

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2022

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 6:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022.

Call to Order. Mayor Ham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Bill Broadaway
Councilwoman Brandi Matthews
Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV
Councilman Gene Aycock
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Tim Salmon, City Manager
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Adoption of the Agenda. City Manager Salmon requested the addition of item e under new business-Goldsboro Fire Department, Engine Number Four Emergency Motor Purchase. Mayor Ham stated we have a Closed Session item, Personnel to discuss. Mayor Pro Tem Polack requested that council consider a resolution naming Councilwoman Matthews as the first African American Councilwoman in the City of Goldsboro. Upon motion of Councilman Broadaway, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

New Business.

FY20 Audit Update. Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director shared they are in the short roads with the audit. She shared that Dixon Hughes plan to come to the March 7 meeting and present the audit. She shared they are putting a completion date of June 30, 2022 on the FY 21 audit and they will be caught up. She shared information regarding a document titled, Fund Balances-Governmental Funds with council and shared that the document comes out of the audited financial statements in the statistical section, was prepared by staff and is not audited. She shared information about current debt and that the FY 20 fund balance percentage is 9.38% and the story is that it is getting better.

ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Update. City Manager Salmon shared the following information: American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Guidance. In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local, and Tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects. On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued the interim final rule implementing the SLFRF program. On May 17, 2021, the City Council of the City of Goldsboro accepted \$8,813,514 in ARPA grant funds that may be obligated through December 31, 2024. On June 21, 2021, the City Council adopted the Grant Project Fund for the ARP Special Revenue Fund (R1107) with expenditures of: \$1,664,500 for Lost Public Sector Revenue and \$2,558,994 for Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure as identified in the FY21-22 Budget; and \$4,590,020 for Contingency. On January 6, 2022, the U.S. Treasury issued the final rule implementing the ARPA statutory provisions on eligible and ineligible uses of SLFRF funding which provides broader flexibility and greater simplicity in the program. One of the most significant changes in the final rule is a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, not to exceed the award amount for each recipient, for the provision of government services. Given this flexibility, staff recommend the full award of \$8,813,514 be applied to lost public sector revenue to fund general government services, primarily salary and benefits. The allowable expenditures would include any payroll for a legally authorized function of the government such as public safety, environmental health, recreation, administration, and public utilities. This will simplify the compliance requirements under Uniform Guidance, and replace tax and utility revenue that can then fund previously agreed water and sewer infrastructure and other expenditures as determined by Council under North Carolina law. If Council approves this change, the Finance Director will bring a project budget amendment to Council at the next meeting to amend the grant project related to the SLFRF award.

It was recommended that Council approve to utilize the standard allowance for revenue loss for the full SLFRF award of \$8,813,514.

Council discussed the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Update with the manager and finance director, and requested the item be deferred to the meeting in March to allow Council more time to review the request. After further discussion, Council decided to refer the item until the Council Retreat.

GEC Departmental Oversight Change Proposal. Adam Twiss with the Paramount shared the following information:

Goldsboro Event Center: Departmental Oversight

Event Center Facts and Stats

- Founded in 1950 as the Goldsboro Country Club; purchased and renovated by City in 2015.
- Operations transferred from Goldsboro Parks and Recreation to Paramount in 2016.
- Site includes 18-hole municipal golf course, pickle-ball courts, and clay tennis courts.
- Facility spaces include ballroom, dining room, bar, kitchen, patio, pro-shop and locker rooms
- Utilities, maintenance, and certain amenities are split between GEC and Goldsboro Golf Course (GGC) budgets.
- GEC is rented to the public for weddings, banquets, conferences, meetings, etc.
- GEC is available for City Department use at no charge, and may be used for City-sponsored community activities at the discretion of Dept. Head and City Manager.
- Prior to covid-19, GEC facility use had grown by an average of 20% each year.

Proposal

Proposal:

- Oversight of the GEC to be transferred from Paramount Theatre to Golf Course – P&R.

Justification:

- The GEC will operate more efficiently and profitably if managed together with the GGC.
 - Maintenance, grounds keeping, and custodial staff can be shared throughout site and facility.
 - GEC activity can be more effectively aligned with increasing tournament and public use of GGC.
 - Finance Department will no longer need to split utility bills and vendor contracts between two departments.
- **Budget Impact:**
 - Reduced overhead, maintenance, and administration expense.
 - Increased revenue from additional bar and space rental activity. (expected 15-22% increase in revenue)
 - Community activities and programs can be explored for new revenue streams.

Current GEC Personnel

Currently Interviewing Applicants, Event Center Manager

- Seeking background combining hospitality, bar management, event coordination, marketing, etc.

Cassie (Jamie) Tyler, Patron Services and Operational Assistant (part-time permanent)

- Works both Paramount and GEC; Primary contact for Building Attendants, and front of house event support.

Multiple Part-time, event specific, Building Attendant and Bartending staff, shared across Department with Paramount.

Adam Twiss, Director of Paramount Theatre and Goldsboro Event Center

- Extensive background in performing arts production, hospitality, and event/venue management.

Proposed GEC Personnel

Obie Agbasi, Director of Golf (reports to Director of Parks and Recreation)

- Would now oversee GEC together with GGC
- Extensive experience in full-service facility management, including course, club house, and dining.

Kyle Hope, Clubhouse Manager (reports to Director of Golf)

- Maintains primary focus on customer service and operation of club house.
- Coordinates with and supports Event Center Manager with oversight of events and facility.

Interviewing Currently, Event Center Manager (reports to Director of Golf)

- Maintains primary focus on customer service, rental contracts, and operation of Event Center.
- Coordinates with and supports Clubhouse Manager with oversight of retail operation and facility.

Cassie (Jamie) Tyler, Patron Services and Operational Assistant (part-time-permanent)
– Would continue at GEC, coordinating event staff and supporting Managers and Director.

Financial Snapshot

Expenses:

- Average for non-covid19 year = \$140K
- Projected savings from consolidated staff, maintenance, ground-keeping, custodial, utilities, vendors = \$15K

Revenue:

- Average for non-covid19 year = \$70K (rental fees, bar and concessions sales)
- Projected increase from additional bar sales, space and amenity rentals = \$10K

City Use of Space:

- Average for non-covid19 year = \$55K
- We project little to no increase in fee-free City use of facility.

Budget Impact:

- No additions to staff salary or investments in facility and equipment would be required to make this change.
- Management team will seek value-adding amenities and modifications to be proposed in future budget years.

Projected Net Benefit from increased use and efficiency = \$25K in first year

Council discussed the proposal. Obie Agbasi with the Golf Course provided comments. A motion was made by Councilwoman Jones to transfer the management of the Golf Course from the Paramount to the Director of Golf. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried.

Boards and Commissions Discussion. Laura Getz, City Clerk presented the following: There are currently four vacancies on the City of Goldsboro's Boards and Commissions. Respective boards have not met to make a recommendation yet but we have provided a list of the current applicants. Please review and make recommendations to these boards at the March 7 meeting and I will bring back a resolution appointing members on March 21, 2022. You also have an updated Boards and Commissions calendar. There are a couple administrative changes to include the time of the Planning Commission is 6:00 pm. Other changes to the dates of the meeting are noted on the calendar.

Councilman Aycock made a motion to approve the boards and commissions calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.

Fire Department Expense. City Manager Salmon requested Council approve the engine repair of fire engine 4 in the mount of \$57,000. He stated this may need to come from fund balance. Ms. Gwynn will bring an ordinance back appropriating the money if necessary.

Resolution recognizing Brandi Matthews as the first African American Councilwoman in the City of Goldsboro. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a recommendation for Councilwoman Matthews to have an official resolution drawn up and archived for monumental contributions to the city council as being the first African American female councilwoman to serve on the council. Mayor Ham asked the City Clerk to prepare the resolution.

Consent Agenda Review. Each item was reviewed.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022.

Mayor Ham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Bill Broadway
Councilwoman Brandi Matthews
Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV
Councilman Gene Aycock

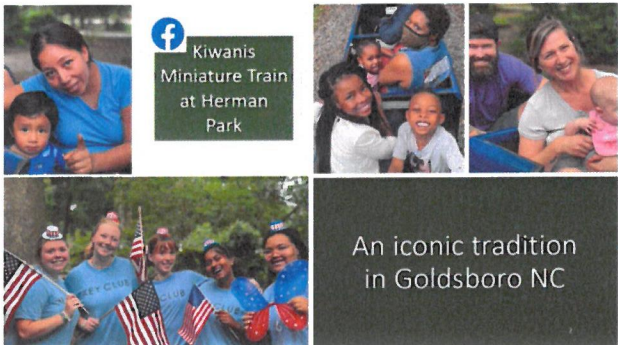
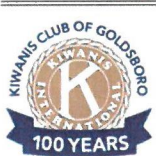
Approval of Minutes. Councilman Aycock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 24, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.

Presentations.

Miniature Train Update. Chip Craig with the Goldsboro Kiwanis shared the following update:

UPDATE:
Miniature Train
Replacement
Project
Herman Park

Monday, February 7, 2022
Chip Craig
Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro



Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro & City of Goldsboro Continuing the Miniature Train Tradition

- On August 16, 2021, City Council authorized the Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro to:
- 1) Initiate a fund-raising campaign to replace the existing train and to upgrade the train experience at Herman Park.
 - 2) Use the Train's reserve funds to make a down-payment on the new train.
 - 3) Work with City staff to work with us on design of the upgraded experience.
 - 4) Apply proceeds from sale of the old train to the Train replacement project.

End of 67th Regular Season – Oct 31, 2021



Over 12,000 riders in 2021 – a record.

Groundbreaking – Nov 4, 2021 – C O L D !



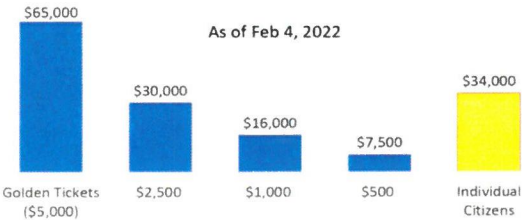
**COST BUDGETS
Original (Aug '21) & Current (Feb '22)**

ORIGINAL	CURRENT
\$110,000 NEW miniature train <ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes Delivery & Set-Up by Miniature Train Fabricator in Texas9 months lead time; for 2022 season	\$110,000 NEW miniature train <ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes Delivery & Set-Up by Miniature Train Fabricator in Texas9 months lead time; for 2022 season
\$ 10,000 for proposed brick Train Station Apron	\$ 24,000 for proposed brick Train Station Apron
\$ 30,000 for proposed Train Platform construction**	\$ 68,000 for proposed Train Platform construction**
\$150,000 TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$202,000 TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
** added as sufficient funds are raised	** still in design phase; materials

**FUNDING for UPGRADES:
Original (Aug '21) & Current (Feb '22)**

ORIGINAL	CURRENT
\$ 50,000 Funds from Club's Train Legacy Account	\$ 50,000 Funds from Club's Train Legacy Account
\$ 25,000 Est Funds (donated by the city) if City sells the old train	\$ 0 Est Funds (donated by the city) if City sells the old train
\$ 75,000 Funds raised from local businesses and private citizens and funds received at the train station itself	\$ 152,500 CASH Funds donated by companies and citizens
\$150,000 Total estimated funds available	\$202,000 Total estimated funds available for upgrades
	Does NOT include value of "Gifts in Kind"

Fundraising Update: \$152,500 Cash Donations Campaign for the next 70 years' train experience



Community Gifts in Kind

Difficult to put actual value, but it is of SIGNIFICANT value

- The "Construction Coalition" Partners are donating their talents, expertise and labor for construction and improvements.
- Magnifies what can be done in upgrades since donated funds will be used primarily to purchase materials at a discount.
- A group has committed to going to Lufkin, Texas to pick up the train and transport it to Goldsboro saving us \$5,000 in transportation costs

“Construction Coalition Partners”

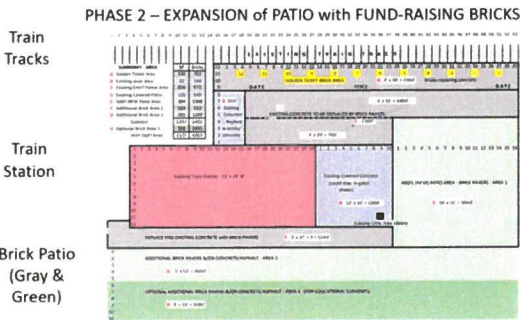
- Goldsboro Builders Supply
- TA Loving Company
- JSmith Civil, LLC
- Wayne Electric Company
- Seegars Fence
- Smith Engineering and Design
- BE Jones Civil Engineering

Phase I: New Train
Swanee River Railroad Company, Lufkin TX

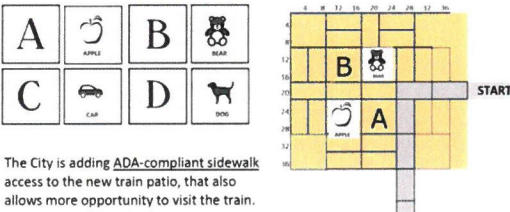


What Will Happen to Cash Funds Donated?

- 100% WILL be spent on purchasing the new train and upgrades
- No donated cash funds will be used to replenish the reserve fund
- None of the funds have been used for promotional expenses or by the Kiwanis Club for any expenses for this campaign
 - Promotional expenses were covered by other funds and gifts in kind
 - Costs of groundbreaking and future Grand Opening events covered by other funds



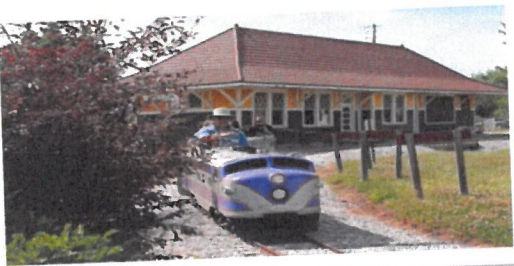
Phase 2: 583 individual bricks were sold; generous donors added 140 “literacy bricks” (alphabet & #s)



The City is adding ADA-compliant sidewalk access to the new train patio, that also allows more opportunity to visit the train.



Phase 3: Improvements: Platform area



What is future of the 1953 Train?

- The Old Train is being sold by the City as surplus equipment.
- The train is currently on www.govdeals.com auction site.
 - Auction will close on Feb 16.
 - Minimum bid is \$20,000.
 - Proceeds from the sale will be used to replenish the Train Reserve Fund, for future capital needs (such as rails)

What’s Ahead:

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| Feb & Mar 2022: | Design Phase - City, Construction Partners & KC of GB finalize plan for construction of Improvements |
| Late March 2022: | New Miniature Train arrives |
| April 2022: | Brick Patio is installed
New Train goes into service |
| Summer 2022: | Improvements to Platform & Train Station are completed |



Mayor Ham shared that there were no paid staff on this project in terms of running the train. Mr. Craig stated that it is hundreds of volunteers and that 100% of the money they make, they put back into the community.

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

1. Yvonnia Moore requested the Finance Director re-cap the discussion on the audit due to an issue with the sound on social media.
 - a. Councilwoman Matthews requested that the city manager re-cap his agenda item.
2. Dr. David Craig shared concerns regarding the sound issues. He also shared comments regarding council.
3. Janice Scanes thanked the Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments for cleaning up a wooded lot near her home.
4. Don Halliday handed out an item to council and requested to come back to council with a presentation.
5. Thomas Rice, MLFL shared comments regarding a project to raise money for the Restoration Village. He provided his contact information if citizens would like to donate items. (919-750-4665, mlflinc.2014@gmail.com, Facebook at Mirakial's Love for Lives, or drop items off at 1412 US Hwy 117 South)

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

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager Tim Salmon 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. Councilman Aycock moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items C and D be approved as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

SU-16-21 County of Wayne – (Above-Ground Fuel Dispensing Facility) North side of Wayne Memorial Dr. and the northeast corner of Eighth and Humphry Streets. Order Approved. The County of Wayne is requesting a Special Use Permit for the operation of an above-ground fuel dispensing facility to be located at 901 Eighth St. and within the General Industry (I-2) zoning district.

According to the City’s Unified Development Code and Section 5.5.4 Special Use Specific Regulations, an above-ground fuel dispensing facility (storage of flammable liquids) is a permitted use in the General Industry (I-2) zoning district only after the obtainment of a Special Use Permit approved by City Council.

- Frontage: 470.05 ft.
- Area: 3.45 acres or 150,118 sq. ft.
- Zoning: General Industry (I-2)

On November 1, 2021, the Goldsboro City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved a change of zone for the subject property from Office & Institutional (O&I-II) zoning district to General Industry (I-2) zoning district.

The site is owned by the County of Wayne and is formally known as Wayne Facility Services. More than half of the property currently serves as a fleet maintenance facility for County-owned vehicles and equipment. The remaining portion of property is undeveloped consisting of woodlands.

Approval criteria for the above-ground fuel dispensing facility (storage of flammable liquids) are as follows:

1. The proposed facility shall conform to the requirements of the Fire Prevention Codes of the North Carolina State Building Code, National Board of Fire Underwriters and the latest edition of the “Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, NFPA 30” of the National Fire Protection Association.
2. A dike that forms a basin equal to the capacity of the largest tank shall surround all tanks constructed above the ground level. All tanks shall be located at least twenty-five feet from any property line or in accordance with Section 6.3.9, whichever is greater.

3. A security fence at least eight feet in height and three strands of barbed or razor wire shall surround all facilities used for the storage and handling of flammable materials.
4. If there is a yard area between the fence and the rear and side property lines, the area not used for customer and employee parking shall be planted with grass and have landscaping composed of large trees spaced not more than forty feet apart and not less than one row of shrubs thirty inches in height, spaced so that they will form a continuous visual and opaque screen six feet in height within three growing seasons.
5. If there is no yard area between the fence and property line, the area within ten feet of the inside of the fence shall have landscaping composed of large trees spaced not more than forty feet apart and not less than one row of UDO Article 5-97 06/07/2021 shrubs thirty inches in height, spaced so that they will form a continuous visual and opaque screen six feet in height within three growing seasons.
6. If the perimeter fence is greater than five hundred linear feet in length, the required planting is waived for the sections of the fence not adjacent to residentially zoned property or not visible from the public right-of-way.
7. The location, size and extent of tanks, pumps and other equipment, setbacks, screening and fencing may be modified as necessary to ensure public safety.

The submitted site plan indicates the proposed location of two above-ground fuel tanks shown between an existing County-owned communications tower, fleet maintenance facility and the southern property line. The site plan indicates the fuel dispensing facility will be gated and surrounded with security fencing as required by the City's Unified Development Code.

Staff has been informed by County officials that one fuel tank will consist of 12,000 gallons of gasoline fuel and the other fuel tank will consist of 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Both fuel tanks will be provided with canopies for protection against elements of weather and 4ft. on-center steel bollards for protection against accidental vehicular collision.

Access to the site will be provided by a 20ft. wide driveway cut from Eighth St. along the southern property line. A 12ft. wide private access drive will allow County employees to enter the site for fuel dispensing purposes and exit the site through a terminus located at the intersection of Humphrey and Eighth St.

The proposed use does not require additional parking for the site.

Exterior sidewalks are not required for the site since the building or parking area is not expanded by more than 50% of the original building or parking area.

Interconnectivity has not been shown for the site. However, interconnectivity is not required due to the fact that incompatible land uses exist between the subject property and property directly to the east.

City water and sewer are available to serve the site. The site is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. City Engineering may require approval of storm water calculations and drainage plans prior to issuance of building permits.

A 50 ft. wide, Type D, landscape buffer is required surrounding the fuel dispensing facility. Staff is working with the applicant and site engineer to utilize existing vegetation to meet City landscape requirements.

At the public hearing held on January 24, 2022, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

On January 31, 2022 the Planning Commission recommended to approve the Special Use Permit #SU-16-21 for the construction of an above-ground fuel dispensing facility at 901 Eighth Street and located within the General Industry (I-2) zoning district.

It was recommended that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve an Order approving the Special Use Permit #SU-16-21 for the construction of an above-ground fuel dispensing facility at 901 Eighth Street and located within the General Industry (I-2) zoning district.

SU-17-21 Funky Fresh Donuts – South side of Cashwell Dr. between N. Spence Ave. and Eastgate Dr. Order Approved. Funky Fresh Donuts is a made to order donuts, coffee, and pastry shop for dine-in or

take-out service located in the Crossroads Plaza Shopping Center and addressed as 2830 Cashwell Drive. The business is requesting a Special Use Permit to expand and modify the existing business into a cocktail, dessert and coffee lounge.

According to the City’s Unified Development Code and Section 5.5.4 Special Use Specific Regulations, the proposed use would be classified as a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits in the Shopping Center (SC) zoning district. A Place of Entertainment with ABC permits is allowed in the Shopping Center (SC) zoning district only after the obtainment of a Special Use Permit approved by City Council.

Frontage: 75 ft. (Tenant Space)
Area: 13.05 acres or 568,255 sq. ft. (Shopping Center)
Zoning: Shopping Center (SC)

Approval criteria for a Places of Entertainment with ABC are as follows:

1. No establishment shall be located within two hundred feet of any residentially zoned or developed property, church or school. Where the proposed establishment is separated from residentially zoned or developed property by a four-lane highway, the two hundred foot separation shall only apply to the properties along the sides and rear of the establishment. No establishment shall be located within one hundred and fifty feet of any other such establishment.
2. Outdoor activities associated with a place of entertainment must specifically be approved as part of any associated review and approval process. At the time of review, the reviewing body may impose conditions on outdoor activities as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
3. Upon complaint from any person, a public hearing may be scheduled to determine what additional conditions, if any, may be needed to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Upon a finding, that there has been an increase in the volume, intensity or frequency of the use or a use different than set forth in the special use permit, the reviewing body after the public hearing may modify, suspend or revoke the special use permit.

The applicant has submitted a modified floor plan that indicates the existing donut shop with in-dining facilities that accommodates up to 14 occupants including a walk-up order/pickup area, a kitchen, storage and restrooms for patrons of the business.

New leasable space on the floor plan shows a bar that will serve up to 8 occupants and a lounge area with tables and chairs that can seat fourteen 14 occupants. Storage areas for supplies and refrigerated/frozen goods, as well as, bathrooms are shown as new additions to the modified floor plan.

No additional requirements apply to the Special Use Permit request, however, approval is required from Wayne County’s Environmental Health Department pertaining to foodservice regulations and from City Inspections pertaining to compliance with the North Carolina State Building Code.

Existing days/hours of operation: Tues.-Sat. 8am - 8pm
Sunday 12Noon – 6pm

Proposed dessert bar and lounge: Tues.-Sat. 8am – 10pm

At the public hearing on January 24, 2022, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Use Permit SU#-17-21 for a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits in the Shopping Center (SC) zoning district.

It was recommended that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Use Permit SU#-17-21 for the operation of a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits at 2830 Cashwell Drive, Goldsboro, NC and located in the Shopping Center (SC) zoning district.

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager’s Report. City Manager Salmon read the agenda item, ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Update as requested and introduced Hugh Roe O’Donnell as the temporary assistant city manager. He shared that the retreat will be held on February 21-22 at the Goldsboro Event Center and information concerning the Parks and Recreation Youth Program for the spring.

Ceremonial Documents. Black History Month Proclamation. Mayor Ham proclaimed the month of February 2022 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the City of Goldsboro and encouraged all citizens to observe this month by participating and supporting all festivities celebrating the proud heritage of African Americans.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.

Councilwoman Jones asked questions concerning the 2022 CAPER. She thanked the mayor for the proclamation recognizing Black History Month and asked that everyone check out the library and museum for more information concerning Black History. She shared information regarding General Statute 105.2771, for the elderly disabled homestead exclusion, which helps with the payment of property tax for homeowners 65 or over that qualify.

Councilman Broadway thanked Chip and Becky Craig and the Kiwanis for all the work they have done over the years.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack shared comments concerning Black History Month. He shared that one of his students and a member of the Interact Club, Ms. Hines is working on a proposal to have a week entitled, Black Excellence where every day would highlight different aspects of the African-American experience.

Councilwoman Matthews had no comment.

Councilman Gaylor shared comments concerning why he was appointed to Council and why he is a good fit for Goldsboro. He shared comments concerning the Kiwanis and the train and praised the citizens and businesses that have donated to the miniature train project.

Councilman Aycock shared comments about the miniature train. He also shared that he received comments regarding leaves and pine straw not being picked up in January and the reason they were behind was due to equipment being down.

Mayor Ham shared a recent conversation with a Goldsboro citizen regarding the reason the citizen came to Goldsboro and encouraged Council to speak to citizens and get their comments about how they feel about Goldsboro.

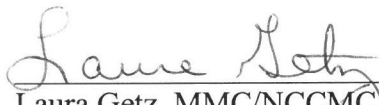
Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Council came out of Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.




David Ham
Mayor


Laura Getz, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk