

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 5, 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 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2023.

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

Roll Call.

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

Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Adoption of the Agenda.

Mayor Ham requested the removal of work session Item c. AFFF (firefighter foam) litigation from the agenda and to add a closed session discussion on economic development to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts. Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Mayor Pro Tem Polack, Councilmembers Jones, Matthews, Gaylor and Batts voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Broadway did not vote, however, pursuant to G.S. 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. Council adopted the agenda.

New Business.

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Community Engagement Event. Felecia Williams, Community Relations Director presented the item.

The City of Goldsboro recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to serve as Co-applicant for the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application, with the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro (HACG) serving as Lead Applicant.

HUD strongly recommends that applicants carry out robust resident and community engagement to build trust throughout the planning process.

The Choice Neighborhood Planning Team has tentatively scheduled a Community Engagement Event for July 8, 2023 from 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm, and is seeking City (Co-applicant) support of the event by way of the following:

- Use of the HUB
- Human Resources Recruitment Table
- Goldsboro Police Department Support
- Goldsboro Fire Department Engagement

It is recommended that Council approve the requested City support for the Choice Neighborhoods Community Engagement Event.

City Manager Salmon shared the use of the HUB would be free of charge.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to approve as stated (approve the requested City support for the Choice Neighborhoods Community Engagement Event on July 8). The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadway and unanimously carried.

FY2023-24 Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing Project. Bobby Croom, Engineering Director presented the item.

The following streets are recommended for bituminous concrete resurfacing during FY23-24:

- Carolina Street from Ash Street to the railroad tracks approximately 200 ft. north of Vine Street
- Vine Street from George Street to Carolina Street

Proposed funding for this project:

- \$100,000 will come from the NCGA monies originally provided for the Ash Street sidewalk
- Approximately \$66,000 will come from the leftover monies from Street Bonds
- Remainder of the resurfacing project budget will come from Fund Balance

Staff requested general consent from City Council for the proposed resurfacing project for FY2023-24.

Mr. Croom explained that they would have to go out for bids. Councilwoman Jones shared she was an advocate for the \$100,000 for sidewalks but wants to put the funds back into her district.

Mayor Ham thanked Councilwoman Jones for lobbying for the \$100,000 for sidewalks. Mayor Pro Tem Polack discussed the need to increase rates to be able to resurface/repair streets. Mr. Croom discussed repaving vs repairing.

Councilman Gaylor asked what happened with the sidewalks. City Manager Salmon shared that Choice Neighborhoods happened and if we get the 50-million-dollar grant, we don't know what the area will look like. He stated, why put \$100,000 now in the sidewalks that might lead to nowhere. The Choice Neighborhoods grant could be used for sidewalks.

Council discussed the roads and sidewalks. Council gave consensus to proceed.

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

Item H. Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for 901 N. John to James A. Williams. Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director presented the item. Ms. Gwynn stated there is an error on the agenda memo, the correct address is 901 N. John.

Councilman Broadway made a motion to accept the offer. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.

Item L. Repairing Goldsboro Event Center. Felicia Brown presented the item and shared the funds to repair the Event Center plumbing was budgeted for pool replastering at Mina Weil Pool. The Parks and Recreation department has put bids out to repair the pool but has received no bids. She will come back to a meeting in the upcoming budget to request funds to replaster the pool. Mayor Ham asked about the potential for hazards with the pool plaster coming off.

Closed Session.
Upon motion of Councilwoman Matthews, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried, Council went into Closed Session for the purpose of Economic Development.

After the Closed Session was held, Council came out of Closed Session and back into Open Session.

Mayor Ham recessed the meeting at 6:15 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 June 5, 2023.

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

Rev. David Elliott with St. James AME Zion Church provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call.
Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Bill Broadway
Councilwoman Brandi Matthews
Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV
Councilman Greg Batts

Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Approval of Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 26, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadway and unanimously carried.

Presentations.

Goldsboro Youth Council Senior Recognition. Felecia Williams, Community Relations and Development Director and Mayor Ham presented certificates to the following Youth Council members that have graduated from high school this year.

- Ean Wade - Wayne Preparatory School
- Jonah Williams - Eastern Wayne High School
- Andrew Reynolds - Wayne Christian School
- Lillian Britt - Wayne Christian School

- Brendon Zheng- Attended Wayne School of Engineering and will be leaving to attend the NC School of Science and Math.

Ms. Williams also recognized the Youth Council members below that graduated from high school this year but were not able to attend the meeting.

- Thomas Gurley - Wayne Country Day
- Sriya Patel - Wayne School of Engineering
- Braxton Morton - Wayne School of Engineering
- Natalie Moore - Goldsboro High School

Public Hearings.

Z-6-23 Goldsboro Masonic Lodge (Residential 16 to General Business) – East side of N William St. off of W Tommy's Rd. *Public Hearing opened, continued until June 20, 2023 and closed.* The item was presented by Austin Brinkley, Assistant Planning Director. He shared the items have not been heard by the Planning Commission due to the fact they did not meet for their regular scheduled meeting on May 25. The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023 and the public is welcome to attend the meeting.

ADDRESS: 1002 N Berkeley Blvd

PARCEL #: 3519745404

PROPERTY OWNER: Harmony Masonic Lodge #340

APPLICANT: Cliff Grant (Harmony Masonic Lodge)

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from a split Residential 12 Zoning District (R-12)/General Business (GB) Zoning District to the General Business (GB) Zoning District. The purpose of the General Business (GB) Zoning District is to accommodate the widest range of uses, providing general goods and services to the community. The district is intended to promote high quality, accessible developments serving the needs of the community and surrounding area.

Access: N Berkeley Blvd

Area: 1.10 acres

SURROUNDING ZONING:

North: General Business

South: Office & Institutional I & Residential 12

East: General Business

West: General Business

Existing Use: The property currently is the site of the former Goldsboro Masonic Lodge #634.

The City's Land Use Plan locates this parcel within the Commercial land use designation. This designation was given based off of proximity to existing major transportation corridors and commercial development. The designation encourages in-fill development at existing commercial sites.

The General Business (GB) Zoning District is identified as a corresponding district for the Commercial land use designation.

This is a rezoning proposal for a 1.10-acre parcel to be rezoned from a split Residential 12 (R-12)/General Business (GB) Zoning District to the General Business (GB) Zoning District. The subject property is situated adjacent to N Berkeley Blvd. The adjacent uses are commercial businesses and a church adjacent to the rear property line. This is a general rezoning, and the future use is not yet known.

TRC REVIEW: Staff has distributed this proposed rezoning to several different departments as well as Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and NCDOT. There were no comments or recommendations due to this being a straight rezoning request.

Staff is recommending approval of the rezoning request based on the fact that this parcel is adjacent to multiple General Business Zoning Districts and its consistency with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission has not yet met to review the rezoning request. The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission will review this item on June 12, 2023.

Council shall continue this hearing to June 20, 2023, so that the Planning Commission’s recommendation may be provided to City Council.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and announced that the public hearing would be continued until the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to continue the public hearing until June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and unanimously carried. Mayor Ham closed the Public Hearing.

Z-7-23 Ground Zero (General Industry (I-2) to General Business) – Intersection of N William St. and W Patetown Rd. *Public Hearing opened, continued until June 20, 2023 and closed.* The item was presented by Austin Brinkley, Assistant Planning Director.

ADDRESS: 103 W Patetown Rd.
PARCEL #: 3600258551
PROPERTY OWNER: Lillie W Taylor
APPLICANT: Jeffrey Rudolph

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from the General Industry (I-2) Zoning District to the General Business (GB) Zoning District. The purpose of the General Business (GB) Zoning District is to accommodate the widest range of uses, providing general goods and services to the community. The district is intended to promote high quality, accessible developments serving the needs of the community and surrounding area.

Access: W Patetown Rd.
Area: 0.73 acres

SURROUNDING ZONING:
North: General Industry (I-2)
South: General Business
East: General Business/O&I 1
West: General Industry (I-2)

Existing Use: The property currently consists of a commercial structure with individual units upfit and occupied for business.

The City’s Land Use Plan locates this parcel within the Industrial land use designation.

This designation’s purpose is to establish and protect industrial areas for the use of prim industrial operations and for the distribution of products wholesale.

The General Business (GB) Zoning District is not identified as a corresponding district for the Industrial land use designation.

This is a rezoning proposal for a 0.73-acre parcel to be rezoned from the General Industry (I-2) Zoning District to the General Business (GB) Zoning District. The subject property currently contains a commercial structure with induvial units that are upfit and rented out for business purposes. The adjacent uses are Wanda’s, Pennington Automotive, Greenleaf Christian Church, Kids-R-Us, and Tillman’s Restaurant Supply. This parcel has direct frontage on N William St.as well as frontage on W Patetown Rd.

TRC REVIEW: Staff has distributed this proposed rezoning to several different departments as well as Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and NCDOT. There were no comments or recommendations due to this being a straight rezoning request.

Staff is recommending approval of the rezoning request based on the fact that this parcel has a history of being utilized for commercial purposes. There is also a heavy concentration of General Business zoning within the general vicinity of the subject property.

The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission has not yet met to review the rezoning request. The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission will review this item on June 12, 2023.

Council shall continue this hearing to June 20, 2023, so that the Planning Commission’s recommendation may be provided to City Council.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and announced that the public hearing would be continued until the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to continue the public hearing until June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried. Mayor Ham closed the Public Hearing.

Z-8-23 Performance East (Residential 16&20 A to Highway Business CZ) – East of the Tommy’s Rd./E Patetown Rd. Intersection off US Hwy 70. *Public Hearing opened, continued until June 20, 2023 and closed.* The item was presented by Austin Brinkley, Assistant Planning Director.

ADDRESS: Tommy’s Rd.
PARCEL #: 3611016091, 3601819447, 3601818362, 3611002767
PROPERTY OWNER: JD Gupta
APPLICANT: N&M Rental Properties, LLC / Performance East Inc.

The applicant is requesting a conditional rezoning from the Residential 16 & 20 A (R-16) (R-20A) Zoning District to the Highway Business (HB) Conditional Zoning District. The purpose of the Highway Business (HB) Conditional Zoning District is to accommodate highway-oriented retail and commercial uses which generally serve the entire City and nonresident traffic. The district encourages high-quality design, ample parking, controlled traffic movements and suitable landscaping.

Access: Tommy’s Rd.
Area: 36 acres (approximately, not surveyed)

SURROUNDING ZONING:
North: Residential 20 Agriculture
South: Office & Institutional I (CZ) Residential 16
East: Office & Institutional I
West: Residential 16 & 20 Agriculture

Existing Use: The properties are currently vacant.

The City’s Land Use Plan locates these parcels within the Medium-Density Residential land use designation.

Medium-Density Residential: This designation was given to areas based off existing residential development patterns and consideration of water & sewer availability or where plans exist to extend service.

The Highway Business (HB) Conditional Zoning District is not identified as a corresponding district for the Medium-Density Residential land use designation.

This is a conditional rezoning proposal for four parcels that are approximately 36 acres total to be rezoned from the Residential 16 & 20 A (R-16) (R-20A) Zoning District to the Highway Business (HB) Conditional Zoning District. Tax Parcel 3611016091 is a parcel split between the R-16 district and the O&I 1 district, only the portion zoned R-16 is proposed to be conditionally rezoned. The subject properties are currently vacant. The adjacent uses are Wayne Preparatory Academy and residential uses. This parcel has direct frontage on Tommy’s Rd and is adjacent to US Hwy 70.

This is a conditional rezoning request for the purpose of establishing Performance East, a retail business that deals in power sports and marine products. These parcels are located within the ETJ and would need to be annexed into the City in order to receive City services.

TRC REVIEW: Staff has distributed this proposed conditional rezoning to several different departments as well as Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and NCDOT. There are no comments at this time, based off the concept design. If approved, this will require Site Plan submittal and will undergo TRC Review.

Staff is recommending approval of the conditional rezoning request based on the location of the property and its high visibility from US Hwy 70. The properties proximity to US Hwy 70 aligns closely with the purpose of the Highway Business (HB) Conditional Zoning District. Furthermore, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan encourages an environment which is friendly to business as well as the location of commercial uses along major thoroughfares, or in proximity to.

Staff is recommending the following conditions be placed upon this conditional rezoning request:

- A modified Type C1 Buffer yard be required along all property lines that are adjacent to an identified Residential Zoning District. (Type C1 required by UDO, Type C1 is 20’ width, TypeC1 modified would increase the width to 35’) complete visual separation is required using densely, planted, evergreen landscaping that will provide complete visual separation within three years of planting, or a six-foot fence (constructed of masonry or pre-treated lumber). Recommending a condition be that the fence is eight-foot if the developer chooses that route.
- The developer shall install a driveway at a width of 50’ to accommodate the types of vehicles associated with the use.
- Deliveries to business to not occur between the hours of 2:00 – 3:30 PM, and other hours scheduled for school day release to prevent any potential congestion with school traffic.

The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission has not yet met to review the conditional rezoning request. The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission will review this item on June 12, 2023.

Council shall continue this hearing to June 20, 2023, so that the Planning Commission’s recommendation may be provided to City Council.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and announced that the public hearing would be continued until the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. Councilman Batts made a motion to continue the public hearing until June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried. Mayor Ham closed the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing & Final Action - Z-9-23 Hawthorne Trail (O&I-1 & Shopping Center to Residential 6 CZ) – Intersection of Cuyler Best Rd. and W New Hope Rd. *Public Hearing opened, continued until June 20, 2023 and closed.* The item was presented by Austin Brinkley, Assistant Planning Director.

ADDRESS: Cuyler Best Rd.
PARCEL #: 3610616566, 3610723076, 3610713058
PROPERTY OWNER: Best-Allen Associates, LLC
APPLICANT: BRD Land & Investment, LP

The applicant is requesting a conditional rezoning from the Office & Institutional I (O&I 1) & Shopping Center (SC) Zoning District to the Residential 6 (R-6) Conditional Zoning District. The purpose of the Residential 6 (R-6) Conditional Zoning District is to accommodate both single and multi-family residential uses and to prohibit all activities of a commercial nature.

Access: Cuyler Best Rd.
Area: 27.54 acres
Single-Family lots: 119
Townhomes: 193

SURROUNDING ZONING:
North: Residential 16, Office & Institutional I
South: Office & Institutional I, R-12, Neighborhood Business
East: Office & Institutional I, General Business, Residential (multiple)
West: Residential 9

Existing Use: The properties are currently vacant.

The City’s Land Use Plan locates these parcels within the three separate designations. These designations are Mixed-Use I, Office & Institutional and Conservation. The parcels fall predominantly within the Mixed-Use I and Office & Institutional designation.

Mixed-Use I: This designation is intended to allow for a mixture of uses and have a minimum impact on the adjacent areas. This land use designation is intended to serve a localized area with a preferred land use of 40% or greater non-commercial. Office & Institutional: This designation has been given to areas that have already developed as such or require buffering to prevent potential conflicting land uses. This designation is given to areas that have the potential to serve as a buffer between residential uses and commercial uses.

The Residential 6 (R-6) Conditional Zoning District is not identified as a corresponding district for the Mixed-Use I or Office & Institutional land use designation. Despite this not being a corresponding zoning district, much of the surrounding area falls within the Medium-Density Residential land use designation. The availability of water and sewer also supports high-density development to occur on this parcel.

This is a conditional rezoning proposal to establish a residential planned unit development to allow for 64 lots with 50’ width, 55 lots with 40’ width and 193 townhomes for a total of 312 lots. The adjacent uses are Glenda’s Pointe Subdivision, Cuyler Best Apartments, Pentecostal Christian Assembly, Brighton Academy, Mimosa Park and undeveloped land. This parcel has direct frontage on Cuyler Best Rd. and W New Hope Rd. The proposed access for the development is off Cuyler Best Rd.

TRC REVIEW: Staff has distributed this proposed conditional rezoning to several different departments as well as Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and NCDOT. There are no comments at this time, based off the concept design. If approved, this will require Site Plan submittal and will undergo TRC Review.

Staff is recommending approval of the conditional rezoning request based on the fact that this development would not be out of character with the overall residential use of the surrounding area. While staff does believe that a mixed -use development incorporating both residential and commercial elements would be an ideal use for the property, staff cannot recommend denial for this conditional rezoning request. This development would also aid in satisfying the growing demand for housing in the City of Goldsboro. The availability of water and sewer does support a higher density development which is allowed in the Residential 6 district.

Staff is recommending the following conditions be placed upon this conditional rezoning request:

- The existing multi-use walking trail currently fronting W New Hope Rd. be extended along the full extent of the property line along Cuyler Best Rd.
- The wooded areas around the stormwater ponds include a network of walking/biking trails for the residents of the development.
- TIA conducted in coordination with NCDOT.

The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission has not yet met to review the conditional rezoning request. The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission will review this item on June 12, 2023.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and announced that the public hearing would be continued until the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to continue the public hearing until June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and unanimously carried. Mayor Ham closed the Public Hearing.

**FY2023 -24 Annual Operating Budget
Public Hearing**

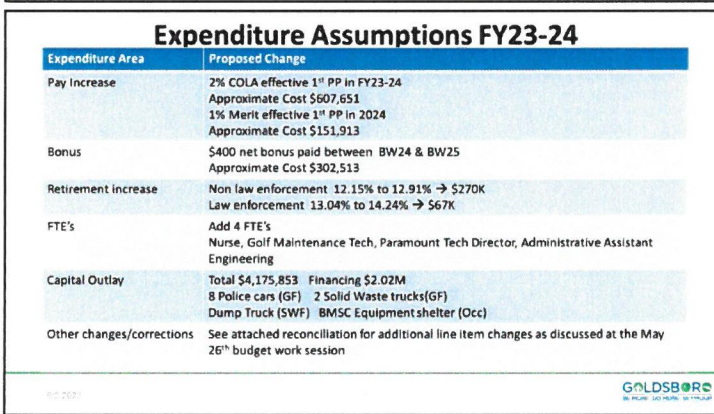
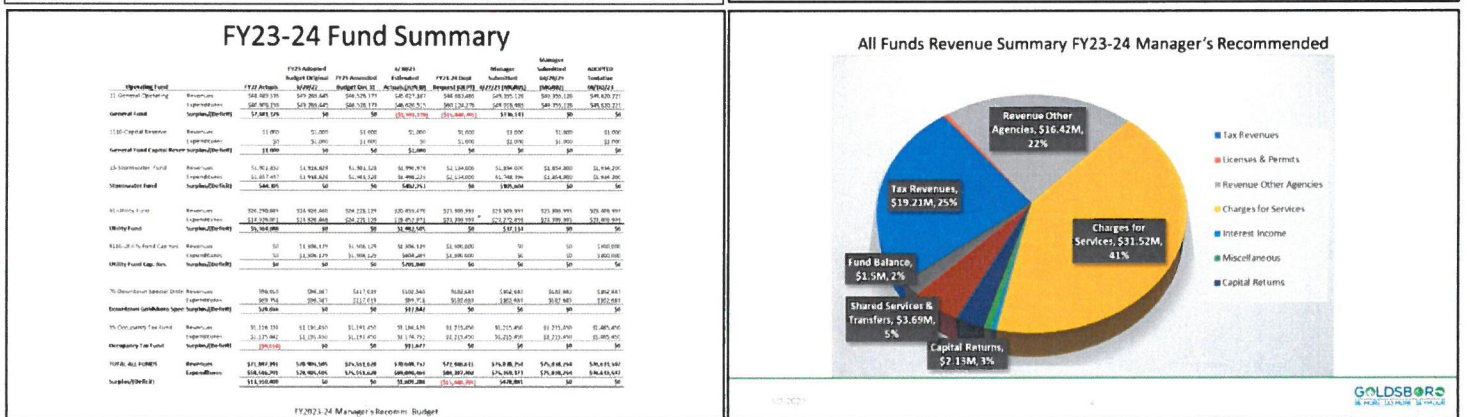
| Category | Amount | Percentage |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| General Fund | \$75.22M | 64.18% |
| Utility | \$22.14M | 22.14% |
| Occupancy Tax | \$1.22M | 1.00% |
| Short-Term Fund | \$1.22M | 1.44% |

**FY23-24 Manager's Recommended
Budget \$75.8M**

| Category | Amount | Percentage |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| General Fund | \$75.22M | 64.18% |
| Utility | \$22.14M | 22.14% |
| Occupancy Tax | \$1.22M | 1.00% |
| Short-Term Fund | \$1.22M | 1.44% |

FY22-23 Adopted Budget \$78.9M

| Category | Amount | Percentage |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| General Fund | \$78.9M | 64.18% |
| Utility | \$22.14M | 22.14% |
| Occupancy Tax | \$1.22M | 1.00% |
| Short-Term Fund | \$1.22M | 1.44% |



| Revenues | General Fund | Stormwater Fund | Utility Fund | Utility Capital Reserve | Downtown MSD Fund | Occupancy Tax | General Fund Capital Reserve | Total All Funds |
|--|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tax Revenues | \$ 19,109,729 | | | | | | | |
| Increase \$/0.1 tax rate to Fund net \$400/Storm | \$ 239,963 | | | | | | | |
| Revised - Tax Revenues | \$ 19,339,689 | | | | | | | |
| Charges for Services | | \$ 1,604,000 | | | | | | |
| Appropriation 5% increase (Stormwater Fees) | \$ 16,700 | \$ 16,700 | | | | | | |
| Revised - Charges for Services | | \$ 1,604,200 | | | | | | |
| Capital Returns | \$ 2,097,500 | | | | | | | |
| Increase investment income to fund temp labor Planning | \$ 9,700 | | | | | | | |
| Increase investment income to fund bonus | \$ 2,380 | | | | | | | |
| Revised - Capital Returns | \$ 2,099,630 | | | | | | | |
| Shared Services & Transfers | | | \$ | | | | | |
| Transfer in From Utility Capital Reserve | | | \$ 100,000 | | | | | |
| Revised - Shared Services & Transfers | | | \$ 100,000 | | | | | |
| Fund Balance | | | \$ | | | \$ | | |
| Fund Balance Appropriation | | | \$ 100,000 | | | \$ 250,000 | | |
| Revised - Fund Balance Appropriation | | | \$ 100,000 | | | \$ 250,000 | | |
| All other revenues | \$ 28,199,993 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 23,309,999 | \$ - | \$ 102,643 | \$ 1,715,450 | \$ 1,000 | |
| Revised Total Revenues | \$ 49,639,221 | \$ 1,934,200 | \$ 23,409,999 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 102,643 | \$ 1,465,450 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 76,633,547 |

- Any questions?
- Manager Comments
- Next Steps
 - Conduct Public Hearing
 - Recommend any additional changes to staff to be incorporated into the proposed Adopted budget to be presented on June 20th

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- 1. Phyliss Merritt-James expressed her appreciation to city staff and council for getting the budget ready and shared items that need to be addressed in the budget.
- 2. Dr. David L. Craig shared concerns regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant, basins and the Water Treatment Plant. He also shared concerns regarding the funds from the American Rescue Plan.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Ham opened the public comment period.

- 1. Don Halliday shared concerns about parking on his street and suggested that streets that cross Elm, Ash and Royall Avenue, that parking only be allowed on one side of the street. He also shared concerns about public housing.
- 2. Bill Pratt thanked council for their support, time and effort for Hawthorne Trail.
- 3. Rodney Robinson shared he was here in honor of Gun Violence Awareness Month and read the names of Goldsboro citizens that we have lost.
- 4. Karl Landgren shared information regarding Wayne County Liberty First and Preserve America Now.
- 5. Tasha Adams shared she was here to speak on behalf of the residents on Leslie Street. She asked for a solution to keep our community safe. She asked that we retain and recruit those that protect and serve our community.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Polack moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items H - R be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for 901 N. John to James A. Williams. Resolution Adopted. Staff has received an offer to purchase city owned property. Council must either accept or reject the offer, and if accepted authorize advertisement for upset bids (G.S. 160A-266 and 160A-269).

The following offer has been received for the sale of surplus real property under Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid process (G.S. §160A-266(a) (3)).

901 N. John Street
Offeror: James A. Williams

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Offer: \$415.00 | |
| Bid Deposit: \$20.75 | |
| Parcel #: 55705 | Pin #: 3600007290 |
| Tax Value: \$827.00 | Zoning: R-6 |

The offer is at least 50% of the tax value of the property. The bid deposit of 5% has been received in the form of a personal check.

It was recommended that Council accept or reject the offer on 901 N. John Street and if accepted adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing Finance to advertise for upset bids.

Council voted to accept the offer during the consent agenda review. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-37 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS”

Sprinkler Fun Days – Temporary Street Closure. Approved. The item was presented by Mike West, Police Chief.

The City of Goldsboro’s Downtown Development Dept., in partnership with the Goldsboro Fire Department will host their 13th annual Sprinkler Fun Days event series, providing supervised summer splash fun for all ages. As always, Sprinkler Fun Days are free, family-friendly and open to the public.

The events will be hosted every Thursday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm on South Center Street from June 8th – August 17th. GFD will set up and staff the event in the northbound lane of South Center Street, between Spruce and Chestnut. The Downtown Development Department is requesting the closure of the northbound lane of South Center Street from Spruce to Chestnut Street from 2:30pm – 4:00pm.

As with all downtown events, affected city departments will be contacted and the following concerns are to be addressed:

1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
2. A 14-foot fire lane is to be maintained to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
3. All activities, change in plans, etc., will be coordinated with the Police Department.
4. The Police and Fire Departments are to be involved in the logistical aspects of the Event.

It was recommended that Council grant the requested temporary closing of the northbound lane of South Center Street from Spruce to Chestnut Street as stated above. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

Community Day – Temporary Street Closure. *Approved.* The item was presented by Mike West, Police Chief.

The Have Faith Ministries is hosting a “Community Day”. This will include Free food, prayer, worship, live band, and community resources.

The event will be hosted at 910 N. John Street from 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Have Faith Ministries is requesting the street closures of Basil Street (between Greenleaf Street and N. John Street) and N. John Street (between Swan Street and Basil Street). The Police, Downtown Goldsboro, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation have been notified of this request.

As with all downtown events, affected city departments will be contacted and the following concerns are to be addressed:

1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
2. A 14-foot fire lane is to be maintained to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
3. All activities, changes in plans, etc., will be coordinated with the Police Department.
4. The Police and Fire Departments are to be involved in the logistical aspects of the Event.
5. Certificate of Insurance meeting city requirements will be provided in advance of the event to the city finance director and city manager.

It was recommended that Council approve the requested temporary street closure of the sections of Basil and N. John Streets as stated above for the Community Day Event on Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 10:00am – 7:00pm. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant. *Resolution Adopted.* The item was presented by Tim Salmon, City Manager.

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) is designed to address deficiencies in the community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience and military quality of life. DCIP is a competitive grant program administered by the Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC).

Congress appropriated \$60 million in FY21, which supported 13 projects and \$90 million in FY22 which supported 19 projects. Congress has provided the FY23 DCIP program with \$100 million, the highest funding yet for the program.

The city has worked with SJAFB to submit a grant application for the Water Reclamation Facility Ultraviolet Light Disinfection System in the amount of \$1.9 million dollars.

There is no city matching funds requirement.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant application. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEFENSE COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (DCIP) GRANT”

Repairing Goldsboro Event Center. *Resolution Adopted.* The item was presented by Felicia Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The former Goldsboro Country Club located on Slocumb Street was renovated and renamed, via Council’s approval, the Goldsboro Event Center (GEC).

Even with the renovations, plumbing repairs in the amount of approximately \$47,000 are needed at the GEC. These costs were not budgeted in the FY23 Budget.

Parks and Recreation was budgeted \$70,000 for FY23 to replaster Mina Weil Pool. These funds have not been used at this point. Staff recommend completing a funds transfer and using \$47,000 of the \$70,000 to complete plumbing repairs at the Goldsboro Event Center.

Money is not budgeted in the proposed FY24 Budget to replaster Mina Weil Pool. For this reason, staff plan to come back before Council in approximately five (5) months to request funding from the General Fund to move forward with Mina Weil Pool repairs.

It was recommended that Council approve the following entitled resolution authorizing staff to complete the repairs at the Goldsboro Event Center. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO TO REPAIR THE PLUMBING AT THE GOLDSBORO EVENT CENTER”

Contract Extension for Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority (GWTA) Marketing and Public Relations Services with Quest Corporation of America, Inc. *Resolution Adopted.* The item was presented by Austin Brinkley, Assistant Planning Director.

Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority, known locally as GWTA, requested qualifications from qualified marketing/public relations firms to manage and expand the public outreach and marketing strategy for the GWTA public transportation system in 2019 and contracted those services with Quest Corporation of America (QCA), Inc.

The scope of services included development, maintenance and/or creation of the following items:

1. Public outreach materials and promotional items, media kits, corporate information packets, advertising media and other associated items;
2. Customer satisfaction surveys;
3. Ridership counts;
4. GWTA website;
5. All signage and graphics for bus shelters, transit equipment, bus stop signs, etc.;
6. Attendance at GWTA Board of Directors and staff meetings;
7. Advertising/marketing strategies for ridership development and growth;
8. System and route map development and updates, associated comprehensive and individual schedule brochures and stop level schedule displays;
9. Multi-Ride Pass media design and development;
10. Research and development of revenue generating advertising program options;
11. Graphics and materials associated with the marketing program and strategies as needed; and
12. Development of high quality, economical production options.

The contract began July 1, 2019, and ended June 30, 2022, and included an option to extend for up to two one-year periods.

The Goldsboro MPO is allocated 5303 transit planning funds annually through the North Carolina Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division. These funds are available from the Federal Transit Administration under the Metropolitan Planning Program and used solely for transit planning activities. GWTA has been a designated recipient of these funds and the funds are used for their short-term and long-term transit planning needs.

Scope of services within the current QCA contract are eligible expenses for the use of 5303 funds and are reimbursable to the City of Goldsboro, lead planning agency for the Goldsboro MPO, at an 80/10/10 cost share. These funds are budgeted within the City’s budget each year.

Goldsboro City Council approved a one-year extension of the contract at their meeting held on May 2, 2022. Extension of the contract allowed for the following tasks beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023:

1. Workforce Development – planning of job fairs and development of additional workforce materials;
2. Update and Development of Additional Marketing materials such as displays and necessary collaterals to support community events;
3. Audit of all signage and refresh of signage as may be needed;
4. Development of animated videos to support “ How to Ride” and travel training to encourage use of fixed route services instead of more expensive demand response van services;
5. Radio advertising program; and
6. Social Media presence review and refresh to increase presence online.

The Goldsboro MPO was allocated \$60,080 in 5303 funds for FY24. The GWTA Board of Directors met on May 25, 2023, and requested that the contract with QCA be extended and amended to draw down 5303 funds for eligible transit planning activities. Final extension of the contract would allow for the following additional tasks beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024:

1. Project Management;
2. Progress Meetings;
3. Public Outreach Materials & Promotional Items – collaterals to support community events;
4. Development of training and employee videos using animated character;
5. Customer Satisfaction Surveys and follow-up PowerPoint and Infographic;
6. Ridership Counts and Follow-up Date;
7. Website Updates, Maintenance and Enhancements;
8. System Maps, Route Schedules and Updates;
9. Advertising/Marketing Strategies for Ridership Development and Growth; and
10. Graphic Design for Marketing Program and Strategies.

Staff recommended the extension of contract with QCA to the Goldsboro MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at their May 11, 2023, meeting. The recommendation was based on GWTA’s Board of Directors recommendation, quality of previous and current work, and project approach for additional tasks. The Goldsboro MPO Transportation Advisory Committee recommended and approved the extension of the contract terms with QCA for a final additional year.

Staff has worked with the consultant and NCDOT to negotiate a fee for the additional tasks in the amount of:

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| Contract for Services | \$50,190.00 |
| City of Goldsboro (+/- 10%) | \$5,019.00 |
| State (+/- 10%) | \$5,019.00 |
| FTA (+/- 80%) | \$40,152.00 |

The contract extension fee proposal has been reviewed by the Planning Department and North Carolina Department of Transportation, checked for accuracy, and found to be in order. We have also reviewed the financing of this project with the Finance Director. Sufficient funds will be available for this project within the FY24 City Budget with 80% of the project eligible for the use of 5303 funds and reimbursed by NCDOT.

This is the final extension allowed per the original contract terms.

It was recommended that Council accept the GWTA Board of Directors and Goldsboro MPO Transportation Advisory Committee’s recommendation and extend contract of services with QCA for additional tasks and adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract extension in the amount of \$50,190 for final year extension. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-40 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINAL CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE GOLDSBORO-WAYNE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (GWTA) MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES”

Meeting Location Change for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. *Approved.* The item was presented by Laura Getz, City Clerk.

On December 5, 2022, the Goldsboro City Council adopted the 2023 Boards and Commissions Calendar. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was meeting in the Senior House next to the Herman Park Center.

Due to staff offices being relocated from the Herman Park Center, the room that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was utilizing is now an office.

At their meeting on May 16, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission members voted to move the meeting location to the W.A. Foster Center until further notice. Staff recommends that the meeting location for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission be changed until further notice, and that the Boards and Commissions calendar be updated to reflect this change.

It was recommended that Council accept the staff’s recommendation changing the meeting location of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and amending the 2023 Boards and Commissions calendar. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Appointment. *Resolutions Adopted.* The item was presented by Laura Getz, City Clerk.

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.

A recommendation for appointment was submitted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

With this appointment, one alternate position vacancy on the Historic District Commission and one vacancy on Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission remain.

It is also customary for the City of Goldsboro to express its appreciation by Resolution to those members whose terms have expired, who have moved, or have resigned.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Resolutions appointing a member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and commending an individual who has resigned. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-41 “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42 “RESOLUTION COMMENDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO”

Amending Chapter 72: Stopping, Standing and Parking, of the City of Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances. Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Laura Getz, City Clerk.

The City of Goldsboro recognizes the need to maintain correct information in the City’s Code of Ordinances. Chapter 72, Sections 72.55-72.59 addresses the Parking Commission. This section of the Code was last amended in 2016 and 2017.

After a review of Sections 72.55-72.59, several administrative changes are needed, including: changing the name from Commission to Committee, changing the members included on the committee, and changing the occurrence of meetings.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending Chapter 72: Stopping, Standing and Parking, of the City of Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-27 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72: STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO’S CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Amending Chapter 75: Parking Schedules, of the City of Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances. Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Laura Getz, City Clerk.

The Downtown Development Department completed a review of the parking situation in downtown Goldsboro. Meetings to discuss the parking situation downtown were held to seek public input.

The City of Goldsboro recognizes the need to maintain correct descriptions of the City’s parking schedule. This section of the Code was last amended in 2018.

After a review of downtown parking concerns, the Downtown Development Department presented options to Council for parking management to include adding two-hour parking on Monday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the following streets: Center Street, from Ash Street to Chestnut Street; Mulberry Street, from John Street to James Street; and Walnut Street, from John Street to James Street. Council approved the implementation of the 2-hour parking at their meeting on May 1, 2023.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending Chapter 75: Parking Schedules, Section 75.01 of the City of Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75: PARKING SCHEDULES OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO’S CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Amending Chapter 113: Peddlers and Itinerant Merchants, of the City of Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Laura Getz, City Clerk.

The City of Goldsboro recognizes the need to maintain correct information in the City’s Code of Ordinances. After a review of Chapter 113, city staff recommend removing the bond requirement from Chapter 113, Section 113.19. This section of the Code was last amended in 1989.

Section 113.19: Bond, was last amended in 1989 and sets a bond amount to be filed with the City Clerk for Peddlers and Itinerant Merchants. A copy of the proposed changes to this section of the Code was sent to the Police Chief and City Attorney for review and was approved to be removed from the ordinance.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending Chapter 113: Peddlers and Itinerant Merchants, of the City of Goldsboro’s Code of Ordinances. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113: PEDDLERS AND ITINERANT MERCHANTS OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO’S CODE OF ORDINANCES”

City Manager’s Report.

City Manager Salmon thanked everyone for their comments. He shared comments about the CIP and System Development Fees. He also shared the Police Department had 6 recent corporate promotions; the Fire Department will host a Hook and Ladder Fire Camp July 24th -28th and there are only 10 spots available, and applications are open until July 31 for the Mayor’s Youth Council.

Ceremonial Documents.

Juneteenth Proclamation. Read by Mayor Pro Tem Polack: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed June 19, 2023 as JUNETEENTH in the City of Goldsboro and recognized that the observance of the end of slavery is part of the history and heritage of the United States, and supports the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

National Gun Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Read by Councilwoman Matthews: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed June 2-4, 2023 as WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND, and June 2023 as NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Goldsboro and commended its observance to all citizens. The Goldsboro City Council urges all citizens, businesses, organizations, and agencies to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.

Councilman Batts shared the following comments: I want to thank everyone that came up and spoke. I'm listening to you. Thank you so much for being kind but also expressing your feelings. I thank you sincerely for what you're talking about. Also, I always want to thank our city manager, first responders and the employees of the City of Goldsboro.

Councilman Gaylor shared the following comments: It's a pretty amazing meeting this evening. Some of the names that you read off; I knew personally as well. That's tough, I respect you for being able to get up and call out names of friends and loved ones and do it in a way that brings respect and awareness. So, thank you for that. Also of course, this was a budget meeting. As the city manager will tell you, I have been a pain. I don't want to raise anything, it's going to happen in some small amounts because we need to keep up with our police officers, we need to keep up with firefighters, and keep up with city staff. We cannot let them down and we can't let our city down by not funding the basic things that we have to do but even so we're not getting the things that, I'll just use me as an example so I'm not putting words in anyone's mouth. I really wanted to see investment in streets, okay cool, but if you have to choose between officers to protect those streets or the asphalt on those streets, which do you choose? I really wanted to focus on some economic development programs, okay great, but if you don't have people that want to live in your city, you don't have a city that's safe for them, you don't have a city that is in every way viable for them, including schools, what are you doing and so I respect those around me that have really pushed back. I appreciate you all for convincing me to change my mind on some things. I still don't love the idea of raising things, but I realized that things cost money and it is going to be to some degree what it is. Lastly, mayor, thank you so much for bringing the Youth Council in front of us. We talk so much, and we beat ourselves up over schools in the City of Goldsboro. You can't live in the City of Goldsboro because you don't have access to schools and I want to point blank say that's wrong, it's inaccurate. We have a plethora of options with schools, I know I'm being a long winded, I'm sorry, - between the privates, the charters and of course our public schools, our new Superintendent, if you haven't met him yet, send him an e-mail. I've had the chance to shake his hand and have a conversation with him once already. They know that the investment needs to come into our schools and into our educators and the administrators and ultimately into the students and I believe that that they will be on an upswing as well, but this is a good place to live, we have good options. I believe the budget is putting money where it has to go and I appreciate everyone's work pulling that together, all the department heads that went out to find options, so thank you.

Councilwoman Matthews had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack shared the following comments: I'm glad to serve in a city that embraces the contributions of my ancestors. I know a lot across the country is trying to be hidden, as far as contributions that African Americans have made in this country. Some of the primary builders of this country are literally. I wanted to just say that because Juneteenth is a holiday that has tried to be suppressed as we've seen across the national stage in many areas, so I'm glad to say that Goldsboro has embraced Juneteenth. I would also like to say in closing how proud I am to serve on a board that serves with integrity and transparency towards its constituents as well as its staff. I believe that our employees are our driving force of our city's existence and for that reason I will always advocate for our city employees. Personally sure that as long as I serve that we have an environment that our employees are proud to work for.

Councilman Broadway shared the following comments: First, I'd like to thank the city staff, and finance for the best budget I have seen in the most readable and understandable budget that I've seen in 12 years and that went through a lot of work and a lot of department heads just letting their egos go away and working for that. The last thing I want to talk about it is, I was sitting here as the young man in the back called those names out. I couldn't help but think behind every name he called out there's a family. A family behind that name and he read those names as fast as he could for 3 minutes and think how many family members, how many families were there. Thank you so much because it brought it home to me just what violence is doing to us and then this nice lady here who's been to two meetings from Leslie Street. We need to be aware of that and need to talk to her and talk to those people on Leslie Street. She was so elegant and so well spoken. We've got to be aware, and we've got to have citizens that not only will stand up in here, they'll stand up out on the street and we've got to be able to do it and there's no nice way to say it. In World War 2, if you see something, say something. Thank you because you sure brought it home to me.

Councilwoman Jones shared the following comments: I don't want to echo what several of my council people have said but, Ms. Phyllis and Dr. Craig, I want to thank you so much for your comments on the budget. I too have concerns about the budget. I do not want to increase anything. I know that we will have to. Two of the pieces that I have concern about is the utility increase and the stormwater. I do have some concerns and I'm hoping that we can take a look at other avenues that you have addressed as well as some other ones that I have in mind that I'm not at liberty to share at this time. Ms. Adams, I'd like to thank you so much for acknowledging our policemen. They are working very hard. I do know that Chief West has reassigned policeman throughout the community because of so much crime but you know, we've got to have money to fund the police and right now we don't have that and so they're doing the best they can, and I really appreciate you coming forth and sharing that. Rodney, I'm wearing my orange and I am very much aware of the death throughout the city, and I'm very concerned about it and kind of on the down low, I have been doing some things, but you see some other things as I've spoken before, I don't want to be longwinded. I have spoken before, we don't need just vigils,

we don't need just walks, we need action. They're nice and it's nice to remember, but we need action and to come together as a community and have action.

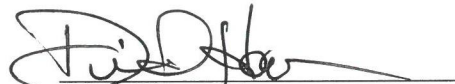
Mayor Ham shared the following comments: The effort that's been put in this budget tonight, I'm just talking about up here, is countless hours. Hundreds and hundreds of hours that has been talked about amongst the departments and then the department heads with the manager, assistant manager, and our finance director. As Councilman Broadway said, this is the best budget in his 12 years and definitely the best budget of my eight years, I've ever seen come before this Council. It's lengthy, very detailed and it has a lot of numbers in it, a lot of line items. Every line item, every figure associated with that line item was talked about. This is not something that people threw together, said okay, let's just check it off and adopt it. This is a long, hard discussed document here. Not one of us from this Council enjoys the process of putting together a budget each year because you have to make some tough decisions. There are things in here that will make the city better, there are some things not in here, that would make the city better, but you have to establish priorities. I suspect that one could come in and argue a plethora of line items and talk about well it's justified or not. Was it carefully thought about, was it accurate and so forth. Let me tell the public this, every effort was made to research and then come to a decision to identify and prioritize the items that are in this budget, every single one of them. This is not a list that some department manager gave to the finance director and Matt and the manager and said well, this is what I want, and they said okay put that in there. They went through every single item. It was a long arduous process. It's not going to make everybody happy; no one likes to have increases. I think we can all say that we're living in the world today that everything around us is costing more than it was a year ago or two years. We can't even get parts for some of the vehicles that we have or had on order now for months because of the supply line. We've allocated those funds for that, so I want the public to know that this document that we talked about tonight, that members of this audience here came up and talked about, was done with the best intents of trying to recognize and put together the needs of Goldsboro and to fund the services that you expect on daily basis and do it within a fiduciary responsibility that we all have to you. We will come back on the 20th of June and finalize this I hope and then we move on to other issues.

Another issue that came up and has been spoken about, Ms. Adams, I want to comment to you and thank you for your interest in, support and positive comments about our Police Department. This Council here understands the stress that the city is going through and our Police Department. If we could fill those 30 vacant positions tonight, we would, we would find the money to fill those positions. The problem is, we don't have bodies to put in those positions, but we have another 80 some individuals out of the 108 that are authorized who come to work here with the mindset that they're going to try to do their best to make this city a safe city live in. Is it going to be 100% safe? Are we going to quit hearing gunshots in the middle of the night? Probably not, unfortunately. I hear them all the time where I live but that's the fact of life. I wish that, instead of talking about a gun violence proclamation, we were talking about a period of time where we were at peaceful coexistence proclamation, that we've gone 6 months without hearing a gunshot in Goldsboro. I'd love to hear that, it's probably not going to happen, but we are aware of the situation. Our Police Department are a group of dedicated people. They put on that uniform every day and every night, going on duty. I've sworn them in many times since I've become Mayor and mayors before me have sworn them in. It's one of the most important things that I do, to recognize someone that comes in this room, holds up their hand and swears an oath of allegiance to put their life on the line in the protection of this city. Every citizen in this city owes a debt of service and gratitude to those 80 some police officers, men and women, that go out every day and serve this community. It's always going to be an issue this day and time, but I want you to know this City Council is much aware of the situation and in our budgets, we try to give the police the best training, best equipment, and the best other needs they have to do the job they can. When we see a policeman or policewoman, speak to them, and say thank you for the job you're doing. They really appreciate it.

I want to thank the council for their indulgence in this budget preparation and our finance staff and director. Her and her team have done a wonderful job. Our manager and assistant manager put in a great amount of time and hopefully it will be adopted barring any adjustments or changes and if there are changes to be made, we'll make them but at this point I think we have a good document.

There being no further business, Mayor Ham adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.




David Ham
Mayor


Laura Getz
City Clerk