

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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 February 15, 2021 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem David Ham
Councilmember Bill Broadway
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Tim Salmon, City Manager
Melissa Capps, City Clerk

Call to Order. Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ham, seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

FY 18-19 Audit Update. Mr. John Frank and Mr. Chad Cook with Dixon, Hughes and Goodman joined by Webex. Mr. Frank provided an update on the status of the FY 18-19 Audit. He stated when they previously met with Council, they were hoping to have the audit finalized in January, however, the city identified some additional issues related to prior years that prevented us from finishing up the audit. As I mentioned in the last call, fortunately the net result of these prior period adjustments has been an increase to the City's previously reported position and fund balance and the net result of the items discovered in January continue this trend. Additionally, there has still been no cases of fraud or misappropriation of assets in prior years. Tim, Catherine and I had a call last week with Susan McCullen at the Local Government Commission. The purpose of the call was an update on the audit and to discuss in detail some of the issues encountered. They are up to date on things.

Mayor Allen asked if the audit would be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Frank stated hopefully sometime in March.

Tourism Board Appointment Discussion. Ms. Capps shared the Tourism Council had a member to resign on Wednesday, January 27. You have the 2 current applications for the hotelier position in your folders. The Tourism board recommends the appointment of Tyrone Barrett.

Council agreed with the Tourism Council's recommendation. Staff will bring back a resolution at the next Council meeting appointing Mr. Barrett.

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

Item E. Resolution to Approve New Insurance Broker for the Upcoming FY 21-22 Budget Year. Upon motion of Councilmember Matthews, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Item E. Resolution to Approve New Insurance Broker for the Upcoming FY 21-22 Budget Year was moved to items requiring individual action.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss an a personnel matter, a litigation matter and an economic development matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 6:15 p.m. 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 Large Conference Room, City Hall Annex, 200 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2021 with attendance as follows:

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

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

Reverend Phyllis Vail with St. Paul Methodist Church provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 1, 2021.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation of for Services Rendered by Carol Gillis an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 8 Years. Carol Gillis retires on March 1, 2021 as an Administrative Assistant III with the Public Works Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 8 years of service. Carol began her career on March 7, 2012 as a Senior Administrative Support Specialist with the Public Works Department. On January 1, 2016, Carol's position was reclassified to Administrative Assistant III with the Public Works Department where she has served until her retirement. Carol has proven herself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of her 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 Carol Gillis their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by her to the City over the years. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, we express to Carol our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in her future endeavors and this Resolution shall be incorporated into the official Minutes of the City of Goldsboro.

Vacant Council Seat For District 1. Discussion was held regarding information requested by Councilmember Matthews. Councilmember Broadaway made a motion to start the ballot process. Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion. Additional discussion was held regarding correspondence received. Mayor Allen called for a vote. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 4:2.

Ballots were passed out. Each Councilmember marked their ballot. The City Clerk read the following votes aloud:

Mayor Allen – Hiawatha Jones
Mayor Pro Tem Ham – Hiawatha Jones
Councilmember Broadaway – Hiawatha Jones
Councilmember Polack – Yvonna Moore
Councilmember Matthews – Yvonna Moore
Councilmember Aycock – Hiawatha Jones

Councilmember Broadaway made a motion Council accept the computation of votes as stated and that candidate that received majority of the votes be appointed to the vacant seat for District 1. Mayor Pro Tem Ham seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Allen called for a

vote. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 4:2.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation of for Services Rendered by Carol Gillis an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 8 Years. Ms. Capps asked if Council could take a vote on the previously read Resolution. Upon motion of Councilmember Polack, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY CAROL GILLIS AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 8 YEARS”

CU-1-21 Anthony Mathis (EZ Choice)-North side of E. US 70 Hwy between Miller’s Chapel Road and Carriage Road. Public Hearing Held. Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit for the installation of a prefabricated accessory structure used for the operation and expansion of an existing automotive service center located in the Airport-Business zoning district. Services include automobile window tinting, automobile inspections and tire sales. As part of the request, separate site plan approval is required.

Frontage: Approximately 200 ft.
Area: 46,295 sq. ft. or 1.06 acres
Zone: Airport Business
Overlay: APZ-I/Noise Contour 75-80dnl/80-85dnl

In June of 2009, City Council approved a conditional use permit, as well as, site and landscape plans to allow an automobile window tinting operation upon the subject property. A modification of the protected street yard width from 8 ft. to 2.5 ft. was also approved.

As a condition of the permit issuance, City Council required the extension of a vehicular surface buffer across the easternmost driveway which was required to be closed by NCDOT limiting access to the property from two driveways to one along E. US 70 Hwy.

The submitted site plan indicates two existing buildings (673 sq. ft. for office use and 900 sq. ft. for automobile tinting and inspections) totaling approximately 1,573 sq. ft. An additional 930 sq. ft. prefabricated and enclosed metal building is proposed that will serve as an additional service bay for automobile window tinting.

Number of employees: 2
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

An existing 35 ft. wide driveway cut provides access to the site off E. US 70 Hwy.

Parking shall be based on 1 space per working bay, plus one per employee. A total of 16 spaces have been provided to include one handicap accessible parking space.

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

The subject property falls within SJAFB Accident Potential Zone (APZ-I) and 75-80/ 80-84 day-night average sound level (DNL) noise zones. Base officials have been contacted and recommend that noise attenuation measures be incorporated into the design and construction of any new structure where the public is received.

In addition, base officials have indicated that retail sales are an incompatible land use in the 80-84 day-night average sound level (DNL) noise zone. Applicant has been informed that tire sales must be conducted within the 75-80 day-night average sound (DNL) zone in order to continue the existing use in the future.

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

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing and the following person spoke after being properly sworn in:

Anthony Mathis stated I am a subcontractor that will be building the metal building. I am the owner of Mathis Masonry out of Warsaw, NC. We have been in business 30 years. Any questions?

Councilmember Broadaway stated it looks like you have some pretty cars out there. Mr. Mathis stated yes sir.

Councilmember Aycock asked do you run the lot or does someone else. Mr. Mathis stated no sir I am not the owner, I am the contractor.

Mayor Allen asked where is the owner. Mr. Mathis stated here in Goldsboro.

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 March 1, 2021.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Timothy 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. Mr. Salmon reminded Council Item E. Resolution to Approve New Insurance Broker for the Upcoming FY21-22 Budget Year was moved to Items Requiring Individual Action. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Mayor Pro Tem Ham moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items F, G, H, I, J, K and L be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway.

Councilmember Matthews asked for additional information regarding Item J. Contract Award for Consulting Services – Annual Action Plan. Mr. Guthrie shared information regarding the selection process for Two Rivers Development Partners, LLC.

A roll call vote resulted Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmember Broadaway, Polack and Councilmember Aycock voting in favor of the motion. Councilmember Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:1. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Change Order No. 1 – Water Treatment Plant Plate Settler Project: WIF 1942 Formal Bid No. 2019 - 004. Resolution Adopted. The Plate Settler project consists of installation of inclined plate settlers into the seven sedimentation basins at the Water Treatment Plant. This project will increase settling and increase plant capacity from 12-million gallons per day to 14-million gallons per day.

Staff have worked with the contractor and engineering consultant on a change order for project completion due to manufacturing delays from COVID-19, revised the location of the wash water supply line, and revised drawings. Turner Murphy Company submitted an estimated cost of \$6,405.00 resulting in a 0.47% change to the original contract amount.

The manufacturing delays and additional work will require the contract final completion time to be extended by 100 days. The amended contract final completion date for the remaining work is May 14, 2021.

Staff recommends issuing a change order to the current contract with Turner Murphy Company for the Plate Settler Project. We have reviewed this change order with the Finance Director and determined that funds are available from SRF loan reimbursement.

It is recommended the City Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order for \$6,405.00 with Turner Murphy Company, contingent upon DWI approval. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes:1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER WITH TURNER MURPHY COMPANY. FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT PLATE SETTLER PROJECT: WIF 1942 FORMAL BID NO. 2019 - 004”

Change Order No. 1 – Water Treatment Plant Plate Settler Project: WIF 1942 Consultant Services. Resolution Adopted. The Plate Settler project consists of installation of inclined plate settlers into the seven sedimentation basins at the Water Treatment Plant. This project will increase settling and increase plant capacity from 12-million gallons per day to 14-million gallons per day.

Case specific analysis has being conducted on half of the installed structural supports for the plate settler pack beams. Required minimum anchor depths have not been met, due to hitting existing reinforcing in the concrete walls requiring a shallower depth than what was originally specified.

This additional analysis was not able to be foreseen in advance and is beyond the current scope and fees of the design and construction phase of the project.

Staff recommends issuing a change order to the current Purchase Order Agreement P2007455 with AH Environmental Consultants, Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant Plate Settler Project. We have reviewed this change order with the Finance Director and determined that funds are available from SRF loan reimbursement.

It is recommended the City Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order for \$4,812.50 with AH Environmental Consultants, Inc., contingent upon DWI approval. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes: 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER WITH AH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT PLATE SETTLER PROJECT: WIF 1942 CONSULTANT SERVICES”

42nd Annual Greater Goldsboro Road Run – Temporary Street Closing. Approved. An application was received from the Sunrise Kiwanis of Goldsboro, requesting permission to hold their 42nd Annual Greater Goldsboro Road Run on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The race is scheduled to begin at Spruce Street on Center Street and end between Chestnut Street and Spruce Street on Center Street and runs through the downtown area of Walnut Street, Evergreen Street, and Andrews Street, Berry Street, Claiborne Street, Mulberry Street, and Pine Street. The Police, Fire, Public Works and Downtown Goldsboro offices have been notified of this request.

The race has three race routes they will be using for the 10K, 5K, and 1-mile runs. All three routes will start and finish in the same area and will have staggered start times. The time requested for the closing is from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Staff recommends approval of this request subject to the following conditions:

1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
2. A 14-foot fire lane is maintained in the center of the street to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
3. All activities, changes in plans, etc. will be coordinated with the Police Department.
4. The Police, Fire, Public Works and Downtown Goldsboro offices are to be involved in the logistical aspects of this event.

It is recommended Council approve the street closing of sections of Center Street at Pine Street, Spruce Street, Chestnut Street, Walnut Street, and Mulberry Street for the 42nd Annual Greater Goldsboro Road Run event 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes: 1 Nay)

Adoption of the Revised City of Goldsboro Emergency Operations Plan. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro activates the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to assist with the management of incidents/events that threaten to overwhelm the day-to-day functions and/or capabilities of local government. Through effective leadership, the emergency management function maintains a state of readiness in preparation for the potential threat and/or occurrence of any natural or man-made incident/event that could adversely impact the City of Goldsboro

The EOP reflects local operations and the manner in which coordination with County and other outside resources will take place. Through adoption, the City becomes better prepared to respond to any emergency. The plan identifies key roles and responsibilities, defines primary and support roles of departments, outlines the steps for coordination, and establishes an incident management system consistent with the National Incident Management System.

It is recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution for the adoption of the revised Emergency Operations Plan be approved. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes: 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 “RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REVISED CITY OF GOLDSBORO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN”

Contract Award for Consulting Services – Annual Action Plan. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro seeks consultant services to produce an Annual Action Plan (AAP) describing the planned use of local, state and federal funds for housing and community development purposes throughout the city. This AAP will be closely aligned with the current five-year Consolidated Plan, as well as the Analysis of Impediments currently contracted with another consulting firm.

Two Rivers Development Partners proposes an engagement of up to four months to manage the process of soliciting resident and stakeholder engagement, producing an AAP, and working with City staff to create a final plan suitable for City Council approval and submission to HUD.

The engagement includes:

- Initial meeting with client to determine expectations, roles, process, and schedule
- Review of Consolidated Plan and previous AAPs
- Develop compliance and meeting calendar in coordination with City staff
- Ensure compliance with local and HUD requirements
- Conduct up to 12 stakeholder/partner interviews
- Coordinate with consultants creating the Analysis of Impediments to ensure that the documents relate to each other and the Consolidated Plan
- Conduct at least two virtual public hearings
- Present AAP at City Council meetings (up to 3 times)

The engagement begins February 15, 2021 and ends May 31, 2021.

It is recommended City Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract not to exceed \$20,000 with Two Rivers Development Partners, LLC, for the Annual Action Plan. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes: 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 “RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN”

Revised Council Meeting Dates for 2021. Approved. The City Council Meeting dates for 2021 were adopted on November 16, 2020.

Proposed retreat dates were listed as:

- February 8 and 9 (Monday and Tuesday)
- February 24 and 25 (Wednesday and Thursday)

The Council has confirmed retreat dates for February 24 and 25, 2021.

It is recommended Council adopt the revised Council Meeting schedule to list retreat dates as February 24 and February 25, 2021. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes: 1 Nay)

Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for January 2021 were submitted for the Council's approval. It was recommended Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Broadaway (5 Ayes: 1 Nay)

End of Consent Agenda.

Resolution to Approve New Insurance Broker for the Upcoming FY21-22 Budget Year. Resolution Adopted. The City last conducted a search for insurance brokerage services in April, 2017, at which time Crawford Henderson was selected to represent the City for all insurance coverage except for liquor liability and excess worker's compensation. The process was assisted with the help of Esses Consulting. In the agreement entered into at that time the commission to the insurance broker was paid by the insurance company, and included in the cost of premiums paid by the City.

The proposal period was through the end of fiscal year 2020, however due to staffing and workload, we extended the period to the end of fiscal year 2021.

The City carries multiple types of insurance to hedge against peril and risk such as general liability, auto, property, crime, inland marine, professional, umbrella, cyber threats, liquor, flood, drone and excess worker's comp. For FY21, the cost totaled approximately \$690,000 for insurance coverage, so the process of selecting a broker is an important financial decision.

The Finance staff has worked our insurance consultant, Riskversity, for the past nine months to develop a Request for Proposal to address the needs and issues of the City. We were concerned about risk management services, training, and technology. We moved away from the model of commissions that were inclusive of the premium, and requested a fee based approach.

The recommendation letter from the insurance consultant summarizing the results.

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to adopt the following entitled resolution to approve the selection of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services to act as the insurance broker for the City of Goldsboro beginning FY21-22. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Broadaway and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Polack and Matthews voted against the motion. Motion passed 4:2.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 "A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022"

Amending a Grant Project Fund Ordinance – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Special Revenue Fund (C2101). Ordinance Adopted. On August 21, 2019, City Council authorized the acceptance of an Urgent Repair Program (URP1909) grant from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$100,000 to assist with repair of twelve eligible low income homeowners for an amount up to \$10,000 per home to prevent displacement. The grant period is from July 12, 2019 and has an extended date of June 30, 2021. There is no match required for the grant. This grant will be managed by the Community Relations department.

This fund has been established as a grant project (G.S. § 159-13.2) fund to satisfy the federal grant requirements which 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. Staff requests that the Council appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$100,000. This will be funded with State grant revenue.

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ham, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Grant Project Ordinance amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Special Revenue Fund (C2101) in the amount of \$100,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (C2101)”

City Manager’s Report. Mr. Salmon stated staff is working on the agenda and presentations for Council’s Retreat on the 24th and 25th. Registration is open for youth spring sports through the end of February. I’d also like to highlight Goldsboro’s Fire Department’s Annual Report for 2020 is complete and on the website.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations. Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Stanley Smith as an Employee of the City Of Goldsboro for More Than 39 Years. Resolution Adopted. Stanley “Stan” Smith retires on March 1, 2021 as an Engineering Technician with the Engineering Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 39 years of service. Stan began his career on July 29, 1981 as an Engineering Aide 1 with the Public Utilities Department. On October 14, 1981, Stan was promoted to Engineering Aide II with the Public Utilities Department. On July 15, 1998, Stan was promoted to Engineering Technician II with the Engineering Department. On August 1, 2007, Stan’s position was reclassified to Engineering Technician where he has served until his retirement. Stan 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 Stan Smith 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 Stan our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY STANLEY SMITH AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 39 YEARS”

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by James Boyd as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More than 11 Years. Resolution Adopted. James Boyd retires on March 1, 2021 as an Operator IV at the Water Reclamation Facility with the Public Utilities Department of the City of Goldsboro with 11 years of service. James began his career on February 10, 2010 as an Operator I at the Water Reclamation Facility with the Public Utilities Department. On February 10, 2012, James’ position was reclassified to an Operator II with the Public Utilities Department. On January 8, 2014, James’ position was reclassified to an Operator III with the Public Utilities Department. On July 1, 2016, James’ position was reclassified to an Operator IV with the Public Utilities Department where he has served until his retirement. James 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 James Boyd 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 James our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY JAMES BOYD AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 11 YEARS”

Councilmember Aycock stated no comment.

Councilmember Matthews stated I would like to take a second to apologize to those people who thought it was necessary to send emails to the Council, apologize to the people who signed the petition, to Commissioner Williams for taking time out to write this letter. I do not want you for one second to feel like your voice does not matter because it still does. What that says to you now is we have more work to do. It was clear that the best candidate was not chosen. Unfortunately, hate won again. We heard a councilmember ask the candidates, if they were having to make a choice that was best for the city and their friends didn't agree, would they stand on truth and stand with their decision. You saw that councilmember do the exact opposite of that, he did not make the best decision for the City of Goldsboro. Publically, told the people, certain people do not matter. If anyone comes in opposition in the majority of this board, they do not stand a fair chance in being heard. We had a councilmember make accusatory comments but he could not produce evidence for so it is my assumption he is not being honest in his claims. Let's think about it for a second, let's look at the decisions made that benefit them, changed the public comment period to once a month, in a way to stifle voices, tried to ban a city resident from entering city property, and they also decided to put the power in their own hands to choose the person who will ultimately fill the seat. I watched the February 1st meeting, the energy shifted when Ms. Moore walked in the room, some of your mannerism changed and your obvious decline in interest. One councilmember, Councilmember Ham could not look her in the eyes until he thought he had a dagger that would pierce her skin. Our Mayor could not greet her when she walked in the room. I am disappointed. We have a lot of work to do. You missed an opportunity to do the right thing. You failed again. I am going to be updating my Councilwoman page with contact information, COVID and community events that I do not want you to miss out on. I also have an event planned March 20th, so be on the look out for that information.

Councilmember Polack shared information from Ms. Georgia Dees at the Art Council. Community Mural Project Art brings people together. It inspires. It gives hope. LOVE and CommUnity is the centerpiece of a public art project the Arts Council of Wayne County is undertaking with local artist Max Mazingo, thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council. Max is creating the design on three large panels, and we're inviting the public to come downtown, grab a brush, have fun and take ownership in the project! All ages are welcome to participate in this free public art event at 102 N. John St. in downtown Goldsboro! The event will take place Feb. 19-21 at the following times: Friday - Noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m; Saturday - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday - 1 p.m.-4 p.m. I would also like to thank Chief Dixon for the amazing work he has done in the city as Fire Chief in the short amount of time. In closing, I felt it would be fitting during Black History Month to acknowledge the history of the City of Goldsboro by recognizing the first African American Female to serve on the Council. Councilmember Polack presented Councilmember Matthews with a plaque.

Councilmember Broadway stated Councilmember Matthews I appreciate where you are coming from but I take some exceptions to your remarks. Your remarks show a basic lack of respect for experience, time and the things members of this Council has done. It is also making generalization remarks and pointing out different people. We want to work together, this constant divisiveness is getting old to me. Because we don't do what you want to do, there is no reason we are being divisive, we are being old, bias or anything else. We are doing the best job we can.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham stated no comment.

Mayor Allen thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

David Ham
Mayor Pro Tem

Melissa Capps, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk