# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 23, 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 January 23, 2023.

<u>Call to Order</u>. 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 Broadaway Councilwoman Brandi Matthews Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV

Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager

Ron Lawrence, City Attorney

Matthew Livingston, Assistant City Manager

Laura Getz, City Clerk

Absent: Councilman Greg Batts

<u>Adoption of the Agenda</u>. Upon motion of Councilman Broadaway, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack, and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

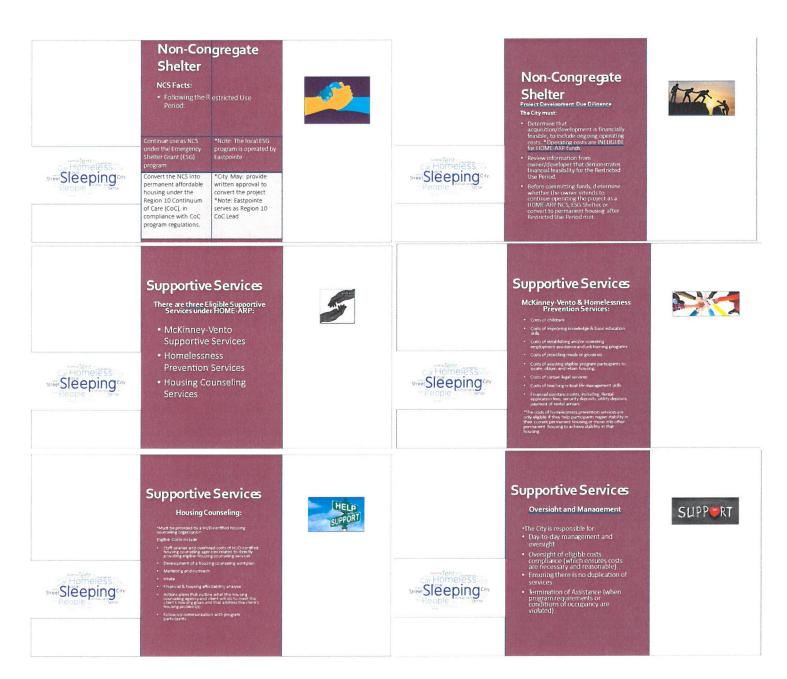
#### Old Business.

**HOME ARP Funding Allocation Discussion**. Felecia Williams, Community Relations Director provided the following information: **HOME-ARP Allocation for Non-Congregate Shelter & Supportive Services.** The City Council has elected to utilize HOME-ARP funds to provide Non-Congregate Shelter and Supportive Services to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations.

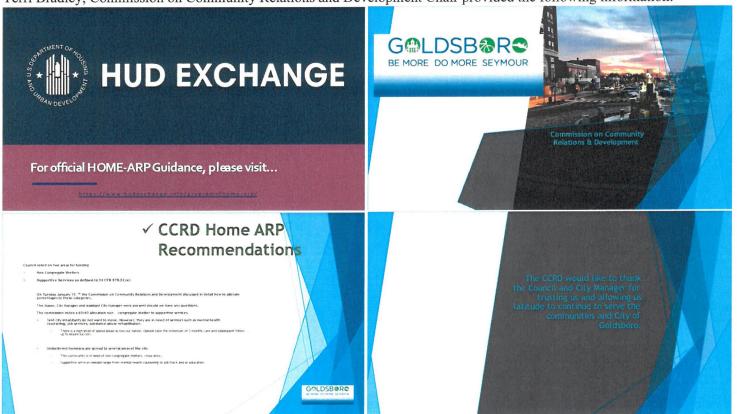
At the December 19, 2022 City Council meeting, Washington Business Dynamics consultants presented the communities' current needs and gaps in services to the homeless populations. As a result, City Council elected to fund Non-Congregate Shelter and Supportive Services.

HUD requires the City include how it intends to distribute HOME-ARP Funds in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, due to HUD by March 30, 2023, must be submitted as a substantial amendment to the FY21 Annual Action Plan for HUD review and acceptance. During the Commission on Community Relations and development's January meeting, members discussed funding for the two eligible activities and have prepared an official recommendation to Council.





Terri Bradley, Commission on Community Relations and Development Chair provided the following information:



Councilwoman Jones clarified that all the tent city inhabitants do not want to stay at the tent city. Council discussed the presentation with Ms. Williams and Ms. Bradley.

It was recommended that City Council make the HOME-ARP allocation decision at or before the February 6, 2023 City Council meeting in order to ensure timely submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Council discussed the allocation with Ms. Williams and Ms. Bradley. Councilman Broadaway recommended using an advisory board of stakeholders to work with the homeless. Council discussed stakeholders and the distribution allocation. Councilman Broadaway made a motion to support the program with 80% going to non-congregate and 20% going to

support services. There was no second and the motion failed. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to accept the 60/40 recommendation from the Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Matthews. Mayor Ham, Mayor Pro Tem Polack, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Matthews and Councilman Gaylor voted for the motion. Councilman Broadaway voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:1.

## New Business.

T.C. Coley Center Update. Felicia Brown, Parks and Recreation Director, provided the following information:

# **BACKGROUND** In 2016, City Council decided to renovate what is now the T. C. Coley Community Center; renovations were completed in 2018 at a cost of $\sim$ \$210K Plans for a non-profit to operate the facility did not materialize T.C. COLEY COMMUNITY CENTER In February of 2019, City Council directed Parks and Recreation to operate the facility for one year; during this time non -profits would be able to use the facility at Felicia L. Brown, MPRTSM, CPRP no charge Parks and Recreation Director In February of 2020, City Council directed a lease agreement be implemented with Ashford Boxing Club for the Gymnasium and approved Parks and Recreation to charge rental rates for the rest of the facility January 23, 2023 GOLDSBOR: GOLDSBORS PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING T. C. COLEY COMMUNITY CENTER · In September of 2022, Herman Park Center was closed due to positive mold test Annual operating costs are estimated to be ~\$35K - expect this number to increase with relocating programs due to Herman Park Center closing Rental revenue for FY22 was \$8K - expect this number to increase with Herman Parks and Recreation Staff housed in Herman Park Center were relocated to what is now the Herman Park Admin Bldg (formerly known as the Senior House) Park Center closing Programs that occurred at Herman Park Center and the Senior House were relocated to other facilities including T. C. Coley Community Center City Council approved repairing the roof over the Recreation Room and interior painting at an estimated cost of ~\$55K during November 21, 2022 meeting GOLDSBORS GOLDSBORG T. C. COLEY COMMUNITY CENTER NOW · Pottery Program meets in Meeting Room (back of building) · Senior Programming - card groups meet in Recreation Room QUESTIONS? Special Populations Activities occur in Recreation Room · Rentals occur in Meeting Room (with mirrors) and Recreation Room In process of moving billiard tables and other Leisure Center items to Recreation

Council discussed the T.C. Coley Community Center and emergency shelter.

· Other programs will be added, including summer camps

Downtown Parking Discussion. Erin Fonseca, Downtown Development Director, introduced new employee, Greg Mills, Business and Property Development Specialist. She also shared the following comments: I'm here this evening to invite the public to participate in a Downtown Public Parking Forum at Wayne County Museum this Thursday at 5:30pm. The museum is located at 116 North William Street. Though this is technically a special meeting of the Council, due to the amount of interest for Council members to participate, the primary objective is to listen and learn. There is no intent to make a decision based on feedback during the meeting, but simply to gather feedback from stakeholders regarding their needs and desires related to public parking. This meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. EVERYONE is affected by downtown parking - not just business and property owners, tenants, and employees, but anyone who parks downtown. If you are here this evening, you likely drove, and are therefore a stakeholder in the conversation on public parking. Parking is not a new topic of discussion or challenge, nor is it a challenge with one clear solution. It is constantly changing and involves a long list of stakeholders with varying needs. For reference, a comprehensive traffic and parking study was conducted in 2016, which can be found on our website. It also included public input opportunities. The study cited sufficient capacity, with over 1,900 public spaces, but outlined potential short and long-term management strategies that have not been revisited since wayfinding signage was installed in 2020. Demand on available parking has grown with the addition of 80+ upper story residential units since 2016 and 40 building renovations. This is exciting growth for our downtown economy; however, it puts a strain on public parking. A great problem to have, but a consistent concern of downtown stakeholders, nonetheless. The public parking input forum will be facilitated by a third-party professional, with extensive experience in parking management for a fellow municipality. Dwight Bassett - who presented to Council during last year's retreat - was recommended by the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Director at NC's Dept of Commerce. Mr. Bassett was asked to facilitate to direct the conversation in a completely unbiased manner. Additionally, the location was selected as a neutral location, to ensure that all feel welcome to join and participate. For maximum awareness, this meeting has been shared via the City's website, water bill and social media pages, as well as post cards that were hand-delivered and mailed to downtown stakeholders. For those who cannot physically make the meeting, it will be aired on Facebook, and the facilitator's email will be shared for those who wish to provide feedback outside of the meeting. Our goal is to make sure

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that we gather as much input as possible and reduce barriers. There has already been significant interest in this opportunity. All information gathered will be brought back to Council, in order to allow you to make an educated citizen input based decision should the need arise to make a decision on parking management. Again, we believe that everyone is a downtown parking stakeholder, and stakeholder input is a key component in all policy making.

<u>Consent Agenda Review.</u> Items D - M on the consent agenda were reviewed. Further discussion included items below.

Item G. Approve Facility Use Lease for Balanced Choice Vending LLC at Goldsboro Golf & Event Center. Council discussed Balanced Choice Vending and the facility.

Item H. Contract Award for 2023 Public Safety Complex HVAC Boiler Replacement Project. Council discussed the bids.

Mayor Ham inquired about panhandling registration and the registration process. Chief West stated they have issued nine permits and discussed the panhandling registration process.

#### Closed Session.

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Polack, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, and unanimously carried, Council went into Closed Session to discuss litigation.

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

The meeting recessed at 6:24 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 January 23, 2023.

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

Archbishop Anthony Slater with Tehillah Church Ministries 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 Broadaway Councilwoman Brandi Matthews Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV

Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager

Ron Lawrence, City Attorney

Matthew Livingston, Assistant City Manager

Laura Getz, City Clerk

Absent: Councilman Greg Batts

Mayor Ham explained the Public Comment Period procedures.

<u>Approval of Minutes.</u> Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried.

## Public Hearings.

Non-Contiguous Annexation Request – J and J Daniels Farming Enterprises, LLC. - Located on the east side of South 111 Hwy. (Corner of South NC 111 Hwy. and Ditchbank Rd.). Public Hearing Held and Ordinance Adopted. The City Council, at their meeting on December 19, 2022, scheduled a public hearing for the proposed annexation of the subject property. A public hearing notice was properly advertised stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Pursuant to G. S. 160A-58, at the public hearing, all persons owning property in the area proposed to be annexed, as well as the residents of the municipality, shall be given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation.

If the Council determines that the proposed annexation meets all the requirements of G. S. 160A-58, it has the authority to adopt an annexation ordinance.

A report was prepared by the Planning Department in conjunction with other departments, concerning the subject annexation area. All City services can be provided to the property except for City water. Water will be provided to the subject annexation area via Eastern Wayne Sanitary Water District.

It was recommended that Council, after the public hearing, adopt the following entitled Ordinance annexing J and J Farming Enterprises, LLC. effective January 23, 2023.

Mayor Ham opened the public hearing. The following person spoke:

1. Steve Oliverio, Bartlett Engineering in Wilson, shared he is here with the developer, Paul Quinn to answer any questions. He shared this is a clean up proposal to get this entire parcel annexed. A major portion of the parcel was annexed years ago with proposed development but never came to fruition.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Polack to adopt the ordinance annexing J and J Daniels Farming Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried. Council adopted the following entitled Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4 "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN NON-CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA"

Street Closing-Dakota Avenue (From East Fourth Street to East Fifth Street) East Fifth Street (From Humphrey Street to Dakota Avenue). Public Hearing Held and Ordinance Adopted. Petitioner: County of Wayne. On December 8, 2022, the County of Wayne petitioned for two street closures referenced above in preparation for developing an office complex for County agencies to operate. The referenced street sections have been identified on the attached map indicating the length and right-of-way width.

The petitioned street closings have been forwarded to the Fire, Police, Engineering and Public Works Departments for their review. No objections to the closing have been submitted.

The Engineering Department has indicated that a utility easement should be reserved over Dakota Avenue for an existing 6-inch water line and an existing 8-inch sewer line if the public right of way is closed. In addition, the Engineering Department has indicated that a utility easement should be reserved over Fifth Street for an existing 6-inch water line and an existing 8-inch sewer line if the public right of way is closed.

Wayne County has agreed to provide a survey of the property identifying the location of all utilities and the easements proposed as reserved by the City of Goldsboro.

If the street sections are closed, ownership of the right-of-way would return to the County of Wayne.

On December 19, 2022, City Council adopted a Resolution of Intent setting the public hearing for January 23, 2023 and that Resolution was advertised for four weeks in the local newspaper. Adjacent property owners were notified of the public hearing by certified mail and the street section was posted with notice of the public hearing.

It was recommended that Council accept the recommendation of City staff and adopt an Ordinance officially closing the following streets: Dakota Avenue (From East Fourth Street to East Fifth Street); and, East Fifth Street (From Humphrey Street to Dakota Avenue).

In addition to closing the streets referenced above, the City of Goldsboro would reserve a utility easement over Dakota Avenue for an existing 6-inch water line and an existing 8-inch sewer line. In addition, the City of Goldsboro would reserve a utility easement over Fifth Street for an existing 6-inch water line and an existing 8-inch sewer line.

Mayor Ham opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Polack to adopt the ordinance officially closing Dakota Avenue and East Fifth Street, as stated in the memo. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor and unanimously carried. Council adopted the following entitled Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5 "AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE CLOSING OF PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA"

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

- 1. Rovarian Taylor shared comments regarding a Study Hall Initiative at Ashford's Boxing Club (at T.C. Coley Center) and requested a work order at the Center be expedited.
- 2. April Rojas shared comments regarding the newsletter and comments made by a city employee. She also shared concerns about yard debris not being picked up.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Polack moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D - M be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor. Councilwoman Matthews shared comments regarding the policy related to workers compensation insurance. After further discussion, a roll call vote resulted in the

following vote: Mayor Ham, Mayor Pro Tem Polack, Councilman Broadaway, and Councilman Gaylor voted for the motion. Councilwoman Jones and Councilwoman Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:2.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

**Nonprofit Funding Policy (FINPOL-N001) Adoption. Policy and Resolution Adopted.** In the FY2022-23 budget process, the City initiated changes to implement a more formal process to apply, approve and fund nonprofits performing contracted services for the City.

At this time, it is necessary for Council to review and approve the attached Nonprofit Funding Policy (FINPOL-N001) so that Finance may carry out the funding process for the nonprofits. This also formally establishes the process that will be used for the FY2023-24 annual budget cycle.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution for the Nonprofit Funding Policy (FINPOL-N001). Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2 "RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR NONPROFIT FUNDING (FINPOL-N001)"

**CDBG Public Services Policy. Policy Adopted.** The City receives federal funds to administer CDBG and HOME programs to assist low to moderate income persons with housing and non-housing needs.

Public services are an integral part of the comprehensive community development strategy and can address a range of individual needs and increase the impact of CDBG funds. Public services can strengthen communities by addressing the needs of specific populations and by supporting economic development. CDBG regulations allow the use of grant funds for a wide range of public services activities, including, but not limited to: childcare, health care, job training, recreation programs, education programs, and many others.

It was recommended that Council adopt the CDBG Public Services Policy. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

**CDBG Rehabilitation Program Procedures Manual. Manual Adopted.** The City receives federal funds to administer CDBG and HOME programs to assist low to moderate income persons with housing and non-housing needs.

The purpose of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program is to foster and maintain affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the city. The program is available to eligible low-to-moderate income owner-occupied single residence homes within the city limits. Assistance to approved owner-occupied single-family homeowners will be provided in the form of 0% interest, deferred payment loans, not to exceed a maximum of \$30,000. The loan will have an affordability period of five (5) years and will be forgiven at a rate of twenty (20) percent per year.

It was recommended that Council adopt the CDBG Rehabilitation Program Procedures Manual. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

Approve Facility Use Lease for Balanced Choice Vending LLC at Goldsboro Golf & Event Center. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro was approached by Balanced Choice Vending LLC with a request to lease space and kitchen equipment at the Goldsboro Golf Course.

The space needed is located at 1501 South Slocumb Street, Goldsboro, NC, the southeastern Golf Course Kitchen/Bar area and the equipment is listed on the attached contract exhibit 1 "Building".

Balanced Choice Vending LLC is a full line vending company, and their goal is to serve and support the City of Goldsboro through job creation for residents, paid summer jobs for youth, youth programs, and to support the City of Goldsboro in any additional way possible through its resources.

Balanced Choice Vending LLC will prepare and sell meals at Fair Market Value to the community.

Pursuant to NCGS 160A-272, notice was provided in the Goldsboro News Argus on December 22, 2022.

It was recommended that Council approve the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Balanced Choice Vending LLC for the kitchen lease. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3 "RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BALANCED CHOICE VENDING LLC."

Contract Award for 2023 Public Safety Complex HVAC Boiler Replacement Project. Resolution Adopted. The Public Safety Complex Boiler is original to the 1975 construction of the building. The casing on the boiler is rusted through and leaks when shut down. The boiler inspector has warned it will be deemed unsafe if it leaks during operation. It was determined that replacement of the system is warranted before it fails.

Funds were budgeted in FY2023 for the replacement of the Boiler system.

Bids were invited and due on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm for the replacement of the Public Safety Complex HVAC Boiler System. Three submittals were received and tabulated as follows:

Name of BidderAmount of BidHoffman Mechanical Solutions\$ 99,469.06Dail Mechanical, Inc.\$ 170,500.00Piedmont Services Group\$ 170,771.00

The purpose work consists of replacing the HVAC boiler and pump for Public Safety Complex, startup of the new boiler, and integration into existing controls.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Hoffman Mechanical Solutions in the amount of \$ 106,183.22, bid price plus sale & use tax, for the Public Safety Complex HVAC Boiler Replacement Project. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

RESOLUTION NO.2023-4 "RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SAFTEY COMPLEX BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT"

Ratifying a Lease Agreement to use the Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer's Association Firearms Range. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro Police Department entered into an agreement with the Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, Inc. and the County of Wayne, to use of the Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, Inc. Firearms Range on January 1, 2021. The City has shared in this lease agreement since the late 1980's. The range is approximately 2.067 acres and is located at 440 Old Mt. Olive Hwy. Dudley, NC.

The Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, Inc. Firearms Range serves a dual purpose for the sworn personnel of the Goldsboro Police Department. The lease agreement allows sworn personnel to practice firearm training on designated open range schedules as well as qualify/requalify annually as mandated by NC Department of Justice for all sworn personnel.

The lease requires both participating agencies to work harmoniously with schedule procedures, assigning designated "range officers" who are certified firearm instructors, who will assist with coordinating use of the range. Maintenance of the range will be the responsibility of the City of Goldsboro on the odd number years and the County of Wayne on the even number years.

The lease holds both participating agencies responsible for maintaining their own insurance coverage for their LE officers and agree to indemnify and hold the Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, Inc. and the property of the Association, to include the premises, free and harmless of all claims.

The City and County will pay the sum of \$3,500.00 annually from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2026.

It was recommended that Council approve the following entitled resolution ratifying the authorization for the Chief of Police to have executed the agreement and approving the agreement with the Wayne County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, Inc. for the use of firearms training for GPD sworn personnel. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023–5 "RESOLUTION RATIFYING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, INC."

Non-Contiguous (Satellite) Annexation Petition – Chad Post; 2853 US HWY. 70 W. Located on the southwest corner of US Hwy. 70 W. and NC 581 Hwy. Referred to the Clerk. The applicant is requesting that non-contiguous property described by metes and bounds in Item 2 of the attached petition be annexed to the City of Goldsboro. Maps showing the property proposed to be annexed are attached. City council approved the change of zone request (Z-18-22) for the above property from Wayne County Community Shopping (CS) to General Business Conditional Zoning District (GBCZD) to allow the operation of a convenience store and gas station on September 6, 2022.

Area: 106,121 sq. ft. or 2.43 acres

Pursuant to G.S. 160A-58, City Council shall fix a date for public hearing on the proposed annexation if the petition is considered sufficient by the City Clerk. Sufficiency requires the City Clerk to make the following findings:

- 1. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits must be not more than three miles from the primary corporate limits of the annexing city;
- 2. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits may be closer to the primary corporate limits of another city than to the primary corporate limits of the annexing city;

- 3. The area must be situated that the annexing city will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within its primary corporate limits;
- 4. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, may not exceed 10% of the area within the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.

The City Council, at their meeting on January 23, 2023 would request the City Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, a public hearing would be scheduled and a report would be prepared by the Planning Department, in conjunction with other City departments, for submission to the Council.

It was recommended that Council request the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

Contiguous Annexation Petition – JD Gupta. Located on the south side of W. New Hope Rd. between Somervale Ln. and Twin Oaks Pl. Referred to the Clerk. The applicant is requesting that contiguous property described by metes and bounds in Item 2 of the attached petition be annexed into the City of Goldsboro.

Maps showing the property proposed to be annexed are attached. City Council approved the change of zone request for the above subject properties on June 6, 2022 from Residential (R16) to Residential (R12CZ) limiting the property to a 62-lot residential cluster subdivision.

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

The City Council, at their meeting on January 23, 2023, would request the City Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, a public hearing would be scheduled and a report would be prepared by the Planning Department, in conjunction with other City departments, for submission to the Council.

It was recommended that Council request the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

Advisory Board and Commission Appointments. Resolution Adopted. There are currently several vacancies on Advisory Boards and Commissions. Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. It is necessary that additional appointments be made to fill these vacancies.

Recommendations for appointments were requested from the respective Boards and Commissions. Applications were also solicited from the public at large.

The City Council met during the Work Session on January 9, 2023, to review vacancies and applications received to fill the current vacancies. With these appointments, two alternate positions on the Historic District Commission remain.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Resolution appointing members to various Advisory Boards and Commissions in the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6 "RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS"

**Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information.** The various departmental reports for December 2022 were submitted for Council approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Gaylor (4 Ayes: 2 Nays)

## **End of Consent Agenda.**

<u>City Manager's Report.</u> Tim Salmon congratulated the Housing Authority for receiving the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant of \$500,000 to transform the West Haven Apartments into high quality mixed income housing. City staff is excited to work with the Housing Authority and other teammates to obtain the \$50 million dollar grant that would make that happen.

## **Ceremonial Documents.**

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Melvin Dawson as An Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 20 Years. Resolution Adopted. Melvin Dawson retires on February 1, 2023 as a Traffic Signal Technician II, with more than 20 years of service, with the Engineering Department. Melvin began his career on December 4, 2002 as a Building and Traffic Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Department. On May 12, 2004, Melvin was promoted to Radio Signal Technician with the Public Works Department. On April 25, 2007, Melvin was promoted to Senior Building and Traffic Maintenance with the Public Works Department. On February 3, 2010, Melvin was transferred to Signal System Maintenance Technician with the Public Works Department. On July 9, 2014, Melvin was transferred to the Engineering Department. On February 23, 2022, Melvin was reclassified as Traffic Signal Technician II with the Engineering Department, where he has served until his retirement. Melvin has proven himself to be a dedicated and

efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, City employees, and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Melvin Dawson their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years and express to Melvin Dawson our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity, and good health in his future endeavors.

This Resolution shall be incorporated into the official Minutes of the City of Goldsboro, and shall be in full force and effect from and after this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Polack to adopt the retirement resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously carried. Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-7 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY MELVIN DAWSON AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS"

**American Heart Month Proclamation.** Read by Mayor Pro Tem Polack; The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed the month of February 2023 as AMERICAN HEART MONTH in Goldsboro, North Carolina and called upon the people of Goldsboro to increase their awareness and understanding of heart disease and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

**Year of the Trail Proclamation.** Read by Councilman Broadaway; The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed 2023 as the YEAR OF THE TRAIL in collaboration with the members of the Great Trails State Coalition.

#### Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.

Councilman Gaylor shared the following comments: the Downtown Development office, I just want to say thank you to you for your work pulling together this parking meeting on Thursday. It's my understanding that did not begin as a council initiative, that did not begin as us calling a council meeting. That the amount of interest that the council has in the general public and seeing this, resulted in the law requiring us to have it be listed as a special called meeting. I think that speaks very well to the amount of interest and the importance of our MSD, of our downtown, and of the economic development, of the economic impact that it has on our city. I would remind everyone that we only have one meeting in February and March, but we do have our Board retreat. A number of folks in the district have reached out to ask about the agenda for the Board retreat and asked if there were specific things that could be put on there. Anyone else that has anything, it's just a simple thing please shoot me an e-mail so that I know and then it's something that we can discuss as a Council or with Mayor Ham to see if it's something they can fit on the agenda. I know it's going to be a very busy couple of days and that's February 22nd and 23rd and it's already been published.

Councilwoman Matthews shared the following comments: I do want to kind of make one correction about what was said, and it was because I hear a lot of different feedback from different things that we do at the city. The mayor made it very clear in an e-mail or, the city manager does a weekly report, and a report came out back in October, November that there was some talk about a parking discussion and having a meeting. I then reached out to the mayor and asked if it would not be a special called meeting because I was under the assumption that the mayor thought that this was very necessary to discuss. Conversations went on, I sent the mayor an e-mail asking that this not be a City Council or even a mayor led initiative due to a conflict of interest, bias, and all of the things above. The mayor then responded to me and let me know that this was an issue that needed to be, wait, let me back up little bit. So, I told him that several issues come before the City Council, we have presentations almost, we had 2-3 tonight. They come before the board and then we are at then, responsible for making the decision if necessary and I didn't think it was appropriate for us to participate in that regard. I think we have several downtown entities who are more than capable of leading the charge and coming up with a plan and presenting it to council like they have done so many other times. The mayor then told me that this meeting deserves some special considerations, we use those type of terminologies, you have another group of people who do not feel included in that plan and those are oftentimes the people that I serve. When I'm asking these questions it's not just Brandy asking the question, I'm asking those questions for those persons that I represent and as much as we have tried to do this, everybody is affected by XYZ, this did not come about because everybody was affected. This is not how this thing started and I just wanted to clarify that because the mayor was very clear even before it went to council that he was going to have a meeting about the parking downtown. My only concern is that we too take very special interests to all the other issues that are going on in our city that affect other people than certain groups of people. I just want us to be fair that was what the context of my e-mail was to the council members some of which have still not responded to that e-mail. I just want to be very clear and transparent that when we're doing stuff, I don't care how you fix it up, how you try to clarify, the facts are the facts, and it was very disappointing that this now is being blanket covered, the fact that it's interest and we're we have to fall in line with special meeting law and regulations. We all know that there's more than four of us in one place in that type of setting, we have to call a special meeting, but this was going to be a special meeting rather we were all there or not and that is the thing that concerns me and that is what I want to be clear. I don't care how our city staff, the mayor, or the council members try to clear it up. I plan to attend on Thursday because I go downtown all the time and Erin made a good point, it is a good problem to have but I want to make sure that we're doing what's in the best interest of not just the city, not just specific or two or three business owners who want special accommodations. I want to ensure that we're doing the right thing for everybody if in fact everybody are stakeholders, if in fact everybody's affected by this issue. I'm holding the board accountable to say there was a lot of passion from our mayor about this parking. He was very passionate, very adamant about it in the e-mail that he sent to me and the special consideration that this issue needed. So, I am hoping that we have

special consideration for all the other issues that are needed. I just wanted to clarify that we don't need to hide it and say that it's just because we're going to all be there, that's why we have to do it, that's not it, it's not the truth.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack shared the following comments: I just want to thank the Goldsboro Fire Department for their continued assistance and support of the Wayne County Public School System, Public Safety/Fire Technology class, housed at Goldsboro High School, where I'm an instructor. The coordination they've had with my curriculum as well as their own training means so much especially with shortfalls that they currently face with their own equipment. Also, want to thank in closing the citizens within our city limits that do so much behind the scenes that don't seek glory but is definitely an asset to our city's growth and unity.

Councilman Broadaway shared the following comments: I too have received numbers of calls about people picking up yard waste and especially leaves, but I've also known that our Public Works Department is working with very few pieces of equipment right now. In fact, I talked to the Public Works director, and they now have three and maybe four trucks so they're going to get on this problem. A lot of us don't have our leaves picked up and a lot of people are concerned but we can't take it out on the employees. They're working extra-long hours to do it and so those guys are out there working and it's up to us to get them the equipment to work with and that's the point I want to make. I do know we have a new truck ordered and maybe a new one on the way, but those guys out there are working, they're working as hard as they can, so yell at us, don't yell at those guys.

Councilwoman Jones shared the following comments: I would like to say I had an opportunity to attend the Eastern Carolina Council legislative breakfast this morning and it was very informative. I was glad to see and meet a lot of the legislators and we spoke of municipality issues and sewer and all types of things. So, I just wanted to say that was very informative. I really want to put a shout out to Saint James for the Suicide Awareness Workshop that occurred, it was really good and there was some great discussion. There could have been more people there. There were about 25 and there was some really good discussion and we're going to do some more things along that line. I want to thank those people and the speaker for coming out. Another issue of mine is human trafficking and tomorrow night there will be a workshop of at Dillard Academy at 6:30 pm addressing human trafficking and I want everybody to know and to please come out.

Mayor Ham shared the following comments: I want to speak to the issue that Councilman Broadaway spoke about, our Public Works Department. As stated in the newsletter that went out with the utility bills, we've had some major problems in that department so far as leaf vacuum equipment goes. A leaf collecting machine has two motors on it, one for the engine that pulls the vacuum and then one for the vacuum itself. We've had a continuous problem with the equipment breaking down. The supply chain to replace those parts, we are caught up in that like other merchants and other industries are caught up in the supply chain shortages. We've been at the mercy of things that were out of our control now as Councilman Broadaway mentioned, we're getting better. But when you order a piece of equipment in June and you can't get it until nine months later, that speaks to the supply chain. That doesn't mean that we don't have responsibility to pick up leaves and lambs, we do, and they're doing it in a manner that is causing them to work overtime and so forth. I'll also say that if you have limbs mixed with leaves they will not pick those up. You have to separate limbs from the leaves. I've had a lady stop me in a store one day and to talk to me about it. I went by her house and a big pile of limbs were piled up on her leaves and I called her back and said you have to separate those limbs. Limbs will get caught up in the vacuum system of those leaf collectors and damages it. They just will drive buy if they see limbs piled on there, so I just want you to be aware of that. As far as any conversation that Public Works told you ma'am that you don't pay for this, that was wrong and our manager or assistant manager will look into that matter.

There being no further business, Mayor Ham adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Laura Getz

David Ham Mayor