you sir.

Mayor Allen stated we have talked about it, I believe everyone up here is in favor of CALEA, I believe the Police Chief is in favor of doing CALEA, we have so many other issues at the Police just trying to man the Police Department, trying to rebuild the Police Department, that they have not gotten to CALEA. CALEA is more than just \$11,000; you also have to hire a person to look after it, record keeping, it is really another position as well. I think you will see us enact that this year. I do believe everyone is in favor; it is just a matter of getting to it.

Mr. Wright stated you said this year, Mayor Allen replied I will give you my pledge we will do everything we can this year. Thank you Mr. Wright.

2. Ravonda Jacobs stated thank you for your time tonight. Ms. Jacobs handed out a letter (a copy is on file in the Clerk's Office). I came to speak tonight

because recently we had some things happen with our Police Chief that definitely disturbed 54% of the population here in Wayne County which would be the African American Community. Ms. Jacobs stated I myself am a 35 year old black woman in this community I have had several instances where I have had altercations with the Police, and not positive ones. I would like to speak on behalf of who, I have been threatened by Police, I've had guns pulled on me in my home, I have been threatened to be shot at and I am not a felon. I am not a criminal. I did go talk to our Mayor at that time, he stated that our misdemeanors make over a million dollars a month. So when I am looking at the fact that the amount of crimes we are being arrested for, the amount of money that is coming in we definitely have money to spare for things like CALEA and others things. Ms. Jacobs stated but the main issue that we have, it's a mindset and we definitely need to work on that. As a community, one of the first things the Mayor stated when he got sworn in was that he wanted to bring unity to Wayne County and he wanted to focus on our schools. Well today when I go to the schools all the children tell me that they feel hopeless, that is why the schools are not performing and honestly when I look at things like the Police Chief posted, what I see is it is a lack of education in our City, there is a lack of knowledge, there is a lack of understanding. Ms. Jacobs stated we could just fire the police chief but then you will just hire someone who has lack of knowledge and will probably have the same things in his heart, but he will just know to hide them better because of the situation that happened with this police chief and that is not what we need. I want to thank the police chief for bringing this to the table because now we can do exactly what our Mayor said we needed to do, fix the city and bring unity. So there needs to be some open conversations about the race issue, there needs to be some open conversations about the mentality of our leaders, because in this city we have to have righteous leaders, righteous at heart, everyone subconsciously is prejudice, everyone, because we have been raised like that in America. So I am asking our Council to really look at the fact we have the opportunity to be the model for the rest of the world right now, because America is in turmoil as far as race and the way things are going. So we are asking the Council to take a serious look, in the letter I put some different authors and some different books that are some very good information and to read up on to bring up your knowledge base because with half of your population being African American you need to understand who you are protecting, because for the police chief, having to protect African Americans it is different. You need to understand who you are protecting because we can't feel protected when we see you post things like that, that it just how it is. We need to have a serious conversation. Envy not the oppressor choose none of his ways, the last thing the black community wants to do is make his family not have money to eat, to take care of themselves, we do not want to hurt people but we do want understanding. So if you are going to be our leaders, the best thing you can do is bring understanding, if you are not willing to bring understanding, understand ½ of the people you are supposed to be leading, then you do not need to be in your position.

Ms. Jacobs gave Mayor Allen and Mr. Stevens copies of a book.

Councilmember Williams stated I commend you for your courage to come out and talk about these things, there is a pink elephant in the room that people know it's there, but they do not talk about these issues. They don't talk about the racism, they don't talk about the separatism, the financial disparity in the city, so I commend you on that. I just want our city to get better just like you do.

Ms. Jacobs thanked everyone for their time.

3. Taren Edwards stated this is probably my first time standing up here talking to you all and I am just going to be frank and straight to the point. What the police chief did was tasteless, disrespectful, and it had no business being done. He is a leader, if he can do that Mr. Mayor when are you going to do it. We need a leader, we do not need someone who is going to come in, I've already

had personal experiences with the now chief, when he was Major West at the time. He is just not the right, no, he's just not the right person for the job, point blank. Because you do not tell someone who is young, you do not tell them the way you fight crime, is that you go out and speak, if you see crime happening you go say something, you see someone doing something wrong, you say something, you don't wait you don't just keep your mouth shut. Is that not why we Crimestoppers, isn't that why we dial 911 when we need help. You think I'm going to call 911 with this guy as Chief. Mr. Edwards stated it is not even possible, no way because I see how he feels about me and my color. I have already known that, I've known that since 2015 before Chief Stewart left. Mr. Edwards stated I'm pretty sure he remembers me, I told you I would see you again. I see him in front of you all, he sits there and he looks comfortable, he looks comfortable with what he did, he should not be comfortable because if it was either one of y'all we would be calling for your head and you would be out. Mr. Edwards stated but I'm just letting you know, keep doing what you are doing, keep sitting on your butt, that's cool because we will rise and there will come a time those kids out there are going to stop killing each other and they are going to start coming for your jobs because we need new leaders, we don't need the old leaders because they got us right where we are at today, we need new leaders. If you guys are not going to be the new leaders we need, the new guidance we need, bye, leave. This is what we do not need, there is enough division in the United States, we need togetherness. We need someone that is going to bring us together and he is not going to do it. Mr. Edwards stated he had a complaint on a police officer, he got off and turned around and got a raise. How do you go from sergeant to detective after you just violated someone's rights, literally, rights? Mr. Edwards stated I had a police officer in 2014 to pull out his Taser because I was filming an arrest from 200 yards away, filming him, he came up, put a Taser on my chest and told me if I did not give him my phone that he was going to shot me with the Taser. I was going to let him shot me until the other black officers came up and said don't do this today T, fight tomorrow, you live today and fight tomorrow. You know what this guy did when I took the film to him, he ignored me. So y'all keep letting that go on, that's what is going to keep happening.

4. Shirley Edwards stated the problem you are facing tonight has been brewing for a very long time. In December I went to some County leaders, black and white, I'm indicting the whole City and the County because the leadership of those people that could have done something before this happened, ministers, other people, I went to some of them and I said, because of the problems that have come about during Donald Trump's election, the buzz words he used, and I have films of people who went to meetings, and they were talking about race issues. Ms. Edwards stated and I said to those black and white leaders y'all are the leaders you need to do something about this problem. I sat with a white man, I don't mind calling names, Wayne Alley, we held hands and cried, I said Wayne we have to do something about this problem and he said let me get back with you and I'm waiting tonight. Y'all have known this problem was brewing, you have ignored it. We have a race problem, and every time you were told this or I said it to you, you'd say Shirley you just look for a problem, it's not my problem, because I don't have a problem. My problem is I'm stupid enough to keep trying to make Goldsboro better and the County of Wayne. That's my problem according to my three daughters. But the problem is the leadership will not address the problem. I've said that to you Gene. We have a problem in this County, we have a great problem in this city. When you have a majority black city, there are something's you just don't say or do. You just don't do them. Think before you do them. Ms. Edwards stated I've said the same to you Scott, I'm not saying anything I've not said to you. The point is you cannot sit up there in that seat and not take action. It is out in the open, as you talk about the elephant in the room, well the elephant is so big it hangs out the window. The time is now, do something about it. I'm not here to get him fired, because I think he needs to be held responsible for his actions, any employee, I've been a personnel director and

when my staff done something wrong, we held them accountable. We had a system to hold them accountable in. I had more employees than you Scott, but the point I'm making is we need to deal with the problem. You can come up with anything you want to but it is not going to blow away, the City is going to blow up in your face and I'm going to be here to tell you I told you so and I am going to leave and laugh all the way to the airport.

5. Willie Battle stated from what I discovered with what was in there, it is very uncalled for regardless of who became the President. You sit there and mock Obama doing the same thing and nothing was said but now that it has come back home again you start taking up. The man is a 24/7 man, not a 8 hour man, that he has this time off, has time to himself. He works for the people 24/7. You talk about his off duty time, he really does not have time like that. It is the same thing when I was serving in the military, my time was 24/7, 365. As far as respect for the police, you have to respect the public first. The police officers want to ride around with sunglasses on, car window up, if someone wanted to talk to you they would barely talk to you. Now Chief Gilstrap was the best police officer I knew before I left Goldsboro. He got out and talked with people. He sat out on Slocumb Street in a field and sat down with the boys. Mr. Battle stated he knew they were drinking wine and all this other stuff. They respected him, he walked the project, he talked to the people to see how they felt about things. Take your glasses off, put your window down during the summer and let the people, if they try to get your attention so that they don't say well he don't have time for me. That is the only way you are going to get respect. If you respect them, they will respect you. Now what if you have a 6th grader, I have a problem, maybe I am being abused at home and need to talk to someone or something is happening at school and I need to talk to someone, why should I go to school, no one don't trust me. Become part of the citizens don't be a police officer and want to be in charge of something all the time, because you are putting fright in the kids. Get out there and help that's why you were selected to be who you are, that's why he was chosen to be who he is. We had Chester Hill stay where he was, to keep from going on the outside with J.B. Rhodes, let's stay at home and do some things, we hired the City Manager from the outside, we never thought about what was on the inside. Mr. Battle stated let's do something at home first before we go on the outside. I saw some of you were disinterested when Charlie came up, that was a bad example. Disinterested in what he had to say, so if you want to be an elected official and care about the people, get involved and stop having so many closed door meetings. That is all I have to say.
6. Carl Martin stated there was just one thing I wanted to touch on, a picture I saw in the newspaper last Sunday, a military vehicle the City has acquired for surveillance and high water rescue and the expense of acquiring it was like \$6,000. I do not see the need for that type of vehicle number one. Mr. Martin stated you are not going to see anything if you are looking to observe, if you put that vehicle in a crime scene area or a heavy crime concentrated area, the crime is going to take place in another area, where they cannot see it. So to me, it was a terrible waste of money for bringing it here, it is going to be a terrible waste of money for maintaining it, and the mere fact that we have a military vehicle here that is capable of carrying a 50 caliber machine gun, is to me intimidation, I think there is no place, no need for that in this City. Thank you.
7. Bobby Jones stated this is a serious problem for our City and I just want to talk briefly about my goal and vision for Goldsboro. I work all over this county trying to foster an attitude of interdependence. I think God wants us to have an interdependence with everyone where we are not vain, we are not selfish and we are concerned about our community. This situation involving our police chief, we can look at a lot of things, I do not believe he is a bad person, I think he is a fairly good person, but unfortunately he is in the role of police chief of this city and that requires a lot of special talents and a lot of major skills. One of the major skills is he has to have good judgment, we are

talking about Humvees and 50 caliber machine guns, I am terrified at the notion that someone who demonstrated the type of judgment he demonstrated to have that amount of power, if you will, in his hands. Mr. Jones stated I think we need to go back to how did we select him for this position, were there other candidates considered that had more leadership ability that could have done a better job and could have brought a new, clean, fresh vision for our City and led us in a more positive direction. To add insult to injury, when the City Manager and Chief were giving a response to the media, I think the City Manager said something along the lines of during his personal time emulating after the president. Now my question is to the City Manager, to the Chief and all the other officers that honor him, what are we going to do when people start grabbing females by the crotch. Are we going to say that's alright too, they already have a get out of jail free. We have to look at our leadership, not only the Chief, but at the City Manager as well. This City is well over 50% African American, somebody needs to have some sensitivity and concern for that part of the population. Thank you for your time.

No one else spoke and the public comment period was closed.

Mayor Allen read the following Proclamations.

Proclamation – Black History Month. Mayor Allen proclaimed February 2017 as Black History Month in the City of Goldsboro and encouraged all citizens to observe this month by participating and supporting all festivities celebrating the proud heritage of African Americans.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster asked why it was not on the agenda and when the Proclamation was added. Mayor Allen stated late last week, I asked for it to be added. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated normally the Proclamations have always been up here. This one is not. Mayor Allen stated we have two events coming up this month and I had asked they put these on.

Proclamation – Human Relations Month. Mayor Allen proclaimed the month of February 2017 as “Human Relations Month in the City of Goldsboro in an effort to increase the awareness, understanding and communication among all people for the purpose of improving human relations and urge each individual to make a personal effort to relate to one another for the sake of a better future for all of our citizens.

Mayor Allen stated I hear people say a lot that race relations in this country are probably at an all-time low. I do not know if it is true or not true. Personally it seems to me over the past 50 years, the work of Dr. Martin Luther King and others has been good and we are all better off the we were. So I cannot say we are at an all-time low. I know his work was not in vain and I know we are all better off than we were 50 years ago, I believe that. I do know at the national level and maybe even the state level, there is a lot of discontent, discourse, there is a lot of miscommunication, mistrust, and a total lack of tolerance of other people. I do believe that, I see that. I do think tonight is one example of that and it has just came down to our level. I also believe it is more than a black or white issue, it's about religion, sexual preference and there are all kinds of nationalities we deal with, it is just not black and white, there all other kinds of people and races. So we have really become a global world, global state and global county especially with Seymour Johnson here. I do want to take a minute to share something that happened to me as Mayor. So remember I grew up in Goldsboro and Wayne County so I have the same prejudices, same opinions, thoughts of any kid growing up in eastern North Carolina. Probably a month after being Mayor, Ms. Edwards came to my office and we were talking. I was fussing about some young man and the way he was dressed and as she usually does, she interrupted me and she said do you know his story. I said I don't even know him, how would I know his story. She said well do you know if he has any money, does he have food, shelter, any parents, any protection, any chance for a job, any of these things. I said I do not know and I have never really thought about that. Ms. Edwards stated you really need to know someone's story before you judge them and that resonated with me. It has really gotten me to be a better person, a better Mayor, because now when I see something that doesn't fit my view, what I say is Chuck are you really going to worry about that

today, is that all you have to worry about because if it is, you don't really have a problem. That conversation with Ms. Edwards early on has really helped me. I do thank her for that and I think she thinks I am working at it and getting better. It takes conversations with other people to make things work. I said all of the above to say this, I think, my belief, as Mayor and City Council it is our job to work and adopt policies that make Goldsboro more inclusive and better for all citizens no matter of their color, sexual orientation, their religion or their income level. So my message and ask of you is that we listen and follow what that Human Relations Proclamation said. Get rid of national and state discontent, let's just talk about Goldsboro, all we control is Goldsboro, it takes us having more dialogue, more meetings, it takes being honest with each other. I am totally with you. Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Councilmember Williams and I are like cats and dogs sometimes, but we are going to figure out how to come together and work together. As the proclamation said, I would hope we would focus our efforts and our communication on improving relationships amongst all of our citizens and I urge every individual in our City and County to make a personal effort to relate to one another, have patience with each other so that all of our citizens can have a brighter future, there is one thing I know, and I am positive of, we are stronger together. So my pledge to you is, we are going to do everything we can, are we doing it fast enough, probably not. I go out on Olivia Lane, Wayne Avenue, Elm Street, on all kinds of streets and talk to people. We all want the same thing, we all want safe neighborhoods, safe homes, and decent jobs. I appreciate all of you coming, I appreciate your civility and we will do what we can to make the city better.

FY 2015-16 Financial Audit. The General Statutes of the State of North Carolina require that the City of Goldsboro undertake an independent audit of its financial records on an annual basis. The City has contracted with the firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC to perform its yearly financial review.

The Audit examines, by fund, all categories of the City's revenues and expenditures. It also illustrates revenues and expenditures by reporting the amounts on the original budget plus the final budget compared to the amounts that were actually received and spent throughout the Fiscal Year.

In addition to revenues and expenditures, the annual Audit addresses the City's bonded indebtedness, tax collections, fixed assets, investments, receivables and cash accounts. A balance sheet describing all funds is presented in the financial section of the Audit.

The Audit document also examines the collection and disbursement of State Grants and Community Development Funds, and comments on the compliance aspect of the expenditures of these monies relative to the procedures existing within State and Federal rules and regulations.

Ms. Kaye Scott, Finance Director, introduced Mr. Dean Horne, Managing Partner with Carr, Riggs & Ingram. He is here today to provide a brief overview of the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Audit.

Mr. Horne stated there are some key components in the audit. It is a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. There is a copy of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting that the City has received for a number of years. Mr. Horne provided an overview of the following items:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Basic Financial Information including Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
- Fund Balance and Unassigned Fund Balance

Mr. Horne all in all it was a good year financially and you were able to increase your fund balance.

Mayor Allen thanked Ms. Scott and her department for their hard work.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Scott A. Stevens, 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. Councilmember Aycock moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and Q be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ham and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in the affirmative. Mayor Allen declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

CU-1-17 Mazin Saleh – East side of NC 111 South between Southeast Drive and US Highway 70 East. Approved. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an electronic sweepstakes facility.

The proposed use is to be located in two units within the Southeast Plaza Shopping Center. The space has a width of 60 ft., a depth of 60 ft. and a total area of 3,600 sq. ft. The property is zoned General Business.

A Conditional Use Permit was previously approved for this location in 2012 and the Permit was modified in 2014 to increase the number of games permitted from 50 to 80.

The property is located within the 70-75 decibel noise overlay zone associated with Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. This request has been forwarded to Base officials and they have indicated no objections to the proposal.

The internet gaming business has not operated for more than six months, therefore, a new Conditional Use Permit is required. The applicant contends that software to be utilized at this time is compliant with State law.

The following information has been submitted with the application:

No. Employees: 3

Hrs. and Days of Operation: Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m.
Sunday: 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p. m.

No. of Machines: 30

There are a total of 263 paved parking spaces serving the shopping center and, based on retail area, the shopping center requires 172 parking spaces. With the inclusion of the internet café, an additional 48 parking spaces will be required. There will be sufficient parking at this location to provide for all uses within the shopping center.

Since residentially zoned property exists to the rear of the site, a modification of the 200 ft. distance requirement will be necessary. The property is vacant farmland.

At the public hearing held on January 17, 2017, no one appeared to speak either for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on January 30, 2017, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and site plan detailing the operation with the requested distance modification.

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 electronic sweepstakes facility; and
2. Approve the submitted site and floor plan detailing the operation with a modification of the distance requirement from residentially zoned property to the rear from 200 ft. to zero ft. Consent Agenda Approval.
Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

CU-2-17 Michael Spriggs – Southwest corner of US 117 South and Neuse Circle. Approved. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a used car lot.

A Conditional Use Permit was initially approved for this site in 1999 for the operation of a used car lot. In 2000, the Permit was amended to allow expansion of the car lot operation. At that time, a modification of the landscape buffer requirement along the rear property line was approved since adjoining property was acquired through hazard mitigation and will not be developed.

The used car lot has continued to operate under various names and has changed ownership and ceased operation for more than six months.

Frontage: 100 ft.
Depth: 200 ft.
Area: 20,000 sq. ft., or 0.46 acres
Zoning: General Business

There is an existing 2,250 sq. ft. building on the site which contains office space as well as a one-bay service area.

The entire site is surrounded by an 8 ft. tall chain link fence with barbed wire for security. One existing over-sized curb cut provides access to the gated main entrance on US 117 South. Another curb cut exists along Neuse Circle for access to the rear service area.

Parking:
Display Spaces: 17
Customer Spaces: 5
Employee Spaces: 1

No loading space will be required since all vehicles will be driven to the site.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

No. of Employees: 1

Refuse Collection: Provided by roll-out containers;

There are four street trees provided along the Neuse Circle frontage. As noted previously, property to the rear of the site across Nanny Ryals Street was purchased through the Hazard Mitigation Program and will not be developed in the future. For this reason, a modification of the street tree and buffer requirement along the western property line has been requested.

Due to existing asphalt which extends to the US 117 right-of-way, the applicant proposes installation of planter boxes along the front of the site behind the security fencing. Street trees will not be permitted within the US 117 right-of-way.

At the public hearing held on January 17, 2017, no one appeared to speak either for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on January 30, 2017, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a used car lot with the previously approved modification of the rear yard buffer and street tree requirement.

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

1. Adopt an Order approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a used car lot; and

2. Approve the submitted site plan detailing the operation with a modification of the buffer and street tree requirement along the western property line. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

S-1-17 Brookwood Subdivision (Section 7) (Preliminary Subdivision Plat). **Approved.** The property is located on the west side of Hillcrest Place, just north of Pine Needles Road.

Total No. of Lots: 4
Zoning: R-16 Residential

Lot Areas:
Lot no. 5: 0.665 Acres
Lot no. 6: 0.573 Acres
Lot no. 7: 0.448 Acres
Lot no. 8: 0.369 Acres

City water and sanitary sewer service is available to serve all of the lots.

The City Council approved a five-lot final subdivision plat for Brookwood Section 6 on February 6, 1989. That subdivision included the dedication and extension of Hillcrest Drive which has been completed.

Lots on the east side of Hillcrest Place have been developed with three homes, however, Lot no. 5 was never divided into individual lots and has remained wooded. Section 7 proposes the division of Lot no. 5 into four lots for development on the west side of Hillcrest Drive. All lots will be required to maintain a 40 ft. minimum front yard setback.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on January 30, 2017, recommended approval of the four-lot preliminary plat.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the four-lot preliminary subdivision plat for Brookwood Section 7. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Z-1-17 Elton Barnes – South side of Hooks River Road between US Highway 117 Bypass and North George Street (R-6 Residential to RM-9 Residential Mobile Home). **Denied.** The applicant requests the RM-9 zone in order to allow the placement of one manufactured home on the property.

Frontage: 160 ft.
Depth: 145 ft. (approx.)
Area: 23,200 sq. ft., or 0.52 acres
Surrounding Zoning:
North: General Business and I-2 Industrial
South: R-6 Residential
East: R-6 Residential
West: R-6 Residential

The property is currently vacant.

The requested RM-9 Residential zoning district would permit the placement of one manufactured home on the property.

The City's adopted Land Use Plan recommends High Density Residential development for the property. The requested RM-9 zone would be considered medium-density residential according to the Land Use Plan.

City water is available to the property. City sewer service is not available, however, a City sewer main is located approximately 100 ft. from the subject property. The property will be required to connect to City sewer.

If approved and a manufactured home is placed on the property, a masonry or brick foundation completely surrounding the base of the unit will be required. In addition, other manufactured home standards would have to be met including that the home shall have the appearance of a site-built single-family dwelling unit permanently located on the lot which will require a pitched roof, horizontal siding, no visible rust, and all windows and doors to be in working condition.

The applicant's home on Vail Road in Pikeville was recently destroyed by Hurricane Matthew and he now wishes to relocate to the subject property.

At the public hearing held on January 17, 2017, no one appeared to speak either for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on January 30, 2017, recommended approval of the zoning change.

The applicant has investigated the costs associated with connecting to City sewer and found that it would not be economically feasible to him to proceed with placement of the manufactured home on the subject property. As a result, he has requested that the matter be withdrawn. Since the public hearing has been held, final action on the request must be taken.

Staff recommended Council deny the requested zoning change from R-6 Residential to RM-9 Residential Mobile Home based on the applicant's request to withdraw the application. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycok/Ham (7 Ayes)

Site and Landscape Plan – S. Dillon Wooten, Jr. (Utility Building Sales).
Approved. The property is located on the north side of US Highway 70 West between Springwood Drive and Carolina Circle.

Frontage: 343.8 ft.
Depth: 250 ft. (average)
Area: 85,950 sq. ft., or 1.9 acres
Zoning: General Business

Although the site consists of one tract containing 4.3 acres, only the front portion is to be developed at this time.

The developer proposes the display and sale of up to 30 pre-fabricated storage buildings.

The submitted plans indicate that a joint driveway will be extended to a new paved parking area which will contain four spaces (2 customer, 1 employee and 1 handicapped space). A total of four spaces are required for the proposed use.

A 12 ft. by 17.5 ft. stick-built office unit will be placed adjacent to the parking area.

Hours of operation for the business will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Saturday.

There are existing trees which will serve as a buffer on the northern and eastern property lines. There are some areas within this tree line which may need to be filled in with shrubbery as there are residences adjacent to the subject property. The staff will work with the developer to insure that the business is not visible to those residences.

The developer has requested a modification of the street tree requirement to allow the placement of low-growing shrubs along the street frontage so as not to obscure the view of the buildings for sale. In addition, a modification of the Class A (10 ft. wide) buffer along the western property line has been requested since the developer is also part owner of the adjoining property.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on January 30, 2017, recommended approval of the site and landscape plan with the requested landscaping modifications.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site and landscape plan with the following modifications:

1. Modification of street tree requirement along US 70 West to allow placement of low-growing shrubs; and
2. Modification of Class A (10 ft. wide) buffer along the western property line. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Site and Landscape Plans – Mills Goldsboro Properties, LLC (Classic Goldsboro, LLC) Addition of Parking Lot. Approved. The property is located on the south side of Gateway Drive between Commerce Court and North Oak Forest Road

On January 3, 2017, the City Council rezoned the property from Industrial and Business Park-1 to General Business Conditional District for the development of a parking lot for the display and sale of automobiles in conjunction with the adjacent dealership.

Frontage: 513.90 ft. (Gateway Dr.)
Average Depth: 687.38 ft.
Area: 174,240 sq. ft. or 4.0 acres

A final recombination subdivision plat has been approved which actually divides out the subject tract from the undeveloped property which was a part of Wayne County's Industrial Park. The subject property is currently vacant.

The property is located outside the city limits, however, since City utilities are available within 1,000 ft., the owner will be required to submit an annexation petition before the issuance of any construction permits.

The submitted development plans show a total of 290 standard paved parking spaces. No building is proposed and the rear portion of the lot is shown as reserved for a detention pond.

The new parking lot will be connected by a 25 ft. wide driveway to the existing Chrysler dealership. Separate access to Gateway Drive is also provided through another 25 ft. wide driveway.

End aisles within the parking lot will be planted with Dwarf Holly shrubs and additional Red Cedars and Flowering Cherry trees will be intermittently dispersed throughout the site to serve as the vehicular surface area.

Flowering Cherry Trees are shown at the rear of the parking area which will aid in screening the proposed detention pond behind the parking area.

A Type B (15 ft. wide) buffer is shown along the northern property line which will contain Flowering Cherry Trees, Red Cedars, Dwarf Hollies and Cleypa Japonica.

Autumn Fantasy Maple trees will be installed within the Gateway Drive street frontage.

The proposal has been submitted to the Wayne County Development Alliance and is acceptable to the Industrial Park Committee.

The developer needs to provide stormwater calculations along with commercial lighting plans.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on January 30, 2017, recommended approval of the site and landscape plans subject to submission of stormwater calculations and commercial lighting plans.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site and landscape plans for Classic Chrysler subject to submission and

approval of stormwater calculations and commercial lighting plans. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycok/Ham (7 Ayes)

Parking Lot Expansion – Mission Foods (Industrial Park). Approved. The property is located at the northeast corner of NCSR 1711 and Gateway Drive and has frontage on Commerce Court. The property is zoned Industrial & Business Park-1.

A site plan for the Industrial Park Shell Building was approved on March 7, 1994. This shell building is now occupied by Mission Foods.

The site plan at that time indicated an existing 77,970 sq. ft. building, a total of 134 parking spaces (includes 6 handicapped spaces).

Mission Foods employs 260 people on 3 shifts and operates 24 hours a day. There is approximately a 1 to 1.5-hour overlap between shifts that creates a parking lot overflow to the point where cars park along driveway entrances.

Gruma Corporation, the project owner, is proposing the expansion of the parking area as shown on the submitted site plan. As indicated there are currently 134 existing parking spaces on the site which includes 6 handicapped spaces.

The proposed parking lot expansion will include an additional 68 paved parking spaces for a total of 202 spaces. Based on code requirements, 8 handicapped spaces (1 handicapped space per 25 parking spaces) are required. Therefore, the site plan needs to be revised to show two (2) additional handicapped spaces.

The UDO indicates that no parking within the Industrial and Business Park -1 Zoning District shall be located within fifty ft. of the front property line or within twenty-five ft. of a side or rear property line.

The owner contends that the front of their business, like their address, is 401 Gateway Drive. Therefore, their parking expansion is on the side property line of their lot.

Section 5.2.3 of the UDO entitled “Front Setbacks” indicates that all commercial, office and industrial development shall meet the front setback requirements from all public or private street right-of-ways.

Therefore, the applicant is requesting a modification of the 50 ft. setback requirement from the front property line to 38.7 ft. to allow the addition of 68 paved parking spaces.

At their meeting held on January 30, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the site plan with the requested setback modification.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site and landscape plans for the proposed parking lot with a modification of the 50 ft. setback requirement from the front property line to 38.7 ft. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycok/Ham (7 Ayes)

Authorization to File Application for Approval for Installation Financing Agreement to Local Government Commission. Resolution Adopted. When Council adopted the FY 2016-17 budget, several vehicles were characterized to be purchased through installment financing, which totaled appropriately \$2.1 million. The City’s has been working with MeterSys in pursuing a fully-automated meter reading system with an estimated cost of \$5.3 million. Bidding has been completed and results will be presented to Council at its next meeting.

In order to continue with upcoming vehicle purchases and installation of a meter reading solution, it is necessary to start financing options. The City’s Staff is asking that Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Finance Director to file an application with the Local Government Commission for these potential financings.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to file an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission along with making certain findings required by NC General Statutes 159-151. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-3 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES §160A-20 AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES §159-151”

Authorization to File Application for Approval for Installation Financing Agreement to Local Government Commission for Multi-Sports Complex.

Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro and County of Wayne entered into an intergovernmental agreement in October 2015 regarding a \$3,000,000 loan. The funding would be used for the multi-sports complex on the property owned by Seymour Johnson AFB.

The City’s Staff is asking that Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Finance Director to file an application with the Local Government Commission for the loan with the County of Wayne.

Staff recommended the following entitled Resolution be adopted authorizing the Finance Director to file an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission along with making certain findings required by NC General Statutes 159-151 for \$3,000,000 County of Wayne loan. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION 2017-4 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES §160A-20 AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES §159-151”

Bid Awards for Westbrook Pump Station, 117 Pump Station, Big Cherry Pump Station, and Little Cherry Pump Station – Hurricane Matthew Final Repair Projects. Resolution Adopted. Ordinance Adopted. Following Hurricane Matthew on October 8, 2016 minimum emergency repairs were performed on Westbrook, 117, Big Cherry, and Little Cherry Pump Stations to get them functioning and to ensure the stations had redundancy. The flooding caused damage to motors and pumps in addition to several pieces of electrical equipment. The bid award contractors will make the final repairs to the pump stations.

The City of Goldsboro advertised for Requests for Qualifications from general contractors and received responsive RFQs on January 17, 2017. Informal bids were received on January 24, 2017 at 2:00 PM. A tabulation of the January 24, 2017 bids are available.

The lowest responsive bidder was Pearson Pump of Goldsboro, NC with a total bid amount of \$93,150 for Westbrook Pump Station; Nationwide Electrical Services, Inc. of Goldsboro, NC with a total bid amount of \$112,800 for 117 Pump Station; TA Loving Company of Goldsboro, NC with a total bid amount of \$227,000 for Big Cherry Pump Station; and TA Loving Company of Goldsboro, NC with a total bid amount of \$141,000 for Little Cherry Pump Station.

Since the City anticipates to receive funding from FEMA or insurance proceeds for these repairs caused by Hurricane Matthew, it is necessary to adopt a budget amendment for these expenditures and settlement revenues.

Staff recommended the City Council adopted the following entitled resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a contract with Pearson Pump not to exceed \$93,150 for Westbrook Pump Station; Nationwide Electrical Services, Inc. not to exceed \$112,800 for 117 Pump Station; TA Loving Company not to exceed \$227,000 for

Big Cherry Pump Station; and TA Loving not to exceed \$141,000 for Little Cherry Pump Station to make the Hurricane Matthew final repairs at the pump stations and adopt the following entitled ordinance to reflect an increase in Utility Fund revenues and an increase in the operating expenditures of the Utility Fund's Capital Project Division's budget by a total of \$573,950. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 5 "RESOLUTION AWARDED AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT TO MAKE THE HURRICANE MATTHEW FINAL REPAIRS AT THE WESTBROOK PUMP STATION, 117 PUMP STATION, BIG CHERRY PUMP STATION, AND LITTLE CHERRY PUMP STATION"

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-5 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR"

FY 2016-17 Budget Amendment for Wings Over Wayne Advertising and Modular Office Setup. Ordinance Adopted. Budget Amendments are sometimes necessary when changes occur due to modifications in projects or expenditures.

There are several departments/divisions that require budget revisions for FY 2016-17.

1. At the January 27, 2017 Council meeting, options were presented for marketing services associated with the Wings Over Wayne Air Show. After reviewing the options, Council selected the option that requires additional funding that would be shared by the City and County in the amount of \$19,000. Since this additional funding was not allocated in the current budget, it is necessary to appropriate the City's share in the amount of \$9,500.
2. The City of Goldsboro was offered the donation of two (2) modular units from Wayne Memorial Hospital. The City would be responsible for moving and setup. The estimated cost to relocate the buildings to Public Works would cost approximately \$25,000. Public Works would be using one unit for additional office space at the Complex and the other unit would be used to house the Fire Station #4 employees during the renovations of their station. Since these monies were not budgeted, it is necessary to appropriate the \$25,000.

Staff recommended Council adopted the following entitled ordinance decreasing the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund by \$34,500. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-6 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR"

Resolution and Budget Amendment - 2016 Urgent Repair Program (URP16). Resolution Adopted. Ordinance Adopted. The City of Goldsboro applied for a grant in January 2016 for funding by North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) through the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund for the 2016 Urgent Repair Program (URP16) in the amount of \$100,000. This grant is to be in conjunction with the City's Community Development Block Grant Program.

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) has awarded the City funding for the 2016 Urgent Repair Program (URP16) in the amount of \$100,000 to assist a minimum of fifteen (15) eligible very-low and low-income homeowners with urgent repairs up to \$8,000 per home to prevent displacement, which poses an imminent threat to their life and/or safety. The time period of this grant is 16 months starting July 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2017.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept and sign a contract with NCHFA in the amount of \$100,000 and adopt the following entitled Ordinance to reflect an increase in the

Community Development revenues and an increase in the operating expenditures of the Community Development Block Grant's budget by a total of \$100,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 6 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NCHFA”

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 7 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR”

Resolution and Budget Amendment – Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool – Disaster Recovery. Resolution Adopted. Ordinance Adopted. Hurricane Matthew was one of the strongest hurricanes to form in the Atlantic Ocean in a decade. Through the Disaster Recovery Act of 2016, the General Assembly has authorized an allocation of \$20 million to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) through the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund to help many of those in our state who have suffered from this disaster. The City of Goldsboro applied for the first cycle of available grant funds in January 2017 from NCHFA through the Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool – Disaster Recovery (ESFRLP-DR) in the amount of \$150,000. This grant is to be in conjunction with the City's Community Development Block Grant Program.

NCHFA has awarded the City in this first cycle of available funding in the amount of \$150,000 through the Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool – Disaster Recovery (ESFRLP-DR) to assist eligible owner-occupied homes affected by Hurricane Matthew with repair/modification up to \$40,000 per home. The time period of this grant is 30 months starting January 24, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2019.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept and sign a contract with NCHFA in the amount of \$150,000 and adopt the following entitled Ordinance to reflect an increase in the Community Development revenues and an increase in the operating expenditures of the Community Development Block Grant's budget by a total of \$150,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 7 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NCHFA”

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 8 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR”

Schematic Design Selection-Herman Park Recreation Center. Approved. The Parks and Recreation Department and Recreation Advisory Commission unanimously recommends the selection of Scheme B.3 with a three (3)-gym alternative over B.2, as prepared by HH Architecture.

With adoption of Scheme B.3, Director Scott Barnard would authorize HH to complete the already awarded contract which includes the following deliverables:

Basic Scope for Advanced Planning Part B

- A. Using the initial floorplan layout determined in Part A of Advanced Planning, Part B will include the following:*
- i. Site design scope will be very limited. Scope will only update and revise the current Herman Park Master Plan to reflect the new building and parking layout in the corner of the lot (corner of East Ash Street and North Herman Street).*
 - ii. An evaluation of the proposed mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) building systems and the basic impact of their space needs. MEP scope will be limited to include a written narrative.*
 - iii. Structural scope is limited to input and general feasibility of structural system solutions.*

- B. Deliverables will include:*
- i. Updated Herman Park Master Plan (corner of East Ash Street and North Herman Street)*
 - ii. A written preliminary design narrative for the building and its systems*
 - iii. A presentation to City Council (attendance by Architect only)*
 - iv. Estimate of probable construction cost at a conceptual level (cost per SF)*
 - v. One (1) exterior three-dimensional view*

Completion of the above will take the Herman Park Center Project up to the limits allowed by state law prior to authorizing design build or a traditional bid-build.

Staff recommended Council adopt the Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendation of the Scheme B.3 and Parks and Recreation Department's continuation of the design process. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Advisory Board and Commission Appointments. Resolutions Adopted.

There are currently several vacancies on Advisory Boards and Commissions. Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. It is necessary that additional appointments be made in an effort to fill these vacancies.

Recommendations for appointments were requested from the respective Boards and Commissions. Applications were also solicited from the general public at large.

The City Council met in a work session on December 5, 2016, to review vacancies and applications received to fill the current vacancies. To date, seventeen applications have been received to fill the vacancies of eight boards and commissions. With these appointments, four vacancies on the Appearance Commission, two alternate vacancies on the Historic District Commission, ten vacancies on the Mayor's Committee for Person with Disabilities, one vacancy on the Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course and six vacancies on the Advisory Committee on Community Development remain.

It is also customary for the City of Goldsboro to express its appreciation by Resolution to those members whose terms have expired, who have moved or resigned.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolutions appointing members to various Advisory Boards and Commissions in the City of Goldsboro and commending those individuals whose terms have expired, who have moved or resigned. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 8 “RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 9 “RESOLUTION COMMENDING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED ON VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT THE INDIVIDUALS WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION”

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Stevens stated the Gaming Summit seemed to be a real success downtown. We certainly had a lot of people downtown and I know Councilmember Stevens had a lot of time and effort in that. I just wanted to thank him and congratulate him on what appears to have been a successful event. We do have a community survey for our Strategic Plan we have discussed with you and I would encourage anyone from the community to comment on that it is 3 or 4 questions and is available on our website at www.goldsboronc.gov. Mr. Stevens also shared information on the Design Input Session with Second Act Communities on a mixed use development on Tuesday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

City Attorney's Report. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Allen asked for assistance in solving the death of A'Tiya Maddox. We have \$15,000 in Crimestopper monies to help solve that, someone in this community knows who did that. We need to bring some closure to the family, it is really heartbreaking. This is something we need to work on in the community.

Councilmember Aycock had no comment.

Councilmember Ham had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated I have been disappointed in the way things have been happening, how things have been handled in this City within the last couple of weeks. Different members of this board feel different ways about the way things should have been handled. It was not our decision at that time to handle that situation but new light has been brought to it and hopefully we will come up with something as a board so you can hold the board accountable for that decision being made.

Councilmember Stevens thanked all the citizens for coming out this weekend in regards to the Gaming Summit. Most people know me as a person who is all about technology, learning and expanding the mind. If you were not there, there was a doctor there who talked about how he was using basically gaming technology to eradicate cancer. I will continue to strive and push technology more and expand our minds. This past weekend there were roughly 2,000 people of all types, all races, creed, religion, sexual orientation and gender celebrating their differences and a love for an industry and they all came to one accord. There were no fights about racism or differentiability. The Police Department of Goldsboro and the Sheriff's Office of Wayne County they came out and shared in activities. We came together as one and I pray I can see Goldsboro and Wayne County come together celebrating and enjoying one another. Councilmember Stevens apologized to Mayor Pro Tem Foster for an earlier disagreement.

Councilmember Broadway stated he really appreciated everyone coming out tonight, we need to hear the bad things, we need to hear the good things. Come and tell us, if we don't know, we can't fix it. Thank you for coming.

Councilmember Williams stated as the Mayor said, yes we fight like cats and dogs that's because I think we see things from a different perspective. I see things from the side of my district. I see their pains, their struggles, and everything they face when it comes to law enforcement; I've actually dealt with things myself as a city councilman so I can feel your pain. I just want a better City. It is going to take hard work, it is going to take people really understanding what is going on. And if anyone didn't know what the pink elephant was, basically what that means is there are issues; issues in the City, issues in the County that people just don't want to talk about. In order for us to get better we have to break down these walls. In order for us to make a difference, we have to talk about it. It's unfortunate, it is at your workplace, at your business. We must do better. I applaud what Councilmember Stevens put together downtown, but overall I was disappointed at the same time. Councilmember Williams stated I saw so many law enforcement there, and I was like if only we would do that in our neighborhoods, if only we would do community policing, we didn't really need them here. I'm going to be honest, I love downtown, I'm not trying to take anything away from downtown but we need them in crime areas, we need them sitting where the house just got shot up 33 times, that's where we need them at. Thank you.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Chuck Allen
Mayor

Melissa Corser, MMC
City Clerk