

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 2021

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 August 16, 2021.

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

Roll Call.

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

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

Old Business.

Vacant Mayoral Seat Discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Ham asked if Council had enough information to vote on the appointment for the replacement of Mayor Allen. Councilmember Broadaway made a motion to vote, Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion. Council discussed the item. Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Jones, Broadaway, Polack and Aycock voted for the motion. Councilmember Matthews did not vote, however, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-75, Councilmember Matthews vote would be considered an affirmative vote. The motion passed 6:0.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham asked to be excused from the balloting. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Ham. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to start the voting process by ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway. Councilmembers Jones, Broadaway, Polack and Aycock voted for the motion. Councilmember Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:1.

The ballots were distributed to council members. Each councilmember marked their ballot.

Councilmember Matthews asked for a discussion of the previous motion to start the voting process by ballot.

Councilmember Polack retracted the previous motion. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to start the voting process by ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway. Council discussed the item. Councilmembers Jones, Broadaway, Polack and Aycock voted for the motion. Councilmember Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:1.

The City Clerk retrieved the ballots and read the following results of the ballot voting:

Hiawatha Jones, District One—David Ham
Bill Broadaway, District Two—David Ham
Taj Polack, District Three—David Ham
Brandi Matthews, District Four—Charles Henry
Gene Aycock, District Six—David Ham

Councilmember Broadaway made a motion that Council accept the tabulation of votes as stated and the candidate that received majority of the votes be appointed to the vacant seat. Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion. Councilmembers Jones, Broadaway, Polack and Aycock voted for the motion. Councilmember Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:1.

Councilmember Jones made a motion to bring Mayor Pro Tem Ham back to his seat. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried.

New Business.

Deputy City Clerk Swearing In Ceremony. Laura Getz, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Holly Jones, Deputy City Clerk. Her family joined her for the ceremony.

Downtown Development Presentation. Erin Fonseca, Downtown Development Director and Doug McGrath, DGDC President shared information concerning downtown using the following presentation:

Downtown Vision Statement

Vision: Downtown Goldsboro is beautiful, historic, lively and full of economic opportunity and gusto. We honor our past while developing diversity and vibrancy to create a cultural arts, entertainment and urban lifestyle center.

Measures/Statistics

	Eng. Permits/Approvals	New Jobs	Net Job Gain	New Businesses	Business Closings	Net Business Gain	Business Expansions	\$ Value of New Investment in BLDG.	\$ Value of New Investment in P&E
2013-2014	15	42	17	25	12	7	5	\$1,504,393	\$1,026,589
2014-2015	14	73	25	48	15	7	8	\$30,635,878	\$415,731
2015-2016	41	90	14	76	16	8	2	\$6,327,519	\$6,381,283
2016-2017	19	57	10	47	19	7	12	\$1,727,888	\$5,007,273
2017-2018	35	29	14	15	11	5	6	\$960,245	\$4,799,785
2018-2019	23	133	16	115	25	11	14	\$3,055,885	\$2,611,850
2019-2020	16	58	12	46	10	5	1	\$9,540,063	\$2,393,557
2020-2021	4	31	4	27	12	2	10	\$794,519	\$9,430,000
TOTALS	167	511	112	399	120	52	68	\$14,546,190	\$12,066,068

DDD & DGDC

City of Goldsboro Downtown Development Office
 +
 Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation
 =
 Goldsboro Main Street Community



DGDC



The Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation (DGDC) is Goldsboro's private sector partner working to achieve an economically healthy downtown within the Main Street™ Community approach.

Currently there are 23 Board of Director Members

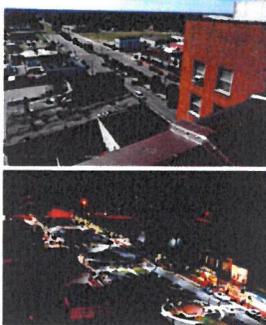
14 Promotions Committee Members

8 Economic Vitality Committee Members

10 Design Committee Members



Mission & Values



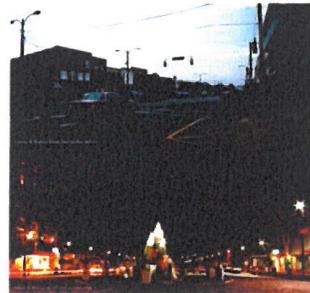
Mission Statement: We work to make downtown better, so whatever you do, you can do it downtown.

How?

We facilitate a unified, sustainable, proactive and comprehensive development effort within the framework of the Main Street™ structure.



Mission & Values



Values: We value asset-based economic development, our historic structures, partnerships, diversity and, quality.

We value the creation of a unique, distinctive place that helps distinguish Goldsboro as a premier, desirable and livable city.



Current Goals



- Protect and enhance downtown's assets and distinctiveness.
- Increase residential density downtown.
- Promote quality of life for everyone.
- Turn the uninhabitable buildings back into productive, quality ready-to-lease spaces.
- Raise the quality of businesses and support entrepreneurs.
- Increase family-centered amenities.
- Expand the marketing footprint for downtown; engage audience.
- Implement and encourage thoughtful, engaging art



2019 – 2021 Highlights



- **Organization Objective** - Reduce vacant, non-productive, habitable space by 20,000sq ft.
- **EV Objective** - Raise the quality of businesses by supporting entrepreneurs.
- **Design Objective** - Create engagement through public art and increase tax base by encouraging investment.
- **Promotions Objective** - Promote quality of life downtown.
- 92% Work Plan Completion



2019 – 2021 Highlights



- COVID Relief Efforts
- 22 Net New Businesses
- Streetscape & HUB Completion
- Wayfinding Completion
- Rehab Development Construction Began
- Expanded Partnership w/ Downtown Merchants
- Union Station Adaptive Reuse Study

2019 – 2021 Highlights



- Incubator Study
- 109 Ormond & 209 W Walnut
- Lofts on Center (103 N. Center)
- Aviator Loft
- 2 New Murals
- Additional Public Art
- Historic Property Narratives
- Hometown Takeover Video
- Residential Properties Initiatives – Communities Inc.

Year-Round Efforts



- We manage a geographic area of 21 blocks (the Municipal Service District), plus involvement in surrounding areas.
- We host and implement over 30 events a year. (in a typical year)
- We help existing business and property owners with business and property needs.
- We work to recruit new businesses and investors and help them through that journey.
- We manage a group of dedicated volunteers to include private sector involvement and investment.



Year-Round Efforts



- We manage multiple grant and development projects. \$21.8M secured in last 10 years.
- We work to be experts in the field of downtown development and bring best practices to Goldsboro.
- We work to actively and positively promote the City through Downtown success, promotions and marketing with extensive communication forms.



What's Next?



- Secure private sector mixed-use investment for the city owned portions of the 300 & 400 Block of S. Center Street, West.
- Deliver the Rehab Dev't Project that will save 6 historic buildings and put 70,000 sq. ft. of space back into productivity.
- Identify a private development partner to carryout an option of use from the 2020 Adaptive Reuse Study to stabilize and save the historic Goldsboro Union Station.
- Encourage collaboration and best practices in entrepreneurship among downtown merchants.

GOLDSBORO
BE MORE DO MORE SEYMOUR
North Carolina

Council discussed downtown and asked questions.

Kiwanis Train Replacement. Felicia Brown, Parks and Recreation Director introduced Becky and Chip Craig of the Kiwanis. Chip Craig presented the following presentation:

Request for
Approval of
Proposed
Miniature Train
Replacement
Project
Herman Park



Monday, August 16, 2021 Becky Craig,
President, Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro
www.GoldsboroTrain2022.com



 Kiwanis Miniature Train at Herman Park



Internationally, Kiwanis Clubs are committed to changing the world, one child & one community, at a time.

Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro:

- Sponsors 2 Key Clubs (servant leadership)
 - @ Wayne School of Engineering
 - @ Wayne Early Middle College High School
- Drives 2,500 laps/year around the track at Herman Park
- Supports children's charities in Wayne County

A beautiful history of service in Goldsboro since 1955

- 1955: Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro Purchased a Used Train for \$5,000
- ✓ From Whiteville Recreation Department for the City of Goldsboro
 - ✓ Almost 70 years & 100's of Kiwanis & Key Club volunteers operating the train average 8-12,000 riders per season
 - ✓ Ticket sales (\$1/ride, gross average \$10,000 per season)
 - All maintenance, including
 - Train track replacement (2012) and
 - With set aside for future needs



- Role of City of Goldsboro Parks & Recreation Dept
- ✓ Maintains the grounds & fence at Herman Park
 - ✓ Oversees train operations, including safety inspections
 - ✓ Train is *not* a budget item for the City (since 1955)

2021 - 2 great projects:
Concession Stand Upgrades
& SJAFB sends skills to get train going



Thanks to Volunteers, & the City of Goldsboro's Parks & Rec Dept:

BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT Hunter Brown & Team (concession bldg)

SJAFB MECHANICS got the train going on time

KIWANIS CLUB OF GBRO added new equipment



But The Train is Aging & Decisions Must be Made....

APPROVED BY
P. A. STUBBARTH CO.

MODEL 8000

MINIATURE TRAIN CO.
Rensselaer, Indiana

- This Train was one of about 275 G-16 "Commuter Trains" manufactured by the MINIATURE TRAIN CO. of Rensselaer, Indiana.
- Less than 40 original trains are still operational in the world.
- The last G-16 was manufactured in 1963, almost 60 years ago, and replacement parts are nearly impossible to find, and very expensive to custom manufacture.

To Refurbish, Replace Train, or Use Site for Alternative to Miniature Train?

Together, the City's Parks & Recreation staff met with the Kiwanis Club of GB to consider options, and, by a unanimous vote, the Kiwanis Club of GB recommends that the Club's 501c3 Foundation take these actions, with help from generous Citizens who love the train:

1. Purchase A NEW train from Company in TX with heart for miniatures, to last 70 more years
2. Replace the concrete areas around train station with durable bricks, expanding in front of the concessions stand
3. Build permanent train Covered Platform, as funds allow.

ALL AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO. A GIFT TO THE CITY.
Kiwanis Club of GB plans to continue to operate & maintain the train.

1. Purchase New Miniature Train

Swanee River Railroad Company

1953 Model 2022 Model

2. Replace the Train's concrete apron with durable bricks

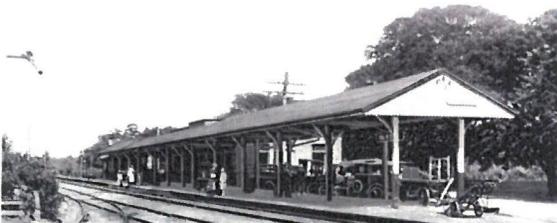
Using Laser-Engraved Bricks or other materials, with Council's permission and approved by the City staff, Citizens can purchase to honor or memorialize persons who make Wayne County a great place to be a kid.



Wayne Community College, Walnut Building monument

Thank You to GiGi D
who taught me about
LIFE & TRAINS

Screeeaming
at the train...
the B E S T!



3. Install a permanent covered platform beside train (this photo is highly conceptual)

Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro's COST BUDGET:

- \$110,000 to purchase NEW miniature train
 - ALL Funds will be raised by Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro
 - Cost includes Delivery & Set-Up by Miniature Train Fabricator in TX
 - Time is of the essence; 9 months lead time, goal is for 2022 season
- \$ 10,000 for proposed brick Train Station Apron
- \$ 30,000 for proposed Train Platform construction**
- \$150,000 TOTAL ESTIMATED COST BUDGET**
- ** added as sufficient funds are raised

Kiwanis Club of GB's FUNDRAISING BUDGET:

\$ 50,000	Funds from Club's Train Legacy Account
\$ 25,000	Est Funds (donated by the city) IF City decides to sell the old train
\$ 75,000	Funds raised from local businesses and individuals, other Kiwanis Clubs, local Foundations, and funds received at the train station itself; <i>\$ could increase if old train not sold</i>
\$ 0	Funds from City of Goldsboro's budget
\$150,000	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for Train for the next generations of children in Goldsboro

REQUEST RECAP: Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro

1. Accept Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro's gift of a new MINIATURE TRAIN. Train Lead time is 9-10 months from down-payment. In-service date desired: late spring 2022.
2. Authorize City employees to work with the Club to design a safe and attractive train platform structure and replace the apron around the train station, to be paid for with durable engraved bricks added as contributed funds allow.
3. If the City decides to sell the 1953 Train, contribute proceeds toward the Replacement Train. (Could be \$15,000-35,000?)
4. Support Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro's New Train Capital Campaign. (Consider purchasing a brick in honor of someone who took you to the train or otherwise added JOY to your childhood.)



Council discussed the presentation and the request. Councilmember Polack made a motion to proceed with the presentation and the city support your movement moving forward. Councilmember Broadway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Review. Each item was reviewed.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a potential litigation matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021.

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

Pastor Jonathan Smith with Freedom Baptist Church provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call.

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

Approval of Minutes. Councilmember Polack made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of August 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried.

Public Hearings.

Z-9-21 Paul Vinson III (HB - GB) – South side of 11th Street at the intersection of 11th Street and N William Street. Public Hearing Held. The applicant owns the subject property. The majority of the property is zoned Highway Business (HB). A portion of the property is zoned General Business (GB).

The applicant requests to rezone the entire property to General Business (GB) for commercial development purposes. If the property is rezoned, site and landscape plans will be required and approved by City officials before construction permits can be issued in the future.

Frontage: 280 ft. (11th St.)
Area: 20,467 sq. ft. or 0.47 acres

North: Residential (R-6), General Business (GB);
South: Highway Business/General Business (HB/GB)
Residential/Manufactured Non-Conforming (RM-NC)
East: Highway Business (HB/ RM-NC); and
West: General Business (GB)

The subject property is clear and vacant.

The City's Land Use Plan recommends Commercial development for the property.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ham opened the Public Hearing.

1. Mack Burns Jr., Eleventh Street, inquired as to what type of business would be located in the area in question. Council, Ms. Collins and Mr. Burns discussed the proposed uses.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for Goldsboro City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2021.

Analysis of Impediments & Assessment of Fair Housing Choice Public Hearing. Public Hearing Held. As required by HUD, the Community Relations Department sought an agency to complete an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing through a Request for Proposal process. UNC-Greensboro's Center for Housing & Community Studies completed the report and provided a final draft of the analysis to City staff on May 1, 2021.

This project involved compiling, analyzing, and mapping local jurisdictional, state, and national data sources on residential housing disparities for the seven federally protected categories: Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, and National Origin.

Staff will highlight the six notable impediments and recommendations. The Community Relations Department will take appropriate actions necessary to overcome the effects of the impediments identified through the analysis.

Felecia Williams, Interim Community Relations Director shared the following presentation:

Analysis of Impediments & Assessment of Fair Housing Choice

UNC-Greensboro
Center for Housing & Community Studies



Introduction..

- The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires that recipients of HUD funds conduct an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice every five years.
- The City of Goldsboro, being a recipient of federal block grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing by committing to conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard.
- The preparation of this Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) serves as a component of the City of Goldsboro's efforts to satisfy the requirements of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974.
- Additionally, communities receiving HOME funds are required to: 1) Examine and attempt to alleviate housing discrimination; 2) Promote fair housing choice for all; 3) Promote housing accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities; 4) Comply with the non-discrimination requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

Background..

- ▶ The City of Goldsboro initiated a request for proposals in late 2019 and fully executed a contract on July 9, 2020 with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Center for Housing and Community Studies.
- ▶ The project was conducted over an eight month period (June 2020 to February 2021) with a final draft provided to City Staff in May 2021.
- ▶ The AI was made available to the public on July 16, 2021 and included a 2-week public comment period that ended on July 30, 2021. Two written comments were received from Habitat for Humanity and Wayne Forward.

Data Sources & Methods

- ▶ Public Meetings
- ▶ Interviews with local stakeholders
- ▶ Geographic information systems (GIS)
- ▶ Other statistical analyses
- ▶ Census tract maps
- ▶ Census block maps
- ▶ Subdivision maps
- ▶ Analysis of income, employment, poverty
- ▶ Telephone and Zoom interviews
- ▶ Four public stakeholder meetings

Impediments & Goals

Impediment 1: Lack of Affordable Rental Housing

Lack of affordable rental housing arose repeatedly in the data. Nearly half of renters (47%) were cost burdened, paying more than 30% of their income towards rent. Housing affordability was repeatedly discussed in interviews, clear in survey data, and throughout the secondary data analysis.

Goal 1: Promote Preservation of Existing and Development of New Affordable Rental Housing

Promote and encourage the development of affordable market rental housing units especially for households whose income is less than 80% of the Area Median Income.

Impediments & Goals

Impediment 2: Lack of Affordable Housing for Sale

Lack of affordable single-family housing was also found in the data.

Goal 2: Promote and encourage the development of for-sale single family houses for low-and-moderate income households

Continue to support down-payment assistance programs and mortgage financing to low-income homebuyers, support rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied housing, increase homebuyer education, support non-profit developers, etc.

Impediments & Goals

Impediment 3: Private Lending Practices

The analysis of fair lending has provided clear evidence that race/ethnicity is yet a major factor in loan approvals in the city of Goldsboro.

Goal 3: Promote Private Lending

Promote and encourage private lending by conducting an institutional analysis in order to determine which institutions have the most disparate outcomes by race/ethnicity, and expand the scope of homebuyer and credit building courses.

Impediments & Goals

Impediment 4: Fair Housing Education and Outreach

Lack of awareness of fair housing laws and principals were evident in the interviews with key informants. There is a continuing need to educate persons about their rights under the Fair Housing Act and to raise awareness of fair housing choice.

Goal 4: Improve the public's knowledge and awareness of the Fair Housing Act, and related laws, regulations, and requirements

Conduct local media campaigns, promote fair housing seminars, publish literature, attend Fair Housing trainings, other outreach activities.

Impediments & Goals

Impediment 5: Accessible Housing

Persons with disabilities, whether mental or physical, are often overlooked in analysis of fair housing practices. Interviews, surveys, and data analyzed indicate that many community members have disabilities that may affect their choice of housing.

Goal 5: Improve accessibility of housing for those with disabilities

Increase accessible housing units through rehabilitation of existing housing and/or development and construction of new rental and single-family housing.

Impediments & Goals

Impediment 6: Lack of Affordable Housing Plan

Clear from public feedback, the residents of Goldsboro want an affordable housing plan that takes into consideration low-and-moderate income residents' needs.

Goal 6: Assemble an Affordable Housing Steering Committee and commission a 10-year plan to address affordable housing

Establish a Steering Committee.



Mayor Pro Tem Ham opened the Public Hearing the following people spoke:

1. Kaelon Williams spoke about affordable housing and a specific set of people. Council discussed affordable housing, home ownership, lending institutions, census tracts and the homelessness board.
2. Dr. David Craig, 509 Shelley Drive, spoke about city policies, HOME funds, change and Council.
3. Alicia Pierce, 806 S. Taylor Street, spoke about advertising to reach more citizens to get funding for housing and breaking out the Community Relations Department into two positions.
4. Dr. David Craig spoke about the city using federal dollars, policies and affordable housing.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

No action is necessary. The Community Relations Interim Director will send the Analysis of Impediments & Assessment of Fair Housing Choice to HUD as required after the public hearing. A report will be submitted to HUD of any comments made by the public.

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

1. Alicia Pierce, 806 S. Taylor Street, shared comments concerning voting.
2. Kaelon Williams shared comments concerning voting rights and council votes.
3. Dr. David Craig shared comments concerning an email sent to Council concerning the Analysis.
4. Madeline Agner, 208 Village Drive, shared information concerning the Keeping Girls in Schools Act.
5. Archbishop Anthony Slater, 800 Lionel Street, thanked council for what they do and spoke about race relations.
6. Yvonnia Moore shared comments concerning race and leadership.
7. Thomas Rice shared comments concerning his family, unity and respect.
8. Sylvia Barnes shared comments concerning the District 5 seat.
9. Nadine Mceachern thanked council for what they do.

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

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager Tim Salmon presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Polack moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D-G be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aycock and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Taste of Wayne - Temporary Street Closing. Approved. The United Way of Wayne County will host the annual “Taste of Wayne” food festival to benefit the United Way of Wayne County. Local restaurants and vendors will setup booths and give out “tastes” to patrons.

The events will be hosted on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11:00am – 2:00pm at “The HUB” in downtown Goldsboro. A rain date is schedule for October 16, 2021. The United Way is requesting the closure of the northbound lane of South Center Street from Spruce to Chestnut Street from 7:30am – 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.

No Special Events/Parades/Street Closing Permit will be issued until a Certificate of Insurance (proof of insurance or applicable rider) has been obtained and submitted with the permit application adding the City of Goldsboro as an additional insured on said policy for any and all relevant times to the operation and/or carnival presence.

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/Aycock (6 Ayes)

NC Freedom Fest (Festival/Carnival) -Temporary Street Closing. Approved. NC Freedom Fest has a mission to celebrate military personnel with an inclusive, family-friendly festival honoring all who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

Beginning Thursday night (September 16, 2021) the carnival will open in the large empty lot on South Center Street and will operate through Saturday night (September 18, 2021). On Friday night (September 17, 2021) the festival will host a “Grub at the Hub Event” featuring a live band, food vendors, and carnival rides. The following day, the main event (Festival) will feature street fair vendors, food trucks, Wings of Wayne Chicken

Wing Cook-off, live entertainment, corn hole tournament, a carnival/kids zone, and a car and bike show. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the following street closures:

09/17/2021 The North and Southbound lane of South Center Street from Spruce to Chestnut Street from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.

09/18/2021 The North and Southbound lanes of Center Street from Ash Street to Spruce Street from 1:30pm – 9:00pm.

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.
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 grant the requested temporary closings of the North and Southbound lanes of Center Street as stated above. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Aycock (6 Ayes)

NC Freedom Fest (5K and Fun Run) - Temporary Street Closing. Approved. NC Freedom Fest has a mission to celebrate military personnel with an inclusive, family-friendly festival honoring all who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

This event is a component of the NC Freedom Fest. This event consists of a 1-mile Fun Run/Walk and a 5K Run/Walk throughout Downtown Goldsboro beginning at 7:30am – 10:00am on September 18, 2021. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the following street closures on September 18, 2021 at the following times and locations:

6:00am – 10:00am Chestnut Street between Center Street and John Street.

7:30am – 9:30am The Northbound lanes of Center Street from Mulberry Street to Spruce Street.

8:00am – 8:30am The Southbound lanes of Center Street from Ash Street to Pine Street.

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.
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 grant the requested temporary closings of Chestnut Street, and the North and Southbound lanes of Center Street as stated above. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Aycock (6 Ayes)

Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for July 2021 were submitted for Council's approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Aycock (6 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. Tim Salmon shared comments concerning the Mayoral vacancies and upcoming boards and commissions vacancies, Covid, the state budget and wastewater grants. He also shared information concerning Parks and Recreation and census data.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendation.

Councilmember Jones commended the Fire Department regarding a recent fire and shared sizes of the children that were affected by the fire.

Councilmember Broadway encouraged citizens to get the Covid shot.

Councilmember Polack acknowledged the death of former Captain John Parks and shared information concerning their relationship. He also acknowledged the 100 Men in Suits event.

Councilmember Matthews had no comments.

Councilmember Aycock had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham shared comments concerning the Mayor position.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.


David Ham
Mayor Pro Tem


Laura Getz, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk