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 June 5, 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
Jim Womble, Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Kim Dawson, Assistant Finance Director
Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director
Mike West, Police Chief
Mike Wagner, Deputy Public Works Director - Utilities
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director
Pamela Leake, Interim HR Director
Gary Whaley, Fire Chief
Ashlin Glatthar, Travel & Tourism Director
Scott Williams, IT Director
Stephanie Slusser, Paramount Theatre Service Coordinator
Anthony Smith, Goldsboro Event Center Manager
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Scott Barnard, P&R Director
Felicia Brown, Assistant P&R Director (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)
Karen Brashear, Consultant
Crystal Gettys, Wayne County Development Alliance
Rochelle Moore, Goldsboro News-Argus
Ken Conners, News Director-Curtis Media Group East
Ed Cianfarra, Citizen
Carl Martin, Citizen
Mark Colebrook, Citizen
Bobby Mathis, Citizen
Della Mathis, Citizen
Shirley Edwards, Citizen
Lonnie Casey, Citizen (arrived at 5:02 p.m.)
Jay Bauer, Citizen (arrived at 5:02 p.m.)
Yvonnia Moore, Citizen (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
Ron Lawrence, Attorney (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)

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

Invocation. The invocation was provided Chief Whaley.

Resilient Redevelopment Projects. Mr. Octavius Murphy presented the following information:

The Disaster Recovery Act 2016 - The Resilient Redevelopment Plan Top Priority Requests
NC Emergency Management will Facilitate and Oversee:

- The Resilient Redevelopment Plan, a collaboration of Wayne County officials, staff, municipal leaders, and the public on damage, needs and, strategies. The goal is to build a strategy that will address the four pillars:
- Housing, Infrastructure, Economic Development and Environment
- 50 Counties across North Carolina (Wayne, Robertson, Cumberland and Edgecombe Counties – Considered the 4 most impacted counties)
- $198 M will be awarded, $158 M to the 4 most impacted counties
- Two lists of Unmet Needs (projects) were submitted along with others to the North Carolina General Assembly on or before May 1, 2017. All 23 Projects – Total Funds Requested $120 M; Total Economic Impact $86 M and 4,325 jobs. **Top 7 Priority Request:** Total Funds Requested: $26,350,000; Total Economic Impact: $18,998,350 and 946 jobs.

GAP Funding Program

**PRIORITY 1**

- **Needs:** To provide up to $30,000 in interest-free, forgivable mortgage loans as down payment assistance to help at least 100 LMI house-holds and/or renters purchase homes over the next two-three years.
- **Funds Requested:** $4,200,000.
- **Economic Impact:** $3,028,200 and 151 jobs

**Economic Development / City**

**PRIORITY 2**

- **HERMAN PARK CENTER**
- **Needs:** The City has not determined a way to fund this project to date. Currently, we feel we can commit to a portion of the cost if additional funds are secured to make the project happen with the third gymnasium an option.
- **Funds Requested:** $7,000,000 of $12,000,000 total cost.
- **Economic Impact:** $8,700,000 and 431 jobs.

**Economic Development / City**

**PRIORITY 3**

- **East Ash Multi-Sport Complex**
- **Needs:** The cost of 4 fields with artificial turf, making improvements to the bathrooms and the club house that would support hosting sports tourism, paving all of the planned parking, adding fiber, adding splash pads, and site amenities (benches, shelters, and walking trails) at current bid rates would cost more than the funds we have allocated for the project.
- **Funds Requested:** $5,000,000 OF $10,000,000 total cost.
- **Economic Impact:** $7,200,000 and 359 jobs plus increased travel & tourism spending impacts and increases in hotel occupancies.

**Housing**

**PRIORITY 4**

- **Drexel Place Housing & Commercial Mixed Use Project**
- **Needs:** Participation to provide a guarantee to secure a lease for 50 of the units for at least two years. This guaranteed revenue stream will enable Second Act to secure a lender.
- **Funds Requested:** $1,200,000. Lease of 50 units with an average rent rate of $1,000/month.
- **Economic Impact:** $10,815,000 and 180 jobs.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**PRIORITY 5**

- **Ditch Rehabilitation Projects**
- **Needs:** Clear and grub existing overgrown vegetation and unnecessary trees, re-grade and slope banks along the ditch line as needed, reseed with centipede grass and plant appropriate trees to hold embankment walls. Install and/or clear appropriate right-of-way where possible to ensure equipment accessibility for future ditch line maintenance. Replace the fence fabric along the constructed wash portion of the ditch line, replace
fencing as needed and, installation of access points for equipment access to effectively maintain ditches.

Funding for this project will improve the conveyance of Stormwater, further reducing the potential for flooding and decreasing the need for more extensive rehabilitation in the future.

The following is a list of the ditches with a cost estimate based on individual needs of work outlined above:

- **Big Ditch** $1,100,000
- **Billy Branch Ditch** $600,000
- **Billy Bud Ditch** $850,000
- **UEC Theatre Ditch** $600,000
- **Mimosa Park Ditch** $600,000
- **Royal Meadow Creek** $500,000
- **Funds Requested**: $4,250,000
- **Economic Impact**: $3,064,250 and 153 jobs.

Infrastructure

**PRIORITY 6**

- **Water Treatment Plant**
- **Needs**: The City needs to build a dike and raise the equipment. Building a berm around the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) site will provide flood protection up to about 83 feet, which corresponds to the Hurricane Floyd flood stage + 2 feet. The concept is based on an earthen berm around the WTP site to protect all existing infrastructure.

- **Funds Requested**: $1,700,000
- **Economic Impact**: $1,200,000 and 61 jobs.

Economic Development / City

**PRIORITY 7**

- **HV Brown Park**
- **Needs**: A Master Plan was completed for HV Brown Park and adopted by the Goldsboro City Council in the fall of 2015. Renovations have been pending funding. We unsuccessfully applied for a Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant for stream work in 2016. Resurfacing of the basketball courts, sealcoating of the parking lot and playground updates have served as effective band-aids, but what was previously aging is becoming hazardous.

- **Funds Requested**: $3,000,000
- **Economic Impact**: $2,163,000 and 108 jobs

Mayor Allen stated Golden Leaf just awarded Fayetteville $1.8 million for stream clean-up. Did we ask? Mr. Murphy stated we did ask about our ditch project and they said no to us.

Mr. Stevens shared we have received some stream money. Golden Leaf did say it was to meet damage that was not covered by some other money and for us FEMA and our insurance has covered damage to infrastructure but we will follow-up.

Mr. Murphy also provided information regarding a rental housing repair program available to owners of rental housing whose properties were damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

**Wind Chimes Downtown.** Ms. Julie Metz presented the following information:

Enhancement Project – Wind Chimes Downtown

- 20 (5 per block)
- 10 Purchased
- 10 Local Artists
- 29”, 36” and 44”
- No less than 9’ Clearance
- **Budget**: Approx. $1,500
Council discussed. Council consensus was staff could proceed with the wind chimes enhancement project.

**Goldsboro Housing Authority Project.** Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter stated the Housing Authority is one of our CHDO’s. The Mary Casey House is a Housing Authority project. Last year they were awarded $75,000 for transitional housing for homeless and/or domestic violence. This project is for domestic violence for families and children. They have come back and asked for additional funding. Once they got started with the scope, it was determined it would take a little more leveraging to make this a very successful project. They asked for an additional $75,000, however, the department did not see at this time that we could provide that additional amount. We are recommending an additional $30,000. Like I said, the first $75,000 could be done because they are a CHDO at a department/management level but because they asked for additional funding the department felt it was necessary to come to Council to be sure you all were fine with providing the additional funding. This is an unmet need that we are somewhat farming out to someone else as the City of Goldsboro does not have the capacity to do. We normally fund smaller agencies to provide transitional housing, Wayne Uplift has been the recipient of our funds each year, but they do not provide housing. Goldsboro Housing Authority will be working in conjunction with them. Ms. Simpson-Carter stated if Council is ok with the additional funding the project would be awarded $105,000 out of HOME funds, $75,000 from last year and an additional $30,000 out of this fiscal year’s funding. They are receiving funding from the North Carolina Housing Agency. The total estimated costs for the project is a little over $630,000.

Councilmember Williams asked how many units would be included in this project, Ms. Simpson-Carter replied four units are included in the project.

Council discussed and agreed staff could proceed.

**Summer Youth Employment Program.** Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter provided an update on the Summer Youth Employment Program which included the following information:

**Snapshot 1: Age**
- Age 13 – 5
- Age 14 – 91
- Age 15 – 63
- Age 16 – 61
- Age 17 – 36
- Age 18 – 36
- Age 19 or older – 8
- No Age – 11
Total Applications Received – 294

**Snapshot 2: Eligibility**
- Total Applications Rec’d Eligible for Interview – 194
- Total Applications Rec’d Not Eligible – 100

**Snapshot 3: Worksites Positions**
- Worksites Positions Requested – 81
- List of Designated Worksites:
  - Artis Daily Bread (WCC)
  - Bethel Church
  - City of Goldsboro
  - Goldsboro Housing Authority
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - NCWorks
  - New Life childcare
  - Rebuilding Broken Places
  - Attorney Robert E. Fuller, Jr.
Worksite orientation session was held on May 17th with all eligible worksite supervisors for both tracks.

- Track One – 30 Youth June 12th – July 21st
- Track Two – 29 Youth July 10th – August 18th

Snapshot 4: Summary

- The City of Goldsboro will be funding sixty-eight (68) youth hires for the City of Goldsboro Summer Youth Employment Initiative. Forty-seven (47) that were selected through the Selection Committee and the fifteen (15) lifeguards and six (6) camp counselors.
- The estimated cost to the city would be $94,550 give or take. Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro are funding (13) youth hires for the City of Goldsboro Summer Youth Employment Initiative Program.
- The Youth Pre-hire Orientation Session was held on May 24th with parents and youth.
- Unfortunately we did not have applications submitted that qualifies under all of the program guidelines for Wayne Community College’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program.
- Nevertheless, Wayne Community College stands firm in its commitment and many years of being a leader in bridging services through quality educations and trainings with the community (local and neighboring) and now the City of Goldsboro Summer Youth Employment Initiative Program.

Snapshot 5: Age of Selected Applicants

- Age 13 – 0
- Age 14 – 20
- Age 15 – 11
- Age 16 – 15
- Age 17 – 12
- Age 18 – 1
- Age 19 or older – 0
- No Age – 0
- Total Selected Applicants – 59

Snapshot 6: Interview Scores

As stated previously, interviews were conducted on May 8th – 12th, 15th and 16th. Interviews were performed by the staff of the sponsoring partners of the program. The interview set-up was a two person interview team that consisted of 25-minutes of questions and 5-minutes of feedback to the applicant. There were eight (8) questions; point scale was 1-5 and allowed for a maximum total of forty (40) points from each interviewer. Applicants had to score 60 or higher to be recommended for a position within the program.

Ms. Simpson-Carter also shared information regarding 6 volunteer opportunities available.

Ms. Simpson-Carter shared SJAFB is not on the list of worksites, they are trying to work through some issues with clearances. We are hoping by the time track two starts that will be worked out.

Councilmember Williams stated I think you remember at the last meeting, Mr. Fontana with GWTA came in and said they had $20,000 available. Ray Mayor and Ed Cromartie were at the last meeting and also agreed why not create extra positions with this $20,000. What’s the big problem with finding some supervisors to overlook these young people. What I learned from Shycole was at the last meeting we never gave her approval to put in some additional supervisors. So that is what I would like to see today because GWTA,
the County Commissioners that sit on that board they said hey what is the big issue with finding some supervisors to create these jobs if not now, then in track two.

Mayor Allen asked if GWTA is going to use these kids. Councilmember Williams stated GWTA would use the kids to clean up the bus hub and shelters, so I just need a motion that we include this in the second track apply that $20,000 to create additional jobs. Mr. Stevens stated what he understood from Mr. Fontana was he was willing to allow kids/summer youth to work there but he was not going to directly employ them, he wanted some other entity to supervise and be there, not just hiring supervisors for him. In terms of employing 4-5 more kids the money is not significant, as long as he can keep them employed and engaged. If the Council is willing, I do not mind talking to Mr. Fontana. I’m assuming we can get them approved as a worksite. Mr. Stevens stated I didn’t think he wanted to be responsible for the kids. Councilmember Williams stated that is correct but it should not be hard to find an 18 year old or college kid that is responsible enough to watch these kids. Councilmember Williams stated he thought $20,000 could create 15 jobs. Mr. Stevens stated as long as he has work to support 15 kids. Councilmember Aycock stated he would like to hear from Mr. Fontana.

Council discussed and asked staff to talk with GWTA to see how many kids he could support.

Councilmember Williams stated the program was developed for low income at-risk youth, where are the demographics, Ms. Simpson-Carter replied I can provide them, I can tell you off hand that two are not low-mod. Councilmember Williams asked if income level was considered when they were selected for an interview and a job. Ms. Simpson-Carter stated it did play some in the eligibility, we interviewed everyone including siblings, but when we got down to the selection part with the committee that was a deciding factor and as I said, there were two that were definitely not low-mod, they were borderline, that’s because they interviewed strongly and recommendations they could benefit from the program. Councilmember Williams asked if the teens’ grades played a role in selection, Ms. Simpson-Carter replied no we did not review any of their school grades, that was not information we required during the application phase. Councilmember Williams stated last question the meeting which you attended Ray Mayo and Ed Cromartie asked why the kids did not qualify in the county for the college and I believe you stated the positions were for drop-outs. He asked that I ask you, did you follow up with the college. Ms. Simpson-Carter stated I have had several discussions with Mr. Cromartie since that time and as I explained to him we have requested a meeting with Dr. Walker and Ms. Dawson however, we cannot put stipulations on their funding they receive, but we can supplement their funding, provide local funding where maybe that would allow them to be more relaxed on their program requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated did you know beforehand that the kids had to be high school drop-outs. Ms. Simpson-Carter replied no, she did make a reference that was something she should have shared upfront. Mayor Pro Tem Foster asked who came up with the eight questions, Ms. Simpson-Carter the questions were developed by myself, Ms. Dawson and Ms. Wiggins. Mayor Pro Tem Foster asked could he see the questions and Ms. Simpson-Carter replied yes. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated the scoring of the questions seems like a personal opinion and we are not doing what we said from the beginning. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated he did not like the way it went, that we need to come up with a different plan in the future.

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

Cover Agenda. Each item on the cover agenda was generally discussed.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Stevens, and unanimously carried Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a property acquisition and economic development 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 June 5, 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.

Reverend George C. Lee provided the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

**Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Ham and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017 as submitted.

**NC Housing Finance Agency Presentation.** Mr. Scott Farmer stated I am representing The Housing Finance Agency here tonight. We are here today to recognize the City of Goldsboro as one of our long standing partners in many of our programs but today we are here to recognize you as one of our dear partners with our disaster recovery efforts in Eastern North Carolina. The City of Goldsboro is one of 36 organizations that are partnering with us on disaster recovery efforts after Hurricane Matthew. We are pleased to present to you tonight a foam board check for $150,000 which is a down payment towards assisting folks whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Matthew, to get them back in their homes as quickly as possible. It is part of a $15 million fund that is available across the state.

Representative John Bell and Mr. Farmer presented the check to Mayor Allen and Ms. Simpson-Carter.

Representative Bell stated thank you for allowing us to do this this evening. First off it is an honor to not only represent Eastern North Carolina but the key districts I cover, Craven, Green, Lenoir and Wayne County. I want to say since I have been in the House, the partnership with Mayor Allen and members of this Council and working with Scott and the other folks in the City of Goldsboro is a wonderful relationship to have and the key to that is we have been able to get a lot of stuff accomplished simply because we have a strong working relationship with our federal, state and local levels. I will tell you we are in the budget process right now, we finished the House budget last week, there was $150 million more dollars set aside for Hurricane Relief funding not just for our area but also for the wildfires that happened and so we will be looking to finish that in the weeks ahead. The commitment is there from the state, the commitment will be there to make sure we fully recover and the partnership here is a vital part of that. Thank you very much for everything. Mayor thank you, I look forward to working with you all in the future.

**Mayor’s Youth Council Senior Presentation.** Ms. Lou Rose stated Goldsboro Youth Council had a very productive year. We provided hours of service to our community, participated in team building opportunities, service learning opportunities and leadership opportunities throughout the state and locally. The Goldsboro Youth Council would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their continuous support.

At this time I would like to recognize our senior Goldsboro Youth Council members for 2016-2017:
Dymond Atkinson – NC A&T
Emmanuel Martin – UNC-Charlotte
Mary Morton – East Carolina University
Nia Matt – UNC-Chapel Hill
Hayralah Alghorazi – UNC-Chapel Hill
Andrew Boldt – UNC-Asheville
Ty Hamer-Yelverton – Fayetteville State University
Morgan Yelverton – Penn State University
Mary Dunn – Methodist University
Davia Webb – UNC-Chapel Hill

Scholarship Recipients for this year are:
Davia Webb who will be attending UNC Chapel Hill
Dymond Atkinson who will be attending NC A&T

The Executive Board for the 2016-2017 school year was also recognized:
Davia Webb-Chair
Morgan Yelverton-Vice-Chair
Naviya Dixit-Recording Secretary
Ty Hamer-Yelverton-Corresponding Secretary
Dymond Atkinson-Sgt. of Arms
Andrew Boldt-Treasurer

Davia Webb was also recognized for serving as the State Youth Council Secretary for 2016-2017. Elijah Pace was also recognized. He will serve on the State Youth Council next year as Sgt. of Arms.

Ms. Rose stated I would like to leave the seniors with one final thought that I borrowed from the great Dr. Seuss, “Always be true to yourself, remember that you have brains in your head, and have feet in your shoes, but only you can steer you in any direction you choose. You are now on your way, you know what you know, you’re the one that will decide where you go.” We look forward to seeing the many places that all of you will go. Best wishes.

Mayor Allen stated I would like to take a minute to thank you for what you have done for the Mayor’s Youth Council. I have met with you all and so has other members of Council and you are an awesome group of kids. We look forward to seeing what you will do, you’ll do better than we can even think about, I know that. I ask that you come back to Goldsboro, you check in with us and tell us how you are doing and just always remember community service and helping others. We look forward to seeing you back soon.

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

1. Shirley Edwards stated good evening to all of you. I’ve got four items I would like to talk to you all about. They are city responsibilities and citizen’s responsibilities. Some years ago the city removed from its budget and service the spraying for mosquitoes and with the last few years with Zika Virus, West Nile and all these different diseases that we have with mosquitoes we need to start back spraying for mosquitoes. There is about 8 to 10 diseases that comes from mosquito bites including malaria which we have not had the United States but we certainly can have because mosquitoes have migrated from all over the world. I’m asking tonight that the city would reconsider spraying and I have researched four counties in eastern North Carolina where they have found safe spraying they can do in neighborhoods. They say you don’t let the children go out for 30 minutes and then it’s safe. We have a mechanism in place to make citizens aware not only on TV but in your water bills. We need to do something about this if we have one child that something happens to them with the loss and the cost would be a burden and a strain on the County of Wayne and the City of Goldsboro. So I’m asking you to resume spraying for mosquitoes in these neighborhoods. My second item I want to speak on is
some time back you removed the longevity and you gave I believe the 401(k) and that’s great for someone up in the ranks that’s making good money but for people in grade 63 through 66 that really isn’t a big benefit to them. When we removed the longevity from these persons it was a one year’s sum they got each year and they looked forward to it. I talked to them, I know them, they use that money to deal with some big burden issues that they face. If you use the 401(k) money you have to pay it back, that’s not really helping someone who does not have money in these 63 through 66 grades. I’m asking that you look at reinstating something for these low grades. I know you’ve talked about doing a study but that is down the road, we need to do something now. These people are hurting. Do you know people in those grades some of them have been with the city for 13 to 15 years. They are not at the midpoint they are $4,000 to $5,000 less than the midpoint. So when they retire at 30 years they are never going to reach that. I know what I’m talking about and what we can do. I have a Masters in Personnel Administration, I’ve been a Personnel Director for the State of North Carolina and I know we can go in and address these grade levels and not go all the way across and do something. So I’m here on behalf of those. I talked to them, I interact with them and I know their suffering. We talk about the trash in the city. The sanitation workers, I go out behind them and follow them, they clean up the city, they pick up the trash that is not even required of them and we don’t give them the credit for it. Let’s show them we care about them. Thirdly, I am requesting the City of Goldsboro, we implemented some time back we put in the Goldsboro News Argus, we said there were certain initiatives we would do in the Goldsboro Police Department. I’m asking you to complete those initiatives that you said you were going to do. That community relations board, that involvement with the community and how we would have oversight over complaints, we need to finish that work. You’re never going to have harmonious relationships with your citizens if you do not have a way that you can answer to them and when you get the feedback that we looked into it without your involvement then there’s a problem. Then let’s fulfill what we said in the Goldsboro News Argus. Lastly about January or February you know we had a problem on Slocumb Street with Mr. Sam at the minimart and we need to finish that work. You’re never going to have harmonious relationships with your citizens if you do not have a way that you can answer to them and when you get the feedback that we looked into it without your involvement then there’s a problem. Then let’s fulfill what we said in the Goldsboro News Argus. I’m here to tell you that Mr. Sam has lived up to those things. There is a group of us women riding around, looking, some might say were nosy but we are not, we are fulfilling a role of a citizen of Goldsboro which we are all responsible for doing. We have monitored him and worked with Mr. Sam. You need to go down and look at his store. It is clean, it’s orderly, it is everything those people down there need. They have said to me Shirley he has done a good job for us and you also said he needs to close but you gave us a chance to let Mr. Sam make it work. It is clean and he has some of everything you might need from Clorox to washing powder sometimes he has cabbage and onions and bananas. He said to me on Friday when I was there, Ms. Shirley you know my permit will expire on June 30th. I’m here to ask y’all tonight to give Mr. Sam the same business permit you would give me as a business person a one year permit I’m here on his behalf to say when people do good let’s work with them. Thank you.

2. Ed Cianfarra, 228 Pinewood, Goldsboro, stated gentlemen let me tell you a quick story, very simply, Council years ago decided they needed a raise, the employees work only going to get a 1% raise so you know how they got a raise, they stopped taking receipts and for their expense money. That’s how it became $12,000, it was $9,000 and they got $3,000 with receipts. They took the receipt requirement away and every month the Council got a paycheck to equal $12,000. The same thing is going to happen right now. You are going to vote yourself a raise which we already know is an exceptional raise because the survey your HR person did said health insurance is not common for City Council. Now that’s $489, that’s $5,868 a year. Now some of you said you were going to donate the money, while no one is giving me $5,868 to donate so I can get a tax deduction, you shouldn’t get it either. You are slapping your employees in the face giving them 1%. Talking about Ms. Edwards, your sanitation workers are making $26,500 a year that’s $10 a week do you know
what yours is going to be a paycheck, $225.69. You’re going to give the city employee 1%. Thank you gentlemen, I wanted to let you know that my respect for you is dwindling because the simple fact you’re going to slap the people who do the work, have any of you spent a day with a ditch digging crew, have any of you spent a day with a fireman. Chuck, I know you have rode with police. I know you guys know the backs of the city employees is what the city is built upon, for the simple reason they went five years one time without a pay raise, yet the Council proceeded to do all these projects but the employees never got nothing. Now they are going to get 1%. Gentlemen I’m disappointed in all of you. The lowest paid people in our workforce are African-American, if they don’t need a raise I don’t know who does. They are the lowest paid in our workforce and I am disappointed in some of you for that reason. You should be looking out for everybody. Treat everybody the same, give them the same raise you got or take 1%. All you have to do is take it out of the budget and vote on it later. Let’s see who votes on what. Vote your conscience gentlemen. Thank you.

3. Susan Williams stated good evening. I want to know from you Mr. Allen when are you going to put up the correct signs in front of Waynesborough House so we do not get hit, hurt or almost ran over down there. I am tired of begging for it. I am beyond tired of begging for it. I’ve talked to a couple of your councilmembers and I’ve talked to you (pointing at Mr. Scott Stevens) and I will tell you just like I told him, if it isn’t done and I get hit and this is not a threat, I can tell you it is a promise I will bankrupt this city. Y’all need to get off your damn rear ends and get something done down here before one of us gets killed. And it needs to be done as soon as possible.

Mayor Allen asked where are you trying to get to, the Waynesborough House to where? Ms. Williams stated from Waynesborough House to across the street to Max way or anywhere on the other side of the street. It’s wonderful that you have it here for the drunks that come out at the other end of the street and isn’t it beautiful you have them set up front here. Mayor Allen asked what kind of signs, Ms. Williams replied pedestrian crossing signs. Ms. Williams stated isn’t it wonderful for you to have them midblock here so you don’t have to worry about getting ran over but I do. Mayor Allen stated we will check to make sure we have proper signage.

4. Leatrice Stanley, 916 Bryan Boulevard, Goldsboro stated good afternoon, I heard you had some new members, so I’m going to take it real brief. I live out there close to Busco Beach. I’ve got a few complaints. I’ve been working with the Council, they obviously can’t get nothing done. Mr. Allen knows, I’ve talked to him. Y’all have got an ordinance that they are not supposed to ride those little four wheelers past 11 o’clock at night. I won’t drunk Saturday night when I saw them out there at 2 o’clock in the morning. I got dressed and went over there. I did not get on anyone’s property and they told me they were able, on the Internet that it operates 24/7, you might want to look into that. Mr. Aycock has been trying to help us. Now y’all need to get your act together but my Sheriff’s Department will not help me by enforcing your ordinance. I’ve got documentation if anyone wants to see it, right here from the Sheriff’s Department. Next the City and County property, there is no lease, correct me if I’m wrong they just took it over, they fenced it in and the land the taxpayers actually bought through FEMA and they’re using it for free. Yet Mr. Martin a black gentleman, has leased the land from the county and is having to pay per acre to the County to farm and he has lost two crops this year due to flooding out there. Now to me that’s discrimination. Y’all can’t stop them from trespassing on the City/County property. I’ve got letters sent out by Mr. Rowe telling them the stay off of the property. You’ve got Mr. Womble, an attorney that is being paid, seems like Mr. Parker who is the county attorney and Mr. Womble should be able to do something to help me without spending my hard earned money. Now if I spend my money to correct someone else’s problem, you know who’s going to pay for it don’t you that’s not me. You have a problem out there with safety.
Mayor Allen stated Mr. Womble and Mr. Stevens we need to look at that, I think what she is saying is they are parking on city land and I don’t believe they have a lease. Mayor Allen stated the majority of the land is the county’s.

5. Maj. D.R. Halliday, PO Box 10116, Goldsboro, stated I have an open letter that I would like the city’s permission to publish. I’ll give it to the city manager. Also I was here recently and spoke about how the city should do a campaign to stop all the trash that litters our streets. I’m suggesting these kinds of posters on city vehicles. Recently the city honored an organization here in the city, A Drummers World, Mr. Mitchell and those young people, they do something special for the city. I’m a former police officer in the juvenile division for a major metropolitan area and I know the kind of work he is doing for those young people, the juvenile division of this Police Department will never see any of those children and that should be going on all over the city. I’m retired now and I’m also an artist. I did some things for Orlando and I presented them to him, he said he likes them and said can I get some more. Well I made some more but I cannot afford them all by myself. These pieces are handcrafted you have my contact information.

Mayor Allen asked what the cost of that was and Mr. Halliday stated he would just take donations.

6. Mark Colebrook provided a packet of information which is on file in the city clerk’s office. Mr. Colebrook stated the first thing is a website that I went to, it’s called Nolaforlife and what it does, it talks about a program they have implemented because of the gun violence going on in their city, so I thought it would be good for you guys to take a look at and see if it’s something we could implement here. If you look on page 3, since 2011 they have had a 55% reduction in gang member involved murders and it also talks about their midnight basketball. The second thing and I talked to the Mayor a little bit about and I thought I’d bring it to your attention is maybe having summer curfew hours, to help curb a lot of the violence that we have on our streets. I know that will not eliminate it but it is a start. You’ll see that the City of Odessa, Texas has one, New Orleans has a summer curfew in effect for kids under 16 and also Kansas City has a curfew in effect as well. The next page talks about the advantages and disadvantages of teenage curfews. These are all just suggestions to try to help with what’s been going on in our city. We know that last July was the biggest month of murders. We had four last July and we’ve had four in May. If you take a look at that trend we want to try and stave off that trend. We just had one shooting, we want to make sure we can put things in place. The last thing I have in this is being sponsored by Impact Teens, they are going to sponsor a citywide prayer walk Wednesday from 6:45 until about 8:00 at Cornerstone Commons.

A member of Impact Teens stated we would like to invite all of you, the city and anyone that would like to attend. Apostle Newsome with Impact Church will be praying. We’re just going to pray for the victims of gun violence that has happened in the city over the last couple months.

Mayor Allen stated we appreciate you doing that.

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

Mayor Allen asked Chief West to provide an update on recent events.

Chief West stated good evening Mayor and City Council. As you are aware, we have had five homicides this year and two of those have happened a weekend ago, two happened within 24 hours. All five of these cases are unsolved. I want to assure the City Council and citizens of Goldsboro the investigators are working diligently on these cases and are following up on any information or leads the public is providing to us. If anyone has any information about these murders or any other crimes in the city, or Wayne
County I encourage you to call or text Goldsboro/Wayne Crime Stoppers at 919-735-2255. The Police Department will continue to utilize our current technology such as ShotSpotter, Tsunami cameras, along with new technology and information provided by councilmembers and also citizens to identify trouble area and concentrate our efforts and resources in those areas. I will continue to reach out to other law enforcement agencies through information sharing and requesting additional resources if needed. Ten months ago I made the following comments …Law enforcement cannot solve or prevent these crimes alone. It is going to take the entire community along with law enforcement to make our city safe. It is a partnership and that is still true today. Police officers, city leaders, businesses, churches and citizens have all worked together on several community events such as National Night Out, Our Community Cares, neighborhood foot patrols involving councilmembers, and Operation Clean Slate that we did Friday. All these events have been very successful and more are scheduled. I would like to again encourage anyone in the community that has any ideas or wants to be involved in these community events to please give me a call. You can reach me at 919-580-4231. Also anyone who has any information on crimes or an information that can prevent future crimes, I again encourage you to call Goldsboro/Wayne Crime Stoppers at 919-735-2255. Thank you for the opportunity.

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 D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T and U 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:

Contiguous Annexation Request – Cuyler Spring Housing Associates, LLC – Northwest corner of Cuyler Best Road and Oxford Boulevard (5.3 Acres). Public Hearing Set. The City Council, at their meeting on May 15, 2017, requested that the City Clerk examine the subject annexation petition for sufficiency. The City Clerk has completed the examination and has determined that the petition is sufficient. Sufficiency indicates that property is described accurately within 1:10,000 feet and that all property owners have signed the petition.

Pursuant to G. S. 160A-58.2, the Council shall fix a date for public hearing on the annexation if the petition is considered sufficient by the City Clerk.

The Notice of Public Hearing would schedule June 26, 2017 as the date for the public hearing. A report prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development, in conjunction with other City departments, will be submitted to the Council on that date.

Staff recommended Council schedule a public hearing for the proposed annexation of Cuyler Spring Housing Associates, LLC Property for June 26, 2017. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

S-3-17 Cypress Ridge (Preliminary Subdivision Plat). Approved. The property is located just north of the new US 70 Bypass and east of US 117 North (North William Street). The site is located outside the City limits and within the one-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Total land area: 27 acres.
Total no. of lots: 15
Zoning: R-16 Residential

The applicant proposes to divide the tract into 15 lots. Of those lots, 12 are proposed for sale and development, two will remain as open space and one lot will remain farmland with possible development in the future.
A total of nine lots are located on the east side of Princess Drive. Six lots are located on either side of Hillside Drive.

All lots will be serviced by the Fork Township Sanitary District. Water line size and fire hydrant locations will be designed by the Sanitary District Engineer. On-site septic systems will be required and approved by the Wayne County Environmental Health Department.

The proposed subdivision is not located in a special flood hazard area.

The proposed subdivision is subject to drainage plans being reviewed and approved by City Engineering.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on May 22, 2017, recommended approval of the preliminary subdivision plat.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the 15-lot preliminary subdivision plat for Cypress Ridge. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

CU-9-17 Earl Beasley - North side of East Ash Street between Malloy Street and Barrow Court. Approved. Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to consider amending a previously-approved Conditional Use Permit which allows for the operation of a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits to add outdoor recreational activities. The operation is known as Hero’s Oyster Bar and Grill

Frontage: 266.77 ft.
Depth: 342.58 ft. (Average)
Area: 82,764 sq. ft. or 1.9 acres
Zoning: General Business

On August 3, 2015, the Goldsboro City Council approved site plans and a Conditional Use Permit for a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits to allow the operation of a bar, restaurant, and interior entertainment space for live music and comedy acts.

The applicant now proposes the addition of a beach volleyball court.

The submitted site plan indicates the 1,700 sq. ft. volleyball court located behind the principal building and towards the rear of the property. Existing parking and traffic circulation patterns will not be affected.

At the public hearing held on May 15, 2017, a representative of the applicant spoke in favor of the request. No one appeared in opposition.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on May 22, 2017, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and submitted site plan detailing the location of the proposed volleyball court.

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

1. Adopt an Order approving an amendment to a previously-issued Conditional Use Permit for a Place of Entertainment with no ABC permits to allow the addition of an outdoor volleyball court; and

2. Approve the site plan revision detailing the location of the volleyball court. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

CU-10-17 Jared Grantham – South side of East Walnut Street between Ormond Avenue and John Street. Approved. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a Place of Entertainment with no ABC permits. The
use proposed is a physical adventure gaming operation which is most commonly known as an “Escape Room”.

Escape Rooms were originally developed in Japan. They are basically an activity where players are locked in a room and have to use elements of the room to solve a series of puzzles and escape within a set time limit, or after having completed a mission.

Escape rooms usually involve groups of people and can be used as teambuilding exercises for public, private or governmental entities or as an activity for individuals and families.

They are sometimes characterized as physical versions of escape-type video games.

The applicant proposes to utilize the one-story building which is to be divided into three separate escape rooms and also will include restrooms, a reception/waiting area, and office and storage.

**Hours of Operation**
Monday – Wednesday (By Appt.)
Thursday and Friday (5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)
Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.)
Sunday (2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)

No. of Employees: 2

The property is located within that area of the Central Business District which is exempt from providing off-street parking.

Any exterior improvements will require review and approval by the Historic District Commission.

At the public hearing held on May 15, 2017, no one appeared to speak either for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on May 22, 2017, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and site plan detailing the operation.

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 Place of Entertainment with no ABC permits – Escape Room; and
2. Approve the site plan detailing the operation of the use. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

**Z-7-17 Redco Properties, LLC – Northwest corner of Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy’s Road. Ordinance Adopted.** The applicant requests a zoning change from RM-9 Residential Manufactured Home, R-20A Residential and Neighborhood Business to Highway Business.

Frontage: 1,124 ft. (Wayne Memorial Drive)
Area: 381 ft. (Tommy’s Road)

Surrounding Zoning: North: Wayne Co. Jurisdiction
South: R-12 Residential & Neighborhood Business
East: Neighborhood Business & R-16 Residential
West: R-16 Residential & Office & Institutional-1

The request includes two parcels of land--28.82 acres zoned Neighborhood Business and R-20A Residential and .55 acres zoned RM-9 Residential.
The larger parcel is vacant farmland and contains one dilapidated structure which is to be removed. The small parcel zoned RM-9 is occupied by one manufactured home.

Property can be accessed via Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy’s Road. Driveway permits for any future development will require NCDOT approval.

The City’s Land Use Plan recommends commercial development for the property and the request would be compatible with the Comprehensive Plan.

City water and sewer lines are not available to serve the property. Subject property is not located within a special flood hazard area.

A Conditional District zone has not been requested, therefore, no development plans have been submitted in conjunction with the rezoning application. If rezoned, development plans for any future development would have to be approved by the Council separately.

At the public hearing held on May 15, 2017, no one appeared to speak either for or against the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on May 22, 2017, recommended approval of the zoning change.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt an Ordinance changing the zoning for the property from RM-9 Residential, Neighborhood Business and R-16 Residential to Highway Business. The request would be consistent with the City’s adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan recommendations.

Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Z-8-17 Loretta Washburn - West side of North Berkeley Boulevard between Oak Hill Drive and Green Drive. Denied. Applicant requests a zoning change from R-16 Residential to RM-9 which would allow for the placement of one manufactured home on the lot.

Frontage: 104.56 ft.
Depth: 210 ft.
Area: 21,966 sq. ft., or 0.50 acres

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-16 Residential (RM-NC)
South: R-16 Residential
East: R-16 Residential
West: R-16 Residential

The property is currently vacant.

The RM-9 zoning district is requested to allow for the placement of one manufactured home on the property.

Adjacent and surrounding properties primarily consist of detached, stick-built, single-family dwellings of ranch-style construction.

One nonconforming manufactured home park and four non-conforming lots occupied by single-wide manufactured homes exist to the northwest of the subject property.

If approved to RM-9, one manufactured home would be permitted on the property.

The City’s adopted Land Use Plan designates this property for medium-density residential development.
City water and sewer services are available to serve the subject property. The property is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

The RM-9 zoning district will require the manufactured home to comply with City and State regulations. Manufactured homes are required to have the appearance of a site-built, single-family dwelling unit permanently located on its lot with a pitched roof, masonry underpinning, parallel to the front property line and in good condition with no signs of rust.

Although the proposed use may comply with the City’s Land Use Plan of medium-density residential development, it may not be compatible with adjacent and surrounding properties regarding construction, style and appearance.

At the public hearing held on May 22, 2017, the applicant appeared and spoke in favor of the request. She indicated that the proposed mobile home would be occupied by her daughter.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on May 22, 2017, recommended denial of the rezoning request. They felt that a manufactured home on the property would not be compatible with surrounding site-built homes based on construction, style and appearance.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the requested zoning change from R-16 Residential to RM-9 Manufactured Home. Although this request would be compatible with the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan, a manufactured home at this location would not be compatible with surrounding site-built homes based on construction, style and appearance. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)


The amendment set forth provisions to allow the ticketing of vehicles by Code Enforcement personnel for unlawful parking.

Included within the amendment was the creation of an advisory commission to be known as the “Goldsboro Parking Commission”. That Commission was to consist of the four members of the existing Traffic Advisory Commission and two citizens residing within the city limits.

The Parking Commission is tasked with hearing appeals from persons who believe the ticket they received is improper and unwarranted. The current process for appeals includes posting a bond and submitting said appeal in writing. Thus far, there have been no official appeals.

As part of their process, Code Enforcement personnel always take a photograph of offenders’ vehicles before issuing a ticket.

Based on the few persons who have contested tickets since inception of this process (7 months), staff feels it may not be advisable to include private citizens on the Parking Commission since this is not a regular enough occurrence.

Staff also believes that, since the cost of the ticket is only $25.00, bonding that cost prior to an appeal would not be necessary.

The amendment would eliminate the two private citizens from the Parking Commission and would also eliminate the need for a bond when appealing violations.

Staff recommended Council adopt the amendment changing the “Traffic Code” as indicated above. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-25 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC CODE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA”

Street Closings - 1. Bruce Street: From Vann Street to Colonial Terrace Drive 2. Corney Street: From Gulley Street to Terminus; 3. Juniper Street: From Best Street to Terminus; 4. Spruce Street: From Leslie Street to Terminus; 5. South Road: from Langston Drive to Ridgecrest Drive. Ordinance Adopted. On March 6, 2017, the City Council asked the staff to investigate closing a number of unimproved street sections within the City Limits.

With the exception of South Road, the referenced street sections were included within that list. Staff has recommended that South Road, which is not improved or utilized, also be investigated for closing.

Each street section has been identified on the maps indicating the length and right-of-way width of each.

The petitioned street closings have been forwarded to the Fire, Police, Engineering and Public Works Departments for their review. No objections to any of the closings have been submitted.

If the street is closed, ownership of each right-of-way would be split equally between the adjoining property owners.

A Resolution of Intent was advertised in the newspaper for four consecutive weeks, each street section was posted on both ends and all adjacent property owners were notified of the public hearings by certified mail.

At the public hearing held on May 15, 2017, one person spoke in opposition to the closing of the Bruce Street section. She indicated that vehicles, including the USPS and City garbage trucks utilize this section of Bruce Street.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on May 22, 2017, recommended approval of the closing of all five of the street sections as petitioned, with utility easements being reserved over the entire right-of-ways included within the Corney Street and Juniper Street sections.

The Commission noted that the closing of the Bruce Street section would not hinder the delivery of any services and only provides a “cut-through”. Access to this area can be provided through other streets and no landlocked parcels would result from the closing of this section of Bruce Street. If approved, half of the right-of-way would be given to the adjacent owners for their use. The City would not physically close the street.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the following entitled Ordinance closing the following street sections and retaining utility easements as indicated.

1. Bruce Street: From Vann Street to Colonial Terrace Drive
2. Corney Street: From Gulley Street to Terminus and retain utility easement;
3. Juniper Street: From Best Street to Terminus and retain utility easement;
4. Spruce Street: From Leslie Street to Terminus;
5. South Road: from Langston Drive to Ridgecrest Drive. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-26 “AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA”

Sale of Real Property – Mimosa Street, 830 N. John Street and Corner
Greenleaf/John Street. Approved. The City of Goldsboro and County of Wayne jointly own 830 N. John Street and Mimosa Street. The City owns the corner of Greenleaf/John Street. We have received bids on the following properties:

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Standard property will be offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of the G.S. 160A-266, provided however, the minimum sales price will be at least fifty percent (50%) of the property’s tax value. An advertisement appeared in the Goldsboro News-Argus on May 12, 2017. The ten (10) day upset bid period expired on May 22, 2017, with no counter-offers received after this bid.

The attorney fees associated with transferring the deed will be paid by the buyer. The City and County would share in all expenses associated with sale and remaining balance would be divided equally.

Staff recommended Council accept the offers for 830 N. John Street, Mimosa Street and Corner of Greenleaf/John Street and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds on behalf of the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)


The City of Goldsboro has need for and intends to undertake the installation of sedimentation basin inclined plate settlers to improve turbidity removal under all flow conditions and increase sedimentation basin and filter capacity from 12 to 14 mgd. The total estimated cost is $1,797,360.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and file an application on behalf of the City Goldsboro with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the installation of the plate settlers. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 38 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LOAN APPLICATION TO THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR PLATE SETTLERS PROJECT”

Water/Sewer Rates, Late Fee and Service Penalty. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro’s current water and sanitary sewer rate structure was adopted effective January 1, 1987, after a comprehensive study was performed by Arthur Young and Associates. The staff annually evaluates the City’s utility functions to determine if the operations are self-supporting. This procedure compares the total anticipated revenues to be received from the City’s water and sanitary sewer operations against the projected expenditures. An analysis of the proposed budget for the fiscal year revealed that the water and sanitary sewer rates remain uniform.

The recommended Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget does not provide for an increase in the water and sanitary sewer rates. The water and sanitary sewer rate for industrial bulk usage for users with 200,000 cubic feet or over per year is recommended to remain at the current rate. It is also proposed that the minimum charge based upon meter size and the double outside rates for water and sewer volume continue. It is recommended that these rates be effective with the first utility billing after July 1, 2017.

The Late Fee charged on utility accounts past due and the Service Penalty, implemented in July 1991 to recover the cost of providing additional services for utility customers with
two bills past due, will remain the same for Fiscal Year 2017-18. It is recommended that the water reconnection fee of $10.00 remain the same and be charged before water service is restored to the customer who was disconnected due to nonpayment.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution establishing the Water and Sewer Rate Schedule, retaining the Late Fee and the Service Penalty and establishing the reconnection fee effective with the July 1, 2017 billing. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)


Approve Resolution accepting the State Revolving Fund Loan along with the Assurances and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Loan Documents. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro has recognized the need for repairs and upgrade of its infrastructure. The City Council authorized staff to move forward with an application for the Phase 4 Sewer Collection Rehabilitation Project.

In May 2017, we received notification from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that financing has been approved from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund in the amount of $6,268,382 with $500,000 principal forgiveness at a zero interest rate over 20 years. Also, the City Manager was directed to furnish all necessary information and assurances needed to execute the loan closing.

Staff recommended the City Council adopt the following entitled Resolution accepting the State Revolving Loan and authorizing the City Manager to sign loan documents. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40 “RESOLUTION BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO”

Amend Capital Projects Fund Ordinance- Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Ordinance Adopted. The voters of the City of Goldsboro authorized the issuance of $22,065,000 in sanitary sewer general obligation bonds at a referendum in May 1998. Portions of these authorizations were included in the capital projects amendments in April 1999, September 2000, January 2001, November 2001, June 2005, April 2008, June 2008, June 2009 and May 2010. Investment earnings and sales tax refunds have also been realized in these funds.

There have been additional revenues generated from investment proceeds in all Capital Projects Funds. The Capital Projects Ordinance for Sanitary Sewer Improvements should be amended to represent the exact balance of revenues and expenditures.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Capital Projects Fund Ordinance - Sanitary Sewer Improvements be amended by $23,347.15. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-27 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FUND”

Establishing the Capital Projects Fund Ordinance- Street and Recreation Bond Improvements. Ordinance Adopted. The Goldsboro City Council authorized bond referendum for the $3,000,000 of Parks and Recreational Facilities Bonds and $7,000,000 Street Bonds. The election for these bonds was held on November 8, 2016 and passed by the voters. The City Council has approved the issuance for the $3,000,000 of Parks and Recreational Facilities Bonds and $2,500,000 of Street Bonds for May 2017.

On May 2, 2017, the City sold Street Bonds in the amount of $2,500,000 and Recreation Bonds in the amount of $3,000,000. All closing documents were completed on May 23, 2017 and funds have been transferred to the City’s bond accounts.
Capital Projects Fund Ordinance is required to present an exact balance of revenues and expenditures. Therefore, both project revenue and expenditure line items must be established.

It is recommended the following entitled Capital Projects Fund Ordinance be established for the Street Bonds in the amount of $2,500,000 and Recreation Bonds in the amount of $3,000,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-28 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ORDINANCE FOR THE STREET AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS”

Amendment to Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances Title V – Public Utilities to include Chapter 54: Stormwater Management Utility. Ordinance Adopted. A substantial portion of the City’s stormwater conveyance infrastructure is in disrepair. The primarily reason is simply due to the age of the infrastructure, but the situation has been exacerbated over the years from a lack of sufficient funding to effectively perform preventative maintenance and upgrades as needed. With tens of millions projected in repair costs, the approximately $220K currently allotted annually from the general fund will neither improve the current condition nor prevent further degradation of the City’s stormwater conveyance system.

Establishing a Stormwater Management Utility Ordinance in accordance with Article 16 of Chapter 160A of the NC General Statutes, which grants City Council the authority, would be the first step towards repairing and upgrading the City’s stormwater infrastructure.

Per direction from Council, a stormwater stakeholder committee was formed to discuss and determine the need and viability of establishing a stormwater utility for the City of Goldsboro. Solicitation for committee members started in July/August of 2016 and the first meeting was held February 2, 2017 followed by four subsequent meetings over a five-week period. Recommendations from the committee have been presented and reviewed by Council, resulting in the attached Stormwater Management Utility Ordinance.

Staff recommended the City Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending Title V- Public Utilities in Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances to include Chapter 54: Stormwater Management Utility. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-29 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V PUBLIC UTILITIES TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 54 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”

Agreement Regarding a Shell Building in Park East. Approved. The County, WCDA and City would like to construct a shell industrial building for the purpose of recruiting industry to Wayne County. The building will be owned by the county and WCDA will market it.

The city agrees to reimburse the county 425,000 of the cost of this building. The city also agrees that any annexation into the city limits will not be affective until seven years after ownership of the building has been transferred or leased to a tenant.

It is recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the County of Wayne and the Wayne County Development Alliance regarding the purchase of a shell building in Park East, Industrial Park. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Agreement Regarding the Development of an Industrial Park. Approved. The County, WCDA and City wish to finance and develop an industrial park on property commonly referred to as the Bryan Property. New industries will provide jobs for citizens of Goldsboro and Wayne County.
The city agrees to design and install the necessary water and sewer lines and appurtenances to service the property at its cost, minus any grants obtained for this purpose. The city also agrees not to annex the property.

It is recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the County of Wayne and the Wayne County Development Alliance regarding the development of an Industrial Park. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

City of Goldsboro Social Media Policy. Approved. The City of Goldsboro has created a Social Media Policy to establish and maintain social media platforms that are responsive to public comments and concerns and establish a meaningful dialogue with residents.

This policy establishes procedures related to the approval and use of City of Goldsboro social media sites, and City employees’ (not serving in an official capacity) use of social media sites, personal web pages, and blogs to ensure such usage is not detrimental to the City or other City employees.

The purpose of this policy is also to garner public interest in the City’s services, programs, events, and initiatives.

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Social Media Policy. This policy shall become effective immediately. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Ordinance Adopted. A Budget Ordinance must be adopted each year in order to implement the provisions of a new budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. In specific, the Budget Ordinance establishes the tax rate and dictates in which fund delinquent taxes shall be placed upon their collection. It also establishes special taxes which may be levied during a fiscal year, such as the Special Downtown Municipal District Tax. The intention of a city to issue licenses upon businesses, trades and professions is also described within the contents of this document.

The major emphasis of a Budget Ordinance is to identify by fund the estimated revenues a municipality anticipates to collect during a fiscal year and to delineate by fund, department, and activity how these monies shall be appropriated. The Budget Ordinance may also describe any special authorizations granted to the Budget Officer.

Passage of the Budget Ordinance is an annual occurrence. No budget for the fiscal year can be implemented without the formal adoption of the provisions of this document. The Budget Ordinance reflects the decisions made by the City Council during its budget reviews and discussion. The Budget Ordinance assures compliance with all pertinent State Fiscal laws. It must show an exact balance between revenues and expenditures. If circumstances do not warrant the adoption of this document by the prescribed date, an interim budget must be approved by the governing body. The specific authorizations granted the Budget Officer are the same as were delegated in Fiscal Year 2016-17 that relate to the reallocation of departmental appropriations, interdepartmental transfers, and inter-fund loans and transfers. Also, the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director are authorized to sign all pre-audit certifications for budgetary appropriations as required by G.S. 159-28.

Council met with staff on several occasions to discuss the FY 2017-18 recommended budget. During those sessions, Council discussed not increasing the tax rate, utility and refuse fees. The oncoming budget does include a new stormwater fee of $4.50 per month for residential and commercial customers effective July 1, 2017.

The FY 2017-18 recommended budget includes increase in the golf fees. Cart fees will increase from $12 to $13 per rental and golf membership dues will increase by 10% effective July 1.
Breakdown of Recommended Budget by Fund:

1. General Fund: $40,582,032
2. Stormwater Fund: 1,073,672
3. Utility Fund: 16,574,693
4. Community Development Fund: 404,922
5. Downtown Develop. Fund: 71,326
6. Occupancy Tax Fund: 1,005,600

Total: $59,712,245

Councilmember Broadaway made a motion to adopt the following entitled Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aycock. Mayor Allen, Councilmembers Broadaway, Stevens, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Williams voted against the motion. Mayor Allen declared the motion passed 5:2.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-30 “BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR”

City Manager’s Report. No report.

City Attorney’s Report. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations.

Councilmember Aycock stated I just want to remind people of the Town Hall Meeting in District 6 and District 2 tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church. I look forward to answering questions and getting input on things we could do better.

Councilmember Ham stated no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated no comment.

Councilmember Williams stated I just want to thank all of the family, the citizens here that reached out to the young man’s family who passed away recently. I want to thank The Wash, Flip for and his staff for washing cars and donating those funds to the family members. I want to applaud all the business that are involved in the Summer Youth Program and mentorship. I hope that everyone in this community can continue to work on some of this violence. If you see a young man or woman talk to them give them an opportunity to learn from it. Thank you.

Councilmember Broadaway stated I just want to congratulate Impact Teens on what they are doing. Also, people are looking for solutions, curfews, there is nothing wrong with a curfew. Those are solutions, if they come from the community they are a lot more palatable then if they come from us. I appreciate and thank you for thinking about it.

Councilmember Stevens stated I just wanted to take time to thank our employees of the city. Mr. Antonio and Mr. Don from Public Works came through my neighborhood this weekend to handle a sewer problem. Also thank you to Mr. Patrick Lechner.

Mayor Allen stated on a good note, we just completed probably our most successful Wings Over Wayne. I want to thank everyone who came and everyone who worked so hard to make it successful. It was a great, great event. The weekend after, we had the Dillard Alumni here and I think that was equally as successful. I think they had a great parade downtown, had good functions and I think everyone was real happy. On the not so good side, we have had a lot of shootings. I really believe the biggest problem we have in this city today are these young men who have no regard for life. No regard for their life or anyone else’s life, and are just shooting. I guess they are shooting because they don’t know a better way. My thought process is we can talk about it all we want up here, you can come and talk to us, but we are not going to fix the problem. We have to
figure out a way some way some how to get to these guys on the street. Most of us cannot go out there and try to talk to them, because they are not going to listen to us. I want to try and find a way to resonate with these young guys that there is hope, that there is another way other than dealing drugs or gangs. I do not know too many successful gang members. I do not know too many successful drug dealers. You either end up in jail or dead. Someway we have to convey this message to these young men, there is a better way. I can tell you when that young man got shot on Saturday night, I was there, I saw them put him on the stretcher. As a father, as a Mayor, as a human, I can tell you I never, ever, ever want to have to see that again. It is the worst thing you could ever see. No one should have to experience that. By all accounts, that was a great young man with a great future. My plea is to anyone that can, we need to reach out to the churches, as a community we have to figure out a way to get in there. I do not know if its 50 kids, 50 young men, if its 300, I don’t know how many there are. I’m not talking about arresting them, I just want them to quit shooting one another. The problem with shooting each other, everyone suffers. You either die or get hurt. Your family suffers. The guy who did the shooting, for the rest of his life, someone is chasing him and they are going to catch him eventually. Either they are going to catch him and kill him or put him in jail. We have to figure out how to get this message to these young men. My plea is how do we do that. The Police Department is not going to solve it, the City Council is not going to solve it. The community is not going to solve it. We have to better engage these young men. Let’s have a cease fire, let’s have a truce and let’s quit shooting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chuck Allen
Mayor

Melissa Corser, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk