

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2023

**WORK SESSION**

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 5:30 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

**Call to Order.** Mayor Ham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

- Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding  
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones  
Councilwoman Brandi Matthews  
Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV  
Councilman Greg Batts
- Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack  
Councilman Bill Broadaway
- Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager  
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney  
Laura Getz, City Clerk  
Matt Livingston, Assistant City Manager

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Gaylor, and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

**Old Business.**

**United Way NPO Funding Process.** Sherry Archibald, United Way Executive Director, shared the requirements for NPOs to apply for funding for FY 23-24.

Councilman Gaylor asked if the 990 or 990EZ would be sufficient for those organizations with budgets under \$200,000. Sherry Archibald, United Way Executive Director, confirmed that is true.

Councilwoman Matthews asked if those organizations that had received money last year had been notified that the application was open for this year. Sherry Archibald, United Way Executive Director confirmed that they had been notified, and the application was opened to the public.

**NPO Funding Amount Discussion.** Mayor Ham stated that one factor that may impact the NPO funding is that the GWTA is requesting an additional \$50,000 above what is normally allocated.

Council discussed the NPO funding.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to allocate \$100,000 to the United Way for NPO funding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and unanimously carried.

**New Business.**

**Wayne County NC Proposal for Detoxification/Inpatient Center.** Dr. Corey Richardson, Dr. Ramesh Krishnaraj, and Jerry Hannah, ICGH Treatment Centers, presented the following:

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*Recovery ....*  
*Not Treatment*

ICGH

**Mission Statement & Goal**

To promote self-sufficiency and pro-social life choices through effective person-centered education, training, and treatment programs.

To empower persons suffering from behavioral health disorders to become as independent and self-reliant as possible by teaching them the skills they need to succeed in life.

STRUGGLING?

• It is our goal for persons struggling with behavioral health problems and their families to understand that substance use disorders, formerly known as addiction, as well as other behavioral health disorders, such as depression, anxiety, or PTSD, are **treatable medical conditions**, and that there is a path back to meaningful lives with the tools we provide in our prevention and treatment programs. This is most effective provided via evidence-based medical, pharmacy, toxicology, and behavioral health and social interventions, which we offer to both insured and uninsured individuals of the communities we serve.

Services Provided for Adolescents

- Comprehensive Clinical Assessment
- Prevention Screening
- Transportation
- In School and Community Prevention Services
- Individual and Family Counseling
- Substance Use Outpatient Therapy
- Mental Health Outpatient Therapy
- Gender Specific Groups
- ADHD and Behavioral Health Issues
- Underage Drinking Counseling
- Referrals to Inpatient Treatment Facilities

Recovery Oriented Model is used with a core focus on **modified 12-step** facilitation for all substance use disorders, and incorporates other evidence-based methods (TF-CBT, MET, etc.) and specific interventions to improve the delivery of care – including addressing Dual Diagnosed persons, who also suffer from trauma or other behavioral health problems, physical medicine, SDOH, etc.

Those who present mental health services only are given the most appropriate model of care for their needs from a wide array of certified providers: EMDR, TF-CBT, etc.

Services Provided for Adults

- Comprehensive Clinical Assessment
- Individual and Family Counseling
- Outpatient Therapy
- EMDR
- Dual Diagnosis Groups
- Gender Specific Groups
- Intensive Outpatient Therapy (SAIOP)
- Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Therapy (SACOT)/Partial Hospitalization
- Free ICGH Transportation for Services
- Day One Recovery Transitional Housing: Federal, State, and County Funding 44 beds
- Day One Recovery Permanent Housing: Hickory (HUD-funded) 12 beds
- “Suboxone” Clinic (Medication Assisted Treatment and Medication Management) Same Day Service
- Referrals to Inpatient Treatment Facilities
- Linking to Employment/Training & Educational Resources
- WRAP training
- Anxiety, Depression, Anger Management, Trauma Focused, and other MH Counseling
- DES Drug Education School 90-96
- Free Peer Support Services
- Physical Medicine

CHILD & ADOLESCENT TREATMENT

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Conduct Disorder (CD)
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD)
- Attention-deficit/Hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Social Anxiety
- Separation Anxiety
- Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



What sets Integrated Care apart?

- Limited group size for group counseling allows for a more meaningful experience for the patient/client. Individual counseling at all levels of care.
- Flexible counseling scheduling, including evening and weekend appointment options.
- Close interaction between counselors, medical staff, certified lab tech, toxicologist, pharmacist, and the mutual-help communities to ensure a holistic approach to the patient’s recovery.
- County, State, and Federal Funded transportation, housing, and medications available in certain programs for qualified applicants.

What sets Integrated Care apart?

- Our counselors have personal experience or close familial experience with the disease of addiction, and the 12-step process. Mandatory participation in the Community Recovery Communities.
- Acceptance of Medicare, Medicaid, private insurances, and availability of state/federal funding for those without coverage. IOP services available for those with private insurance.
- Care for all behavioral disorders with appropriate medication management, including MAT, as well as non-addictive treatment for depression, anxiety, PTSD, ADHD, etc. Not just treatment for addictive processes.

- LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS (MH/SA)
- LICENSED CLINICAL ADDICTION SPECIALISTS (SA/DUAL Dx)
- CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS (SA/DUAL Dx)
- LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS (MH/SA)
- PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS (MH/SA)

Clinicians

Medical

- Physicians
- Family Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Medical Assistants

Providing care *Every Day*

Medication-Assisted Treatments and Medical Supervision for all Behavioral Health Services

- Provided by NCMB licensed providers, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and PAs.
- Walk-in and scheduled Services Monday thru Friday
- On-Call Coverage 24 hours a day
- Addressing Substance Use Disorders as well as other behavioral health issues, including Anxiety and Depression
- Detecting medical disorders and referring as needed for treatment

Pharmacy Services

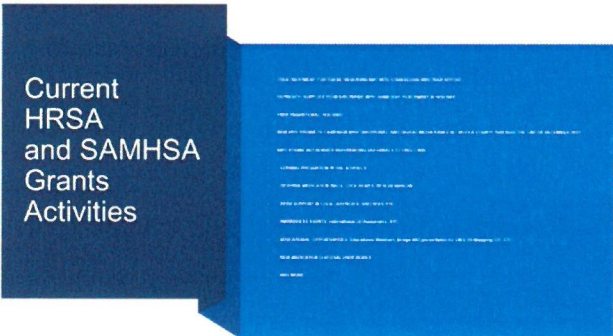
- Licensed Pharmacists
- Dispensing Medical Providers
- On-Site Low-Cost Pharmacy
- Federal Funded Generic Suboxone for qualified uninsured patients
- Easy, Confidential Pick-up of Medications at time of Office Visit
- Delivery of Medication to Partner Clinics

Grant-funded and State-funded programs\*

- Free Peer Support
- Free Provider Training
- Free care for Opioid Use Disorder, including Suboxone®
- Free Recovery Housing
- Free Transportation
- Free Referral Services
- Free Community Interventions
- Free OUD Addiction Treatment

\*program availability per county





What to Expect When Expecting

Integrated approach to recovery understands life and sobriety from upon becoming pregnant. Medication management is support abstinence and the health of your baby until day of birth beyond. Mental health therapy is also available to you throughout, even if this is not your first pregnancy. We will create a support network of non-using friends, family, members, NA/AA/MA friends, your sponsor, and your team as feelings of vulnerability, anger, frustration, and joy arise. Your network will help you through this process. We will schedule a tour of the Labor/Delivery and nursery in the hospital where you are planning to deliver your baby. We will become familiar with the layout and process of the birth. We will educate yourself on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT INFORMATION

HELP US TO HELP YOU

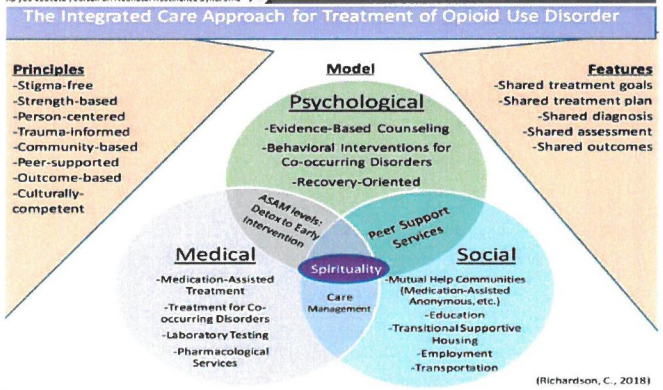
INTEGRATED & COLLABORATIVE CARE

SPECIALIZED SUBSTANCE MENTAL HEALTH

## Specialized Programs

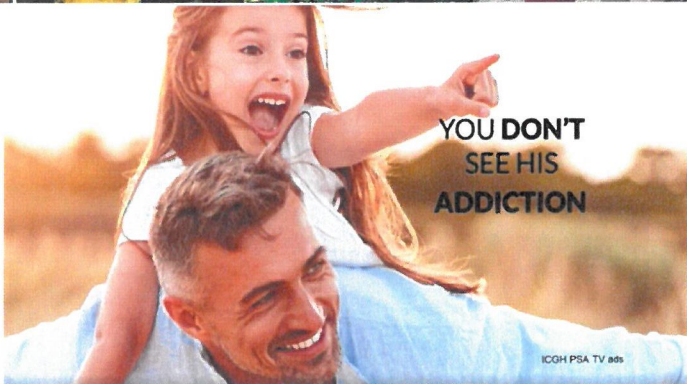
Pregnancy Support Services

- We expedite induction of pregnant patients when they seek care.
- Psycho-education is offered in a compassionate and supportive manner to prepare the mother for the process of giving birth, and the possible challenge of weaning in hospital due to medication-assisted-treatment during pregnancy.
- Due to the group-based nature of counseling at our clinic, pregnant women are able to easily forge healthy relationships with other women in the program.
- A nurse in recovery who delivered her child during the course of her care with ICGH helps other pregnant women in the program.



Community-Specific Harm Reduction opening the door to Long-term Recovery

Medication Lock Boxes, Pill Take Backs, Detera® Bags, Lock Up Your Meds, etc.





## Fighting the Opioid Crisis in Our Communities Together

CLEVELAND AND LINCOLN COUNTIES  
RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID  
RESPONSE

COREY RICHARDSON, DHSC, LCAS, CCS  
HRSA GRANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR



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Clinical  
Director/  
CEO

### Dr. Corey Richardson

- Doctor of Applied Health Science Research and Education
- Master Degrees from College of Medicine and Business Administration
- JAAPA Published Research
- Peer-Reviewer for the International Medical Journal, *MEDICINE*
- Faculty Lecturer for NW AHEC at Wake Forest School of Medicine
- Former NCAPA consultant
- NCSAPPB Licensed LCAS and CCS
- NCCAP MAC-certified
- Work includes US Congressman Patrick McHenry, Senator Thom Tillis, and Governor Roy Cooper on the Opioid Crisis
- First Primary Research Study ever of PAs with SUDS in association with NC Physician Health Program

### Dr. Ramesh Krishnaraj

Medical  
Director

- University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, M.D., May 1997
- University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, MPH Health Policy and Administration, May 1998
- Former Broughton State Hospital President Medical and Psychology Staff
- Precision Treatment Center, Mill Springs NC, February 2018 till present. Private non-profit residential addiction treatment center, assist in providing support for professionals and men's extended treatment groups, as well as alumni services, contributor to weekly Alumni support column
- Caldwell House, Lenoir NC, Board Member February 2019 till present. Private non-profit sober living house, helping individuals transition to productive sober living through the encouragement of 12-step recovery, safe living environment and employment services
- Extensive Research Experience
- American Board of Internal Medicine, Board Certified
- American Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine, Board Certified

### Wayne County Location

- Regional Detoxification Services
- Residential Services
- Outpatient ICGH Services
- Community Recovery HUB

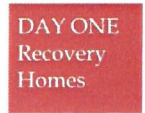
CAROLINA WELLNESS CENTERS

### In Conclusion

- ICGH focuses on the person-centered concepts related to RECOVERY instead of rigid, service-focused programs that neglect participation in recovery communities.
- Our counseling, medical, nursing, and administrative staff have personal experiences or close contact with the disease of addiction and long-term recovery. Applying this experiential knowledge ties to successful recovery-oriented treatment planning and delivery of services.
- We are equipped to serve uninsured, Medicare/Medicaid, and privately-insured individuals seeking treatment at several levels, including IOP and Partial Hospitalization.
- Our diversely-trained staff, on-site laboratory, and on-site pharmacy enable us to provide higher quality, lower cost care at all levels of treatment.



ICGH  
TREATMENT CENTERS



Hickory  
Medical Properties



### Contact Information

Main Facility  
and Corporate Offices  
741.5th St. SW  
Hickory, NC 28601-3237

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1228 North First Street  
Lincolnton, NC 28092-5239

Gastonia Site  
902 E. Garrison Blvd.  
Gastonia, NC 28054-4571

Shelby Site  
809 N. Lafayette St., A  
Shelby, NC 28150

Statesville Site  
523 Brookside Dr.  
Statesville, NC 28677-4107

Phone: 828-322-5915  
Fax: 828-345-0387  
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[www.integratedcarehickory.com](http://www.integratedcarehickory.com)

Council discussed the programs and services offered by the Treatment Centers, and their new location coming to Goldsboro. Mayor Ham invited the group to come back once they get started, to provide an update.

**City Manager's Recommended Budget.** City Manager Salmon stated that Councilmembers have been given the budget, and it will be online tonight. He asked when Council would like to have a meeting to be given the budget presentation. Mayor Ham stated that he had spoken to the absent Councilmembers and Friday, May 26th would be best for them. Council discussed the date. Councilwoman Matthews suggested 9:00 AM. Council concurred.

Mayor Ham stated that the Budget Presentation meeting would be held on Friday, May 26th at 9:00 AM in the Large Conference Room.

Councilman Gaylor asked about the Enterprise fund and asked that we look at the commercial and industrial rates, as well as the individual homeowner rates for water; he would prefer an increase that goes across the board. Councilwoman Jones agreed.

**Consent Agenda Review.** Items E - H on the consent agenda were reviewed. Further discussion included the following:

**Item G. Amending Chapter 117: Pushcart and Mobile Food Unit Vendors, of The City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances.** Councilwoman Matthews asked how this pertains to businesses with pushcarts that may wish to operate outside of their own business. Council discussed how such language should be added with the manager, assistant city manager and city clerk.

Councilman Gaylor made a motion to amend the agenda by striking Item G under the Consent Agenda items from the agenda of the day. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried. Staff will revise the ordinance and add it to an upcoming agenda.

Mayor Ham recessed the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

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

Councilwoman Jones provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Roll Call.**

- Present:

Mayor David Ham, Presiding  
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones  
Councilwoman Brandi Matthews  
Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV  
Councilman Greg Batts
- Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack  
Councilman Bill Broadway
- Also Present:

Tim Salmon, City Manager  
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney  
Laura Getz, City Clerk  
Matt Livingston, Assistant City Manager

**Approval of Minutes.** Councilwoman Jones requested a change to line 5 in her comments from pass cards to placard cards. Councilman Batts made a motion to approve the minutes of the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and unanimously carried.

**Presentations.**

**Employee Performance Awards.** City Manager Salmon presented the following awards:

**The Employee of the Quarter Award: Tara Johnson.** Tara is always available to help everyone; from City of Goldsboro employees, no matter their job title, to the residents she talks to on a daily basis. Tara is very well-versed in all divisions of Public Works, and answers all types of questions, on a variety of topics. She is consistent every day, no matter the stress we are all under, and is an absolute asset to the City.

Tara has been with Public Works for over 10 years. She has always been the front-line person to speak to all customers, in person or on the phone; she is the main contact for all Public Works phone calls. Tara is well known by most vendors for Public Works and is always available to answer their wide variety of questions. She handles everyone in a friendly and tactful manner.

Tara goes above and beyond her expected job duties. She is the coordinator for all Public Works activities, including retirement parties, our annual Christmas party, and other fundraiser events. Tara always coordinates with other City employees that need to use the break room for City events, such as blood drives or classes for staff. While completing her work duties, she also attends online school (ECU) to complete her degree in business management, and is a great mom and spouse too!

Tara is a great friend to all that know her and is a very sincere and caring person. Tara’s exceptional customer and employee service reflect well on herself and the City of Goldsboro.

**The Supervisor of the Quarter Award: Rick Davis.** Rick Davis responded to a cross contaminate issue with a caustic soda chemical delivery at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on Feb 6, 2023. Due to his quick thinking, he was able to save the City money, time, and frustration.

When the regular shipment of Sodium Hydroxide (caustic soda) was being pumped into the bulk tank, the hose became clogged. Rick inspected the problem and directed his staff to disassemble all the piping to the bulk tank and to flush out the system and bulk tank. Everything left in the chemical tank was sent to the WTP mud basins to isolate it from the rest of the plant, and avoid any contaminants from reaching the drinking water. The first flush produced evidence of tank contamination, so staff continued to flush the bulk tank until all contaminants had been removed.



Due to Rick's swift response and supervision, there was a limited estimated loss of \$200 of diluted caustic soda and approximately 5,000 gallons of water to flush the system. If this contaminated chemical would have been introduced into the distribution system a significant amount of damage to the system as well as a monetary loss could have occurred.

Rick's professionalism, integrity and customer focus helped stop a bad situation from becoming worse. Rick's outstanding efforts reflect well on himself and the City of Goldsboro.

**Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc Proclamation.** Read by Councilwoman Matthews: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed their support for the DILLARD/GOLDSBORO ALUMNI & FRIENDS, INC. and their efforts to preserve the history and legacy of Dillard High School and Goldsboro High School. Council commended their commitment to providing educational opportunities for students in the community and recognize their contributions to the betterment of our city and urged all citizens to join in celebrating the Memorial Day Weekend 2023 and to support the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. in their endeavors to empower the next generation of leaders through education. Mayor Ham and Councilwoman Matthews presented the proclamation to Gary Packer and other DGAF members.

**GWTA Appreciation Month Proclamation.** Read by Councilwoman Jones: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed May 2023 as GWTA APPRECIATION MONTH and further extends appreciation to the staff for providing safe, reliable, and affordable public transportation services to the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. Mayor Ham and Councilwoman Jones presented the proclamation to Don Willis, GWTA Director, and GWTA employees.

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

1. Phyllis Merritt James spoke about National Nurses Week, which was May 6-12, and asked Council to proclaim the 2nd week of May as National Nurses Week.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to proclaim the 2nd week of May as National Nurses Week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried.

2. Douglas Horne Jr. thanked the Council and city manager for assisting with a problem he had last year regarding DGAF during the Memorial Day Weekend.

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

**Consent Agenda – Approved as Recommended.** City Manager Salmon presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Item G. Amending Chapter 117: Pushcart and Mobile Food Unit Vendors, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances was removed from the Consent Agenda during the Consent Agenda Review. Councilman Gaylor moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items E, F and H be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

**FY2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and Recommended Budget. *Approved.*** City Council action is needed to accept FY23-24 allocation of funds by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. In addition, City Council must approve the FY23-24 Annual Action Plan and budget recommendations in preparation for HUD's submission deadline on May 15, 2023.

HUD has awarded \$361,561 in CDBG and \$293,636 in HOME funds to the City of Goldsboro for use to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, mainly for persons of low-to-moderate income. Additionally, the City will have available approximately \$949,357 in prior year CDBG funds, dating back to 2016, \$1,131,813 in prior year HOME funds, dating back to 2017 and \$294,923 in prior year CDBG-CV funds, dating back to 2020. The prior balances are as of May 4, 2023.

Community Relations Department staff have properly executed the City's Citizens Participation Plan by successfully noticing and facilitating one (1) public meeting, held on April 11, 2023 during the regular meeting of the Commission on Community Relations and Development, one (1) public hearing, held on May 1, 2023 during the regular meeting of the Goldsboro City Council, and provided a thirty-(30) day comment period of the draft plan from April 14, 2023 to May 13, 2023.

The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan is the fourth year of implementing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024. A summary of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan proposed activities and use of funds is included below. Accomplishments will be reported in the annual CAPER.

It was recommended that Council accept FY23-24 allocation of funds by HUD from the CDBG and HOME programs and;

1. Approve the FY23-24 Annual Action Plan and budget recommendations presented during City Council's Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023 in preparation for HUD's submission deadline on May 15, 2023; and

2. Authorize the Mayor and staff to execute and file the Annual Action Plan, along with the required Certifications, the SF-424, and Grant Agreements that are required to receive CDBG and HOME funding for and on behalf of the City of Goldsboro, and to make necessary changes to those documents where required by HUD. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Batts (5 Ayes)

**Amending Chapter 98: Streets and Sidewalks, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances. *Ordinance Adopted.*** The City of Goldsboro recognizes the need to maintain correct descriptions of City policies. The section of the City Code of Ordinances related to Parades was last updated in November 2017.

After a review of Chapter 98, section 98.80 needs to be revised to reflect the updated parade and special event policy which was approved by City Council at their meeting on May 1, 2023.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending Chapter 98: Streets and Sidewalks, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Batts (5 Ayes)

*ORDINANCE NO. 2023-26 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO'S CODE OF ORDINANCES"*

**Departmental Monthly Reports. *Accepted as Information.*** The various departmental reports for April 2023 were submitted for Council approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Batts (5 Ayes)

**City Manager's Report.**

City Manager Salmon reminded everyone that the System Development Fee Study 45-day public comment period ends May 27th. He shared that the Air Show at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is this weekend, that the Dillard Goldsboro Alumni and Friends parade and events are on Memorial Day Weekend, and that City offices will be closed that Monday.

**Ceremonial Documents.**

**Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month Proclamation.** Read by Councilwoman Jones: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed May 15 - June 15, 2023 as TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH and June 4, 2023 as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day" in the City of Goldsboro, as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome.

**Peace Officers Memorial Day (Police Officers Week) Proclamation.** Read by Councilman Batts: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023 as Police Week, and May 15, 2023 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 recognized and paid respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes. They further called upon all citizens of the City of Goldsboro, and all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations, to observe this time with appropriate ceremonies 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.

**Armed Forces Day Proclamation.** Read by Mayor Ham: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed their support on May 20, 2023 for ARMED FORCES DAY and officially recognized the brave service and many sacrifices made by our active-duty service members, those who served before them, and their family members. Furthermore, they recognized the volunteers and non-profit organizations and businesses who band together to demonstrate their appreciation.

**Building Safety Month Proclamation.** Read by Councilman Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed the month of May 2023 as BUILDING SAFETY MONTH and further extended appreciation to all safety and code officials and all those in the construction industry and encouraged all citizens to join as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

**Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.**

Councilman Batts had no comment.

Councilman Gaylor shared the following comments: It's a day late, but I don't think it is too late. A Happy Mother's Day to all those who are, were, wish they were, and hope to be one day, those mothers that are the cornerstone of our homes, our communities, and our families. Happy Mother's Day even a day late.

Councilwoman Matthews had no comment.

Councilwoman Jones shared the following comments: Congratulations to our young citizens that will be graduating from kindergarten, and middle school. Congratulations, it's been a hard year. I know the high school hasn't graduated yet, but congratulations to you too. I am looking forward to what you are going to become in this community. As we approach

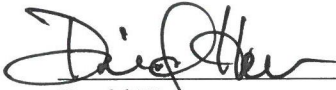
the holiday and there are going to be several activities and events, I ask that you be careful, be safe, be watchful and if you see something, say something.


Mayor Ham shared the following comments: Our manager mentioned the air show coming up this weekend and I wanted to add a couple of comments. This is a big event for Goldsboro and there are thousands of people that come here Saturday and Sunday and we put on our best face for those individuals. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base means so much to this city and to the people that live here. The families that come here with the airmen, and those that don't have families, who have family members visit them, come to Goldsboro and I hear so many good comments about Goldsboro. I was walking down the street the other day and there was this lady that had the trunk of her car raised and it looked like there was a lot of personal things in there. I said excuse me are you new to the city? She said, yeah, I'm moving here. I said good, let me welcome you to the city. We got into a conversation and her husband was sitting in the driver seat and she was looking for something. I said, can I help you and she said, well I'm looking for the water department, I want to turn my water on. I said well, it is just a half block down the street. She said, really, they told me it was out near LaGrange. I said where are you moving to and she said, LaGrange. I was trying to be helpful. I gave her the official welcome to the city and asked her to come back and do some shopping. I asked her where are you coming from, and she said, Iowa. I said why did you want to come here? She said she just wanted to get out of the snow and come down to a warmer climate. I gave her my card and told her if I could do anything for her to call me. This is a friendly town and we always try to work to make it more friendly.

From time to time, especially like tonight, you see us up here, we acknowledge appreciation to individuals and groups and professions and so forth. We do that on purpose, we do it to show our appreciation for the service that they rendered to individuals, to groups and to our city. We cannot overlook what these individuals and groups do to make Goldsboro a better place and I think I speak for all the members of this Council that when we have an opportunity to show our appreciation, we want to do it and we feel good about it. It's always appreciated. We also acknowledge a lot of special events like the Airshow, Armed Forces Day and Teachers Day. We do that because if we don't, the public has a tendency to forget about it. If you're not directly involved in one of those professions or of that event, you probably don't know about it or you don't take time to think about it, so it's our responsibility to not let that go unnoticed. It may sound a little repetitious and boring to some people, but I think it's incumbent upon us to keep ourselves apprised of what's going on and the public, so bear with us.

There being no further business, Mayor Ham adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



  
David Ham  
Mayor

  
Laura Getz  
City Clerk