

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember David Ham
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Laura Getz, Deputy City Clerk

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

Adoption of the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Polack seconded the motion. Councilmember Williams stated he would like to add an item to the agenda under old business. Resolution Re-establishing a Policy Governing the Acceptance and Placement of Markers and Memorials within the City Parks and Play Areas, Resolution # 2004-36 and 1990-12. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Re-establishing a Policy Governing the Acceptance and Placement of Markers and Memorials within City Parks and Play Areas, Resolution # 2004-36 and 1990-12. Councilmember Williams shared information about the current resolutions for markers and memorials. He stated that the Recreation Advisory Commission has not met to review the policy and make changes. Felicia Brown, Parks and Recreation Director was on the call for comments or questions.

Councilmember Williams discussed the current policy and stated he would like to see anyone have the opportunity who has made a significant impact in the United States of America, like George Floyd, have the opportunity to meet our policy guidelines.

Mayor Allen asked that he give the current policies to the clerks for distribution so that everyone has time to look at it. Mrs. Brown shared information about the current policy and that the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) has not had an opportunity to make recommendations due to a lack of a quorum. Ms. Brown discussed the current meeting time and proposed meeting times for the RAC meeting with Council.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve this resolution, it has already been stated from our director those are some things that definitely need to be updated. Mayor Allen shared that he would do whatever everybody wants but he didn't think we should do that until we read it and look at it. Mrs. Brown shared that with the current resolution, the RAC weren't looking to change the requirement for living in Goldsboro but the question is were they going to recommend lowering the age requirement. Council discussed the issue. Councilmember Matthews seconded the motion. Councilmember Polack asked Mrs. Brown what was the hold up and what are we trying to revise. Mrs. Brown shared that the RAC has not had a quorum to officially discuss this and make a recommendation to bring back to Council. Councilmember Polack discussed the conversation at the RAC meeting between a memorial and a marker. He stated he wanted to see in writing what stipulations are put in place to say how many memorials versus how many markers. Councilmember Aycock asked if the policy presented will be just for people that live in Goldsboro. Councilmember Williams shared the existing policy requirements. Councilmember Aycock shared that he doesn't have any problem as long as they have lived in Goldsboro. Council continued to discuss the issue. Councilmember Williams and Matthews voted for the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Polack, Ham and Aycock voted against the motion. The motion failed 2:5.

Resolution Supporting Community Reparations for Black Goldsboro Discussion.

Councilmember Williams asked if anyone had called Mr. Foster being that he had brought this up on the agenda. Councilmember Polack shared that he spoke to a family member that lives in Old Fort which is 26 miles south of Ashville and she referenced him to an article from Ashville, which is where the template came from. Councilmember Polack discussed the Ashville resolution for reparations. Council continued to discuss reparations. Councilmember Ham stated that he supports establishing a commission to work towards identifying and addressing existing issues that need attention which will affect change and will improve the racial harmony in Goldsboro. Councilmembers Williams, Polack and Matthews voted for the resolution. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Ham and Aycock voted against the resolution. Council discussed setting up a committee. Mayor Allen shared he feels the formation of the committee should be: councilmembers, a teacher, a principal, a preacher, a common person on how we make the committee up. He shared the object of the committee should be race relations, health care and education. Council discussed who should make up the committee. Councilmember Matthews shared Council should talk to Commissioner Elect Foster to see if he has a vision of how it should look. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to set up a Race Relations Commission to tell us where we are right now and to tell us our ways we can improve it. Councilmember Polack stated since this is a new commission, he is sure there has been commissions in the past that were new at the time. If we can go into the transcript to see how they were devised before we make any vote. Ron Lawrence, City Attorney stated that we have got the Boards and Commissions Ordinances y'all have passed a couple of years ago. Those can be sent out to each of the councilmembers to look at. Councilmember Matthews suggested removing the committee from the power of the city. She also suggested we solicit ideas from the person that brought this to us. She stated she thinks it should be community driven with city support. Councilmember Aycock withdrew his motion. Council discussed meeting requirements.

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

Establishing a Grant Project Fund Ordinance – Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Special Revenue Fund (R1105). Mayor Allen stated that at the last meeting under the \$100,000 item, that ya'll were going to go back and add two or three different accounts to that or two or three different groups to that, and I never saw that. Mrs. Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director shared there was only one group that she recalls and she believes it was Rebuilding Broken Places. She stated that Rebuilding Broken Places did not have the funds for an audit and that she has asked the City Manager to sign a waiver for them to get the city allocation so they didn't have to have the audit but could still get the money. Councilmember Williams stated that it is his understanding that they plan to do an audit and asked that the city to reach out to Rebuilding Broken Places before we distribute the funds. Mrs. Gwynn stated she would ask Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager to get in touch with them. Council and Mr. Murphy discussed the non-profit list. Mayor Allen asked Mr. Murphy to send the list to him and Council and include anyone who didn't get funded. Council continued discussion.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Ham, seconded by Councilmember Matthews, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Council came out of closed session.

Video Camera Discussion. Councilmember Williams shared that he noticed we had a couple of new video cameras on Center Street and asked when that was approved because he thinks other parts of the city could really use cameras. Mr. Guthrie shared they are the Tsunami cameras. He shared they have been working with Duke Energy to get more pole locations approved to put them on poles in different locations. Councilmember Williams suggested they look at satellite cameras like they use in other cities. Council discussed cameras and their locations. Councilmember Williams asked if we could get a price on a used camera (skylift) that the police department can shift around to the communities. He asked when he could expect to hear something, a price or something. Mr. Guthrie stated he would talk to Chief West and Scott Williams tonight. Councilmember Williams asked if we could have something on it before the next meeting. Mr. Guthrie said he could have something before then.

Citizen Complaint. Mayor Allen stated that on September 8th, Ms. Sharon Matthews filed a complaint against me and she filed it with the city manager who gave it to Bernadette but Bernadette can't do anything with it because it's a council member. So the only one who can do anything with it, is the council. Does the council want to do anything or take any action on this letter?

Councilmember Williams made a motion to censure our mayor pertaining to this and it be investigated. Councilmember Matthews seconded the motion. Councilmember Matthews shared her concerns regarding the mayor and the complaint. Council discussed the issue. Councilmember Williams and Matthews voted for the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadway, Councilmembers Williams, Polack, Ham and Aycock voted against the motion. The motion failed 2:5.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadway
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember David Ham
Councilmember Gene Aycock

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

Archbishop Anthony Slater, Tehillah Church Ministries provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Broadway made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of August 17, 2020. Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadway, Councilmembers Williams, Polack, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

Presentations. Ms. Mahalia Jones gave a presentation including a video concerning her nephew, Mr. George Floyd. Ms. Jones asked Council to allow the family to install a memorial bench at Mina Weil Park or HV Brown Park and to place a mural at TC Coley Center on the west side of the building. Ms. Jones introduced Debby Coley, which spoke about having the memorial. Larry Herring, artist and designer, also shared with council the purpose of the memorial and mural.

Councilmember Williams made a motion that on a minimum, we approve the mural at the TC Coley, west side of the building. He stated I think it would beautify the community and bring traffic there that doesn't come there anymore. We have a facility that I think that would draw people there. Councilmember Polack seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Allen stated you got that one, now we've just got to figure out what we are going to do and get y'all's approval. And with you helping I'm sure it will go along fast.

2020 Census Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed September as Census Awareness Month in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

LaToya Henry, City of Goldsboro Public Information Officer shared information about the census and upcoming deadline.

Z-4-20 – Durban Development, LLC. Southwest corner of N. Berkeley Boulevard and Langston Drive (Office and Institutional-1CD to General Business). Public Hearing Held. The applicant requests to rezone subject property from Office and Institutional Conditional District (O&I-1CD) to General Business (GB) zoning district in order to operate an automobile service center.

If approved, separate site plan approval will be required in accordance with the City's Unified Development Ordinance.

On April 4th, 2005, Goldsboro City Council approved the current Unified Development Code and Official Zoning Maps and its one-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The subject property existed prior to the adoption of the Unified Development Code and operated as a professional office. The use of the property has not changed since that time.

Frontage: 100 ft. (N. Berkeley Blvd.)
185 ft. (Langston Dr.)
Area: 18,500 sq. ft., or 0.42 acres

Surrounding Zoning:

North: Shopping Center (SC);
South: Residential (R-16);
East: General Business Conditional District (GBCD); and
West: General Business Conditional District (GBCD)

The subject property is currently occupied by a single-story, brick-veneer commercial building of approximately 1,335 sq. ft. and formerly operated as an insurance office. If the proposed rezoning is approved, the owner intends to demolish the existing building for new commercial development.

As previously stated, the applicant proposes to rezone subject property from Office and Institutional Conditional District (O&I-1CD) to General Business. If approved, the applicant intends to develop property for an automobile service center specializing in drive-thru oil changes.

The applicant has submitted separate site and landscape plans indicating a new single-story building of approximately 1,400 sq. ft.

The applicant has submitted a floor plan consisting of an office, restrooms for customers and employees, storage areas and three (3) automobile service bays.

Since the site is located on a corner lot, the required front yard setback for the principal structure is 20 ft. along N. Berkeley Boulevard and Langston Drive. Due to the narrowness of the existing lot, the applicant states that the proposed facility requires an adequate building area of no less than 1,400 sq. ft. As such, the applicant is requesting a modification of the front yard setback requirement along Langston Drive from 20 ft. to 18 ft.

Exterior building materials will consist of EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finish Systems) or stucco, standing seam metal roofs, metal doors, copings and trim.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

No. of Employees: 3

One 24 ft. wide driveway cut is proposed off of Langston Dr. which will provide access to employee and customer parking spaces, as well as, three (3) automobile service bays. Customers will exit the site through the use of a 12 ft. wide paved access drive originating at the front of the facility and terminating at the rear of the property adjacent to the entrance.

Langston Drive is not a NCDOT maintained roadway. NCDOT has been advised of the proposed commercial development and have no additional requirements for the site.

Parking for automobile inspection, repair and service facilities requires one (1) space per working bay, plus one (1) per employee. A total of six (6) paved parking spaces have been shown with stacking to accommodate nine (9) automobiles for drive-thru service.

Chinese Elms will serve as required street trees along Berkeley Boulevard and Langston Drive. A required Type A, 10 ft. landscape buffer is shown along the western property line adjacent to commercial property and a required Type C, 20 ft. wide buffer is shown along the southern property line adjacent to residential property. Plantings will consist of Elms, Crepe Myrtles, Foster Hollies, Dwarf Yaupon Hollies, Loropetalums and False Cypresses.

Exterior sidewalks are required for new development and are indicated along N. Berkeley Boulevard and Langston Drive. Interior sidewalks are shown leading to building entrances through sloped walkways and handicap ramps.

Commercial lighting plans have not been submitted, however, staff will work with the applicant to ensure that proposed lighting is compliant with the City's commercial lighting ordinance.

The City's updated Land Use Plan designates the property for commercial use.

The property is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. City water and sewer are available to serve the property. Grading and drainage plans have not been submitted. The applicant will be required to submit plans in accordance with City Engineering standards before construction permits are released.

A concrete pad is shown at the end of the access drive for the location of a commercial dumpster. The dumpster enclosure will be screened in accordance with City standards.

As previously stated, the applicant is asking for a modification of the front yard setback along Langston Drive from 20 ft. to 18 ft.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing and the following person spoke:

Dale Crawford. Crawford Design Company. Mr. Crawford offered to answer any questions. There were no questions.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on October 5, 2020.

Z-5-20 – Southeast corner of N. Berkeley Boulevard and Maplewood Drive (Above-ground LP tank filling station). Public Hearing Held. The applicant requests to rezone a portion of subject property from Office and Institutional (O&I-1) to Neighborhood Business (NB) zoning district in order to locate an above-ground LP tank filling station upon the property. If approved, separate site plan approval will be required in accordance with the City's Unified Development Ordinance.

The requested zoning will be associated with the recombination of two individual lots described as follows:

Lot #1: 1804-1812 N. Berkeley Boulevard (Existing Shopping Ctr.)
Frontage: 200 ft. (N. Berkeley Boulevard)
Area: 42,333 sq. ft., or 0.972 acres
Zone: Neighborhood Business (NB)

Lot #2: N. Berkeley Boulevard (Vacant)

Frontage: 100 ft. (N. Berkeley Boulevard)
Area: 56,542 sq. ft., or 1.298 acres
Zone: Office and Institutional (O&I-1)

Area of Lot #2 proposed to be rezoned: 4,389 sq. ft. or 0.101 acres

Surrounding Zoning:

North: General Business (GB), Office & Institutional (O&I-1);

South: Residential (R-9);

East: Residential (R-9); and

West: Office and Institutional (O&I-1)

Existing Use: The subject property is currently clear and vacant.

As previously stated, the applicant intends to recombine Lots #1 and #2 so that a portion of Lot #2 can be used for the operation of an above-ground LP tank filling station as permitted in the Neighborhood Business zoning district.

The proposed LP tank fill station is for customers of an existing propane business located within an adjacent commercial shopping center and addressed as 1804 N. Berkeley Boulevard.

The applicant has submitted separate site and landscape plans indicating the proposed above-ground LP tank and refill panel to be located along the new western property line meeting the required 15 ft. side yard setback.

The equipment will be surrounded by a six feet in height chain-link fence and landscaped with Carissa Hollies to serve as a screening buffer. Staff is working with the applicant to ensure that a new Type A, 5 ft. wide landscape buffer be provided along the new northern, western and southern property lines in accordance with the City's Landscaping ordinance.

The City's updated Land Use Plan designates the property as Mixed-Use 1 that would allow a mixture of the following zoning districts: Office and Residential (O&R), Office and Institutional (O&I-1) and Neighborhood Business (NB).

The property is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Due to the nature and scope of the project, the applicant's proposal is exempt from City storm water and drainage requirements.

Councilmember Aycock asked if the applicant can put slats in the chain link fence until the Holly's get high enough. Mrs. Collins stated they would work with the applicant and that he was here.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing and the following person spoke:

Rick Sutton- Mr. Sutton answered questions from Council regarding the tanks and adding slats to the purposed fencing. After discussion with the Mayor and Council, Mr. Sutton agreed to create the enclosure to look like the existing enclosure on the site.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on October 5, 2020.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. Assistant City Manager, Randy Guthrie, presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Ham moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items F, G, H, I, J, K, and L be approved as recommended by the Assistant City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aycock and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Establishing a Grant Project Fund Ordinance – Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Special Revenue Fund (R1105). Ordinance Adopted. City Council adopted a resolution at the September 8, 2020 meeting to enter into a memo of understanding with Wayne County as a subrecipient of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$966,687.69. The period of the performance is March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

Council was presented the spending plan at the same meeting, which consisted of spending categories allocated as follows:

2. Public Health PPE	\$36,361.69
3. Payroll Expenses	196,692.00
4. Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures	387,737.00
5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency	100,000.00
6. Other COVID-19 related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund’s eligibility criteria	45,897.00
7. Grants to businesses and nonprofits	200,000.00
Total	<u>\$966,687.69</u>

There is no match required for the grant.

Federal grant requirements as well as the memo of understanding call for the City to establish a means of tracking the expenditures for Single Audit purposes so that external auditors can verify compliance with the various Federal and State grant guidelines in the compliance supplements. The purpose of this project qualifies as a grant project under G.S. § 159-13.2, and staff requests that the Council appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$966,687.69. This will be funded with Federal grant revenue.

It was recommended Council adopt the following Grant Project Ordinance for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Special Revenue Fund (R1105) for \$966,687.69. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (R1105)”

Authorization of Sale of Substandard Lots to Adjacent Property Owners under Session Law 2004-94 (Senate Bill 1370) for 922 N. John Street (Advance Management Enterprise, Inc.). Resolution Adopted. Staff has received an offer to purchase on a city-owned property deemed substandard lot. Council must either accept or reject the offer, and if accepted authorize City officials to execute instruments necessary to transfer ownership. (Session Law 2004-94 Senate Bill 1370)

The following offer has been received:

922 N. John Street
 Offeror: Advance Management Enterprise, Inc.
 Offer: \$1.00
 Bid Deposit: \$1.00
 Parcel #: 55926 Pin #: 3600100534
 Tax Value: \$1,230.00 Zoning: R-6

This is a substandard lot sale, therefore the minimum offer is \$1.00. The Planning Department notified the adjacent property owners, and no other offers have been received.

The corporation making the offer is current and active with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

It was recommended Council accept the offer on 922 N. John Street and adopt the following resolution authorizing City officials to execute instruments necessary to transfer ownership to Advance Management, Inc. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-63 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS
SUBSTANDARD REAL PROPERTY UNDER SESSION LAW 2004-94 SENATE BILL 1370”

Authorization of sale of jointly owned property for 821 Olivia Lane (Stephanie Ross). Resolution Adopted. Wayne County has requested concurrence by the City Council for jointly owned city/county-owned property at 821 Olivia Lane which was obtained through tax foreclosure. The County conducted the sale under the upset bid process (NCGS §160A-269), and approved at the July 8, 2020 meeting.

821 Olivia Lane
Offeror: Stephanie Ross
Offer: \$4,500.00
Bid Deposit: \$225.00
Parcel #: 50752 Pin #: 3509117459
Tax Value: \$9,140.00

It was recommended Council adopt the following resolution declaring the property surplus and authorizing City officials to execute instruments necessary to transfer ownership to Stephanie Ross. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 64 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS
REAL PROPERTY UNDER NCGS § 160A-269”

Change orders for the Police Evidence Room & Fire Department Renovation Capital Projects Fund with Daniels & Daniels Construction Co. Inc. Resolution Adopted. At the October 1, 2018 council meeting, Council established a project fund for the construction of the Police evidence room and renovations to Fire Station 4 on October 1, 2018. At the same meeting the contract for the construction was awarded to Daniels & Daniels Construction, Co., Inc. for \$5,311,100.00. However, the final executed contract price was \$5,323,425.00.

During the construction period, there were several issues that arose requiring change orders to complete the construction. The total amount of the change orders is \$476,756.99 of which \$352,569.94 is still outstanding. The project is now complete and the City has accepted the project. This will allow for final payment and release.

It was recommended the Council adopt the following resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute change orders of \$476,756.99 with Daniels & Daniels Construction, Co., Inc. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-65 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS WITH DANIELS & DANIELS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
FOR THE POLICE EVIDENCE ROOM & FIRE DEPARTMENT RENOVATION CAPITAL
PROJECT FUND (G1106)”

Prayer Walk -Temporary Street Closing Request Prayer Walk -Temporary Street Closing Request. Approved. Outside the Walls International Ministries is seeking a permit for a moving road closure for a Prayer Walk on October 24, 2020 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Due to the logistics of the event and to keep attendees safe, Outside the Walls International Ministries has requested the closing of intersections on Center Street, Mulberry Street, John Street, William Street, Oak Street and back to Center Street on October 24, 2020 during the moving road closure.

Affected city departments will be contacted and the following concerns are to be addressed:

1. A 14-foot fire lane is to be maintained in the center of the street to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
2. All activities, change in plans, etc., will be coordinated with the Police Department.

3. Police and Fire are to be involved in the logistical aspects of the event.

It was recommended the Council grant the requested temporary moving road closing of Center, Mulberry, John, William and Oak Streets for the Prayer Walk from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm on October 24, 2020. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

Revised Advisory Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule Revised Advisory Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule. Approved. Advisory Boards and Commissions meet on a regularly scheduled basis.

The Planning Commission voted to change their time to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. on the last Monday of each month.

The Recreation Advisory Commission Chair has requested to revise their meeting time from the second Tuesday of each month at noon to the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. due to a lack of a quorum.

It was recommended Council adopt the revised meeting schedule for the City of Goldsboro's Boards and Commissions. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for August 2020 were submitted for the Council's approval. It was recommended Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (7 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

Lease of City-Owned Property-Arnold Flowers Lease of City-Owned Property-Arnold Flowers. Denied. The City acquired property under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. As a part of this program, the City is required to maintain the property. Arnold Flowers owns property on Arrington Bridge Road, which is adjacent to parcels owned by the City. Mr. Flowers also leased land from the city in 2002.

Mr. Flowers proposes leasing the lots on Arrington Bridge Road (PIN#3507149748), Pecan Road (PIN#2597967216) and Casey Mill Road (PIN#3507403670) at no cost provided he complies with the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Program and maintains the property in an acceptable manner. Mr. Flowers is requesting to use the property for the purpose of growing and harvesting timber and pulpwood. The lease provides for a 6 month written notice of termination from either party; however, the term of the lease shall not exceed 40 years.

The lease agreement proposed by Mr. Flowers states that the city will compensate him for any existing timber or pulpwood at its appraised value at the end of the term or if the city terminates the lease agreement.

This item was presented to Council on December 16, 2019 and there was no formal vote.

It was recommended the Council approve or deny the lease with Flowers Timber and Land, Inc. for the purpose of growing and harvesting timber and pulpwood.

Mr. Guthrie and Council discussed the property and the lease. Mr. Guthrie shared these lots are FEMA flood buyouts. Council discussed the lots having trash dumped on them.

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to deny, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway seconded the motion. Councilmember Williams shared that he had met with Mr. Flowers a year and a half or two years ago and that he stated the land was being used by drifters and he was finding drug paraphernalia. Mayor Allen made comments concerning going back and suggesting they go back and offer to rent the land to him. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Polack, Matthews, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Williams voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

Council discussed the size and price of the land. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to offer the property to Mr. Flowers at \$25.00 per acre. Councilmember Polack seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Guthrie encouraged everyone to participate in the census.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation For Services Rendered By Frank Sasser As An Employee Of The City Of Goldsboro For More Than 43 Years. Resolution Adopted. Frank Sasser retires on October 1, 2020 as the Assistant Fire Chief with the Goldsboro Fire Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 43 years of service. Frank began his career on February 23, 1977 as a Firefighter with the Goldsboro Fire Department. On July 15, 1987, Frank was promoted to Fire Driver with the Goldsboro Fire Department. On August 1, 1990, Frank was promoted to Fire Lieutenant with the Goldsboro Fire Department. On July 15, 2009, Frank was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief with the Goldsboro Fire Department where he has served until his retirement. Frank has proven himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, City employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Frank Sasser their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina express to Frank their deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro and offer him our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Polack, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2020- 61 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY FRANK SASSER AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 43 YEARS"

Resolution in Memory of Charles Norwood. Resolution Adopted. Charles Norwood was born on November 28, 1933, and was a resident of the City of Goldsboro until his death on September 1, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Nancy and three children: Sarah Norwood Moorman, Anne Norwood Mitchell and John Christian Norwood. Mr. Norwood achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1948, and in 1952, he graduated from Goldsboro High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a commissioned officer and proudly served his country from 1955-1957. After serving in the military, Mr. Norwood returned to Goldsboro to work at Crawford-Norwood Realty, a real estate firm started by his grandfather, John Robert Crawford, in 1892. Mr. Norwood had a great love for his hometown and worked tirelessly to make Goldsboro a better city for its residents. He served as Chairman of the United Way campaign, Goldsboro Board Member of Wachovia Bank and Trust, Chairman of the Goldsboro Parks and Recreation Committee, and president of the Committee of 100 for Industrial Development. In addition, Mr. Norwood was actively involved with the Friends of Willowdale. Mr. Norwood served as Chairman of the Board of Education of the Goldsboro City Schools for 12 years and was on the Board of Trustees at Wayne Community College. In 1994, he received the Order of The Long Leaf Pine by Governor James B. Hunt. Mr. Norwood was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina expresses to the family of Mr. Charles Norwood their heartfelt belief that the memory of his good works and character will be and remain an inspiration to many and a blessing to all.

Upon motion of Mayor Allen, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2020-62 "RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF CHARLES NORWOOD"

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Councilmember Aycock reminded everyone to wear your mask and stay socially distanced.

Councilmember Ham stated no comment.

Councilmember Matthews stated no comment.

Councilmember Polack shared he wanted to speak on behalf of all the instructors, educators that are back in the classroom. He stated I think people are receiving a false sense of security for the safety measures that are being taken in a lot of these environments. These teachers have been subjected to classrooms that still in some cases don't have disinfectant spray. He stated he also wants to speak on the fact that the children that proposal now is about to go into legislation possibly that they may be going back 8-5, however their siblings are going home to other children that may be in high school. Like I said before, the minimum requirements with the school is that you are not 6 feet for 15 minutes but it has been proven that these germs can travel up to 10 feet in some cases. If I sneeze right now, it is not going to take 15 minutes for me to transmit that pathogen. So, like Mr. Aycock said, it's imperative that parents are not rushing their kids back, personally, I wouldn't put my granddaughter or any child in the situation where they can be a possible threat for lack of better words in the transmission of this disease. I think as a city, we need to work along with the, well, I can't say that because they are trying to rush these kids back but we have a position in this community to ensure that these kids are safe as a council because not only will it spread in the city, but it may spread throughout the county. I am not trying to put fear into people. I teach public safety so I specialize in this to a degree to what I instruct but I just want everybody to be safe. That is the bottom line and just continue to pray for the city. Thank you.

Councilmember Broadway stated he wanted to follow on a resolution for Mr. Charles Norwood. He was a real fellow of this community and we read all the things he's done. What we don't read are the things that nobody knows that he did. Very quietly, very calmly, and the good that he did. We could name them all forever but most of them we don't know. We don't have those kind of people anymore and we really lost a super individual and lover of Wayne County and Goldsboro when we lost Charles Norwood. Mr. Broadway also said that speeding is going crazy. Everywhere I go now, everybody is at least 10 miles over the limit. I think at some point and time we have to address that, Mr. Mayor. That is all I have.

Councilmember Williams stated he wanted to thank Mr. Foster. I know it was a tough thing to bring something that people aren't use to bringing up things that like trouble people. In regards to the black resolution, the resolution for reparations. So, I commend you on that. I also want to thank Mr. Charles Wright and I apologize, he sent an email to me and maybe to some of the other councilmembers as well, he had a suggestion that we have a COVID 19 briefing at the City of Goldsboro. So we can educate people from the city of Goldsboro to what's needed to be done to protect their selves and others. He recommended that Dr. Alma Jenkins be allowed to come and speak. I would this council to put something together so she can come and explain some of the things that are happening here. I also want to tell all our citizens here to stay safe, make sure you are taking your vitamins and you are eating better than you normally do because COVID 19 is not anything to play with. That is all I have, thank you sir.

Mayor Allen stated that we hope that everybody stays safe, we ask you to stay safe, social distance, wash and wear a mask. We ask that everybody do that. Thank everybody for coming.

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

Chuck Allen
Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk