

WORK SESSION

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

Roll Call.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack

Adoption of the Agenda. Mayor Ham stated they were asked to remove Item H under Ceremonial Documents from the agenda, the retirement resolution will be deferred until the next meeting. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to accept the agenda with the item changed. The motion was seconded by seconded by Councilman Broadway and unanimously carried.

Old Business.

HOME ARP. Felecia Williams, Community Relations Director introduced Scott Caldwell, Jeff Rosenberg and Allison Gleich with Washington Business Dynamics which presented the following:

HOME-ARP Overview

- \$5 billion for homelessness assistance and assistance to other vulnerable populations to:
 - Provide capital investment for permanent rental housing, upgrade available stock of shelter to include non-congregate shelter, and provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services

Project Timeline

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 **Funds are available through September 2030

Qualifying Populations (QPs)
Homeless (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
At-risk of homelessness (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

Eligible Uses
Affordable Rental Housing
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
Supportive Services
Non-congregate Shelters

Allocation Planning Process

Agency Consultation

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org
Greene Lamp	Homeless Services, Rental Assistance Provider
Warm Body Warm Soul	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Volunteers of America	Homeless / Veterans Supportive Service provider
Habitat for Humanity	Home Ownership Transition Facilitator
United Way of Wayne County	Homeless Supportive Service provider
A Day Movement	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Wald's (Wayne Action Group for Economic Subevity)	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Milisha's Love for Lives (MLEL, Inc.)	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Livestrong	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Nu Hope Village	General Services
Goldsboro Fire Department	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Laundry Love Goldsboro	Homeless Supportive Service provider
Tommy's Foundation	Homeless Supportive Service provider

Ongoing projects in Goldsboro.

- Pre-packaged meals for the homeless
- Career Resources (including a clothing center for work clothing)
- Encouraging landlords to rent to Veterans
- Mental health services for the homeless
- Emergency housing vouchers
- Rental and utilities assistance
- Laundry Services
- Non-congregate shelter provisioning

The goal of Allocation Planning is to:

- Address needs and gaps that currently exist in Goldsboro's provisioning of services to address homelessness
- Gauge opinions on how to maximize local impact with the federal funding via projects
- Prioritize eligible projects by relative importance

25+ local agencies were invited to attend a Working Group Session. 21 individuals were consulted and interviewed

Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis

During Working Group sessions, we asked agencies to rank/ prioritize eligible uses of the funds according to community needs and gaps within Goldsboro the results are tabulated below:

Name	Affordable Rental Housing	Support Services TBRA	Non-congregate shelters
Greene Lamp	1	2	3
Warm Body Warm Soul	2	4	3
Volunteers of America	1	3	2
Habitat for Humanity	2	4	1
Limited Way of Wayne County	1	3	2
4 Day Movement	1	3	2
WAGES	4	2	3
Mirakal's Love for Lives (MLFL, Inc.)	4	2	3
Eastpointe	2	4	3
Nu hope Village	1	2	3
Tommy's Foundation	3	1	4
Laundry for Love	2	1	4
Average	1.75	2.58	2.75
Weighted Ranking	1	2	3

Notable Needs and Issues:

- Significant lack of non-congregate shelter for men, women and families
- Insufficient funding for organizations and initiatives that supply key supportive services
- Shortage of affordable housing
- High frequency of evictions and unemployment
- Significant need for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Although agencies found all eligible uses to be areas of need, Affordable housing and Support Services ranked highest

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COA Pros and Cons

Course of Action	Description	Pros	Cons
COA 1: Need and Gap Based Prioritization	Splits funding between 5 organizations based on survey-based prioritization of perceived community needs	All needs and eligible expenses will be addressed, with an emphasis on the highest ranked priorities More organizations granted funds	High administrative burden Potential for duplication of efforts
COA 2: Feasibility/Availability	Splits funding between 5 organizations based on their presentation, organization, and delivery of project goals	Opportunities given to several organizations All needs and eligible expenses will be addressed	High administrative burden Potential for duplication of efforts Miniscule amount of funding for each project
COA 3: Proven Success	Funds a small number of projects / organizations that have a proven track record of success in the Goldsboro community	Low administrative burden More funds to each selected organization Higher potential for impact with selected projects	Only some community needs will be addressed Lack of quantifiable goals/results regarding housing

The three COAs were selected based on a combination of independent research and agency consultation

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Recommended Allocations

Total Funding Allocation		\$907,911		Risk Scale	
Overseeing Agency	Project Title	Eligible Expense Category	Qualifying Populations Targeted	Proven Success	Course of Action #1 Funding Amount
4 Day Movement	Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Enhancement	Affordable Housing, Supportive Services	All qualifying Pops	Managers and allocated \$1,500 per year for various programs	\$100,000.00
WAGES	Supportive Services Enhancement #2	Supportive Services	All qualifying Pops	HUD 2021 grant recipient for Early Head Start Services for 75,100 infants and families	\$100,000.00
MLFL	Restoration of Hope Village	Non-congregate Shelter, Supportive Services	All qualifying Pops	HUD 2021 grant recipient for Project Runway	\$250,000.00
Greene Lamp	Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program	TBRA	Homeless	America's largest grant program, CDBG Program, WCHA, Non-profit grant program	\$200,000.00
Nu Hope Village	Nu Court - Tiny Homes	Non-congregate Shelter	All qualifying Pops	Created 6 permanent Pops, Interim housing in 2020, HUD-VASH voucher funding	\$250,000.00
Total:					\$900,000.00

4 different courses of action have been recommended - Each is based on a particular investment ideology

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Public Participation

Stage	Description
Inform	Public Hearing will be formally announced to the public by October 20, 2022 Date announced via: City Calendar Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter City Council Meeting
Collect	The public hearing will take place at the Council meeting on November 7, 2022. An online form will be available during that time for participants to opt to submit their feedback virtually.
Address	City feedback to be presented via: City Website Facebook
Develop	Input public feedback and comments into the Allocation Plan draft
Distribute	The finalized Allocation Plan will be disseminated on the City website. There is opportunity here for a series of social media posts to accompany it

A public hearing is required by HUD. Feedback has already been collected from 25+ community members that were consulted as part of the Agency Consultation requirement.

Project Timeline



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Allocation Planning Discussion Questions

- How would you rank the following eligible expenses from highest priority to lowest in Goldsboro;
 - Affordable Rental Housing
 - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
 - Supportive Services
 - Non-congregate Shelters
- What are the largest gaps in Goldsboro housing and homelessness support?
- What types of housing projects in Goldsboro have been successful in the past?
- Does the City have the resources to bare the administrative burden of allocating funds to multiple organizations?

Council discussed receiving presentations from the proposed agencies at the meeting on October 17. City Manager Salmon will invite the agencies to the next council meeting.

New Business.

Parks and Recreation Potential Grants. Felicia Brown, Parks and Recreation Director presented the following:

Background

- Parks and Recreation is eligible to apply for grants as a municipality; not as a non-profit
- Most grants have a match requirement
- Grants allow us to improve our amenities without the City paying full cost

Parks and Recreation Potential Grants

Felicia L. Brown, MPRTSM, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

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Grant Opportunities

- NC Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) formerly known as Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF)
- NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)
- Accessibility for Parks Grant (AFP)

PARTF Grant – Mina Weil Park



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AFP Grant Project – North End Park



Havens Gardens – Washington, NC



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QUESTIONS?

Council discussed the proposed all accessible playground at North End Park. The grant will require a 20% match and notification will be made in spring 2023. Council discussed the condition of the playground equipment in city parks. Council discussed fundraising and the potential grant. City Attorney Lawrence shared that donations can be solicited but have to be earmarked for a specific thing. Council gave consensus to pursue fundraising. Parks and Recreation will partner with the Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities which is already raising money for the park. Mrs. Brown will present an agenda item with options at the next meeting.

Facility Use Lease Discussion. Peacock Park Maintenance Facility Lease for North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC. Scott Williams, Information Technology Director presented the following: The City of Goldsboro was approached by North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC (North State) with a request for a Point of Presence (POP) site on City property. The site is necessary in order to install a “Fiber-To-The-Home” project they are installing in Goldsboro.

The land needed for the POP site is located behind the Park Maintenance Facility in Peacock Park. It is a 900 square foot area where North State will install a concrete pad and prefabricated building. No staff will be located at the site.

The City did an assessment of the fair market value of the land based on an equation from the UNC School of Government and determined that an exchange of services from the company would be more reasonable and beneficial than a monetary lease fee. North State will provide the City with two fiber optic strands for three City facilities. The City will install equipment to provide internet service to the Bryan Multisport Complex, Goldsboro Fire Department Training Grounds and a redundant connection from the City Hall Addition.

Upon Council direction, the City Clerk will advertise a notice in accordance with NCGS 160A-272(a1) for 30 days regarding the proposed lease. An agenda item and resolution will be added to the November 7 meeting for council adoption.

Council discussed the maintenance of the proposed facility and gave consensus to proceed.

Goldsboro’s 175th Anniversary Discussion. Laura Getz, City Clerk presented the following:

GOLDSBORO’S 175th ANNIVERSARY

Laura Getz, City Clerk

October 3, 2022



**Celebrating Our Anniversary
(FREE PUBLIC EVENT)**

- When: Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Where: Goldsboro Event Center
- Cake and punch event
 - Funding will be needed for the food only (cake, punch and supplies – est. \$300.00)
 - Is Council interested in doing anything other than cake and punch? (lunch?)

**Celebrating Our Anniversary
(PUBLIC EVENT)**

- Involvement by the Wayne County Museum (historic displays at the museum the week before and after the event)
- Historical displays provided by the Wayne County Library at the event.
- PowerPoint slide show displaying Goldsboro’s history will be playing during the event.
- Cake Cutting Ceremony (mayor, council, manager) (oldest Goldsboro resident?)
- Local Historians will speak about Goldsboro’s history.

**Celebrating Our Anniversary
(PUBLIC EVENT)**

- Posters commemorating the event will be available to the public.
- Postcards with the poster image on one side and the history of Goldsboro on the opposite side will also be available to the public.
 - The posters and postcards are being printed at no charge.
- Pickleball and Cornhole will be available to the public if the weather permits.

**Celebrating Our Anniversary
(PUBLIC EVENT)**

- IT has set up a domain for us to use during the 175th Anniversary.
- The website name is goldsboro175.com (site is not live but will be soon).
- We are encouraging citizens to participate by adding historic photos of Goldsboro, personal memories and stories about Goldsboro through the years.
- We will be advertising the event and the website after Council approval.

**Celebrating Our Anniversary
(PUBLIC EVENT)**

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

Mayor Ham shared we need to do something to acknowledge the anniversary of the city. Council supported a cake and punch event.

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

Item C. Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for 211 S. Slocumb Street to J.H. Moye Enterprises, LLC. Upon motion of Councilman Broadway, seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried, Council accepted the bid.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilman Gaylor, seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss personnel, litigation and economic development.

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

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 October 3, 2022.

Mayor Ham called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack

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

Bishop Alton A. Smith with St. Mark Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Councilman Broadaway made a motion to approve the minutes Work Session and Regular Meeting of September 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously passed.

Presentations.

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

Employee of the Year Award. Engineer David Grice. David is the absolute definition of a star employee. He gives his heart and soul on a daily basis for the betterment of his company and his department. He displays exceptional leadership qualities and an infectious work ethic that spreads throughout his company and his station. Above his normal duties as an engineer, David is also the team leader for the Fire Explorer program, taking young individuals and allowing them to experience the team concept of the fire service. He serves as leader, mentor, and role model, teaching these young individuals a range of skills, from properly rolling a fire hose, to effective job interview skills. David volunteers for the betterment of the children involved, and because he feels so passionate about the fire service and his community. David serves as the leader of the annual breast cancer t-shirt fundraiser program, overseeing the entire process, from design development to the presentation of the check to the Cure for Colors director. David is also in charge of the car seat safety program working closely with Safe Kids of Wayne County. He single-handedly oversees the training and certification maintenance for the entire department because of his passion for helping the community and the fire department. David is an outstanding employee, always setting the bar higher for himself and others. David's work ethic and accomplishments reflect well on himself and the City of Goldsboro.

The Supervisors of the Year Award. Lee Peter And Major Paige Learnard. Lee consistently exhibits patience, understanding, and empathy to everyone that she encounters; resolving every customer issue in a fair and expedient manner. She manages to handle many customer concerns and problems; supervise the billing and collections and meter staff; and monitor the AMI system and the utility billing system with effortless grace and skill. Lee also played a critical role in the transition to the new utility billing and AMI systems, and the department would not be as far along today if it had not been for her tenacity and dedication. Lee continues to expand her knowledge and goes beyond what is required to seek solutions to problems without being asked. She is a great example of true professionalism to coworkers and residents.

Major Paige Learnard has been with the Goldsboro Police Dept. for 29 years, working her way up to Major of Operations. She goes above and beyond, staying late most days to complete assignments, and is on-call 24/7. Major Learnard gives advice and constructive criticism to motivate, encourage, and mentor in a way that makes employees want to improve; she is very well respected by both her colleagues and subordinates. She is always looking for ways to improve the department. Major Learnard often cooks delicious goodies for the officers working on holidays to make sure they know that they are not forgotten or taken for granted. She voluntarily came in on New Year's Eve to help with the over-abundance of calls. Lee Peter and Major Paige Learnard show dedication and service on a daily basis, always setting the bar higher for themselves and others. Their work ethic and accomplishments reflect well on themselves and the City of Goldsboro.

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

1. Clark Boydston shared concerns regarding a recent letter he sent to the city, which he stated received no response. He gave a copy of the letter to the Mayor.
2. Terrie Bradley, Chairman of the Commission on Community Relations and Development gave an update on the efforts of the Commission.

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. Councilman Gaylor moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items C-G, be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for 211 S. Slocumb Street to J.H. Moyer Enterprises, LLC. Offer Accepted. Staff has received an offer to purchase city/county owned property.

Council must either accept or reject the offer, and if accepted authorize advertisement for upset bids (G.S. 160A-266 and 160A-269).

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

211 S. Slocumb Street
Offeror: J.H. Moye Enterprises, LLC
Offer: \$2,100.00
Bid Deposit: \$105.00
Parcel #: 50959 Pin #: 3509141295
Tax Value: \$4,200.00 Zoning: O&I-1

The offer is at least 50% of the tax value of the property. The bid deposit of 5% has been received in the form of a business check. The business is current and active with the N.C. Secretary of State. The Planning Department shall notify the adjoining property owners via mail that the property is available for sale via upset bid.

It was recommended that Council accept an offer on 211 S. Slocumb Street and adopt following entitled resolution authorizing Finance to advertise for upset bids. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Broadaway (6 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-97 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS”

Set Public Hearing - Contiguous Annexation Petition – Magnolia Grove Located on the East Side of Eleventh St. between Norwood Ave. and Englewood Dr. Public Hearing Set. The City Council, at their meeting on April 18th, 2022, requested that the City Clerk examine the subject voluntary annexation petition for sufficiency.

On June 1, 2022, the City Clerk completed the examination and determined that the petition is sufficient. Sufficiency indicates that all property owners have signed the petition for voluntary annexation.

Pursuant to G. S. 160A-58.2, Council shall fix a date for public hearing on the annexation once the petition is considered sufficient by the City Clerk.

The attached Notice of Public Hearing would schedule October 17, 2022, as the date for the public hearing. A report prepared by the Planning Department, in conjunction with other City departments, will be submitted to the Council on that date.

It was recommended that Council schedule a public hearing for the proposed voluntary annexation of Magnolia Grove subdivision for October 17, 2022. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Broadaway (6 Ayes)

SU-9-22 Two Duplexes – West side of East Ash St. at its intersection with Carriage Rd. Order Approved. This Special Use Permit was voted on and approved at the September 19, 2022, meeting and is not eligible for further deliberation or discussion.

It was recommended that Council review and approve the Order to Approve and for the mayor to sign the Order. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Broadaway (6 Ayes)

Amending Chapter 32: Boards, Commissions and Departments of the City of Goldsboro Code of Ordinances. Ordinance Adopted. The City of Goldsboro recognizes and values the importance of citizen participation in local government. The City utilizes boards and commissions as a mechanism to engage citizens in the democratic process. Chapter 32 outlines and defines the functions of City Council advisory boards.

After a review of Chapter 32, several administrative changes were recommended by various boards and departments to update processes due to organizational changes. Some of these updates include: complying with NCGS by adding a requirement to establish a regular meeting schedule, adding a section to establish subcommittees, and adding a section to include the Goldsboro Tourism Council.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending Chapter 32: Section 32.220 Local Citizen Boards, Commissions, Committees and Authorities, adding a section regulating subcommittees; Section 32.307 Meetings of the Code of Ordinances, adding the establishment of a regular meeting schedule; adding Section 32.329 defining the Travel and Tourism Advisory Council, and other administrative changes in Chapter 32. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Broadaway (6 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-52 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO’S CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Amending the City of Goldsboro General Rules of Order for Boards and Commissions. Rules Adopted. The City of Goldsboro recognizes and values the importance of citizen participation in local government. The City utilizes boards and commissions as a mechanism to engage citizens in the democratic process.

After a review of the General Rules of Order for Boards and Commissions, several administrative changes were needed including adding a section concerning subcommittees, and sections describing the duties of liaisons.

It was recommended that Council adopt the General Rules of Order for Boards and Commissions. Consent Agenda Approval. Gaylor/Broadaway (6 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. City Manager Tim Salmon shared that he and Mayor Pro Tem Polack visited Mr. Boydston to address the issue and that he also sent a certified letter to Mr. Boydston which was returned. City Manager Salmon shared that we would get Mr. Boydston the letter. City Manager Salmon also shared the following: the community level of Covid spread is down to medium; Tropical Storm Ian had little impact on Goldsboro and thanked Goldsboro Public Works and Duke Power; he and Mayor Ham attended the North Carolina Defense Summit; Seymour Johnson Air Force Base won an award for the Wayne School of Technical Arts; Parks and Recreation's City Golf Championship has been delayed; USTA Singles Championship will be here this weekend; Herman Park Center is closed for maintenance until further notice and staff is located in the Senior Center next door; the Community Relations Department has submitted the CAPER and it is available on the city website; he thanked the Public Works Department for repairing the fountain at City Hall; shared that Solid Waste collection is up to date; and ARPA applications have been submitted by the Engineering Department. He also shared information on upcoming Boards and Commissions meetings and the Ash Street Corridor Study will be at the Goldsboro Event Center on October 20.

Ceremonial Documents.

Halloween Proclamation 2022. Goldsboro City Council proclaimed SAFETY FIRST ON HALLOWEEN and encouraged all citizens of Goldsboro to promote and observe the following safety guidelines:

- Parents or guardians are asked to supervise the Halloween Trick or Treat activities of their children and to ensure 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. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022.
- 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 or guardians are asked to explain to children that homes with no outdoor lights 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 or guardian supervision be extended to include insistence that children do not consume any "treats" until closely examined by their parents or guardians. Parents or guardians 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.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.

Councilman Gaylor expressed his concerns regarding a recent act of violence in the city. He stated he respects the hospital staff, EMS and Police that responded. He shared his thoughts and prayers for the families impacted.

Councilman Broadaway congratulated the winners of the supervisors of the year and stated they are the people that go beyond. He shared these are the people that keep all of our employees motivated.

Councilman Batts thanked all the department heads and the great employees that work at the city every day. He stated that we all get along and that he is amazed at that.


Councilwoman Jones shared that there are many awareness incentives in October. There are three that are dear to her heart, the first is Breast Cancer. She stated her mother passed away from Breast Cancer and asked ladies to take precautionary measures. She stated the second one is Red Ribbon, the theme this year is "Celebrate Life, Living Drug Free" and that she will be visiting various facilities talking with children about being drug free and how it impacts the community, the school and the family. She stated if we can reach our kids at a young age, it works. She stated she will be visiting the facilities with the police. She stated it was good for the children to see there are good police men. She also shared that October is Anti-Bullying Month. She will be talking about the four basic bullying types: emotional, cyber, physical and verbal. She stated the schedule will be posted on her personal page. She also shared she hopes we go by the guidelines of Halloween proclamation and for everyone to be safe. She also thanked the city manager, city attorney and city staff for making 1009 Seaboard look good.

Councilwoman Matthews thanked Councilwoman Jones for highlighting October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She shared it is a dear cause after having her own scare at 31 years old. 1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and it is not just a female disease. She shared that 2,700 men are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. According to the statistics, they tell women to start checking at the age of 40, a lot of women have to start checking earlier. She shared that to the special angel in her district that is in her current fight with breast cancer, they are rooting for her and rallying around and supporting her. She shared that to the rest of her district, to stay safe and she will be seeing them more closely very soon.

Mayor Ham shared that we see outstanding employees come before us for recognition and what they do for city of Goldsboro and the citizens, are just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the 480 plus employees we have. They are dedicated employees and they perform their duties in a highly professional way, and provide services that the citizens expect. He shared he has walked the streets (communities) with the police and that was one of the first things he did when he came on board as a councilman was to take advantage of that opportunity. He shared it is a great program and shows the level of professionalism that we have and they reach out and do the best job for our citizens. He shared that if you read the paper and the reports (submitted by the Public Information Officer), that the police respond rapidly to the situations as they occur. He shared we are fortunate to have ShotSpotter and it is a highly helpful tool to our police and he hopes we continue to support that. He also shared that hurricane preparations were not intense but there were precautions taken by the city. He shared we still have another month of hurricane season and to always be prepared.

There being no further business, Mayor Ham adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.




David Ham
Mayor


Laura Getz
City Clerk