MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 21, 2019

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2019 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway Councilmember Antonio Williams Councilmember Bevan Foster Councilmember David Ham Councilmember Gene Aycock Ron Lawrence, Attorney Tim Salmon, City Manager Melissa Capps, City Clerk LaToya Henry, Public Information Officer Jennifer Collins, Planning Director Felicia Brown, Interim P&R Director Mike Wagner, Public Utilities Director Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director Joe Dixon, Fire Chief Mike West, Police Chief Julie Metz, DGDC Director Scott Satterfield, Business & Property Development Specialist Bernadette Dove, HR Director Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director Marty Anderson, City Engineer Allen Anderson, Chief Building Inspector Adam Twiss, Paramount Theatre & GEC Director Ken Conners, News Director-Curtis Media Group East Eddie Fitzgerald, News Argus Reporter Lonnie Casey, Citizen Bobby Mathis, Citizen Della Mathis, Citizen Carl Martin, Citizen Jay Bauer, Citizen Gretchen Reed, Citizen Myelle Thompson, Citizen Chretien Dumond, Citizen Yvonnia Moore, Citizen (arrived at 5:14 p.m.) Constance Coram, Citizen (arrived at 5:16 p.m.) Alicia Pierce, Citizen (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)

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

Adoption of the Agenda. Mr. Tim Salmon stated he included in the Council updates information regarding Town of Fremont Utility Agreement and would ask Council to add that to the agenda. Mayor Allen stated he would like to add the Halloween Proclamation. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Foster, Ham and Aycock voted for the approval of the agenda. Councilmember Williams did not vote and therefore his vote is recorded as affirmative. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed.

HV Brown Restroom Project. Ms. Felicia Brown provided an update on the HV Brown Restroom Project. Ms. Brown stated the permits have been issued. The construction drawings have been revised and updated to reflect the needed changes to construct in a flood plain. Ms. Brown stated the chiller will be removed from the water fountain; outlets will be placed above flood board.

Mayor Allen asked if staff had an idea about a start date. Ms. Brown stated staff is working with the contractor to get a start date.

Councilmember Williams stated there used to be a fountain, during the construction can we make sure we at least have some waterlines in place so that in the future we can put a fountain back. Ms. Brown stated I cannot speak on making sure there are waterlines, I know the spot you are talking about but without me knowing what's underground, I don't want to say yes, that could require additional monies and I would have to come to Council. Councilmember Williams asked that she look into it and Ms. Brown stated she would see what she could find out.

Forensic Audit Discussion. Ms. Catherine Gwynn stated at the September 23rd Council meeting, Council voted to conduct a forensic audit on prior actions of city staff. I prepared a memo on October 3rd outlining the procurement process. Ms. Gwynn stated forensic accounting can be defined as the action to identify, record, settle, extract, sort, report, and verify past financial data or other accounting activities for settling current or prospective legal disputes or using such past financial data for projecting future financial data to settle legal disputes. I just wanted to put that forth to you so you would understand what you are asking for and suggested the following process:

Process

- 1. Council should decide if all Council members or a select group of Council members (sub-committee) are to be involved in the forensic audit process.
- 2. Council should decide on a specific scope of services they wish to address so that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) can be developed. Council may also wish to bring in a licensed forensic auditor to discuss the process so they can fully understand the forensic audit process.
- 3. Council should decide on who will write the RFQ.
- 4. Council should decide the timeline of the RFQ process, who shall receive and respond to questions on the RFQ, and who shall receive the RFQ's when submitted.
- 5. Finance and IT staff can post the RFQ on the City website.
- 6. Council should decide on the criteria that they will use to score the RFQ's. It is staff's recommendation that the Council evaluate the proposed firms based on prior experience and professional credentialing. Staff can assist in typing up the format if needed after the criteria have been established.
- 7. Council should assign staff to schedule the interviews to assess the potential firms, and if necessary any public meeting notices required by law.
- 8. Council should then evaluate the RFQ's and come to a consensus on the firms by ranking them in order, and then the Council should negotiate the specific scope and price for the services for the top ranking firm.
- 9. Once a firm has been selected, and scope and price negotiated, it is recommended that a final agreement be voted on by the entire Council if a sub-committee format is used. The agreement will be required to be pre-audited by the Finance Director to ensure funds are available and/or reallocated.

Council discussed forensic versus using a certified public accountant. Mayor Allen asked Ms. Gwynn would it help if those who were in favor of the audit over the next two weeks, wrote down what they are trying to get out of the audit. Ms. Gwynn stated that would help out a lot.

Councilmember Foster stated from my understanding a forensic audit is the examination of design to focus on the reconstruction of past transactions for a specific purpose. An

audit focuses on compliance or the performance of an organization. We have had plenty of audits, we are looking to see if there has been anything fraudulent, so I still think we need to have a forensic audit.

Ms. Gwynn stated keep it in perspective, we pay approximately \$50,000 for our external financial audit. An audit usually relies on internal controls, to say that we believe that the numbers on the paper is legit. Ms. Gwynn stated when you try to do everything, it will get expensive, really quick.

Mayor Allen stated so over the next couple of weeks, any councilmember that wants to, generate some type of to-do list for the audit. If you believe we need a forensic audit, why, what department is it. Ms. Gwynn stated your guidance would be helpful.

Councilmember Foster stated I would like to see someone come in and speak to us about the process and then we can have our ideas and speak to them about it.

Town of Fremont Utility Agreement Amendment No. 2. Mr. Salmon shared the following information:

The Town of Fremont and the City of Goldsboro operates and manages wastewater treatment and disposal facilities located within its boundaries. The City of Goldsboro and the Town of Fremont entered into a Utility Agreement (UA) dated December 15, 1998.

The Town of Fremont has not required the use of all 600,000 gallons per day per the original agreement and the City is in need of additional capacity to treat wastewater. The Town of Fremont has a need of only 300,000 gallons per day on average and desires to sell the remaining reserve capacity back to the City of Goldsboro at the rate of \$2.29 per gallon, for the sum of \$687,000.00 and the City of Goldsboro desires to purchase the same at said rate.

The Town of Fremont may exceed its reserve capacity, and the overage fees would be charged by the City of Goldsboro in the event the Town of Fremont exceeds the capacity. The City of Goldsboro has agreed that overage charges will not apply unless the capacity exceeds 450,000 per day in a monthly period and that the Town of Fremont will then pay the rate applicable for overages.

The Town of Fremont currently has a past due amount owed to the City of Goldsboro for wastewater treatment provided pursuant to the UA through October 15, 2019 in the amount of \$231,233.22. The Town of Fremont requests that the amount be deducted from the amount to be paid by the City of Goldsboro, and that any future charges for wastewater treatment also be deducted from the remaining amount of the agreed upon sales price until said amount is exhausted.

The City of Goldsboro agrees to deduct from the amount of the re-purchase of the reserve capacity any and all amounts currently and past due, and to deduct any future charges from the remaining amount, to be deducted from \$455,766.68, such being considered as a credit on Fremont's account.

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Amendment No. 2 to the 1998 Utility Agreement with the Town of Fremont. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ham. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Foster, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Williams did not vote and therefore his vote is recorded as affirmative. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-91 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE 1998 UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF FREMONT

Council Meeting Dates for 2020. Ms. Melissa Capps reviewed the following proposed Council Meeting Dates for 2020.

Monday, January 6 *Tuesday, January 21 (Monday, January 20th is a holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Monday, February 3 Monday, February 17

Monday, March 2 Monday, March 16

Monday, April 6 Monday, April 20

Monday, May 4 Monday, May 18

Monday, June 1 Monday, June 15

Monday, July 13

Monday, August 3 Monday, August 17

*Tuesday, September 8 (Monday, September 7th is a holiday – Labor Day) *Monday, September 21

Monday, October 5 Monday, October 19

Monday, November 2 Monday, November 16

Monday, December 7 Monday, December 21

<u>Proposed Retreat Dates 2020</u> February 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday) February 26 and 27 (Wednesday and Thursday)

Ms. Capps asked Council to review and let her know if there are any suggested changes. Staff will bring back to the next meeting for adoption.

Councilmember Foster Discussion Item – School Zone Safety in the Inner City at Carver Heights, Dillard Charter, Dillard Middle and Goldsboro High School. Councilmember Foster shared he had received a few phone calls regarding school safety zones. Inner-city schools do not have a heavy police presence at any of the school zones. Dillard Charter and School Street do not have a crossing. Greenwood and Meadowlane have a police officer there and I would like to see that throughout the city. Councilmember Foster expressed concerns with kids crossing the street near the schools.

Councilmember Williams suggested getting an estimate to add school crossings where needed. Mayor Allen suggested a representative from the Police Department, Planning, Engineering, from the schools meet and see what is needed and where. Council also discussed speeding enforcement.

Staff will bring back information at a later meeting.

Councilmember Foster Discussion Item – Dillard Middle and Carver Heights Curbing and Entrance Safety. Councilmember Foster stated on the back side of Dillard where the gym is, there are two entrances. One is close to, near the band room, the other one is near the gym. This year Carver Heights decided to have their students dropped off in the back, instead of dropped off in the front. It has caused an inconvenience with Dillard because people are flying through the parking lot and kids are walking. Councilmember Foster stated maybe we can get with the school and coordinate a driveway cut to make things safer.

Staff was asked to look at where another driveway could be installed.

Consent Agenda Review. Each item on the consent agenda was reviewed.

Councilmember Foster shared information regarding a law that was changed in 2018. Effective July 1, 2018, the legislature has altered the public school funding scheme by authorizing a municipality to make appropriations to "supplement funding for elementary and secondary public education" that benefit the residents of the municipality.

Closed Session Held. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss an economic development matter and a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ham. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Williams, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Foster did not vote, therefore his vote is counted as an affirmative vote. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed.

Council convened into closed session.

Council came out of Closed Session.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and 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 October 21, 2019 with attendance as follows:

Present:	Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
	Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
	Councilmember Antonio Williams
	Councilmember Bevan Foster
	Councilmember David Ham
	Councilmember Gene Aycock

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

Pastor Andy Stovall with the Bridge Church provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Councilmember Aycock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of August 19, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Williams voted against the motion. Councilmember Foster did not vote, therefore his vote is counted as an affirmative vote. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed 5:1.

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of September 9, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion passed 4:2.

Employee Performance Award. The following award was presented by Mr. Rick Fletcher, Mr. Timothy Salmon and Mayor Allen.

THE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD AWARDED TO JEREMY BRYANT (Welder) FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT JULY 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jeremy Bryant distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as the City Welder from July 1 to September 30, 2019. During this period, Jeremy's dedication, talent and ingenuity enabled him to work through and resolve several issues—saving countless man-hours and thousands of dollars. When a steel access panel in the middle of Grantham Street recently failed, causing a major safety hazard and partial road closure, Jeremy stepped up to the challenge and custom made four individual reinforced steel panels—phasing in the replacements to keep the road open during the process. Another issue Jeremy helped resolve involved modifying seven (7) leaf collector machines. After purchasing and replacing several backing plate assemblies, at a cost of \$1,400 each, he noticed similarities in the way they were failing and identified a weakness in the backing plate. He designed and fabricated a cover plate for only \$40 to reinforce and protect the face of the backing plate. His ingenuity extended the life of the backing plates, reduced equipment downtime and saved \$1,360 on each repair—including all future repairs. Jeremy also supports the community by training students participating in the WORKSOURCE East Vocational Training Internship Program. After students complete their classroom training, he guides them through the hands-on aspects of welding, affording them the opportunity to get practical experience and fine-tune their skills to better compete for jobs as they enter the workforce. Jeremy is not simply an employee with a "JOB" waiting on direction and guidance for the next task. He is an invested and committed team player who assesses every task to ensure it is accomplished to the best of his ability-no matter how small. His accomplishments reflect well upon himself and the City of Goldsboro.

The following award was presented by Mr. Mike Wagner, Mr. Timothy Salmon and Mayor Allen.

THE SUPERVISOR OF THE QUARTER AWARD AWARDED TO DON MCMULLEN (DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION (SUPERINTENDENT) FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT JULY 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Don McMullen distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as the City Distribution & Collection System Superintendent from July 1 to September 30, 2019. During this period, Don acted honestly, morally, ethically and reliably to serve and represent our community exceptionally well. Don and his teams are arguably five staff short in collections and five staff short in distribution, ten total. Nonetheless, they successfully dealt with the challenges of the city's aging underground infrastructure 24hours a day, responding to water main breaks and sanitary sewer spills on pipes that could be 100-years old. Repair work examples include: the 20" outfall from SJAFB, the sewer line behind Waynesboro Park, the 15" line between Norwood Avenue and Woodrow Street, and the 12" water transmission line that blew on Georgia Avenue. Don notified the proper state and local authorities to ensure proper repairs were made to protect the Citizens of Goldsboro and the environment. He is an invested and committed team leader who assesses every task to ensure compliance in the collection and distribution systems. His accomplishments reflect well upon himself and the City of Goldsboro.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation For Services Rendered By Hezekiah Jones As An Employee Of The City Of Goldsboro For More Than 18 Years. Resolution Adopted. Hezekiah Jones retired on August 1, 2019 as a Fire Engineer with the Goldsboro Fire Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 18 years of service. Hezekiah began his career on April 4, 2001 as a Firefighter with the Goldsboro Fire Department in the City of Goldsboro. On April 1, 2015, Hezekiah was promoted to Fire Engineer with the Goldsboro Fire Department where he has served until his retirement. Hezekiah 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 Hezekiah Jones their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina express our deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during Hezekiah's tenure with the City of Goldsboro and offer him our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution expressing appreciation for services rendered by Hezekiah Jones as an employee of the City of Goldsboro for more than 18 years.

Chief Joseph Dixon and Mayor Allen presented Mr. Hezekiah Jones with a framed copy of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-90 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY HEZEKIAH JONES AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 18 YEARS"

Disability Employment Awareness Month Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed the month of October 2019 as Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Mayor Allen presented a framed copy of the Proclamation to Ms. Panisha L. Stigger, Business Relations Representative with Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Allen opened the public comment period. The following person spoke:

- 1. Carl Martin shared concerns regarding the candidate forum hosted by Liberty First which was held at the Paramount Theatre.
- 2. Alicia Pierce shared concerns regarding members not attending the Democratic Party forum, but attending one sponsored by another party.
- 3. David Craig shared concerns regarding leadership.
- 4. Ravonda Jacobs shared concerns regarding police mental health, community policing and advocated for better pay, benefits and training for police.
- 5. Jill Neilson shared concerns regarding the election, comments about defunding the DGDC and not investing in downtown Goldsboro.

No one else spoke and the Public Comment Period was closed.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. Mr. Timothy Salmon, City Manager 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 Ham moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items E, F, G, and H 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 the affirmative. Mayor Allen declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended by staff. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Veterans Day Parade – Temporary Street Closing Request. Street Closing Request Approved. A request was received from the Wayne County Veterans and Patriots Coalition requesting permission to close a portion of certain City streets on Monday, November 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in order to hold a Veterans Day Parade and Celebration. Parade Route: South on Center Street beginning at Ash Street to Chestnut Street; going around traffic circle heading North on Center Street to Walnut Street; East on Walnut Street to John Street; North on John Street to Mulberry Street: West on Mulberry Street to Center Street; North on Center Street to Ash Street ending at Ash Street.

Staging Areas: Oak Street between James and William Streets, Vine Street between Center and William Streets, Beech Street between John and William Streets, and Center Street from Oak to Ash Streets.

Streets closed for the Staging Area: Center Street from Holly Street to Ash Street; John Street from Holly Street to Ash Street; and Center Street at Spruce Street.

Additional Closures recommended by the Police Department to manage traffic flow will encompass James Street from Oak to Ash Streets, John Street from Chestnut Street to Ash, Mulberry Street from James to William, Walnut Street from James to Ormond Ave, Chestnut Street from James to Ormond Ave; and Ash Street from James to John Streets.

Parking Restrictions: No parallel parking on Center Street from Spruce Street to Ash Street.

The time requested for the closing is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Police have indicated that traffic will be restricted from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The actual parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:15 p.m.

The Police, Fire, Public Works and Downtown Goldsboro offices have been notified of this request.

Staff recommends approval of this request subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
- 2. A 14-foot fire lane is maintained in the center of the street 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, Fire, Public Works and Downtown offices are to be involved in the logistical aspects of this event.

It is recommended the Council approve the street closing of sections of Pine, Spruce, Center, Walnut, John, Mulberry, James, and Chestnut Streets for the Veteran's Day Parade route from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2019. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (6 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-93 "RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR WATER TREATMENT ENHANCEMENTS/PLATE SETTLER PROJECT"

Supplemental Agreement - Right-of-way Reimbursement for Central Heights Realignment (Project U-5724). Resolution Adopted. The realignment of Central Heights Road at Berkeley Boulevard is a funded transportation highway project with right-of-way and utilities currently in progress and construction scheduled for June 26, 2020. This project will align Central Heights Road with Royall Avenue at Berkeley Boulevard by relocating Central Heights Road from south of the railroad to north of the railroad.

The project will include the extension of Fallin Boulevard at Berkeley Boulevard to Central Heights Road and the realignment and extension of Oak Forest Road over Norfolk Southern Railroad to Central Heights Road. The project will also include the widening of Oak Forest Road to Gateway Drive.

In order to include the realignment and extension of Oak Forest Road over Norfolk Southern Railroad to Central Heights Road within the project scope, a Municipal Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and City of Goldsboro was adopted by City Council at their July 16, 2018 meeting. The agreement indicated the City of Goldsboro agreed to participate in the right of way costs and NCDOT was responsible for acquiring any needed right of way for the extension of Oak Forest Road.

The original scope of the agreement allowed the City to participate in the actual project right of way cost up to a maximum amount of \$500,000 in three installments over three years.

Upon execution of the agreement, the City of Goldsboro paid the first installment of \$125,000 to NCDOT on July 26, 2018 with the second installment invoiced on July 1, 2019 for \$187,500 and the third installment invoiced on July 1, 2020 for \$187,500.

Due to the delay in project scheduling, the parties wish to extend by one year, the due dates of the approved second and third installment payments for the City's reimbursement to the Department of Transportation. The parties wish to supplement the original agreement and amend the due dates for the second and third installment payments to read as follows:

The Department shall invoice the Municipality for the second installment in the amount of \$187,500 on July 1, 2020 and for the third installment of \$187,500 on July 1, 2021.

It is recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Supplemental Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for right of way reimbursement as it relates to Provision 8. Subsection A. Funding of the original agreement. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (6 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-92 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY REIMBURSEMENT UNDER PROJECT U-5724 REALIGNMENT OF CENTRAL HEIGHTS ROAD

Award to Turner Murphy Company, Inc. for Water Treatment Enhancements/ Plate Settler Project. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro water treatment plant (WTP) was originally constructed in 1954 and has been expanded and upgraded several times to its current capacity of 12.0 million gallons per day (mgd). During the 1994 project, construction of all other required elements for the 14.0 mgd expansion were completed, with the exception of the inclined plate settlers.

This project consists of installing a stainless steel inclined plate settler in each of the existing seven sedimentation basins to enhance treatment performance and increase capacity from 12.0 to 14.0 mgd.

The City of Goldsboro advertised for Request for Qualifications RFQ# 2019-002 for installation contractors and RFQ# 2019-003 for inclined plate settler manufacturers on August 1, 2019 and received five responsive contractors and two responsive manufacturers on August 22, 2019 at 10:00AM.

Four of the five approved contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and were approved for the formal bid FB# 2019-004 on October 1, 2019 at 2:00PM, which received three responsive bids. After reviewing the submittals, Turner Murphy Company, Inc. of Rock Hill, SC was the lowest responsive bidder for both Alternate A and Alternate B. A tabulation of the October 1, 2019 bids is attached

Turner Murphy Company's total bid amount for Alternate A was \$1,293,994.00 and \$1,376,544.00 for Alternate B, which is a higher grade stainless steel. State Revolving Funding was approved for \$1,797,360 on this project.

It is recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a contract with Turner Murphy Company, Inc. not to exceed \$1,376,544.00 for the Water Treatment Enhancements/Plate Settler Project. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (6 Ayes)

Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted As Information. The various departmental reports for September 2019 were submitted for the Council's approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/Aycock (6 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Salmon stated no comment.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Allen read the following Proclamation.

Safety First On Halloween Proclamation. Mayor Allen proclaimed "Safety First on Halloween" and encouraged all citizens of Goldsboro to promote and observe the following safety guidelines:

- Parents are asked to supervise the Halloween Trick or Treat activities of their children and to insure that Trick or Treat activities are limited to children under the age of 16 years.
- Trick or Treat hours will be observed from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019.
- Residents who wish to participate in Trick or Treat are asked to leave a porch light, or other outdoor light, on during these hours.
- Parents are asked to explain to children that homes with no outdoor light are not participating in Trick or Treat and that these homes should be passed up during these activities.
- It is also recommended for the safety of our children that parental supervision be extended to include insistence that children do not consume any "treats" until closely examined by their parents. Parents should follow the rule "if in doubt throw it out" where evidence of tampering with packaging or surfaces of consumable product exists.

These guidelines are set forth in the hope that all citizens of Goldsboro will enjoy a happy, safe, and orderly Halloween.

Councilmember Williams stated we were in our work session and there were a couple of things I was uncertain of pertaining to Councilmember Foster. He was talking about a supplement that was passed on July 1^{st} , could you elaborate on that.

Councilmember Foster stated on July 1, 2018 state legislative approved a supplement for teachers, for schools, municipalities could give a supplement to schools inside their city. That supplement was brought to the board and at that time was asked for a 3% for our inner-city schools teachers. A lot of our teachers leave and go over to Johnston County, Wilson or Lenoir County because of the teacher supplement. Now with all those places, Goldsboro is ranked the worse as far as being in poverty. You cannot change poverty without quality education. It was denied by this Council.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the 3% teacher stipend that we are eligible to do. Councilmember Foster seconded that. Councilmember Williams and Foster voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Ham and Aycock voted against the motion. Mayor Allen stated the motion failed 2:5.

Councilmember Williams stated I have been advocating for the bathrooms at HV Brown Park and I am glad to hear today that we have a permit. I look forward to seeing those bathrooms, they are much needed in that particular are in District 1. Thank you to staff for allowing that to happen. Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway thanked the DGDC and the Art Committee for the new art downtown. Everybody vote, doesn't matter who you vote for, just vote.

Councilmember Foster stated no comment.

Councilmember Ham stated turnout has been good and encouraged everyone to come out and vote.

Councilmember Aycock provided information on the legislation regarding school supplements, it was passed for two charter schools in Huntersville. The League of Municipalities has been trying to get it rescinded. The City Council is not responsible for the funding of the schools system that is the place of the state and the county.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chuck Allen Mayor

Melissa Capps, MMC/NCCMC City Clerk