

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
MAY 8, 2017

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2017 with attendance as follows:

Present:

- Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
- Mayor Pro Tem Bevan Foster
- Councilmember Antonio Williams
- Councilmember Bill Broadaway
- Councilmember Mark Stevens
- Councilmember David Ham
- Councilmember Gene Aycock
- Jim Womble, Attorney
- Scott Stevens, City Manager
- Melissa Corser, City Clerk
- Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
- Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
- Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
- Kaye Scott, Finance Director
- Rick Fletcher, Interim Public Works Director
- Mike West, Police Chief
- Mike Wagner, Interim Public Utilities Director
- Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director
- Pamela Leake, Interim HR Director
- Kim Dawson, Assistant Finance Director
- Tracie Davis, Communications and Marketing Director
- Ashlin Glatthar, Travel & Tourism Director
- Julie Metz, DGDC Director
- Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager
- Scott Barnard, Parks & Recreation Director
- Felicia Brown, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
- Scott Williams, IT Director
- Stasia Fields, Recreation Superintendent
- Marty Anderson, City Engineer
- Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre & Goldsboro Event Center Director
- Tony Smith, Goldsboro Event Center Manager
- Millie M. Chalk, Duke Energy Progress
- Evans Taylor, Duke Energy Progress
- Rochelle Moore, Goldsboro News-Argus
- Ken Conners, News Director-Curtis Media Group East
- Lonnie Casey, Citizen
- Carl Martin, Citizen
- Mark Colebrook, Citizen
- Sylvia Barnes, Citizen
- Lawrence Merritt
- Yvonna Moore, Citizen
- Bobby Mathis, Citizen
- Della Mathis, Citizen
- Cheryl Alston, Citizen
- Shirley Edwards, Citizen (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
- Pinky Jacobs, Citizen (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
- Taj Pollack (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
- Geren Taylor, Citizen (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

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

Invocation. The invocation was provided by Councilmember Broadaway.

Introduction of Event Center Manager, Tony Smith. Ms. Sherry Archibald stated I just want to introduce you to our new Goldsboro Event Center Manager, Mr. Tony Smith. He started with us on April 19th, he is retired from the Air Force, much of his experience there was in the medic field, but here, he was tasked by Colonel Sage as the Airman & Family Readiness Center Coordinator; that is where he got most of his experience in event planning. We are excited to have him and we wanted to introduce you to him.

Mr. Tony Smith stated I am excited to be on board, I have a lot of ideas. Thank you. Mayor Allen and City Councilmembers welcomed Mr. Smith.

Adoption of the Agenda. Mr. Scott Stevens stated Rochelle had called me a couple of weeks ago asking about the agenda process, as Melissa and I got to looking at our ordinances and talking with the School of Government, a recommendation was you have an adoption of the agenda. The agenda is always the Council's agenda it is not the Manager's or the Clerk's agenda, it is always the Council's agenda so whatever you agree to discuss you can discuss. They recommended having an adoption of the agenda that we have assembled for you, you can make changes later in the meeting if you prefer, so it does not bind you to anything but an additional step for a motion and vote. I would encourage you to do that unless you object to that.

Councilmember Broadaway made a motion to adopt the agenda, Mayor Allen called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Neighborhood Energy Saver Program. Ms. Millie Chalk, Duke Energy Progress - District Manager for Government and Community Relations, introduced Mr. Evans Taylor, Product & Services Manager, Residential Low Income Programs with Duke Energy Progress. Mr. Taylor shared the following information:

The Neighborhood Energy Saver Program

- An energy efficiency program targeting Duke's low-income customers
- Delivered by neighborhood segments
- Provides each resident:
 1. Home energy assessment
 2. Installation of several energy conservation measures
 3. Energy education that will enable the residents to make behavioral changes to reduce and control energy usage

NES Target Market –Eligibility

- Eligible neighborhoods are those defined segments of Duke customers where approximately 50% of the households have incomes equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level*.
- Duke determines eligible neighborhoods
- Duke prioritizes neighborhoods and specifies the implementation order

NES Energy Conservation Measures

- Energy Efficient Light Bulbs (LED's) (15)
- Insulation for Water Heaters and Pipes
- Energy Efficient Faucet Aerators (3)
- Energy Efficient Showerheads (2)
- Weatherstripping Doors
- Door Sweeps
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Program Implementation

- Marketing – work with local community leaders, notify residents in advance, build awareness & acceptance of program in the community and arrange access to customer residence
 - The Home Improvement Process involves teams of surveyors and installers going door-to-door delivering services to each customer’s residence
1. Energy assessment
 2. Installation of measures
 3. Energy education

Mr. Taylor shared information regarding the number of homes throughout North Carolina and South Carolina that have been assisted through this program since 2009.

Mr. Taylor invited everyone to come out to the kickoff event on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the WA Foster Recreation Center located at 1012 S. John Street. Duke and City leaders will be at the kickoff event where residents can listen to a program overview and dinner will be served.

Mayor Allen asked what the participation rate is and Mr. Taylor stated 75-80% participation rate.

Councilmember Williams stated if a citizen did not trust or feel comfortable with letting a crew into their home, could they just leave the products for the homeowner. Mr. Taylor stated unfortunately they could not leave the products, we are required to install them.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Diversity in the Work Place. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated we talked about this a couple of weeks ago, supervisors and department heads. I think we should sit down and take a look at those numbers and hopefully come up with a plan to make some better decisions in the future as far as that is concerned.

Mayor Allen stated I think that we should always hire the best person for the job no matter what their race, no matter what their sex. Our goal should be to hire the best person for the job. I think you would all agree with that.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. A Review and Revision of ‘Employment Qualifications’ for all City Government Positions. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated when it is a qualified applicant versus an applicant that might not be as qualified but it is a choice, you do not have anything in writing. I think we need to look at those policies, employment qualifications. We need to have some standard in place. I think we are talking about director roles, it should not be a high school education for a director. I do not think that is going to happen somewhere else, I have spoken with a couple of mayors, a couple of police chiefs, fire chiefs, all around, and nowhere else is that happening so I do not understand why that is happening here in the City of Goldsboro.

Mayor Allen stated Ms. Leake, I’m not sure how we advertise for our jobs, but is there a way we can reach a broader, more diverse audience then what we do or are we doing what we can.

Ms. Leake stated in addition to our website, we also advertise through NC Works, on the Base, a lot of internal organizations, and radio stations.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated I do not think it is in marketing, I think we have had plenty of applicants but they had not been hired. For whatever reason, some of that has boiled down to choice of one person and I think we have to put a limit on it, it is just a choice being made, I do not think that is right. If you have qualifications in place, then you just cannot choose anybody you want to put in place because that is just wrong. If you have someone that is qualified to work that job, then to have someone working for the city that has never worked that job before or never been in that position, in that position because you just chose to put them there, that’s not right to the people that we already have in

place that is doing the position for a long time, that feel like they are qualified, got experience, plus has the education, but you turn around and hire somebody because you like the person. So I want within the next 60 days, Greenville, I think Wilson, Spring Lake, Clayton, Durham, hire firms to come in and help set qualifications. I think that is something we need to look at and hopefully have a firm come in.

Mayor Allen stated it may have been a while since a Pay and Classification Study has been done, if Council would like to get a proposal to update job descriptions/requirements. Council agreed and asked Ms. Leake to get some proposals on updating job descriptions/requirements and then Council can decide how to proceed.

Councilmember Williams asked if we go through HR overall to do the hiring. Mr. Stevens stated all the staff works for me, I will tell you the departments have a strong recommendation and you will hear their recommendation, but if I felt different I would tell you that. So we do generally talk about projects and who we are hiring as we go through that, we generally send an RFQ for a request for qualifications, I think we would do something similar with this. Councilmember Williams stated we hired HR because we trust HR. Mr. Stevens stated sir, I work for you, HR works for me, and I trust HR and our Department Heads ultimately and I think they have a strong deal of trust in me as well. So they will be involved, as well as I, as we go through that process. Councilmember Williams stated I just want to be sure when we hire people for these positions, that overall we do not need them to be micromanaged. Mr. Stevens stated, agreed, we pay the department heads very well, and you have a good group of department heads that do their job, in most cases, very well; but in that they work for the City Manager, that is state law, in the general statutes of the Council/Manager government. Councilmember Williams stated we just want to be sure when we are hiring these department heads, especially when they are making in excess of 6 figures or a little under that, we want to make sure they are qualified, because in the long run, we are hurting the taxpayers. Councilmember Williams stated I am not trying to beat up on you today, I just want some clarity. Mr. Stevens stated in this group we do have a good hiring and education is a piece of that but experience is also a strong piece of that and I do not just chose who I like. Mr. Stevens stated I have done a lot of hiring, I have made some good choices and I have made some bad over my career in terms of hiring people.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster debated hiring practices and stated honestly I do not trust your hiring practice. Mr. Stevens shared in most of the hiring mini assessments are held and applicants are evaluated by a group. Discussion continued. Mayor Allen stated we have already agreed to get some proposals and then we can go from there.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Litter in Goldsboro. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated the more I ride around Goldsboro the more I see, I know we hired a small team to go around and pick up litter, but I do not know how they are basing their schedule. As I ride down some of the main streets, it is just terrible. I was on Berkeley today and Chipotle and the bank right across the street, and it is just filled with trash. Both of those are privately owned, maybe we could have someone from the City go and talk to them about having employees pick up the trash daily. The bank is for sale, but the realty company, no one has been out there to cut the grass. That is a bad look for Berkeley, it is one of the busiest streets in Goldsboro and then just around town period, I think we need to work a little harder on litter. If we can go out and talk to businesses.

Mr. Rowe shared what the process is today. If we get complaints about any business, we send our code enforcement officers out and talk to the business. The problem I have, I only three people and two code enforcement officers; a week or two weeks later we are going back to same areas we just picked up. Mr. Rowe also shared the notification requirements prior to mowing a property that has been neglected. Owners are mailed a letter giving them 10 days to cut the grass, if the grass is not cut then the city's contractor can cut the lot.

Councilmember Williams shared a concern regarding overgrown lots owned by the Housing Authority. Mr. Rowe stated we can contact them as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Establish and/or Update a Clear, Concise Whistle Blower Policy for City Employees. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated there are a lot of employees who have some issues that they want to discuss. I think that Ms. Pam has discussed a lot of the issues in Public Works. Some of these guys who have issues they want to talk about are scared to talk about them because we do not have any policy in place that protects them. I think we should, we talked about it a couple of weeks ago, one an issue goes to Scott it ends there. I have spoken with a couple of Mayors and a couple of other cities and they are saying no it should come to the Mayor and he should talk with Council, it should be handled, it should not just stop at the City Manager. I saw nowhere in our Ordinance that it had to stop at Scott, I did not see anything that said the issue could come to the Mayor either, but I think that is something we need to address as well for our employees. If we could do that within the next 45 days, I think that would help a lot of employees who have issues going on at Public Works, there are a lot of unhappy people.

Councilmember Williams stated I thought we did have something in place. Pam don't we have something in place. Ms. Leake stated correct we do have a policy that protects employees and also under North Carolina State Law there is a retaliation policy. Councilmember Williams asked Ms. Leake can you provide a copy to Council.

Councilmember Stevens stated we are the City Manage/Council form of government; wouldn't we have to change our charter. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated we are City Manager form of government but I'm not saying change the charter, but I do not see where there is anything that says issues can't be reported to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Boards and Commissions. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated all of our boards in the City of Goldsboro are structured wrong and they need to be restructured. I can't speak for all of them but I am going to speak for most that I know about and heard about that are structured wrong. We have no chairman in place, no vice-chairman in place, we have directors running the board meetings when they should be ran by the chairman. The director should just be a secretary according to our ordinances. They are reporting information to Scott when that information should actually be reported from the chairman to us and Scott.

Mayor Allen suggested each councilmember who serves on a board could provide an update to Council following that board meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster also expressed concerns regarding the Planning Board having a lack of diversity and low-mod income members.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Discussion of Promotion throughout the Fire and Police Departments. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated I have talked with a lot of firemen and a lot of police officers, they have issues with their testing. I think everything is done in-house and there are questions, like I think I did better on my test, than what my actual grade was, and since they are not able to actually look at the test, there are some questions. I've spoken with a couple of police chiefs and fire chiefs and most of them bring in a firm from outside to do the testing, I think that would make our employees feel better.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Special Population Residential Living. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated the current policy provides that special population residential living must be 1320 ft. away from another residential living facility at this time. We have, Wayne County has the most special population on the east coast. We are very heavily populated with special populations and what I have experienced personally myself, but when I got a call about this, I said well maybe we will see what Council thinks about it. Charlotte changed theirs and the City of Raleigh did as well. I know we are not as big as Raleigh or Charlotte, but probably per person, we probably have the same amount of special populations as those larger cities because our special populations are so big here in Wayne County. So something I proposed was to change that to 800 ft. and it would create jobs. If you have 10 more houses in the City that's 50 more jobs. If we can take a look at and talk about at the next meeting, that would be fine.

Mayor Allen stated we talked about it in August and did not take action to decrease but we can take a look. Councilmember Broadway and Stevens expressed concerns with decreasing the distance requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Discussion Items. Current Maintenance of Grass throughout the City of Goldsboro. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated he spoke with the City Manager and the Mayor about this. I know we are short staffed, but this season comes every year. I'm pretty sure we might have some extra money somewhere to hire some part-time people to get these areas cut because I am constantly getting phone calls about areas needing cutting. If we are shorthanded that could be some extra jobs for our community.

Enhanced Community Involvement Plan. Mr. Scott Stevens provided an update on the Enhanced Community Involvement Plan. Items completed include Social Media Training; a consultant has provided training for elected officials and department heads. Social media training was completed on April 18, 2017. Ms. Tracie Davis will provide an update on the training and policy. We also have Town Hall Meetings to be scheduled by May 1st, Councilmembers have attended some community meetings, my assumption was you would want to hold your meetings in a place, develop an agenda and maybe primarily to listen, to tell the community a little about what is going on but by in large listen to community members. We have not scheduled any of those, the ball is back in your court to decide if you would like to schedule those.

Councilmember Aycock stated I would like to hold one in my district. Councilmember Broadway stated Councilmember Aycock and I have been talking about holding one together soon.

Mayor Allen suggested if anyone else wanted to have one to coordinate with Scott and Melissa.

Mr. Stevens shared we will be running the Council Meeting on Facebook live tonight.

Social Media Policy. Ms. Tracie Davis presented the following information:

Background

- Action Step in the Community Enhancement Plan to update Social Media Policy.
- Proposed policy includes research from the IOG, NLC and several cities and counties in N.C.
- Proposed Policy reflects the 12-15-2016 U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit decision in Liverman v. City of Petersburg.

Overview

- I. Purpose
- II. Mission Statement
- III. Policy
- IV. Approved Social Media Sites
- V. Approval, Development, and Maintenance of City of Goldsboro Social Media Sites
- VI. Use of Social Media as a City Employee on City Sites
- VII. Use of Social Media on Personal Sites
- VIII. Marketing and Communications Department/Information Technology
- IX. Other

Purpose

- This policy establishes procedures related to the approval and use of City of Goldsboro social media sites, and City employees' (not serving in an official capacity) use of social media sites, personal web pages, and blogs to ensure such usage is not detrimental to the City or other City employees.
- Content posted on the City's social media platforms in an official capacity by City employees is subject to all City policies.

Objectives

- Establish and maintain social media platforms that are responsive to public comments and concerns and establish a meaningful dialogue with residents.
- Garner public interest in the City's services, programs, events, and initiatives.

Mission Statement

- The City of Goldsboro's Marketing and Communications Department will maximize social media use to inform various public audiences, create a dialogue, and provide information about the City's services, programs, events and initiatives to residents in a transparent and timely manner.

Policy

- It is the policy of the City of Goldsboro that all departments developing social media communication platforms receive approval from the Marketing and Communications Department before launching their sites.

Approved Social Media Sites

- The City maintains separate social media sites in order to successfully target its messages to the appropriate audiences. The Marketing and Communications Department monitors social media platforms to ensure there is no unapproved City social media sites. Currently approved social media sites for the City and its departments are listed on the City's Intranet.

Approval, Development, and Maintenance of City of Goldsboro Social Media Sites

- Master account is maintained by the ITD
- Ensures social media sites adhere to NC Public Records Laws
- Ensures content and records maintenance of each City social media site shall be the responsibility of the department producing and using these sites
- Content posted on the City's social media sites must reflect the City's official position, not an employee's personal view.
- All statements and questions do not necessitate a response and administrators will use their judgment, based on guidance provided in this policy, to determine where responses are needed as it relates to detractors.
- City social media sites must be "family-friendly."
- The policy defines how to address violations, for example:
 - Infringement on copyrights or trademarks.
 - Use of personally identifiable information or personally identifiable medical information.
 - Content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation.
- Crisis Management Guidelines
- Provides guidelines on how to manage a city social media sites
- Any department or division that creates and uses official City social media platforms must join the Communications Liaison Group

Use of Social Media as a City Employee on City Sites

The City understands that the use of social media has become a common form of communication. Employees who manage City social media platforms should adhere to the following guidelines, realizing that their comments could have serious repercussions on the City's image and ability to provide quality services to our residents:

- Individuals, organizations, and businesses with a social media presence can be tagged by City employees acting on behalf of the City related to a social media post; however, posts shall not promote, endorse or criticize any vendor, contractor or supplier. All social media content must be neutral in that regard.
- Employees are encouraged to cross-promote information from other City-sponsored social media sites and in some cases, from external sites, where it helps to promote the City's objectives.

Use of Social Media on Personal Sites

The City of Goldsboro fully supports the right of employees to maintain personal web pages and a social media presence while not on duty. Employees are encouraged to represent themselves and the City in a positive manner and adhere to the City of Goldsboro's personnel policy. The following is provided as guidance for those who do maintain a personal social media presence:

- Do not disclose confidential personal information obtained by virtue of one's position with the City (i.e., department heads, supervisors, committee members, etc.).
- Personal use of social media may not violate or infringe upon the right of any other person or entity or constitute a criminal offense or create civil liability.
- Personal use of social media while on duty, including during breaks, must not be excessive such that it interferes with the employee's work or work of others.
- Do not provide or disclose the City of Goldsboro or any other organizations or individuals non- public, financial, technical, confidential or other proprietary information.
- Do not discuss work-related legal proceedings or controversies, including communications with the City of Goldsboro's attorneys.

Marketing and Communications Department/Information Technology

- Oversee the City's social media effort, led by the Department's social media manager.
- Routinely monitor content on the City's social media sites to ensure adherence to the Social Media Policy.
- Conduct a performance review of all City-wide social media sites on a quarterly basis.
- Provide training to all City social media administrators regarding the terms of this social media policy, including their responsibilities to review content submitted for posting to ensure policy compliance. Training will be conducted on an as-needed basis as administrators change their departments.

Other

- Employees violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

PARTF Grant – Multi- Sports Complex. Mr. Scott Barnard stated we have been recipients of the PARTF Grant two different times. We received \$132,000 for Stoney Creek Park and \$250,000 for Mina Weil Park. Mr. Barnard stated the grant he submitted was for the Multi-sport Complex. Many of the design amenities in the adopted design would be things we would have to phase in over time, including picnic shelters, playground, splash pad and walking trails. These are amenities many users will expect and will really be the icing on the cake so to speak. By leveraging existing committed spending for the dollar for dollar match that is required, we have applied for \$500,000 to pay for walking trails, splash pad, picnic shelters and playground. If we are successful we will be notified in the fall of this year and we would bring it back at that time to accept it.

Councilmember Williams Discussion Item – Summer Youth Program.

Councilmember Williams stated I ran into a young man in the neighborhood who is 14 years old who I have known for 4-5 years. He's been going through some problems, he was intoxicated off of marijuana and it kind of hit home to me because this young man does not have enough to do that is why I think this summer job program is so important. We have to keep them busy, we have to keep them out of trouble. Our Mayor said if we have a big outcome of applicants, money would not be an issue. So I want to make sure we get as many kids hired as can be. Councilmember Williams asked that Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter provide an update.

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

- 294 total applications received

- 5 – Age 13
- 89 – Age 14
- 61 – Age 15
- 58 – Age 16
- 35 – Age 17
- 19 – Age 18
- 8 – Age 19 or older
- 19 – No age
- 196 total applications received are eligible
- 15 total applications received undetermined (staff is working on determining eligibility)
- Worksite Positions
 - 5 City of Goldsboro – City Hall (14-18)
 - 13 City of Goldsboro – Parks & Rec (14-16)
 - 6 City of Goldsboro – Public Works (16-18)
- 56 worksite positions requested
- In addition to the Summer Youth Employment Initiative, the City is hiring 15 lifeguards and 6 camp counselors. This increase the program’s available positions up to 79.

Ms. Simpson-Carter stated interviews are being scheduled for May 8th-12th; 15th and 16th between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Interviews will be performed by the staff of the sponsoring partners of the program. The locations of the interview sites will be City Hall Anteroom & Community Relations Conference Room; WCC Conference Rooms; Goldsboro Housing Authority Conference Room and Goldsboro High School Media Center. The interview set-up is a two person interview team that will consist of 25-minutes of questions and 5-minutes of feedback to the applicant. It should be noted that the program has provided for six volunteer opportunities for those that are not selected for the program. The estimated minimum cost to the City is \$94,550.

Councilmember Williams shared concerns regarding who is doing the hiring and youth getting lost at the Housing Authority and Wayne Community College.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster shared concerns regarding different sets of rules for each partner. How many youth applied after the mandatory meeting? Ms. Simpson-Carter replied three. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated hopefully next year we can get more businesses to participate in the program.

2017-18 Budget Layout Overview. Ms. Kaye Scott shared the following information:

City Manager’s Budget Message Includes:

- Introduction
- Highlights of Recommended Budget (Tax Rates/Fees/Positions)
- Budget Overview by Fund
- Tax Rate
- Utility Rates
- Stormwater Fee
- Use of Fund Balance
- Debt Service
- Position Changes and reclassifications
- Employee Benefits
- Health Insurance
- Retirement Rate and 401K
- Revenues
- Capital Outlay/Vehicles
- Agency Requests
- Street Resurfacing
- Budget Summary by Fund
- Conclusion

Attachments Included as Part of Budget Message

1. Attachment I: Summary of Consultant Fees, Training & Travel
2. Attachment II: Summary of Line Item Changes for operational costs of \$20,000 or more listed by department
3. Attachment III: Capital Outlay/Vehicle Items

Council's Budget Notebook Layout

1. All notebooks will be tabbed by fund and departments.
 - General Fund
 - Utility Fund
 - Stormwater Fund
 - Municipal Service District Fund
 - Occupancy Tax Fund
2. Revenues will be the first tab in each fund followed by the departments within that fund.
 - General Fund Revenues
 - General Fund Departments
 - Departmental/Division Department Overview including their goals/major objectives & Budget Issues
 - Department's line item requests and revisions
 - Department's line item budget worksheet with previous year's actual expenditures

Budget Calendar - FY 2017-18

April 12-19	Meeting with all Departments to review budget requests
April 20 – May 5	Preparation of budget document for Council
May 8 Clerk	Submit Budget to City Council and copy filed with City Clerk
May 8	File copy of recommended budget in office and copy for media. Publish statement that recommended budget has been presented to City Council and that copy on file in Clerk's Office
May 15	Hold public hearing on recommended budget
May 15 and 22	Council's proposed budget work session meetings
June 5	Formally adopt budget

Councilmember Williams Discussion Item – Summer in the Zone.

Councilmember Williams stated he spoke with Mr. Sharif and he said he had sent some emails to our City Manager and I did not know if Scott had had a chance to respond back to him.

Mr. Stevens stated I have not that I am aware of received an email from him in months. I know Ms. Simpson-Carter and Mr. Sharif have traded emails trying to setup a phone call to talk, but I am not aware of an email but I will go back and look.

Councilmember Williams stated he is supposed to call me at 7:00, can we put off till the next Meeting. Mayor Allen stated sure.

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

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember David Ham
Councilmember Gene Aycock

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

Pastor Bob Fulkerson with Madison Avenue Baptist Church provided the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

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

Mental Health Month Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed May 2017 as “Mental Health Month” in Goldsboro, North Carolina. As the Mayor, I call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Goldsboro to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Mayor Allen presented Ms. Peacock a framed copy of the Proclamation. Ms. Peacock invited everyone to come out to a community event on May 16th for a free viewing of the documentary “Chasing the Dragon” at Wayne Community College beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee - Byron Ash. Mr. Byron Ash stated Doug Stafford is the chairman, I am the secretary of the advisory committee for the golf course. Doug is our President, our vice chairman is ill and not here but we do have other members present. Thank you for the opportunity, we understand there has been discussion on rate increases. Some of you went out and talked to members. Our basic understanding and our committee since we’ve been meeting, we’ve had three meetings, has been to eliminate big-ticket items. We have made some progress with that. We eliminated the need for a \$50,000 outdoor restroom, a \$10,000 fix for a fairway. The \$100,000 deficit, what we feel is way to rain in and that is of course the rates may need to increase, we feel if we take the current rates we have right now, we have a single rate of \$720 that’s also for family so a single gentleman or lady who comes in to play golf pay \$720 a year so does an individual who brings four people with them. We have come up with a rate plan that is more like other municipals in the State of North Carolina and that is to have a single rate, a family rate, obviously a senior rate because we do have them and I am one and a military rate. We would suggest those rates be effective 1 July with the new budget. We also feel as a committee if we take those rates and apply them across the board for every member today next year we will be talking about a \$200,000 deficit. So the request for our existing members we take current rates and apply those current rates to them and in the retreat next year that we sit down and talk about do we need, have we closed that deficit, if the answer is no then apply across the board. This would be our proposal of the golf course committee.

Mayor Allen stated as you said some of us did go out there this morning and we did talk to your members. We will work on it and see what we can do. Mr. Ash stated that's all we can ask. Thank you so much.

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

1. Carl Martin, 801 S. Baines Place, Goldsboro provided Council with a handout which is on file in the Clerk's Office. Mr. Martin stated I was a member of the Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course. I decided to give up playing on a regular basis at the end of 2015, because of health concerns. I heard complaints that the golf course was losing money, and the city had to pay golf course expenses to keep it open. When I discontinued playing golf on a regular basis, I decided to spend my spare time learning about city government. I attended city council meetings and read the meeting agendas and attachments. My attention was drawn to the Golf Course section of the Goldsboro Parks and Recreation Department Monthly reports:
 - They indicate that in 201, the golf course had an average monthly loss in excess of \$10,000,
 - In 2016 the average monthly losses increased to almost \$16,000 and,
 - The loss during the first six months of fiscal year 2016-17 was \$136,903 or an average of \$22,817 a month.

A copy of the reports with those statistics is listed as Exhibit 1 in your handout.

The large increase in the golf course losses was alarming and I sought information from the City on the golf course membership from 2010 to 2017. In response to my request, I received the information in that's listed as Exhibit #2 in the handout. It was noted that:

- There were very few members listed from 2010 to 2015, membership rebounded in 2016, and membership rose sharply in 2017.
- My name is listed as a member in 2016 and 2017, when in fact I was not a member.
- My name was not listed as a member in 2014, when in fact I was a quarterly dues paying member.

Those irregularities lead me to doubt the accuracy of some of the numbers that were reported on the golf course membership and revenue. I continued my research and requested a list with the names, addresses and membership type (Regular, Family, Senior, Active, & Retired Military or Junior) for the 2017 golf course members and all of the members who were not current in payment of their quarterly membership fees in 2016. I received and reviewed the April 11, 2017 GMGC Membership Roster report. It's listed as Exhibit #3 in your handout.

On April 15, 2017 the News-Argus reported that Lawrence Merritt did a study of the ratio of city versus non-city golf course members and found that 68 of 199 members were residents. Since the completion of this study there has been a reduction in the total number of members and members who are city resident members. In the News Argus article Scott Barnard, Director of Parks and Recreation estimated the ratio of city versus non-city golf-course members to be in the area of 60% city residents and 40% non-city. His estimate is nowhere near the current ratio of city versus non-city members. According to the April 11th membership roster report, membership is down to 187 members, of which:

- 49 are residents in City of Goldsboro – 26.2%
- 81 are residents in Wayne County – 43.3%
- 51 are residents in cities other than Goldsboro – 27.3%

- There were 5 members whose residency could not be determined – 2.7%

The ratio of city versus non-city golf course members is now in the area of 26% city resident and 74% non-city residents.

I was advised that the city could not provide a report on the golf course members who are not current in payment of their dues for the first quarter of 2017 because their current software does not allow for back tracking of payments. I was provided instead, with a report of golf course members, who are not current in the payment of their dues as of April 13, 2017.

That raises questions and doubts as to whether the golf course has been recording and reporting accurate information, on the revenue received from member fees.

The April 13, 2017 GMGC Membership Roster report I received, is listed as Exhibit #4 in the handout.

- The Balances highlighted in yellow and orange are for members who had not paid the fees for the 2Q2017 by the April 1st due date.
- Any member with a 0.00 Balance, is paid up for the 2Q2017.
- Anyone with a negative Balance number, has a credit in that amount, towards future payments.

There are 35 members on the report who were delinquent in paying their 2Q2017 fees. If the 2Q2017 fees were not paid, within 30 days from April 1, 2017, by rule, they are ineligible for reinstatement, for one year from the April 1st forfeiture date. The report also indicates that in the two days from April 11th to April 13, membership is down from 187 to 183. During the discussion of the golf course in the April 18th work session there was an agreement made to raise rates effective July 1, 2017. There was no estimate given by Scott Barnard or agreement made, on how much the recommended rate increase should reduce the average monthly losses, and by when. I urge that realistic loss reduction goals and timelines be established.

I also strongly urge city council to:

1. Consider, discuss, and agree upon a golf course management exit strategic
2. To exit the golf course management business, if the agreed upon loss reduction goals are not met timely, and
3. To put better controls be put in place to monitor the financial record keeping for the golf course, and the accuracy of the data entry of golf course information.

It is not in the best interest, of the property tax paying city resident and businesses, to continue funding the financial losses at the golf course, while the our deteriorating storm water drainage system, is in need of desperate repairs, and city's residential water and sewage customers, will likely be required to pay for the repairs, though a monthly \$4.50-\$5.50 fee assessment. The funds the city has paid over the last 17 years to cover the financial losses at the golf course could, and should have been used to pay for maintenance on our storm water drainage system. The funds the city has paid over the last 17 years to cover the financial losses at the golf course, could also have been spent, to pay for maintenance of our city neighborhood streets, which are crumbling from lack maintenance and pothole repairs.

I strongly urge the city council to make decisions that are in the best interest of the city residents and businesses, rather than the best interest of a small population of golfers, the majority of whom are not city property tax payers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

2. Bessie Yarborough, 1104 Berry Street, Goldsboro, stated I have two short things I am concerned about. Every time it rains, we have Franklin Street down from Berry Street there is a little dip down there and there are four homes 819, 816, 818, and 821 Franklin. Water stays there all night long and people come by there and drive. Mosquitoes are coming, kids are all around there, that could become a health hazard, because the mosquitoes bring the germs. We have old people and young babies it could create a health problem. Another one of my concerns is I have volunteered or worked in the city wards one, two, three, four, five and six and back in 2008 I had a problem. As we would go to try to get out the vote and put our flyers out in apartment complexes, a lot of times we would get ran off. You all are going to need help in the future. While you're working on your budget if you have some extra money could you please find some kind of solution to communicate with the people, let us get in there so we can put out a flyer that you are running for an office. So we can get some more votes out.

Mayor Allen stated Ms. Yarborough just to let you know this has been brought up before, there is a question if the lines are undersized, and several lines were stopped up. We know we have three lines cleared and flowing. Public Works is working on it.

3. John Davis, 213 North Drive, Goldsboro, stated I am not a resident of the city however, I am a member of the golf course. It is my place of recreation, it's my place of socialization with all my friends I play golf with and have become associated with. I think it needs to be funded and I think if anything it needs to be reduced so we can get more players not adding on the burden of increasing pricing. Thank you.
4. CV Sutton, 3000 E. Ash Street, Goldsboro stated our house was flooded back in October of last year for the second time, first time was in September 1999. This time it was totally wiped out. We moved to Goldsboro, we are living in the back of the parking lot at 3000 E. Ash St. at my wife's hair salon that we've been trying to sell but have been unable to sell so we put our trailer they are, FEMA let us stay there and of course the city gave us the right to stay there. After we came up here my wife one day was washing close in the washing machine ran over, commodes ran over and water came over the sink throughout the shop and on the floor. I got a plumber to come out, we thought maybe the line you are may be clogged up. He's spent a couple of hours working on the line and couldn't find anything wrong with the line. He suggested we call the city, he said the sewer tap is probably stopped up. So I called the city, they had some gentlemen come out there with a big truck parked out in front blocking traffic, they walked around out there and I asked them what they were doing, they said they were trying to find some rushing water. I said I don't think that is the problem, there is a sewer problem; the sewer is stopped up. After an hour, another man came out. I had to leave for a while, when I came back out there was a hole in the from of the water meter and I saw something I had not seen in 30 years, something called a sewer tap. It is my understanding these sewer taps are supposed to be cleaned out on an annual basis. I had to pay a plumber \$185, I'm sorry \$135 after it was over with. I said I feel like it's the City's liability to reimburse me \$135, so I called up ever and eventually talked to Mr. Stevens. He said he did not think they were liable. I said it is on your line, it's in the city's right-of-way. After many calls, Mr. Stevens had his secretary call and tell me he would pay \$67.50 so I asked who is he, she said Mr. Stevens, I said out of his pocket or the City's, she said I do not know. I said I felt I couldn't take \$67.50, I felt I needed \$135 and he said that couldn't be done. This has been going on since October 26 last year. I've been calling up here ever since then; finally Mr. Stevens tells me he's going to turn it over to the insurance company and let them make the decision. I've got a letter here, Alternative Concepts out of Tennessee. A lady called, I told her what happened and I've got a letter turning me down; "Please be after careful review and consideration the above referenced claim on behalf of our client, we must respectfully deny liability.

There was no negligence on the part of the insured, therefore, they cannot be held responsible.” Well that’s one of the biggest lies had. This is an absolute lie and Mr. Stevens mislead me for 6 months. He offered me \$67.50, I said I wouldn’t take it, I called back the next day, said I would and he reneged, then turned it over to the insurance company.

Councilmember Williams stated can I see the bill. I’m sorry that happened to your sir. Mr. Sutton stated I just wanted to let you know about this.

5. Geren Taylor, 1405 Adam Street, Goldsboro stated good evening. I do want to make my point cause last time I did not do a very good job. It is the quality of life that I am concerned with for some of the constituents in Goldsboro, if that makes sense. Let me phrase it to you this way. I was running the numbers, and if its true 25% of the population is within the poverty rate, that’s a quarter of the population, which means someone should ask the question, is there an economic strategic team in place to bring jobs to Goldsboro because I find myself driving down Berkeley I see a lot of restaurants and what I can deduce about restaurants, that you make somewhere between \$10-11 an hour and if you make \$10-11 an hour you make about \$10,000 to \$11,000 a year, therefore, you will stay well within that poverty rate, which is a problem right. So the question if you have an economic strategic team in place to help with that. Now I do want to address some of the things that I did not get to rebuttal last time I was here, unfortunately. The first thing is using your age as an excuse not to homework is a problem. My son is eight years old and says because I am eight years old, I do not want to do my homework, so I have to correct that attitude so that he can go through life with an understanding; so in order to understand you must study. Now something you said that your father or grandfather helped build Goldsboro so people can work together but what I find to be true is the amount of disrespect that comes from a statement like that, it’s almost as if the African population has been neglected for some time here. An example would be I talked to some of the older people in the community and they said they could remember a time when they could not cross lines or they should not go to this side of town or x, y, z. So they had a hard time and as I looked at some of the young guys here they have an even harder time when they go to school and the buildings are dilapidated. I remember a statement you made in the newspaper, it was September 20th written by Denise Hill, that you wanted to change the perception of the schools here. In order to change that perception you will definitely have to fund the school maybe even put pressure on the school board to do something. Now as far as having a solution for the problem, there are people in this community that definitely have a solution but do not want to work as a team, meaning we have our solution and are working towards our goal and we expect y’all to have a solution to the economic problem and work towards your goal and maybe we may meet in some common ground in the middle, maybe but until those things happen the question is what can be done, what’s being done to raise the quality of life of the constituents in Goldsboro. Appreciate the time.
6. Charlie Oakley, 1704 Scotty Drive, Goldsboro stated I am a member of the golf course and the only thing I want to say is and I’ve talked to Bill Broadway, this thing should be ran like a business. One of the things I’ve heard, we have tournaments and the golf course collects zero dollars, it won’t get it well but it would be a way to say we are trying to do something. If you are not going to run it like a business I think these tournaments are well thought of but if you are not going to run it like a business quit taxing people, but if you are doing something to cut the costs or to raise more revenue, then hopefully it would go a long way to just bringing it to a closure. Thank you.
7. Ravonda Jacobs, George Street, stated I do just want to publically let you know when I read that letter, no one authorized me to read that letter. I read that letter on my own without asking anyone else, so there is no one else that is responsible for that. The reason I did that, my father grew up in this city, so

I have been here my whole life. As a young person, my whole life, all I've heard are stories of how my dad would get chased down the street at 8 years old by white men calling him nigger. How people in my community could not go to Herman Park Center because black people were not allowed there. How my grandma had to walk to work and be scared she would get raped or someone would hurt her because she was a black woman. I've listened to my neighbors, one of the first women to graduate from Goldsboro High School in that black class say that I could not get a job for the City because the black Mayor said I can't hire a black girl, that wouldn't look good for me. When I read that letter do you know how many black people came to me and said, you going to get in trouble, you going to make them white people mad; the mentality. Why do they feel like we can't be honest without making you mad and you making a decision that's going to affect what, my quality of life. You don't understand how it feels to be a young black person. I was a straight A student but I still dropped out of high school because of a system that is in place that no one chooses to do anything about. Mr. Stevens (referring to Councilmember Stevens) I see you smiling but what I want you to understand that maybe you didn't see it, maybe you didn't feel it but I still feel it every day because I have worked hard to try to take care of my family and do everything that is supposed to be done. You all are leaders, you have an opportunity to change the system. I don't care what the policies say, you can change the system, that's what you are here for. You are not just here to sit and say I've got a job and I'm somebody here. When you look at the whistleblowing policy come on let's be honest, if I work for you, I'm going to be really scared to say what I really think. Half the people in this room don't say what they really think nowhere, because they are scared of what's going to happen to them, that's so honest. You guys have to stop playing this game with people, like you don't know what people are talking about. You know good and dang well what we are talking about. Because how can you hire a police chief with a high school education but not a black man with a Masters, when you have a 60% black community. You are not trying, have you not read the books I gave you, Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome, have any of you guys listened to YouTube videos, have you went and talked to any black constituents. And your body language, I look at how you sit in the meetings, like the way you are sitting right now, if you took a class you would know that's highly disrespectful. The way you look away when we are talking. You can't handle a lot of times Mr. Antonio or Mr. Bevan because they are black men and what have you been trained in your perception to think of black men. This is how all of us really do feel except for the ones that got a good job and I dare not say anything to you because I want to keep my stuff. I ain't got nothing to lose and that's real. You know why, there are people getting threatened at their jobs, don't talk about being too black, don't talk about being African, don't bring that up. Even at the forum, why is having locks not a good look for a job, this is my natural culture, why is it a problem, everywhere we go this is a problem, you can't deny it. I'm sorry but America has never been great for African Americans. I can't name one year something great was happening for us, but we helped build this country on our backs. We can go to Wayne County Library and look at all the stuff black people in this community help do. A lot of my family worked for a lot of your families. We can trace those back, your families wouldn't have million dollar companies if my family didn't give everything they had to work for y'all. Stop playing with us. I'm young, I didn't see white people beat us down. See my parents have a different sense of fear, the older community has a different sense of fear because they saw people get hung, I didn't see it but I am mad. I am tired and so are a lot of other people. So please stop acting like you don't know what we are talking about. There is a problem, it is the root of everything. As a City Council, please stop acting like it's not real. Everyone has their perceptions, everyone has their prejudices, but I think one of the biggest prejudices is not admitting you have a problem. You cannot solve a solution until you properly assess and you have not properly assessed the African-American community and I would really like for you to take the time to do that. It hurts to be disrespected. It hurts that we have to keep paying our

tax dollars and we are not part of the city but everything we do, you take it and make it yours and act like we never had a part of it. Our black children need to see us in front of them, talking, being someone, that's what shows them who they are supposed to be next. When they don't see that it's a problem. When you look at little stuff like WA Foster, that building was so historical for us, do you know in the 1920s that was one of the first buildings donated to the Negroes in the county, then you don't even care to spend money to take care of it. James Street was our street. No one has tried to save that historically, but every other historical building in the city you make sure it saved especially if it has some Weil's on it, but what about Dr. Hayes and them the first doctors in Wayne County. Nobody decided to make that a historical site. We were part of the city but we don't see us as a part of the city, we feel hopeless. The trash is from the trash inside you, ain't never gonna stop the trash from being on the streets until you clean up the inside of your heart and treat people like humans. That man right here just made a point, why are you building \$3 million buildings but you can help someone who lives in your city, who makes your city what it is. You can't give \$10 to somebody, but you have \$1 million for sports complex to do what; everything ain't about money. I think we are worth more than money, I think humans are priceless.

8. Donte Bunch, 200 Britlan Drive, Pikeville stated jobs in schools, I know we have had this conversation several times, y'all have had it, heard it several times. Jobs and schools are very important especially in our community. We are asking that you do what you can do but we see you can't do nothing because you're not doing nothing with the schools here. Goldsboro High School, several other schools you're not doing enough. We need, we want you to do more. Jobs, the city is awful, we've got to ride to Raleigh or Wilson or wherever to get a job that's paying halfway decent, but just subtract it from gas. Until it starts affecting y'all, y'all are not going to care and when I say affecting y'all, this is the people who are not able to get the education and not able to get the necessities of life. When they start coming and they start taking from y'all then it's going to affect y'all. But y'all have got to do it better. I mean this is the time right now, everybody coming up here saying the same thing, that's \$180, anybody could have pulled out of their pocket \$20 and gave that to him and he is a resident, the thing is you know I hate to use this he's white and y'all are treating him like trash. So just imagine the way we feel, the way y'all do us. If it wasn't for the support of my sisters and brothers I would have no support at all. I don't look for your support, I know what y'all going to do, I know how y'all going to treat us. 50's and 60's, we were treated like trash but they were so lucky I won't living in the 50's and 60's because we would not have lived like that. Malcolm would have loved me, Martin would've shook my hand. All these people that fought for us they sitting down now. Now we have new leaders coming up and these new leaders coming up strong. We going to start right here; you can see the brothers and sisters building, my bad, my brothers and sisters are building. We are asking you to do something, stop sitting down. Get up and come on out. I see a handful of y'all out in the community, thank you. The other ones, downtown is not the community. Downtown is where you made look beautiful, made it look marvelous. Y'all have got to stop, come uptown, come across town, come over to the next town. This is garbage, the way y'all keep treating these people, it's coming to all, it's coming to your front door. If it comes to your front door and starts knocking, don't get mad, don't think someone is going to save you, cause ain't nobody going to be able to save you. We asking for help, to help these children. To get jobs in this city. You say this is your city, so why would you want your city to be trash. Why would you want your city to keep falling down, build your city up. You want to impress me, give this man some money for his water. You want to impress me, make this city look better, not just downtown. You want to impress me, stop making Walnut Creek look good and make everybody else look good. Y'all need to be ashamed of y'all selves.

9. Tim Gill, 101 Clint Drive, Dudley stated hello gentlemen. I was told by my landlord that someone said the lounge sells alcohol that is incorrect. The lounge/game place we were talking about a couple of months ago, it is not a sweepstakes, it's at the end of Berkeley, and we do not sell alcohol. I do not want you to take my word for it, I want you to come out and support us. We are at 207 S. Berkeley Boulevard. Thank you.
10. Allen Young, 1836 Tommy's Road, Goldsboro stated I am also here to speak on behalf of the lounge. I kind of take these accusations personal, I've been doing security for about 6 years and I watch everything that goes on in there like a hawk. For us to be a newly established business already knowing how hard it is in this economy to begin a business and start it, I kind of take these accusations personal that someone would think we would do something like this in the business knowing we just opened. I don't know how serious you take the accusations, I'm sure you take them very serious when a business is allegedly selling something illegally. I just wanted to reassure you that nothing of that type is going on there and if any of you wanted to come by and check it out we are open 10-10 and every part of that building is open anytime for anyone to check. Thank you.

Councilmember Williams stated I did not hear anything about that, did Inspections come to you. Mr. Young stated no. Mr. Gill stated his landlord came to him and said someone on the Council came to him told him that we were selling alcohol, that's why we felt the need to come and address it.

Councilmember Ham stated I am actually the one that came to the landlord because I had heard that. But it was not because it was an accusation, when the application was submitted it did not include alcohol, I am actually a friend of you guys, I wanted to make sure if it was an alcohol issue, that we put it to bed. You guys have done exactly that.

11. Gary Mendenhall, did not provide address, stated I just want to say a few things, nothing super major. I just want to speak for the community since I do live here, the only way for us to get to a place we've never been is to do things we've never done. We sit back and come to city council meetings and we notice that you guys pick and choose what you like to comment on. We are talking about morality, standards of being people, people supposed to look out for one another, people that praise God every Sunday, put on their uniforms, looking good. I just want to know like what are you thinking when you go home, like when you leave here, how do you feel when you leave. I know there has to be some kind of burden on your heart. The man just commented, he has a heart somewhere down the line, just like everyone else sitting up here right now. Question is, like literally speaking do you love yourself, because how you treat others is a direct reflection of what you do, what you think, what you have been around and what you associate with. There comes a time in everyone's life to ask a question, do a self-evaluation, give yourself a goal. If you are not going to come to our communities, at least make some public comments here while we are in the room, not when we are leaving, not when you are going back to your offices talking about things that shouldn't be spoken of, like literally, detox your mind. We are almost begging, you know what I am saying. It's hard for us to grow up in a community that makes us feel like we are not loved, not wanted. We all have different issues, different problems, or things we don't see eye to eye on, but the question is, when are we going to step out of our comfort zones, to get to another place. We love Goldsboro, we are showing you by coming here to these meetings. But regardless how you think we treat the neighborhood, a stereotype most of the time is just hearsay. It is time for us to realize we are teaching our kids the wrong things. They do not have the right morals, look at the teenagers on the street, it is just not black people fault. That's hopelessness, if you don't know the spirit of hopelessness, please if you have a Bible, it explains hopelessness. That is what you see in young people faces, even your own young people. I'm pretty sure a lot of you are parents, don't go home in the evening and

don't talk to your love ones. They need to be talked to. A marriage is something you have to work on every day. So is a relationship with your community. It is the same thing. You have to give it your all. The community is a reflection of how much you really give it. Not just black communities, it's all communities man. We are suffering, we are asking for help. A higher source will help us. Thank you.

12. Lori McCullen, 112 N. Chase Drive, Goldsboro stated I enjoy playing at Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course and it is a recreation a lot of people, both young and old ages can play. There are some of us who can't use other parks or recreation because we can't get out and run and I'd like to see it stay affordable for everybody that is there. Thank you.
13. Jermaine Dawson, 1601 Cuyler Best Road, Goldsboro stated I just wanted to come up here, I was hoping that and a lot of people said it, the reason I started the Town Hall Meetings was to hopefully ignite you guys to start going out in your districts, talking to the citizens that have concerns and we have not started that yet. So one of my questions tonight is when can we start that, I will help you organize it, when can we go in your district and start listening to the people, because I don't really believe you know what district they are in. Just coming up here and talking, telling their concerns and we have no idea what district or who they may be talking to. I want to put out there at the last town hall meeting the biggest concerns were; we still don't have an idea what district or who represents that district except for Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Williams, they come out a lot, to a lot of events and I try to invite. We need to start coming out. Also one of the other concerns that hit my inbox today was HV Brown Park. Do we have a solution with the flooding?

Councilmember Williams stated we are supposed to be working on some renovations with that park, so that is something that is in the works. As far as the flooding I do not know the details of that.

Councilmember Aycock stated you were talking about town hall meetings, Mr. Broadaway and I tonight asked Mr. Stevens to set us up for a Town Hall Meeting somewhere where our two districts join and have by the first week in June if we could.

Mr. Dawson stated at the last town hall meeting which was this past week, they said they were utilizing the Fire Departments as far as a point. That would be a good idea to try that out. The citizens are ready to talk to and ready to make a difference in our City, we love our City, we grew up here. We would not be out here if we weren't concerned and want this is to change. I see that moving in the right direction. Now we have to get together and start putting ideas together, then we can start making a difference. Thank you.

14. Sylvia Barnes, 1708 Laurel Street, Goldsboro stated to the Mayor and to the members of Council. I come up here because I sit in the meeting this afternoon, the work session and two things I want to say. One, the racism that is in the minds of people in Goldsboro is real. I get phone call after phone call talking about their supervisors are calling them niggers, I am just going to say it like it is. They said they will not write up a complaint because they are afraid that their business, that their names will come to their supervisor and they will become jobless. You would be surprised at right here in the City of Goldsboro. Two, I want to say when you all come to the work session meetings, I would hope you would get on better unity and be able to communicate better. I did not feel good in there this afternoon. That's all I'm going to say. Thank you.
15. Willie Battle, 508 Roberts Street, Goldsboro stated I would appreciate for one thing, speak into the microphones push the mic to you so you can be heard. I was really against the golf course thing, I think y'all acting too quick to make

that decision but you also made the decision about the storm drain. It's about what Ms. Yarborough was talking about, in that area there, it used to be called Edgewood. There is a ditch that runs from Lincoln Homes to Franklin Street, that ditch has never been cleaned out, in my lifetime and that's almost 70 years. As far as my area, the drain that fall from John Street back towards Isler Street to Elm Street to Olivia Lane there I had to stop Code Enforcement and ask them about cleaning but y'all want to go and charge a drain cleanage fee and you have not done anything yet to alleviate the problem. I think you should clean the drain and then start charging. You are going to spend several thousands of dollars to buy equipment and you going to put it in another area and it will never get used. So I think the drain money you are trying to gather is probably meant to benefit the golf course. That's where it is going. Just like you just passed that \$40,000,000 there and we are still trying to find out where the sidewalk is going. Nobody said anything about the sidewalk yet. All these things come back afterwards but no one says anything about it so we will pass the multi-plex. Moving personnel in the area there to somewhere else to help with costs, I don't think you should be doing that. If you can't afford it, leave it. Don't go and charge someone a fee because you are losing money. The other thing that was said about the chief, 12 year education, name one black person you would have hired with a 12 grade education. I left Goldsboro, went into the military almost 40 some years ago, and I come back here, I have some friends who also came back here, that retired from the north that wished they had kept their place up north instead of coming back here. You have nothing to offer. We got too many bars downtown, no jobs, a restaurant everywhere, nobody can't make no money, then the city don't want to pay no money but they want to increase the tax. The money employees are supposed to get is what 1-2% to select people, what kind of business is that. We need to do better, if you can't do better we can give you a pink slip and that's about the way it is looking right now. Another thing, we have too many people pretending to be someone they are not.

Mayor Allen stated sir your three minutes are up.

16. Karena Atkinson, 353 Weaver Road, Goldsboro stated I recently moved back here form Pembroke, I lived there 4 years for college, but have lived here majority of my life. I am not going to give any concerns or issues actually I would like to encourage you. I am introducing you to me this way because you will see more of me as I get involved and want to express concerns. I do appreciate those such as Mr. Allen and Mr. Foster who I have seen out in the community as I have attended Mr. Dawson's town hall meetings. Often times we get offended by the things to which we should often listen to. Conversations and topics are uncomfortable to hear when we don't understand. As you go throughout your day and when you go home first like someone said start evaluating yourself in order to be in these positions the love of money, the love of self, the love of title, the love of greed, it won't flourish in these positions, however the love of yourself as far as positivity and confidence wise, the love the people and the love of your community is the best way to accommodate your position. Now whenever you make changes in the city, ask yourself who does it accommodate and who it does not accommodate. If the decision you make does not accommodate everyone then have you truly made progress in your city. So I urge you, I'm not going to discuss color, you are aware of the discrepancies you are aware of the issues we have personally and as a community as a whole. Even if it does not pertain to you because you are in these positions it pertains to you. So I urge you all to be encouraged when you go home to your wives or whoever your significant others are and they build you up. As a citizen I would like to do that. For what you have done thank you, for what you are doing thank you. For what you have the positive mind to do I appreciate it and for everything you have not done, I urge you to better yourself. I urge you to do more and I urge you to be where you are not because while uptown Goldsboro looks well, there are areas that do not look well. If any part of Goldsboro does not look well does any of it look well. So I urge you all to use your positions for the

community and not self. And not only to accommodate those in your league and status. So I appreciate you for what you do and make sure you take time to listen to the things that are expressed to you, because we do care and appreciate all of your time and use your time wisely. Thank you.

17. Ray Lippert, 505 Greenbrier Drive, Goldsboro stated I have been employed with Wayne County Public Schools and I am also a high school golf coach for the past 8 years. I am a registered voter and resident and city taxpayer here in Goldsboro. I would like to thank Mr. Jody Dean back there, all the Parks and Rec. staff and the city for allowing the kids in the community to have the opportunity to learn and grow in the game of golf. We meaning the City of Goldsboro have many Jr. golfers come through the Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course. Many of these students have gone on and accomplished lofty goals. Several have played at the collegiate level and others have entered into golf management or maintenance programs in our state, specifically NC State. The opportunity for these kids starting right here in this city right down the street at that little golf course, a 100% of them were brought there by their granddad or a family member. That first time they went out on that golf course, it changed for them, they loved the game and spending quality time with family and friends is an essential part of Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course. The golf course is a service to our community, just like any other park or whatever we do in this city. Raising fees will not promote the game or the course, it will only be detrimental to it. I do understand it is finance, I also understand with non-resident membership whatever the percentage may be, it will have an adverse effect on the golf course. So we owe it to our seniors, military friends and families and most importantly the children of our community to leave the fees where they stand. Thank you for your time.

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

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

Sale of Real Property, Tax ID #2599-56-2144, 206 Whitfield Drive as recorded in the Wayne County Registry. Offer Accepted. On March 31, 2017, Chester Brown offered to pay the City of Goldsboro the sum of \$1,800.00 for the purchase of the above described property and made a bid deposit of \$90.00 payable to the City of Goldsboro.

The City of Goldsboro and County of Wayne acquired 206 Whitfield Drive in August 2005. At their April 18, 2017 meeting, the County Commissioners agreed to convey their share of this property to the City of Goldsboro with the stipulation that the City and County equally share the expenses of \$79.38.

Standard property will be offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of the G.S. 160A-266, provided however, the minimum sales price will be at least fifty percent (50%) of the property's tax value. The property's tax value for the land is \$3,600. An advertisement appeared in the Goldsboro News-Argus on April 6, 2017. The ten (10) day upset bid period expired on April 26, 2017, with no counter-offers received after this bid.

The attorney fees associated with transferring the deed will be paid by the buyer. If no other fees are incurred prior to closing, the City and County's portion from this property would be \$860.31 each.

Staff recommended Council accept the offer from Mr. Chester Brown in the amount of \$1,800 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed on behalf of the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Sale of Real Property, Tax ID #2598-79-9002, 218 Winslow Circle as recorded in the Wayne County Registry. Offer Accepted. On April 3, 2017, Hezekiah Jones, III offered to pay the City of Goldsboro the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of the above described property and made a bid deposit of \$194.50 payable to the City of Goldsboro.

The City of Goldsboro and County of Wayne acquired 218 Winslow Circle in June 2016. At their May 2, 2017 meeting, the County Commissioners agreed to convey their share of this property to the City of Goldsboro with the stipulation that the City and County equally share the expenses of \$79.38.

Standard property will be offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of the G.S. 160A-266, provided however, the minimum sales price will be at least fifty percent (50%) of the property's tax value. The property's tax value for the land is \$7,000. An advertisement appeared in the Goldsboro News-Argus on April 9, 2017. The ten (10) day upset bid period expired on April 19, 2017, with no counter-offers received after this bid.

The attorney fees associated with transferring the deed will be paid by the buyer. If no other fees are incurred prior to closing, the City and County's portion from this property would be \$1,710.31 each.

Staff recommended Council accept the offer from Mr. Hezekiah Jones, III in the amount of \$3,500 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed on behalf of the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Budget Amendment – Parks & Recreation Swimming Pools. Ordinance Adopted. At the April 17, 2017 meeting, Council was presented an update on the operations of the Mina Weil and Peacock Pools. Council made the decision to operate the pools this summer through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council instructed the Parks and Recreation Director to increase staffing levels for lifeguards and staff to operate both pools this summer. Since funding was not included in the current fiscal year's budget, it is necessary to appropriate funds for salaries and operational supplies for the pools. It is estimated that funding for salaries would be \$11,000 and \$4,000 for operational supplies.

It is recommended Council adopted the following entitled Ordinance decreasing the unassigned fund balance by \$15,000 for the staffing and operations of the Mina Weil and Peacock Pools for FY 16-17. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-22 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR"

Contract Award for 2017 Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing Project- Formal Bid No. 2017-002. Resolution Adopted. On Monday, May 1, 2017 three sealed bids were received for the 2017 Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing Project for the City of Goldsboro.

Turner Asphalt, Inc. of Raleigh, NC submitted the low bid for the 2017 Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing for a total cost of \$2,267,947.06. The bids received for this project are tabulated as follows:

<u>Name of Bidder</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Turner Asphalt, Inc. Raleigh, NC	\$2,267,947.06
Barnhill Contracting Company Kinston, NC	\$2,283,491.35

S. T. Wooten Corporation
Wilson, NC

\$2,534,432.45

The proposed work consists of approximately 155,919 square yards of bituminous concrete resurfacing and approximately 140,347 square yards of milling asphalt pavement for sections of N. Alabama Avenue, Astor Court, Beech Street, Best Street, Cedar Road, S. Claiborne Street, Cross Street, Daniel Drive, Dupont Circle, Gloucester Road, Harding Drive, N. Hillcrest Drive, Hillcrest Place, Hilldale Lane, E. Holly Street, Hunters Creek Drive, N. John Street, Laurel Street, Madison Avenue, Marion Drive, Neil Street, Oak Street, Overbrook Road, Peachtree Street, Pearson Street, Pine Needles Road, Pineview Avenue, Rockefeller Court, Seaboard Street, W. Seymour Drive, S. Slocumb Street, Tampa Street, Tuskegee Street, Vanderbilt Circle, and Wayne Avenue.

The bids for this project have been reviewed by the Engineering Department, checked for accuracy, and found to be in order. We have also reviewed the financing of this project with the Finance Director and determined that funds are available in street improvement bonds.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract in the amount of \$2,267,947.06 with Turner Asphalt, Inc. for the 2017 Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing Project. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32 “RESOLUTION A WARDING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR 2017 BITUMINOUS CONCRETE RESURFACING FORMAL BID REQUEST NO. 2017-002”

Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course Committee and Historic District Commission Appointments. Resolution Adopted. There are currently several vacancies on Advisory Boards and Commissions. Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. It is necessary that additional appointments be made in an effort to fill these vacancies.

Recommendations for appointments were requested from the respective Boards and Commissions. Applications were also solicited from the general public at large. The following individuals have expressed a desire to serve on the indicated Boards or Commissions:

Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course Committee
Wells Warner

Historic District Commission
Debbie Smith (Alternate)

Staff recommended the City Council adopt the following entitled Resolution appointing members to the Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course Committee and Historic District Commission. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34 “RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”

CU-8-17 Jared Grantham – Southwest corner of East Walnut Street and Ormond Avenue. Denied. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a Place of Entertainment with no ABC permits. The use proposed is a physical adventure gaming operation which is most commonly known as an “Escape Room.”

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

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

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

The applicant proposes utilizing the entire upstairs of the structure which is to be divided into three separate escape rooms and also will include restrooms, a reception/waiting area, an office and storage.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Wednesday (By Appt.)

Thursday and Friday (5:00 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.)

Saturday (9:00 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.)

Sunday (2:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.)

No. of Employees: 2

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

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

At the public hearing held on April 17, 2017, the applicant appeared and indicated that he has been unable to obtain a satisfactory lease for the property and was no longer proceeding with the request.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on April 24, 2017, recommended denial of the request based on the applicant's desire to not proceed.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the request. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

S-2-17 Meares Bluff Plantation (Revised Preliminary Subdivision Plat).
Approved. The property is located on the east side of Patetown Road between Tommy's Road and Perry Farm Lane.

A 219-lot preliminary subdivision plat was initially approved by the City Council on September 19, 2005 with the following modifications:

- 1). Modification of the sidewalk requirement;
- 2). Modification of the street tree requirement;
- 3). Modification of the street width requirement from 22 ft. to 20 ft.;
- 4). Modification of the curb and gutter requirement;
- 5). Modification of the street paving requirement to 2 inches of S 9.5 Asphalt on 6 or 8 inches of C.A.B.C. stone for Group I or II soil per NCDOT requirements.

On December 18, 2006, Council approved a revised preliminary plat which eliminated interconnectivity to the north due to several lots within the subdivision not being developable due to poor soils and because existing poultry houses would prevent provision of a proper connection.

The City's Unified Development Ordinance states that preliminary plat approval will remain valid for a two-year period from the date of approval. As a result, the applicant has submitted a revised preliminary plat showing 220 lots.

Final subdivision plats were submitted and approved for Phases 1A and 1B in 2006.

As indicated previously, the submitted updated preliminary plat consists of 220 lots to be developed in three phases. Phases I began development in 2006.

Current Revised Preliminary Plat
Total Area: 219.046 acres
Average Lot Size: 26,828 sq. ft., or 0.616 acres
Zoning: R-20A Residential

The applicant now proposes to start Phase II of Meares Bluff Plantation which will consist of twenty-four (24) lots. Since the preliminary plat Council approved in 2006 has expired, an updated plat must be approved before final subdivisions plats can be recorded for Phase II. Phase III will be developed sometime in the future and will contain 83 lots.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on April 24, 2017, recommended approval of the revised preliminary plat.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the revised preliminary subdivision plat for Meares Bluff Plantation. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Noncontiguous Annexation Petition – Redco Properties, LLC (Faircloth and Martin Sites) – Northwest corner of Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy’s Road (30.4 Acres). Referred to the Clerk. The applicant is requesting that noncontiguous property described by metes and bounds in Item 2 of the attached petition be annexed to the City of Goldsboro. Maps are available showing the property proposed to be annexed.

Pursuant to G. S. 160A-31, Council shall fix a date for public hearing on the proposed annexation if the petition is considered sufficient by the City Clerk.

The City Council, at their meeting on May 8, 2017, would request the City Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, a public hearing would be scheduled and a report would be prepared by the Department of Planning, in conjunction with other City departments, for submission to the Council.

Staff recommended Council request that the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Electronic Sweepstakes Facilities. Ordinance Adopted. At their work session held on March 6, 2017, the Council requested that staff prepare an amendment to the City’s Unified Development Ordinance as it relates to electronic sweepstakes facilities (internet cafes).

Council asked that the separation distance from specific uses be increased and additional uses included in the separation distance.

Previously, based on the number of modifications which had been requested in conjunction with these uses, Council had agreed to reduce the parking requirement for electronic sweepstakes facilities from two (2) spaces per machine to 1.5 spaces per machine. This change has now been formally included within the amendment.

The amendment would limit the zoning districts which would permit electronic gaming establishments as Conditional Uses to only the General Business zone.

In addition, the separation distance would be increased from 200 ft. to 500 ft. and would include not only residentially zoned or developed property, a church or school but would add “day care, playground or public park.”

The separation distance between such uses would be increased from 200 ft. to one mile (5,280 ft.).

At the public hearing held on April 17, 2017, no one appeared to speak either for or against this amendment.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on April 24, 2017, recommended approval of the Zoning Ordinance amendment.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the following entitled ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance relative to electronic sweepstakes facilities. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA”

Site, Landscape and Building Elevation Plans Revision – State Employees’ Credit Union ATM (Automated Teller Machine). Approved. The property is located on the north side of Cashwell Drive between Berkeley Boulevard and Boxwood Lane.

On March 10, 2014, City Council approved site, landscape and building elevation plans for the construction of a 7,758 sq. ft. commercial building operated as a bank. The lot had been formerly occupied by a theater and is directly across Cashwell Drive from the Post Office.

Frontage: 314.65 ft.
Depth: 610 ft. (average)
Area: 3.52 Acres
Zoning: General Business

The applicant has now submitted revised site, landscape and building elevation plans for the construction of an on-site, dual-access and covered ATM machine. In addition, the applicant is proposing to install 49 new parking spaces. Both the ATM and parking would be located at the rear of the existing building.

Building Elevations: Submitted building elevation plans indicate a 30 ft. wide covered canopy to be provided for ATM traffic only. Metal roofing, exterior siding and stucco are proposed as construction materials to match the principal building.

Parking and Stacking: The proposed parking spaces at the rear of the lot and the stacking spaces adjacent to the proposed ATM meet the City’s off street parking and stacking requirements.

Landscaping: Submitted landscape plans indicate new plantings to be installed between the two new parking lot islands separated by the proposed ATM machine. Plantings will consist of Maple, Oaks and Magnolia trees supplemented by Robin Hollies, Knock-Out rosebushes, and Yedda Hawthorne shrubs.

Interior walkways and accessible parking aisles will provide access to the building from the parking areas and the ATM.

Engineering: The site is subject to storm water calculations and drainage plans reviewed and approved by the Engineering Department.

At their meeting held on April 24, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the site, landscape and building elevation plans as submitted.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site, landscape and building elevation plans for the State Employees’ Credit Union ATM and parking lot. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Site and Landscape Plan – Stratus Properties. Approved. The property is located on the northwest corner of South John Street and Wayne Avenue.

Frontage: 180.59 ft. (S. John Street)
241.54 ft. (Wayne Avenue)
Area: 1.0 Acres

Zoning: General Business

The property currently contains a total of five buildings. Buildings at the rear of the site are utilized as mini-storage and there is also a small metal storage shed at the rear.

There are two separate structures which face South John Street. The northernmost structure is utilized by a church. The southernmost structure has been utilized as offices and the applicant now wishes to convert that building for use as mini-storage.

There would be a total of 23 climate-controlled storage units within the building and all would be accessible internally with no access from the outside.

The new mini-storage operation will be open to customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No employees will be required.

While there is adequate paved area to provide parking on the site, the spaces need to be delineated in order to insure that they are functional.

Staff recommends that the applicant install two street trees along the Wayne Avenue frontage. No additional landscaping will be required as the site is paved up to the John Street frontage.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on April 24, 2017, recommended approval of the site and landscape plan as submitted.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site and landscape plan for Stratus Properties. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

Property Lease Name Change Request –From Wayne Food Initiative to Little Washington Growing Group. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro owns a number of properties located within Washington Park off of South George Street. Wayne Food Initiative submitted a request to allow the use of four City-owned lots for gardening purposes back in 2009. These lots are located at the southeast corner of McDaniel Avenue and Oxley Avenue.

Parcel ID No. 12-2599-41-9787
12-2599-51-0798
12-2599-51-1883
12-2599-51-2833

It was proposed that the City lease the vacant property at a cost of \$1.00 per year provided Wayne Food Initiative maintains the property in an acceptable manner. The lease provided for a 60-day cancellation notice by either party.

Staff recommended that Council adopt the Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease agreement for four parcels of land within Washington Park to Wayne Food Initiative which was executed by the Mayor on July 9, 2009.

Now Ms. Cheryl Alston member of the Wayne Food Initiative is requesting that the name on the current lease agreement (Wayne Food Initiative) be changed to Little Washington Growing Group.

Ms. Alston indicated that the agreement for the Wayne Food Initiative is a group of city and county partners who have a mission to help provide food in this food desert. The Little Washington Growing Group is an active partner of the Wayne Food Initiative and has the same mission and has become a 501 C3 group.

We have contacted the USDA office for help in getting a removable greenhouse on the property that we currently lease from the City. We need the name Wayne Food Initiative changed to the Little Washington Growing Group in order to get the green house.

Since the property is located in a flood hazard area the Engineering Department has reviewed this request and will submit the necessary Floodplain Development Permit to the State for approval.

Staff recommends that Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a revised lease agreement for four parcels of land within Washington Park to Little Washington Growing Group as requested by Ms. Alston.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO TO LITTLE WASHINGTON GROWING GROUP”

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved, Council recused Councilmember Ham from voting on Item P. CU-6-17 John Hodge (Well-Traveled Beer).

Councilmember Ham left the room at 8:11 p.m.

CU-6-17 John Hodge (Well-Traveled Beer) – Southwest corner of South Center Street and Chestnut Street (Place of Entertainment with ABC Permits – Amendment). Approved. The applicant requests to amend a previously-issued Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC Permits (bar/lounge). The amendment would allow the expansion of the existing bar/lounge operation by adding 34 seats.

Frontage: 72.26 ft. (S. Center St.)
119.4 ft. (W. Chestnut St.)
Depth: 119.4 ft.
Area: 8,609.06 sq. ft. or .2 acres
Zoning: Central Business District (CBD)

Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Thursday (3pm-11pm)
Friday – Saturday (3pm – 12am)
Sunday (12pm-4pm)

Number of Employees: 2

The applicant was granted a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits by City Council at their December 7, 2015 meeting. The applicant is now requesting to expand the operation for additional seating.

The applicant renovated approximately 1,600 sq. ft. of the existing two-story, 5,384 sq. ft. masonry-brick building for craft beer sales and consumption. The applicant now intends to renovate a portion of the 1,674 sq. ft. remaining first floor area facing West Chestnut Street for additional seating and storage.

The submitted floor plan for the expansion shows seating for thirty-four people. The existing operation included beverage shelving and display areas, seating for twenty-five people, bathrooms and a bar. The expansion of seating would allow for a total of fifty-nine people.

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

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on April 24, 2017, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit amendment as requested.

Upon motion of Councilmember Stevens, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopted an Order approving the amendment of a Conditional Use Permit for a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits to allow the expansion of the existing bar/lounge operation.
2. Approved the site and landscape plans detailing the expansion as submitted.

Councilmember Ham returned to Council Chambers at 8:13 p.m.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved, Council recused Mayor Allen from voting on Item Q. CU-7-17 State Electric Supply Company.

Mayor Allen left the room at 8:14 p.m.

CU-7-17 State Electric Supply Company - West side of North George Street between Vine Street and Holly Street. Approved. Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the outside storage of goods or materials in conjunction with a contractor's office and retail supply business.

Frontage: 430.5 ft.

Depth: Avg. 420 ft.

Area: Approximately 162,934 sq. ft. or 3.74 acres

Zone: GB (General Business) and I-2 (General Industry)

The site consists of an existing 91,688 sq. ft. commercial building of masonry construction fronting N. Virginia, W. Vine and N. George Streets. CSX Railroad right-of-way abuts the property along the northern property line.

A portion of the property is zoned I-2 (General Industry) along W. Vine and N. Virginia Streets.

Monroe Hardware Company currently occupies approximately 46,777 sq. ft. of the existing building located within this zoning district. Another 49,717 sq. ft. of building space is currently vacant, available for lease and zoned GB (General Business) along N. George Street.

As previously stated, applicant proposes to maintain an outside storage yard in conjunction with the proposed business which requires Council approval.

The City's Unified Development Code requires the following:

- 1) Storage areas shall be screened from public view by an 8 ft. high solid fence. Fence may be reduced to 6 ft. if items for storage do not exceed 5 ft. in height.
- 2) No loading or unloading of materials shall occur outside of the fenced area.
- 3) Materials shall not be stacked so as to be visible from any public road right-of-way or adjoin property line.

The applicant proposes to use 5,985 sq. ft. of the vacant portion of the building for office and retail use and 35,986 sq. ft. for warehouse storage for a combined 41,971 sq. ft. of floor space within the GB (General Business) zoning district.

The applicant's floor plan indicates 7 offices, a conference room, a retail sales counter, a reception area and merchandise storage racks to be located on the first floor. Warehouse storage will be located directly behind the office and retail spaces. Four office spaces and a training room will occupy the second floor of the facility.

A total of 20 paved and striped parking spaces are required for the proposed use (including one handicapped space) as indicated on the site plan along N. George Street. In addition, one parking space is required for each vehicle stored on site. Applicant indicates that additional parking spaces have been provided for 4 company vehicles to include 2 vans, 1-16 ft. box truck and 1-24 ft. box truck to be located on the dock side of the facility facing W. Vine Street where loading and unloading deliveries will be made. A total of 25 parking spaces will be provided for the operation of the business.

Street trees are required along N. George Street, however NCDOT will not allow the installation of street trees since this is a State-maintained road. As a substitute, the installation of low growing shrubs is acceptable in the State right-of-way.

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

The Planning Commission, at their meeting on April 24, 2017, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit and submitted development plans.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopted an Order approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the outside storage of goods or materials in conjunction with a contractor's office and retail supply business; and
2. Approved the submitted development plans detailing the operation.

Mayor Allen returned to Council Chambers at 8:17 p.m.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Scott Stevens stated a copy of a magazine was placed in Council's box featuring WA Foster Center on the cover of a statewide recreation magazine and features a nice article on Parks and Rec; great recognition for the City of Goldsboro. I would also like to mention due to our recent downtown improvements Goldsboro was recognized by the National Main Street Center at their national conference in Pennsylvania as a runner up with The One to Watch Award for Great American Main Street. Again, great recognition for the City of Goldsboro.

City Attorney's Report. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations.

Councilmember Broadaway read the following Proclamation:

Coats and Ties Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed reason above custom and urged all Goldsboro citizens to doff their coats and ties for the duration of the summer effective May 1, 2017 until September 30, 2017.

Councilmember Ham read the following Proclamation:

Peace Officers' Memorial Day Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed the week of May 15-21, 2017 as Police Week and called upon all citizens to observe this time with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which everyone may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. I further call upon all citizens to observe May 15, 2017 as "PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY" in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Mayor Allen stated before I read this Proclamation I do want to tell you we have one of the best Clerks in the State of North Carolina, she does awesome work for us, that is Melissa and her back Laura. They do unbelievable, I see it every day and we certainly appreciate it. Mayor Allen read the following Proclamation:

Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed the week of May 7-13, 2017 as MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK and further extended appreciation to our City Clerk Melissa Corser, our Deputy Clerk Laura Getz and all municipal clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Mayor Allen thanked Melissa and Laura for all they do.

Councilmember Aycock stated I have heard a lot of things tonight, some I agree with and some not so much. You have given me a lot of food for thought and I appreciate your comments. Believe me I do take them seriously.

Councilmember Ham stated I say ditto to Councilmember Aycock's comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated the City Manager's decisions have nothing to do with the Council's decisions. Whatever decision he makes, that is on him. I do not agree with a lot of them, I've spoken out about them. I do not agree with the man not getting paid his \$187. Personally right now, I don't mind donating \$25 to it, because I just believe it was wrong. I think we have had a lot of sewer problems in Goldsboro, we have spoken about them, it is time to address them. It was not handled right. We also had another lady that I felt like wasn't handled right, that's my personal opinion. He chose not to pay them, so that was his choice. As far as employees and other things going on throughout the city, I don't agree with them as well. Like I said, that is my personal choice but at the same time the citizens need to know that is his opinion, his choice, not ours, some of us think differently. Thank you.

Councilmember Stevens stated I don't even know where to start. I think the biggest thing is to know when you are speaking about African Americans you are speaking to all African Americans no matter where they came from so to be included in that makes me feel pretty sad. Did I have a different life then some of you, yes, I did. Did I go through school and have a grandmother, mother and father that was a principal, Tech 5 in the Army, yes I did. Did they force me to go through school and not drop out, yes they did. Did I learn something from it, yes I did. Because I found out Goldsboro is just a small little speck in the world that is so much greater. There are so many great things that you can do if you choose to, you have to choose to do these things, not wait for someone to help you or give you a handout. Yes we want help and yes we need help. But it is also up to you to figure out what you want to do. You have to get up, if you want your education you have to get up 7:00 and go to school until 3:00 or 4:00 and if you need help ask for it. Those are the ways I was able to achieve the things I was able to achieve. I feel very saddened by some of the things that were said. We are going to keep moving and I pray the city will continue to grow and flourish and for jobs and education we are going to fight for those until we cannot fight anymore. Thank you.

Councilmember Broadway stated I would like to thank everyone for their comments and we did hear what your comments were and heard them from both sides of the bench or the isle. I spent a long time in a really good organization and I found out that organization works better when we all pull together as a team, not pulling apart from each other. The way to create team work is to talk to each other not scream at each other but talk to each other. Let's hope we can establish that dialogue, let's hope we can all talk together. Just like we said in the Marine Corps we are all little green monsters and we all bleed red. I think that's just what we have to start thinking about in Goldsboro at this point in time. Thank you for your comments, we heard them, might not agree with all of them, but we heard them.

Councilmember Williams stated actions speak louder than words. We know what our needs are here, we know our kids need to be working this year, we know we can

create plenty of jobs. Unfortunately, I do not think some of us understand the plight of our kids having the opportunity to work. It is so important just to keep them busy, so what I am asking, call of these gentlemen up here and tell them how important it is that we create more jobs. It is going to be knocking at someone's door like the gentleman said. We have already had one murder the other day, are we going to start our summer off with continued murders, how do we defeat that, we have to give them something to look forward to. We have to keep them busy. We have to give them something to put on their resume. I am tired of saying this, I want to see some action. So call all of these gentlemen and let them know how important it is, I am not saying they don't understand but you can make them understand a little bit better. Thank you.

Mayor Allen stated I just want to echo what others have said. We do appreciate your comments, we do listen to your comments. I think we do take your comments to heart and I know we are working to make this city better. Sometime when I come in here every other Monday I wonder if we are making in progress but I know in my heart we are making progress. I know things are getting better and we are making progress. I do want to say and I want to remind everybody that we are stronger together and we need to work and try to stay together. There were some positive comments made tonight that we can work off of, a lot of you and some have left that I have personally worked with on projects. We are building relationships and that is what we need to do. We need to keep moving this city forward, make it inclusive for everybody which is what are goal is. We want to make it better for everybody. So I think we get the picture but it is a matter of building and having better trust, better relationships and better communications. I am open to meet anyone, anytime, anywhere. I do not think there is anybody that can tell you I wouldn't meet with them or tell you that I would not go to their meeting. We are all here to make a difference. I am here for one reason and that is because I want to make this city better. This city has been good to me and I want to do what I can to try and make this city better. I think everyone here is here for that same reason and I do agree there is a population of the city that has been left behind. It did not happen overnight and we are not going to fix it overnight. But the biggest thing I can say and ask you is that we stay together, we work together and we communicate with each other.

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

Council came out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Chuck Allen
Mayor

Melissa Corser, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk