

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD
DECEMBER 16, 2019

WORK SESSION

The 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 December 16, 2019 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway, Presiding
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember David Ham
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Ron Lawrence, Attorney
Tim Salmon, City Manager
Melissa Capps, City Clerk
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager
Jennifer Collins, Planning Director
Scott Williams, IT Director
Felicia Brown, Interim P&R Director
Mike Wagner, Public Utilities Director
Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director
James Farfour, Deputy Fire Chief
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Erin A Fonseca, DGDC Marketing & Events Manager
Bernadette Dove, HR Director
Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director
Adam J. Twiss, Director of Paramount Theatre and GEC
Scott Satterfield, Business & Property Development Specialist
Craig Honeycutt, County Manager
Ken Conners, News Director, Curtis Media Group
Sierra Henry, News Argus Reporter
Mike Womble, Williams Overman Pierce, LLP
Mark Pope, Wayne County Development Alliance President
Keyon Carter, Citizen
Lonnie Casey, Citizen
Bobby Mathis, Citizen
Della Mathis, Citizen
Yvonnia Moore, Citizen
Jay Bauer, Citizen
Alicia Pierce, Citizen
LeKeshia Polack, Citizen
Kelvin Stallings, Citizen
Sylvia Barnes, Citizen (arrived at 5:11 p.m.)

Absent: Mayor Chuck Allen

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

Adoption of the Agenda. Councilmember Ham made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aycock. Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Polack, Matthews, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Williams voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:1.

Forensic Audit – Mike Womble. Mr. Mike Womble with Williams Overman Pierce, LLP, located in Greensboro and Raleigh, NC shared information with City Council regarding forensic audits. Mr. Womble stated our profession unfortunately uses words that sound very

similar to words to people outside our profession use pretty regularly. One of those terms is audit, and really what does audit mean to a CPA, to a CPA the word audit means, a level of assurance in the context of a financial statement with respect to how accurate the financial statement may follow a certain method of accounting. A financial statement, in its simplest terms is a statement, it is a listing of everything the city for example owns and everything the city owes. It includes schedules within that talks about how much money the city took in and how much the city expended. Then it has another couple of hundred pages that describes all the programs and details about other matters of interest to those who do use those financial statements. When a CPA would undertake an audit of the financial statement it's not really looking at any individual number or individual program or page, the CPA is rendering an opinion through the CPAs education and experience as to whether or not those financial statements taken as a whole are presented fairly with the method of accounting that is used in their preparation. A method of accounting is simply a set of rules that a CPA follows that if you have this type of revenue then you recorded like this, if you have this type of expense you recorded like that. It's just a complex set of rules that CPAs are trying to follow. When CPAs are auditing financial statements they are giving a higher level of assurance of those financial statements are prepared consistently with that method of accounting and that method of counting can vary from financial statement to financial statement and it is largely defined within that financial statement itself. So what does forensic mean? You hear about it a lot when a crime has occurred. In its simplest terms it means suitable for evidence. In an accounting context, the word forensic comes about because a lot of times accountants are in fact, we're looking back whether back to past transactions that have occurred, transactions that have been recorded and subsequently summarized into a financial statement. Ultimately, when you talk about forensic accounting, it's looking into the past whether it be accounting records or other records for an organization like this typically maintained to answer certain questions in a way that you can draw conclusions of some type based on the records that have been maintained by the organization. Some examples that might be relevant is expense reports, it might be the process by which write-offs for water accounts have been made, it might be how the tax collections have fared, what procedures have been taken for any number of things.

Mr. Womble stated there really isn't a term that I would use that would be "forensic audit," so what I would call an engagement like this would be a forensic accounting engagement. A forensic accounting engagement could be almost anything imaginable. What you are doing is, you have defined a question that you need an answer to. That question may be how many miles have all the city vehicles traveled in the month of November. It may be have all the employees with a credit card, have they followed procedures established by the town to make purchases, in order to make those purchases. It could be, before certain activities have occurred, was policy A, B and C followed, but they are unique, discreet, individual questions that are raised and very finite steps defined in order to accomplish that forensic accounting engagement. Mr. Womble provided an example regarding expense reports.

Mr. Womble stated the most important thing to consider in the definition of the scope of work, which is the task, the question, what is it that you want to know, what is the result you want to come from this activity, is to consider cost. One thing the audit did was look at the financial statements taken as a whole, the whole activity, the whole city, but not individual items per say but in a forensic accounting engagement, you would be looking at again, specific questions, specific things, looking at those specific things with great detail. So to say that we would want to audit, to have a forensic accounting investigation of the entire city would be something that would be really, really expensive. The accountants would love, we could work forever, but we would never finish because there are so many things to look at. So when you are considering something, define the question distinctively, what is it you really want to know and then put that out as an RFP to qualified firms, to CPAs who are credentialed, trained, that have experience in forensic accounting. This is the question we would like to have answered, would you please tell me how you would approach this and have them give you an estimate of costs. I can tell you, you can have great variations in costs based upon your scope of work. If you have a very narrow question that you would like to have answered, then that very narrow question assuming that doesn't involve thousands and thousands of pages of paper, it might be fairly inexpensive, but if it is a question that involves a huge volume of paperwork or a lot of people to talk to you can just think about the time it would take you to read through a large book. Most CPAs will bill by the hour.

Mr. Womble stated as a former city councilmember myself, I would just be concerned with the cost/benefit, is what I am spending a good use of taxpayer funds to answer the question. If you do consider going forward with some type of forensic investigation, maybe have some assistance in developing the RFP and then just having a conversation with those that respond to make sure it is worded in a way that it results in a way to provide the best cost/benefit to the community.

Councilmember Williams stated I appreciate you coming here today. The reason why we have asked you to be here is because we have had a lot of directors that left, including our city manager. So we are concerned about protecting the tax dollars of our citizens here. So with all these directors leaving, we've been concerned. We've also had our new finance director, who has come back repeatedly, there has been mistakes. So being that there were mistakes and things she had to clear up, that gives us great concern. I would like to know what the weaknesses are of each department and that is what a forensic audit can do as well, to show were some weaknesses are, am I correct?

Mr. Womble replied well there are actually a couple of avenues that you could take to answer those questions and one of those would be to talk to the current auditors of the city. As a part of their work, they do a study and evaluate internal controls. Mr. Womble stated you might look back at your audit and talk to auditors about what they did do. A couple of additional things you might could do a separate internal control study that would help you determine whether or not you have enough checks and balances. A third thing you could do is a forensic investigation.

Councilmember Williams stated my concern is a traditional auditor goes by GAAP, the general practices of GAAP, a forensic auditor does not have to go through that. When it comes to a traditional auditor they are just trying to detect material mistakes, opposed to an auditor that can recreate the books and find out when something is incorrect.

Mr. Womble stated some parts of that is correct and let me point out some clarifications. A forensic auditor would not come in and recreate the books, we would not recreate what has already been done, now that could be done, it would just be really, really expensive. There has been a lot of people who have already been through those books, I would guess and I would want to use that good work as much as possible while achieving the purpose for which I was hired. I would take existing books and records to do the work. Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, GAAP, there are other accounting methods that are used for cities, but we do follow certain established methods of accounting, when audits are being performed there are certain rules and regulations followed. You are right, there is a lot of difference between an auditor coming here auditing the books, versus what a forensic accountant might do if hired for a specific task.

Councilmember Williams stated you said expensive, what would be a ballpark figure and have you ever done an audit on a city.

Mr. Womble replied, I have not had to do an audit on a city, I have been involved on your side of the desk with the city, of course have been involved as a CPA and understand the rules and all the things that must be done to do that work. I concentrate in forensic evaluation and litigation, so I do not do audits of cities, but saying that, I have a lot of experience with cities. As I mentioned before, the cost is directly contributable to how much work is required to be done and depends on the question you would like to answer. It would be very, very expensive, hundreds of thousands of dollars to go and do a forensic investigative study on the entire City of Goldsboro for an unknown number of questions and you would really never ask us to do that. It would really just come down to the question, if it is a limited number of documents, a very precise question that is easily answered, it could be \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000, \$30,000 in that ballpark. Now if you are talking about something that requires to look at hundreds of thousands of documents and talk with 10, 15, 200 people and develop an extensive report, explaining the findings, that is where it gets really expensive. Unless you have a really serious issue that has been identified, that would be something you would probably unlikely do, at least with what we know right now.

Councilmember Williams stated I appreciate everything, you have been very thorough. Councilmember Williams asked how where you contacted.

Mr. Womble replied Melissa reached out to me. She did an internet search, so I was very pleased to know that when she searched for forensic accountants our firm was one of the firms identified in search. Our firm is about 47 years old, offices in Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington and this is an area we practice in. I would say to alleviate any concerns, I get no compensation to be here today, I traveled from Raleigh just to do this as a service to Goldsboro, I get no financial benefit whatsoever for being here and I know no one here.

Councilmember Williams stated hopefully someone will contact your company, get some rewards for your good deeds here. As a city councilman, you can understand our concerns when it comes to department heads leaving, and just want to make sure all of our money is accounted for.

Mr. Womble stated absolutely, it is your job to be good stewards of the city's and taxpayers funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway thanked Mr. Womble for coming.

Boards and Commissions Discussion. Ms. Melissa Capps stated good evening City Council. Included in your packets, is a listing of current vacancies including those members who are eligible for reappointment. Also included is a list of applicants notating the applicants first, second and third choice for their interest in serving on a board or commission. At this time I would ask Council to provide recommendations for appointments if you are prepared to do so. Based off Council's recommendations, staff will prepare a Resolution for the appointments for the January 6, 2020 council meeting.

Councilmember Williams recommended Crystal Steadman for the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway reviewed the following vacancies:

Commission on Community Relations and Development

4 Vacancies – Ms. Humphries is eligible for reappointment (board recommended reappointment)
Board Recommended Amy Bauer, Chretien Dumond, and Stephen McFarland for appointment

Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course

2 Vacancies – Ms. Price is eligible for reappointment
Boarded recommended reappointment

Historic District Commission

4 Vacancies – 3 eligible for reappointment however Mr. Bauer wishes to serve on Planning Commission

- Robert Pinder- Eligible for Reappointment Board has recommended reappointment
- Beverly Weeks (Alternate)-Eligible for Reappointment Board has recommended reappointment

With the possibility of Mr. Bauer serving on the Planning Commission the Historic District Commission would have two seat vacancies and the Commission recommends the following:

Mr. Terry Cottle
Ms. Crystal Steadman

Goldsboro Recreation & Parks Commission

7 Vacancies - 3 eligible for reappointment (board recommended reappointments)

- George Cogdell-Eligible for Reappointment Board has recommended reappointment
- Danielle Baptiste -Eligible for Reappointment Board has recommended reappointment
- Larry Gerrard - Eligible for Reappointment Board has recommended reappointment

Board recommends Stephanie Brown, Kelvin Stallings, Glenda Creech and Montana Swift (Student Member) for appointment.

Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities

16 Vacancies

Goldsboro Planning Commission

1 Vacancy

- Board recommends Jay Bauer for appointment.

Travel and Tourism Advisory Council

2 Vacancies (Board recommends reappointment for both)

- Mary Ann Dudley (At-Large) Eligible for Reappointment Board recommends appointment (12/31/20)
- Elba Gutierrez (Hotelier) Eligible for Reappointment Board recommends appointment

*Board recommends extending the term for Mary Ann Dudley to match her current term on the WCTDA (Wayne County Tourism Development Authority).

A copy of this information is included in Council's packet.

Councilmember Matthews stated you mentioned we try to go with applicant's first choice. Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway stated whenever possible. Councilmember Matthews stated I see a lot of board recommendations.

Council discussed appointment procedures and were asked to review the information.

Memorial Marker Policy Discussion. Ms. Felicia Brown provided Council with a memo regarding the current memorial marker policy with Resolution No. 2004-36 and Resolution No. 1990-12. Currently the policy gives the authority to our Recreation Advisory Commission the right to approve or disapprove the placement of memorial markers, should the Recreation Advisory Commission disapprove it, then an appeal of that decision shall be made in writing directly to the Goldsboro City Council. One of the things I was looking to do is change the policy to possibly read "upon appearing before the Recreation Advisory Commission for a recommendation, the proposal will be brought before the Goldsboro City Council for final approval."

The current policy also states to be eligible to receive a marker on a City of Goldsboro park area, an individual must be at least 70 years in age and have resided within the City of Goldsboro for a minimum of 30 years.

Council discussed an asked that staff bring back a proposal with suggested changes to the Memorial Marker Policy. Councilmember Williams also asked if there was a limited number of markers or memorials in the park. Ms. Brown stated it does say in the current policy is does say there would be a limit.

Lease of City-Owned Property – Request by Arnold Flowers. Mr. Guthrie shared the City has acquired property under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. As a part of this program, the City is required to maintain the property. Arnold Flowers owns property on Arrington Bridge Road, which is adjacent to parcels owned by the City. Mr. Flowers also leased land from the city in 2002.

Mr. Flowers proposes leasing the lots on Arrington Bridge Road (PIN#3507149748), Pecan Road (PIN#2597967216) and Casey Mill Road (PIN#3507403670) at no cost provided he complies with the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Program and maintains the property in an acceptable manner. Mr. Flowers is requesting to use the property for the purpose of growing and harvesting timber and pulpwood. The lease provides for a 6 month written notice of termination from either party; however, the term of the lease shall not exceed 40 years. He is not proposing a monetary compensation for the lease, he proposes to maintain the property in lieu of a monetary compensation. He is present tonight if you have any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway stated I looked at this property and most of it is shrub, I think we need to get an inventory of possible timber lands and get an RFP out for lease and see what kind of money we could realize, rather than no money at all.

Council Committees Discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway stated please take a look at the committees and see what you would like to serve on and we will discuss at the next meeting. Councilmember Ham expressed interest to continue serving on the three boards he is

servicing on at this time. Councilmember Williams stated I think we should all switch boards from time to time to learn how these other boards operate, I would like to discuss that more before we made a decision.

Consent Agenda Review. Each item on the Consent Agenda was reviewed. Additional discussion included the following:

Item H. CU-12-19 Henry Battle - East side of S. James Street between Spruce Street and Pine Street. Ms. Collins shared staff met with applicant and adjacent property owners on December 9, 2019 and the applicant indicated no on-street parking would occur in front of residential homes beginning at 306 S. James Street north towards W. Spruce Street. Applicant has vacant property on the south side of the existing building to accommodate parking. Applicant also indicated his intent to utilize shared parking with adjacent property owners to the south of the proposed business (northeast corner and southeast corner of S. James Street and W. Pine Street) to accommodate parking. Councilmember Ham asked if there are violations of those conditions...Ms. Collins stated the city would monitor and if complaints are received staff will look into it.

Councilmember Polack stated I am glad the approval went through, but I was reading in the News Argus and unbeknownst to me, I know Mr. Aycock made the recommendation that both parties meet, I wanted to be a part of that meeting because I know both parties. So I guess my question was, who was chosen to be notified. Ms. Collins stated since the request came from Mr. Aycock I did ask the manager's office if he wanted to be present, he said no staff could handle it. It was just staff, applicant and adjoining property owner, no councilmember was involved.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to add under Presentation Item C-1 Proclamation Certificate to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried.

Item I. Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for Surplus Real Property. Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council amended the motion to accept the offer on 611 E. Pine Street and adopt a resolution authorizing Finance to advertise for upset bids.

Councilmember Williams stated I will be excusing myself because of pending litigation. Councilmember Williams left the room at 5:54 p.m.

Item J. Budget Amendment - 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME). Ms. Simpson-Carter reviewed the item and stated before we move forward I just wanted to say that your budget amendment in your package mirrors your Action Plan. The only difference is your Action Plan is an overall budget, it does not go into the weeds of individual line items, whereas your budget ordinance does. Therefore, a prime example is public facilities there is \$20,000 that is not directly in the line item but is in other line items to acquire any expenditures for any projects from public facilities. There are approximately four line items, Salaries & Wages – Rehabilitation; Social Security (rehab); Retirement (rehab); and Hospital Insurance (rehab) that little over \$20,000 is not directly in the public facilities line item for those soft costs that will be associated with the program are split up in those line items. We have to break it up into individual line items.

Councilmember Matthews stated you are saying that \$20,000 is not reflected in what I am seeing right now, is that what you are saying, it's like an addition you are just splitting it to those four entities. Ms. Simpson-Carter provided a handout and stated on page 5 where you have public facilities is listed at \$229,148, look at the individual line item which currently has \$208,454, the other \$20,694 is in the shaded highlighted area, which adds up to the \$229,148.

Councilmember Williams returned at 5:58 p.m.

Item L. Departmental Monthly Reports. Councilmember Williams stated it is very good to see what is happening in the departments. Thank you for sending out the weekly memo.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Ham, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss an economic development matter.

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 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 December 16, 2019 with attendance as follows:

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

Absent: Mayor Chuck Allen

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway at 7:00 p.m.

Archbishop Anthony Slater with Tehillah Church Ministries provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Councilmember Ham made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Polack. Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmembers Polack, Matthews, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Williams voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:1.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Gigi Eason as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More than 30 Years. Resolution Adopted. Gigi Eason retires on January 1, 2020 as an Engineer with the Goldsboro Fire Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 30 years of service. Gigi began her career on May 31, 1989 as a Firefighter with the Goldsboro Fire Department. On August 11, 1999, Gigi was promoted to Fire Engineer with the Goldsboro Fire Department where she has served until her retirement. Gigi has proven herself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of her 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 Gigi Eason their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by her to the City over the years. We express to Gigi our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in her future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Ham and unanimously carried Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-107 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY GIGI EASON AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS”

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway, Councilmember Polack and Deputy Chief Farfour presented Ms. Gigi Eason with a framed copy of the Resolution.

Deputy Chief Farfour stated she will be missed.

Councilmember Polack shared when he started in the fire service in 1999 Ms. Gigi ushered him in, she will be missed and I appreciate you.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadway stated anytime we lose a fireman, especially with 30 years of service, you've seen a lot of fires, you will be missed and congratulations.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Julie Metz for Service to the City of Goldsboro for More than 24 Years. Resolution Adopted. Julie Metz began working with the City of Goldsboro as a city planner specializing in transportation and community development planning in 1993. For two years, between 1995 and 1997, Julie left the City to work with a private consulting company but returned to the City in 1997 to again be a city planner. In 1999, Julie transitioned into downtown economic development as the City's Downtown Development Director and Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation (DGDC) as the Executive Director. Julie led a visionary master plan in 2007, which paved the way for the development we enjoy today. Julie was also responsible for securing the City of Goldsboro's 2013 Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)V award of \$10M by strategically developing the project proposal, gaining support of elected officials and partners, and preparing/writing the grant application. Julie was also responsible for securing a second TIGER Grant in 2016 of \$5M for Goldsboro which will lead to the completion of the last block of Center Street, the redesign of Cornerstone Commons into the Hub, Wayfinding Signage and a concourse at the Transfer Station. Julie led efforts that resulted in \$21.6 million in grant money for City/Downtown, \$596,000 in community contributions for downtown and approximately \$842,000 of in-kind assistance for downtown in the last nine years. These years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of the City and downtown community for the betterment of its economic, cultural and aesthetic development. The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina express to you, Julie Metz, on behalf of themselves, city employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, our appreciation and gratitude for your unselfish, devoted and invaluable service and contributions rendered to the City of Goldsboro.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2019-108 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JULIE METZ FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 24 YEARS"

Mayor Pro Tem Broadway presented Ms. Julie Metz with a framed copy of the Resolution.

Ms. Metz stated it has been an honor and a privilege to be in this role and to help work with you to shape a new future for our downtown and to improve the image and economic climate for Goldsboro. Thank you for the honor.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadway stated when you walk outside you can see what Julie has done for us, we appreciate your hard work.

Councilmember Aycock stated you made a believer out of me. I never thought we would see this much activity on Center Street again. Thank you.

Councilmember Ham shared how he met Julie. He stated throughout these years, I've had an opportunity to work with her, she is truly a dedicated woman, who has a passion for Goldsboro and there is evidence of her work here, her time and energies, I really appreciate it.

Councilmember Polack stated I just recently meet Ms. Metz since my appointment to this office, I'm quite sure she heard me talk about disseminating resources outside Goldsboro downtown but in our talks she opened herself up and let me know she is willing to work towards that. I appreciate that.

Councilmember Williams stated I know what you have done here has not been easy. I wish you success in your future endeavors.

Certificate of Appreciation Presentation. Councilmember Williams shared back on December 8th there was a gentleman who was having some issues with dementia and there was a citizen here, Mr. Robert Daniel, who recognized that something was wrong. Mr. Daniel was kind, he took the time to stay with him overnight to make sure the gentleman did not go missing.

There were also others who assisted, Officer Prevost who assisted with contacting the gentleman's family and staff at the Holiday Inn Express who made sure he was comfortable. I'm so thankful for the humanity here.

Councilmember Williams presented Mr. Robert Daniel with a Certificate of Appreciation. In appreciation of your kindness and humanity offered to Mr. Ray Livingston (resident of New Bern, NC) in his time of need.

Mr. Daniel stated thank you and I would have done it for anyone.

Councilmember Williams shared there is also a Certificate of Appreciation for the Holiday Inn Express Staff in appreciation of the outstanding service provide during Mr. Ray Livingston's (resident of New Bern, NC) time of need.

CU-13-19 Jerry Futrell – East side of US 117 South between Arrington Bridge Road and South George Street (Increase in electronic gaming machines from 35 to 101 for existing Internet Café). Public Hearing Held & Continued. An internet café was previously approved for 20 gaming machines at this location on September 3, 2013. On June 2, 2014, City Council denied a request to increase the number of gaming machines from 20 to 35 based on requiring 2 parking spaces per machine. On August 4, 2014, the Council approved a parking ordinance amendment to the City's UDO requiring 1.5 parking spaces per machine. In addition, they approved the previous owner's request to allow an increase in the number of gaming machines from 20 to 35.

The previous owner closed the business in March of 2016 upon order from the District Attorney's office. Once software upgrades were installed and in compliance with State law, he reapplied for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an internet café in accordance with the City's Unified Development Ordinance. City Council approved site, landscape and floor plans for the previously approved 35 gaming machines on January 3, 2017.

On May 8, 2017, City Council amended the City's Electronic Gaming Ordinance. The following requirements were approved as they pertain to new gaming establishments proposed for operation in the City of Goldsboro's planning jurisdiction:

1. Electronic gaming operations are permitted only in the General Business (GB) zoning district after the obtainment of a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council.
2. No establishment shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of any residentially zoned or developed property, church, school, day care, playground or public park. Where the proposed establishment is separated from residentially zoned or developed property by a four-lane highway, the five hundred (500) foot separation shall only apply to the properties along the sides and rear of the establishment.
3. No such establishment shall be located within one mile (5,280 ft.) of another such establishment.
4. The hours of operation for such operations shall be limited to 7:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m.

City Council made no changes to the existing parking requirement of 1.5 spaces per gaming machine.

As previously stated, the applicant is requesting to amend an existing Conditional Use Permit for the operation of an internet café to increase the number of gaming machines from 35 to 101.

Frontage: 454.3 ft. (US 117)

Area: 97,220 sq. ft., or 2.23 acres

Zoning: General Business

Hours of Operation: 10:00 a.m. to 2 a.m. (7 days)

No. of Employees: 2

Site and landscape plans for this operation were previously approved. In addition, parking requirements were in compliance with the City's Unified Development Ordinance.

The following modifications were approved:

- a. Rear yard landscape buffer due to grade separation at railroad tracks.
- b. Vehicular surface buffer at front due to existing paving and public right-of-way;
- c. Street tree requirement; and
- d. Distance from residentially zoned property from 200 ft. to 125 ft.

As previously stated, parking is required at 1.5 space per gaming machine. The applicant contends that the City current parking requirement is excessive based on the fact that only one customer can operate one gaming machine at any one time.

Currently, there are 52 paved parking spaces to serve the site. 152 parking spaces are required. Parking areas are available to meet the City's current parking requirements north and east of the facility. However, the applicant does not desire to provide paved parking in accordance with City standards. As such, the applicant is requesting a modification of the City's parking requirement from 152 to 52 parking spaces.

Ms. Collins stated due to a family emergency the applicant has requested the public hearing remain open until January 21st Council Meeting to allow him the opportunity to speak. Staff is recommending after allowing any others here tonight to speak regarding this matter, Council keep the public hearing open till the 21st and the Planning Commission will have a recommendation at Council's February 3, 2020 meeting.

Councilmember Polack asked he wants to upgrade to number of machines to 101 and only wants to have 52 parking spaces. Ms. Collins stated yes sir, there is adequate space, he just wishes not to pave, so he is requesting a modification.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

Upon motion of Councilmember Polack, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council voted to postpone closing and to continue the public hearing to the next meeting.

CU-14-19 Zackell Perry – Southwest corner of E. Oak Street and N. John Street intersection. (Used Automobile Sales). Public Hearing Held. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow operation of a used-car lot within the General Business District. The sale of used vehicles is a permitted use within the General Business zoning district after the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council.

The property was previously operated as a used car lot. Since the business has been closed for more than six (6) months, the applicant is required to reapply for a Conditional Use Permit for used automobile sales.

Frontage: 113.4 ft. (E. Oak St.)
109 ft. (N. John St.)

Area: 12,612 sq. ft., or 0.28 acres

Zoning: General Business

The submitted site plan indicates an existing 1,044 sq. ft. building proposed for use as a sales office. The remainder of the property is mostly paved and is proposed for employee and customer parking, as well as, the display of automobiles for sale. The applicant states there will be no outdoor storage on site.

Hours of Operation: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
(Monday - Saturday)

No. of Employees: 2

Parking is required at one space per employee and five customer spaces. The applicant proposes up to 7 display vehicle spaces and the site plan indicates both customer and employee parking. No loading space will be required since all vehicles will be driven to the site.

A Type A, 10 ft. wide landscape buffer is required along the southern property line and existing vegetation fulfills this requirement.

A Type C, 20 ft. wide landscape buffer is required adjacent to residentially-developed property to the west. An existing chain-link fence with privacy slats is located between the subject property and an existing single-family dwelling. Due to limited space, the applicant is asking for a modification of the City's landscape requirement adjacent to residentially-developed property.

The applicant is requesting the following modifications of the City's landscaping requirements:

1. Street Trees along N. John and E. Oak Streets;
2. Vehicular Surface Area landscaping; and
3. Landscaping required for a Type C, 20 ft. wide landscape buffer

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

No action necessary. Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the City Council's meeting on January 7, 2020.

Planning Commission Excused.

Non-contiguous Annexation Request –Luis Jimenez (East side of S. NC 111 Hwy between Mollie Drive and Sheridan Forest Road) 1.98 Acres. Public Hearing Held. Ordinance Adopted. The City Council, at their meeting on November 18, 2019 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-58.2, 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.

In addition to those requirements the City Council, adopted a policy, which allows annexation of noncontiguous areas subject to a number of requirements. The requirements governing noncontiguous annexations are as follows:

- a. The area is located within one mile of the established city limit line;
- b. The City's ability to contract for the provision of fire and police protection.
- c. In no instance shall a noncontiguous area have an adverse effect upon the City's overall annexation plans.

As indicated in the report, the area proposed for annexation meets all of the above items.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Ham and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Ordinance annexing the Luis Jimenez Property effective December 31, 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-68 “AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN NONCONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA”

Public Hearing to Consider an Incentive Grant Agreement with Michael Aram, Inc. and Wayne County. Public Hearing Adopted. Resolution Adopted. Michael Aram, Inc. has developed plans for the installation of machinery and equipment and expanding its existing facility located in Goldsboro, North Carolina. The City Council of Goldsboro believes that the location of new industries and the expansion of existing industries is vital to the economic health of Goldsboro and to the welfare of its citizens. The City Council wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to recruit new industries and to aid in expansion of existing industries. Such incentives are predicated on the notion of expanding Goldsboro’s tax base and providing additional jobs for Goldsboro citizens that pay wages higher than the current prevailing average hourly wage in the particular industry.

The company is expected to create over 116 new jobs at this facility on or before December 31, 2023 and pay an additional \$8,000 per year in property taxes to the City.

Pursuant to NC General Statute 158-7.1, a public hearing is being held on a proposal to provide economic incentives to Michael Aram, INC. totaling \$100,000 over a five-year period based on an incentive agreement with a \$5,680,000 capital investment and the creation of at least 116 jobs.

Following the public hearing and depending on comments received, staff recommends Council consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an economic grant agreement with Michael Aram, Inc. A copy of the proposed Agreement was attached to the agenda memo.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Matthews and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an economic grant agreement with Michael Aram, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-111 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL ARAM, INC.”

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

Susan Williams stated it was good to see Councilmember Williams back in his seat and welcomed new Councilmembers Polack and Matthews. Ms. Williams also shared someone has taken down the pedestrian crossing sign in front of the Waynesborough House and asked that it be put back up.

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

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

CU-12-19 Henry Battle - East side of S. James Street between Spruce Street and Pine Street. Approved. Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits. As part of the request, separate site plan approval is required.

Frontage: 111.94 ft.
Depth: 205.88 ft.
Area: 22,951 sq. ft. or 0.526 acres
Zoning: Central Business District

The site is the location of the former Elk's Lodge and the physical address of the property is 312 S. James Street.

In 2007 and 2008, City Council denied Conditional Use Permits to operate a place of entertainment with ABC permits and without ABC permits, respectively, at the subject property. In 2010, City Council approved site and landscape plans to allow an indoor flea market to operate upon the property. Site plan approval is valid for one year from the date of City Council approval. Since the applicant never commenced development of the property, the site plan expired and since then the property has remained vacant.

On July 15, 2019, Goldsboro City Council amended the City's Unified Development Code as it pertained to bars, nightclubs, pool halls, microbreweries, places of entertainment (both public, private and non-profit) with ABC Permits. The following regulations were approved as they pertain to places of entertainment:

1. Within that area of the CBD bounded by the south side of Ash Street, the east side of George Street, the north side of Elm Street and the west side of William Street, there shall be no minimum separation distance from residentially zoned or developed property. A 50 ft. minimum separation distance shall be required for stand-alone churches or schools.
2. For the remainder of the CBD, not described by the boundaries above, the minimum separation distance from residentially zoned or developed property, stand-alone churches or schools shall be one hundred feet.
3. In the CBD, there shall be no minimum separation distance between two such establishments.
4. Within that area of the CBD bounded by the south side of Ash Street, the east side of George Street, the north side of Elm Street and the west side of William Street there shall be no minimum off-street parking requirements.

The property is zoned CBD (Central Business District). A place of entertainment with ABC permits is permitted in the CBD only after the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council. In addition, separate site plan approval is required.

As previously stated, the site was the location of the former Elk's Lodge. It contains an existing single-story, brick-veneer and concrete block building of approximately 3,408 sq. ft. on one private lot. The building was built prior to the adoption of the City's Unified Development Codes. As such, building setback modifications will be necessary.

The applicant's floor plan indicates a main ballroom assembly area consisting of approximately 1,236 sq. ft., a seating area consisting of 13 tables and 78 chairs, a kitchen, storage rooms, offices and restrooms.

According to the applicant, the facility would be available to rent for special occasions such as birthday parties, ballroom dancing, wedding receptions, family reunions and live entertainment.

Days/Hours of Operation: Reservations only (Monday-Sunday)
Not activities after 12Midnight
No. of Employees: 2-4

Refuse Collection: Dumpster

As previously stated, a 50 ft. minimum separation distance shall be required for stand-alone churches or schools. Currently, the existing building is approximately 200 ft. from a stand-alone church.

Since the property is bounded by the south side of Ash Street, the east side of George Street, the north side of Elm Street and the west side of William Street, no off-street parking is required.

Landscaping: The applicant is requesting a modification of the City's street tree requirement due to limited space and overhead utilities at the front of the existing building.

The applicant is asking for a modification of the required Class C (20 ft. wide) landscape buffer for approximately 100 ft. along the northern property line since the subject property is adjacent to residentially developed property. The existing building is located less than 5 ft. from the northern property line.

In addition, the applicant is requesting a modification of the required Type A (5 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the southern property line for approximately 100 ft. since the existing building is located less than 5 ft. from the southern property line.

The subject property is not located in Goldsboro's Historic District.

The property is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

The applicant is requesting the following modifications.

1. Modification of the building's side yard setbacks from 15 ft. to 0 ft. along the northern and southern property line.
2. Modification of City street tree requirement.
3. Modification of Type C (20 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the northern property line.
4. Modification of the Type A (5 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the southern property line.

At the public hearing held on November 18, 2019, two people spoke in opposition to the request citing prior incidents with noise, trash and parking. Six people spoke in favor of the request citing that the applicant has previously been denied without the opportunity to open his business. The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on November 25, 2019, recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits with the following modifications:

1. Modification of the building's side yard setbacks from 15 ft. to 0 ft. along the northern and southern property line.
2. Modification of City street tree requirement.
3. Modification of Type C (20 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the northern property line.
4. Modification of the Type A (5 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the southern property line.

The City Council at their meeting held December 2, 2019 recommended staff meet with the applicant and adjacent property owners prior to taking final action.

Staff met with applicant and adjacent property owners on December 9, 2019 and the applicant indicated no on-street parking would occur in front of residential homes beginning at 306 S. James Street north towards W. Spruce Street. Applicant has vacant property on the south side of the existing building to accommodate parking. Applicant also indicated his intent to utilize

shared parking with adjacent property owners to the south of the proposed business (northeast corner and southeast corner of S. James Street and W. Pine Street) to accommodate parking.

It was recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt an Order approving the Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits, and;
2. Approved the Conditional Use permit with the following modifications;
 - (1) Modification of the building's side yard setbacks from 15 ft. to 0 ft. along the northern and southern property line.
 - (2) Modification of City street tree requirement.
 - (3) Modification of Type C (20 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the northern property line.
 - (4) Modification of the Type A (5 ft. wide) landscape buffer along the southern property line. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/ Williams (6 Ayes)

Accept Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for Surplus Real Property. Resolution Adopted. Staff has received an offer to purchase on several city/county-owned properties. Board must either accept or reject the offer, and if accepted authorize advertisement for upset bids (G.S. §160A-266 and §160A-269).

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

611 E. Pine Street

Offeror: Willie E. Lewis
Offer: \$1,675.00
Bid Deposit: \$85.75
Parcel # (REID): 0050897
Pin #: 3509134831
Tax Value: \$3,350.00
Zoning: R-6

It is recommended that the City Council accept the offer on 611 E. Pine Street and adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing Finance to advertise for upset bids. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/ Williams (6 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-112 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS"

Budget Amendment - 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME). Ordinance Adopted. On August 28, 2019, the City of Goldsboro was notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the FY19-20 Annual Action Plan approval and grant allocation totaling \$543,211 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$328,479 and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME) in the amount of \$214,732.

For the purpose of assisting low-to-moderate-income citizens of Goldsboro in improving their quality of life through vital housing and community development programs. The City will utilize its entitlement funds during program year, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The City was granted a 100% HOME Match Reduction for FY19-20. Therefore, the City will not be required to provide local matching funds for the \$214,732 in HOME this allocation.

Since the Release of Funds for these two grants occurred after the adoption of the 2019-2020 Operating Budget, monies to carry out activities under these two programs are not reflected in the current budget. The City's Budget Ordinance must be amended prior to the expenditure of these funds.

It was recommended Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance in order to permit the expenditure of funds for activities included under the City's CDBG and HOME Programs. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/ Williams (6 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-69 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR (2019 CDBG & HOME)”

Change Order No. 13 – Phase IV Sewer Collection Rehabilitation - Formal Bid No. 2018-004. Resolution Adopted. The Phase IV Sewer Rehab Project provides for installation of approximately 30,900 linear feet of cast-in-place-pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of existing sanitary mains, including various root treatments, obstruction removals, cutting of intruding taps and asphalt or concrete surface repairs directly associated with the completion and restoration work detailed in the contract specifications.

Due to additional rehab work, T. A. Loving Company provided costs totaling \$867,487.29.

This additional work will require the contract completion time to be extended by 103 days. The amended contract completion date for the remaining rehabilitation work is April 2, 2020.

Staff recommends issuing a change order to the current contract with T. A. Loving for the Phase IV sewer collection rehabilitation project. We have reviewed this change order with the Finance Director and determined that funds are available from the Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan.

It is recommended that the City Council, by motion, adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order for \$867,487.29 with T. A. Loving Company. Consent Agenda Approval. Ham/ Williams (6 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-113 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 13 WITH T. A. LOVING COMPANY FOR PHASE IV SEWER COLLECTION REHABILITATION PROJECT FORMAL BID #2018-004”

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

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager’s Report. Mr. Tim Salmon stated there is a lot going on this time of the year. I would like to thank the Paramount Theatre for hosting the Nutcracker and Christmas Story. I would like to recognize the Goldsboro Event Center, they hosted 7 events this past week. I would also to recognize Parks and Recreation for hosting several events at the Multi-Sports Complex and Jingle in the Park. Thank you to our city employees for making those events happen this time of the year.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Broadway read the following Resolutions:

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Roosevelt Johnson as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 27 Years. Resolution Adopted. Roosevelt Johnson retires on January 1, 2020 as a Compost Plant Operator with the Public Utilities Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 27 years of service. Roosevelt began his career on April 22, 1992 as a Laborer I with the Public Works Department. On July 14, 1993, Roosevelt was promoted to Equipment Operator I with the Public Works Department. On June 26, 2002, Roosevelt was transferred to the Public Utilities Department as a Motor Equipment Operator II. In January 2014, Roosevelt’s position was reclassified as a Compost Plant Operator with the Public Utilities Department where he has served until his retirement. Roosevelt 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 Roosevelt Johnson 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 to Roosevelt our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-109 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY ROOSEVELT JOHNSON AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 27 YEARS”

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Reginald Hedrick as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 24 Years. Resolution Adopted. Reginald Hedrick retires on January 1, 2020 as a Water Plant Operator IV with the Public Utilities Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 24 years of service. Reginald began his career on April 12, 1995 as a Water Plant Operator with the Public Utilities Department. On September 29, 1997, Reginald was promoted to Water Plant Operator II with the Public Utilities Department. On March 10, 1999, Reginald was promoted to Water Plant Operator III with the Public Utilities Department. On May 23, 2007, Reginald was promoted to Water Plant Operator IV with the Public Utilities Department where he has served until his retirement. Reginald 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 Reginald Hedrick 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 to Reginald our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-110 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY REGINALD HEDRICK AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 24 YEARS”

Councilmember Aycock stated there is a lot more traffic, please pay attention. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Councilmember Ham stated I would like to thank the citizens of Goldsboro for what they contributed to make the city a better place this year and I hope that endeavor will continue in the New Year. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Matthews stated thank you everyone for being here tonight, it is still an honor to serve in this capacity. I did not say anything to Julie because I didn't prepare anything formally but I do wish you well on your next chapter, best wishes to you. Happy holidays, be safe and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Councilmember Polack stated thank you for the positive energy that was shared tonight. I see a more cohesive unit moving into the New Year. I look forward to ushering in new ideas or soliciting ideas from constituents that can make the city prosper. Merry Christmas. Happy Kwanza. Happy New Year. Thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadway stated would like for all of us to pray for the quick recovery of Mayor Allen. This is the Christmas season, I was downtown and I couldn't believe the number of people downtown. I want to wish everyone a Merry and safe Christmas.

Councilmember Williams stated I would like to acknowledge Bevan Foster, he was here and he is still concerned with what is happening in the city. I would like to acknowledge Mayor Allen, ask everyone to pray for him and his family. I wish everyone a happy holidays. God Bless you. Goodnight.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss economic development and litigation matters.

Council came out of closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Bill Broadaway
Mayor Pro Tem

Melissa Capps, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk