# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL MARCH 20, 2023

### **WORK SESSION**

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

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

# Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding

Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones Councilman Bill Broadaway Councilwoman Brandi Matthews Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV

Councilman Greg Batts

Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager

Ron Lawrence, City Attorney Laura Getz, City Clerk

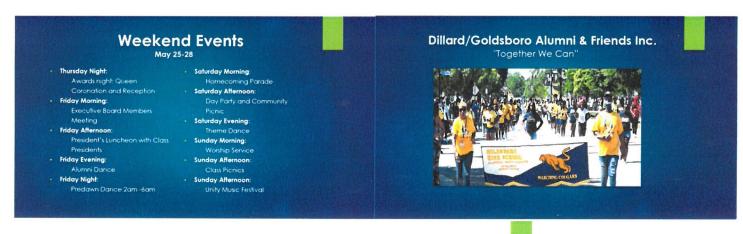
Matt Livingston, Assistant City Manager

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

# New Business.

**DGAF Sponsorship Update**. Gary Packer, National President of the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni and Friends Inc. shared the following presentation:







Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends thank the City of Goldsboro for being a sponsor. Together we can !!!

Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to provide additional funding of \$1,350 to the already appropriated \$10,000 funding. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously carried. Mayor Ham stated we would take up the request for 2024 in the upcoming budget.

Mr. Packer requested the city declare that weekend, the Dillard Goldsboro Alumni and Friends Memorial Weekend. The Mayor stated we would have a proclamation to signify that.

Juneteenth Celebration Presentation. Liza Govan and Kay Tee Taylor with Curtis Media shared the following presentation:





Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, is an American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. state of Texas, and more generally the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former Confederate States of American

Through a continued partnership with the City of Goldsboro, this event continues to grow each year.



# 2022 Juneteenth Partnership

 Thanks to our partnership with the City of Goldsboro, we provided more than \$5,000 worth of advertising campaigns on the radio and Goldsboro Daily News.
 These campaigns highlighted important City Initiatives such as the City's 175th Anniversary, Service on Boards and Commissions, Fire Department initiatives, and citizens' input for HUD Funds. We are pleased to continue this partnership in 2023, as it will prove to be valuable when the City requires advertising with tight budget constraints.







- Here's a sample of what's going down!

  n: Booths will set up in designated areas

- 7:55pm: Thank you and wrap up 7:45pm: Booth breakdown Begins 8:15pm Street Opens

This will be a fun filled day you will not want to miss!



# 2023 Jamz Out Juneteenth

# Entertainment

- Presentation of the Colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
   National Anthem
- Lift Every Voice and Sing
   Local Dance Group
- DJ Playing the Music
- Spoken Word
- Jazz
- Gospel R & B
- · Hip Hop



# JAMZ OUT JUNETEENTH

## 2023 Features: WWW.JAMZOUTJUNETEENTH.COM

- Arts Council Pending confirmation of a week-long exhibit and reception at the arts council
  Wayne County Museum Week-long exhibit
  Invited guests Choral, Presentation of Colors, Mayor, City Council, County
  Commissioners, Pastoral, State Representatives, dancers, and drumline
  Musical Artists
  Food Trucks
  Bouncy Houses
  Tent Vendors
  Non-Profits

- 2022 Attendance Estimated 2,000



# JAMZ Out Juneteenth - Saturday, June 17, 2023



What's Needed for 2023	Organization/COG Department
Street Closure	Goldsboro Police Dept.
Security & Petrol	Goldsboro Police Dept. "Extra security is needed for escorting artists and securing stage area; Curtis Media will ask artists to provide their own or reach out to WCSO.
Electricity & Staff to enforce orage	Public Works *DD-will check on light trucks *Curtis Media will provide wendor map *P&R will assist with enforcing electricity usage:
WMFI access & Drame footage	п
Extra Trash recaptacles (drums se/liners)	Public Works
Staff for Clean Up	Parks & Rec.
Preventation of Colors & Missing/Cooking fens	Goldsbore Fire Dept. Honor Guard (possible collaboration with Police Department) & Will provide 2 misting/tooling fans
Green Room for Artists	Paramount may not be available *Curtis Media sell check with EN Lodge
\$1000 Cash Donation	Community Relations

The City of Goldsboro will provide an invoice for use of facilities and services then Curtis Media Group will provide trade-in radio advertising or Goldsboro Daily News advertising.



# PARTICIPATING SPONSOR

ARTICIPATING SPONSOR WILL RECEIVE: Logo/name included in all publicity for the event -fliers, Goldsboro Daily News and On-Ai marketing, WSSG (92.7 JAMZ) third-party marketing, etc.

10'x10' booth space (chent must provide test and table)

- 10'x10' booth space (client must provide tent and table)

  (50) :30 radio spots/6a-12m/M-Sun/ on 92.7 JAMZ (all spots m

United Way of Wayne County's –Partnership

Wayne County Health Department- Since 2020

District 8 Guardian Ad-Litem- Since 2016

- ne Inclusion as sponsor in:

  (100): 30 recorded promotional ads

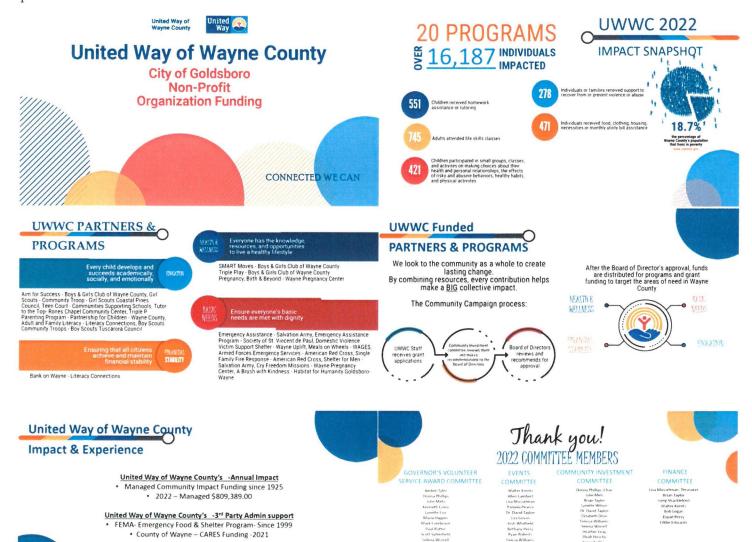
  (50) live mentions leading up to the eve
  o displayed as sponsor on our Juneteenth



Thank you for your continued Support and Partnership.

City Manager Salmon shared the Community Relations Department will provide the requested \$1,000 and the city will provide the support. Council consensus was to support the Juneteenth event.

NPO Third Party Administrator Presentations. Sherry Archibald, Untied Way Director, shared the following presentation:



COMMITTEE MEMBERS





# Partnership Proposal





Tracy Jones, WAGES Controller, shared the following presentation:

# WAGES - NPO Administration

Presentation to the City Council-City of Goldsboro



# History of WAGES



- In January of 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared The War on Poverty in his State of the Union speech. In August that same year, he signed the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.
- · WAGES was formed by a charter of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners in 1966.

# WAGES Vision and Mission



Our vision is that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their optimal potential.



WAGES mission is to provide opportunities and services to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

# **WAGES Programs**

- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- · Head Start
- · Early Head Start
- CSBG Self-Sufficiency Project
- · Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels)
- · Congregate Nutrition Sites
- · Senior Companion Program
- · Foster Grandparent Program
- Child Advocacy Network

# Organizational Capacity

# WAGES programs address community needs including:

- Housing Food insecurity
- Early education
- · Workforce development
- · Economic development
- · Child advocacy
- Senior services
- · Volunteer services
- · And more

# Organizational Capacity

- WAGES has served hundreds of thousands of residents in Wayne and surrounding counties since 1966.
- WAGES has extensive experience in administering federal funds and federal programs.





# Funds Management Experiences

- WAGES administers programs with more than 20 diverse funding streams.
- These funding sources include:

  US Department of Health and Human Services
- US Department of Energy
- US Department of Agriculture NC Department of Environment Quality NC Office of Economic Opportunity
- Local city and county governments Duke Energy
- Jnited Way
- Various foundations and local contributions.

# Contract Administration



· WAGES has current and relevant experience with contract administration including the annual distribution of more than \$1.4 million in federal funds to 3 partner childcare centers in Wayne County through the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership model.

# All current grantees (funded agencies) will be invited to submit an application for funding. In addition, a funding opportunity announcement (RFA) will be published and available to the public. Any nonprofit that meets the funding criteria will be able to apply

The RFA will be released no less than 45 days before the application is due.

# **Selection Process**

- All applications that meet eligibility criteria and that are submitted by the prescribed due date will be considered.
- A selection criteria ranking will be used to determine the agencies that will be funded and to determine the awarded amounts. These decisions will be based on a prescribed matrix (approved by the City) and on community needs.
- The selection process will occur within 15 business days

# **Execution of Contracts**



- Once funding determinations are made, all applicants will be notified of the decisions.
- Funded agencies will receive a notice of award 30 days prior to the start of the funding year.
- Funded agencies will be instructed on the invoice process.
- Invoices and quarterly outcomes data should be submitted to WAGES by the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of the payment month.
- Payments will be remitted to funded agencies quarterly on October 15, January 15, April 15 and June 30.

# **Execution of Contracts**



Outcomes data will be reviewed quarterly and annually by WAGES to ensure successful implementation of contracted services

Bi-annual presentations will be made to the City by WAGES

# Fees



This would mean a \$23,850 administration fee on the \$150,000 in NPO awarded funds.

# Questions



Boards and Commissions Applications. City Clerk Getz shared the following information: There are two vacancies on the Historic District Commission and there are two vacancies on the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities. Fritz Knack has submitted an application for the Historic District Commission. The Historic District Commission has not submitted a recommendation. Angela Newsome and Tamara Wilder have submitted an application for the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities. The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities met and has recommended both applicants. Council recommended the three positions as stated. City Clerk Getz will bring a resolution to the next meeting to appoint the three applicants.

LGC Financial Performance Indicators of Concern. City Manager Salmon shared the following information: Changes in North Carolina Administrative Code, effective for all annual audits with fiscal year ends June 30, 2021 and later, require that the auditor (Forvis), include, in the presentation to the governing board, the values of Financial Performance Indicators and the Board respond within 60 days to the Local Government Commission with a plan addressing each Financial Performance Indicator of Concern. The City Manager and Finance Director drafted a City response letter to the Local Government Commission (LGC) which is detailed below. City Manager Salmon shared after any questions from Council, staff will make adjustments as necessary and requested Council approval so that the letter can be returned to the LGC. City Manager Salmon presented the following:

# Fund Balance Available General Fund

The City's result in FY21 was nearly 14% and the LGC recommends a minimum of 25% which was discussed at the retreat.

In FY 21-22, the City increased its property tax rate from \$0.65/\$100 valuation to \$0.68/\$100. Each cent generates about a quarter of a million dollars and we expect to add three quarters of a million dollars to our fund balance in FY2021-22 and FY22-23. The City also cut spending on training, operations, and maintenance during COVID. Additionally, the City utilized the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to pay a portion of personnel costs which otherwise would have taken funding we couldn't buy capital with. We expect available fund balance to exceed the Council set goal of 15% in FY21-22 and more closely approach the LGC recommended minimum of 25% in FY22-23, but that remains to be seen.

# **General Performance Indicator - Audit Timeliness**

The FY21 audit was presented at the Council retreat. We hope to have the next audit done by July 31, 2023 or the middle of August. We hope to be on time for the FY22-23 audit which would be the first of December 2023.

Council has taken steps to make this happen to include: over the past 2 years, added seven (7) full-time personnel in the finance department for purchasing, inventory, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll to allow financial tasks to be accomplished in a timely manner. Difficulty in filling the positions slowed the City's progress as well as the additional workload from the ARPA funding, CRF funding, and Office of the State Auditor's work. We are also potentially asking Council to consider in the next budget, contracting accounting personnel as necessary to get those jobs done.

# General Performance Indicator - Unit Assistance List

The city was put on the Unit Assistance List because we were late with our audit. once we get our audits called up and we get our fund balance up to 15% hopefully approaching 25% we will send a letter to the LGC and they will take us off the Unit Assistance List, but that timeline remains to be determined.

Mayor Ham stated the letter is important to the LGC and he hopes that Council will support the letter and sign it.

Councilman Gaylor inquired about the schedule of the upcoming audits. City Manager Salmon and Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director provided information about the upcoming audits.

Consent Agenda Review. Items K - DD on the consent agenda were reviewed.

Item N. Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for 506 S. Leslie Street to Matthew Hill. Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Polack, seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council accepted the bid.

Item P. Operating Budget Amendment. Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director, shared she has the wrong line item on Charges for Services but it is actually Revenue from Other Agencies. The ordinance will be corrected and provided to the clerk.

The meeting recessed at 6:41 p.m.

# **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on March 20, 2023.

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

# Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding

Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones Councilman Bill Broadaway Councilwoman Brandi Matthews Councilman Charles Gaylor, IV

Councilman Greg Batts

Also Present: Tim Salmon, City Manager

Ron Lawrence, City Attorney

Laura Getz, City Clerk

Matt Livingston, Assistant City Manager

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

Approval of Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to approve the minutes of the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023, the minutes of the Council Retreat of February 22-23, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried.

# Presentations.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by James Chester as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 21 Years. Resolution Adopted. James Chester retires on April 1, 2023 as a Fleet Maintenance Superintendent, with more than 21 years of service with the Goldsboro Public Works Department. James began his career on October 10, 2001, as a Fleet Maintenance Supervisor with the Public Works Department. On January 20, 2008, James was promoted to Fleet Maintenance Superintendent with the Public Works Department, where he has served until his retirement. James 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 James Chester their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years and express to James Chester our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity, and good health in his future endeavors.

This Resolution shall be incorporated into the official Minutes of the City of Goldsboro, and shall be in full force and effect from and after this 20th day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY JAMES CHESTER AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 21 YEARS"

Dennis Goodson Resolution. Resolution Adopted. Dennis Goodson has numerous accomplishments and has provided notable service to the City of Goldsboro and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Dennis Goodson has been our principal base liaison and our "go to" person for information and assistance and has been instrumental in many of the joint projects that have improved our city. Dennis Goodson played a critical role in the partnership agreement between Goldsboro and the United States Air Force to construct the Bryan Multi Sports Complex and provide the F4 static display. Dennis Goodson has supported and contributed to our bi-annual Air Show and annual Freedom Festival, which supports our nation's military, and is attended by thousands of visitors to Goldsboro. Dennis Goodson has focused on creating more off-base housing for the SJAFB airman, and the development of the Air Force's first public school on-base. Dennis Goodson has always been ready to serve, whether it be on the NC Military Affairs Commission, the City's Metropolitan Planning Organization, or assisting with other base/city events. Dennis Goodson's can-do attitude towards city officials and city staff has been appreciated and valued, to address the needs of airman and citizens. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, to say Thank You and commend Dennis Goodson for his leadership, commitment, and willingness to support our "One Community" and express to Dennis Goodson our appreciation and gratitude for his unselfish, devoted, and invaluable service to the City of Goldsboro.

This Resolution shall be incorporated into the official Minutes of the City of Goldsboro and shall be in full force and effect from and after this 20th day of March 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. DENNIS GOODSON"

**Brain Injury Awareness Month Proclamation.** Read by Councilwoman Jones, Goldsboro City Council proclaimed March 2023, as BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH in Goldsboro, North Carolina and called upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the month with activities that promote awareness and prevention of brain injuries.

Ms. Pier Protz and clients at ReNu Life accepted the proclamation.

Recognize Tim Wood, Procurement Manager, for the Billy D. Ray Purchaser of the Year award at the North Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing Spring Conference on March 8, 2023. Presented. The North Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing (NCAGP) was formed in 1952 for the improvement of governmental purchasing and furthers good governance by encouraging professional development and a collaborative network sharing information across all North Carolina local governments.

The NCAGP has three distinguished awards that are given at their spring conference, and among them is the Billy D. Ray Purchaser of the Year Award. "The purpose of this award is to give appreciation and recognition to public purchasing professionals that have made significant contributions within the past two years to the success of their entities, their profession, and themselves. It is presented annually at the North Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing (NCAGP) Spring School and Conference in memory of Billy D. Ray, CLGPO, Purchasing Manager for the City of Burlington, for his outstanding contributions and service to the cause and advancement of the public purchasing profession."

The City of Goldsboro was honored when Tim Wood, Procurement Manager, was the recipient of the Billy D. Ray Purchaser of the Year Award at the March 8th awards banquet. Mr. Wood was recognized for his many accomplishments advancing procurement for his employer and for his many contributions to the NCAGP association. It is a distinction for the City to know that we have the best of the best in procurement professionals as judged by his peers. Mr. Wood has been an invaluable asset to the City as we further our efforts to become a role model in the state for good governance.

Mr. Tim Wood accepted the award presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

# Public Hearings.

**Downtown Parking Regulations Public Hearing. Public Hearing Held.** The City of Goldsboro in conjunction with Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation hosted a public parking forum on January 26th to determine the best way to manage changing downtown parking needs. The public forum was facilitated by the Town of Chapel Hill Director of Economic Development and Parking Dwight Bassett. Mr. Bassett led the participants in a discussion to identify one of three

potential management strategies, compiling the results for review by city staff and Council. More than 50 community members participated in the forum, and 43 agreed that there was a need for on-street parking management that limited parking for two or three hours but did not include a parking fee.

During the Council Retreat on February 22, a recommendation of the City Parking Commission was shared to utilize City Ordinance 72.26, two-hour parking limits anytime between 8:30am and 5:30pm, Monday – Saturday on certain streets (Center St. from Ash St. to Chestnut St.; Mulberry St. and Walnut St. from John St. to James St.) to be described in Chapter 75: Parking Schedules, outlining the location of parking restrictions.

Enforcement would be done by the Goldsboro Police Department and Code Enforcement Officers per City Ordinance 72.90 (once appropriate signage is in place). Parking citations will have a \$25 fee, with a \$25 late fee after 15 days and \$100 fee after 30 days, per City Ordinance 72.99.

As directed by City Council at the February Retreat, a public hearing is being held this evening to receive additional public input to be followed by City Council discussion regarding the next steps to be taken, if any.

As part of the review and recommendation process the proposed parking management plan is going before the Planning Board on March the 27th. A recommendation from the Planning Board will be given at the City Council April 3rd meeting at which time the Council will be asked to take official action.

Council is asked to provide direction regarding downtown parking limits so staff may make the appropriate City ordinance changes for Council approval at the April 3, 2023 Council meeting.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- 1. Charlie Gaylor, downtown resident and downtown business owner, spoke in favor of parking regulations on Walnut Street.
- 2. Carl Martin, citizen, provided his comments (Exhibit A) to Council and spoke against parking regulations.
- 3. Antonio Williams, downtown resident and downtown business owner, spoke against parking regulations.
- 4. Dr. David L. Craig, citizen, spoke against parking regulations.
- 5. Pete Norris, downtown pastor, spoke in favor of parking regulations on Walnut Street.
- 6. Kim Bogue, downtown business owner, spoke in favor of parking regulations on Walnut Street.
- 7. Jill Nielsen, downtown business owner, spoke in favor of parking regulations.
- 8. Sergio Sanchez, former downtown business owner, spoke against parking regulations.
- 9. Yvonnia Moore, downtown resident and downtown business owner, spoke against parking regulations.

Mayor and Council discussed the proposed parking regulations, other options and timeline.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to look at other options before we adopt the parking commission options or proposals. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Jones stepped out of the room at 8:49 p.m. and returned at 8:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Amending Chapter 152: Housing Regulations, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances. Public Hearing Held and Ordinance Adopted. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to amend Chapter 152: Housing Regulations, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Notice was given for a public hearing to be held before the City Council on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 214 N. Center St. in the Historic City Hall building, for the purpose of considering and discussing an ordinance amending the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances.

The proposed amendment would affect all areas designated as being within the municipal limits of the City of Goldsboro, and is in compliance with Chapter 160D: Article 12 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The proposed amendment is found to be reasonable, in publics best interest, and is consistent with the Goldsboro Comprehensive Land-Use Plan.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the City of Goldsboro by establishing minimum standards and requirements for the initial and continued occupancy of places of human habitation and abandoned structures.

It was recommended by the Planning Commission that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance amending Chapter 152: Housing Regulations of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances.

Council discussed why the ETJ was omitted form the ordinance.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilman Broadaway made a motion to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 152: Housing Regulations, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-9 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152: HOUSING REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO'S CODE OF ORDINANCES"

SU-3-23 Bricks Restaurant (Place of Entertainment w/ ABC Permit) – 223 N Center St. Public Hearing Held and Findings Adopted. After being properly sworn in, Austin Brinkley, Assistant Planning Director presented the following information.

Mayor Ham asked to be excused due to a possible conflict of interest. Councilman Gaylor made a motion to excuse the mayor from discussion on Item H, SU-3-23 to avoid a possible conflict of interest. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried. Mayor Ham left the room at 9:09 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Polack conducted the Public Hearing.

ADDRESS: 223 N Center St. PARCEL #: 2599960738

OWNER: Greenbriar Property Services, LLC

APPLICANT: Nicholas Ward

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit for the establishment of a Place of Entertainment with ABC Permit, located in the Central Business Zoning District. The property sits at the corner of Center Street and Ash Street. The Central Business District is established to maintain and strengthen the concentration of commercial, service, residential and institutional uses that serve the entire community and region. The district encourages a mix of high intensity pedestrian-oriented uses compatibly designed and arranged around the existing compact core. The Central Business District is the primary zoning district in the area.

According to the City's Unified Development Code, Place of Entertainment with ABC Permit is permitted only after obtaining a Special Use Permit from Goldsboro City Council. The UDO also requires that In the Central Business District that there are to be no more than two Places of Entertainment with ABC Permit per city block. This proposal satisfies this requirement.

Frontage: 80 ft

Zoning: Central Business District

Existing Use: Vacant building (former site of Direct Carpet Flooring Outlet)

The City's Land Use Plan locates this parcel within the Mixed-Use Downtown land use designation.

The City of Goldsboro Comprehensive Land Use Plan identifies the following goals related to the Mixed-Use Downtown designation and desired development for the downtown Goldsboro area. The plan indicates that infill development is an action that is essential to the continued development of Goldsboro, this proposal qualifies as being infill development. The plan also identifies a goal as being to focus on improvement of the downtown Goldsboro area. The entire land plan, the area all falls within this mixed use downtown area.

The proposed Place of Entertainment with ABC Permit would operate in the rear warehouse area of Bricks Restaurant (permitted by right, currently in permitting process). The warehouse portion of the structure is proposed to operate as a flexible entertainment space that would be able to accommodate events such as vendor fairs, motorcycle shows, movie nights, beer festivals, tattoo festivals, art class, art shows, gender reveal parties, engagement parties, holiday parties, banquets, and galas. The overall theme is that this would be a rentable space that is flexible to the types of events that it may host.

Hours of Operation

- Sunday-Saturday: 12 Noon 11:00 PM
- Typical days of operation will be Thursday-Sunday with the same hours.

Mr. Brinkley stated these would not be non-stop hours but would be as needed basis based on how the space is being rented out or utilized. Typically, the hours of operation would be Thursday-Sunday with those same hours.

Employees: 10 total employees per shift (2 shifts). Parking: No minimum off-street parking requirements.

Maintenance/Repair/Refuse Collection: Maintenance and repair will be performed on an as needed basis and trash collection is contracted and scheduled to occur either bi-weekly, weekly and after certain events as needed.

TRC REVIEW: Staff has distributed this proposed special use permit to the Goldsboro Fire Department and to Goldsboro Downtown Development. There were no comments or concerns.

Mr. Brinkley shared the following comments: the general layout is shown to give you some more background. This is where Direct Flooring and Carpet is currently. The front portion where you see what appears to be some structures inside the building is where the proposed Brick's Restaurant is that's already in the permitting process. That is permitted by right use for that restaurant. The way this building is designed in the rear portion which used to serve as the warehouse, is a very large space that Mr. Ward has identified could be a flexible space to host multiple types of events. The large vacant area is the area we are talking about.

Staff Evaluations: This Special Use proposal is to establish a Place of Entertainment with an ABC Permit. All encompassing for any types of uses that would like to rent that space out.

The proposed Special Use qualifies as infill development.

This will operate in the rear flex space portion of the structure in conjunction with Bricks Restaurant (operating in the old show floor area of Direct Carpet Flooring Outlet)

Staff is recommending a condition be that no outdoor activities are to take place associated with the Place of Entertainment with ABC Permit. All activities and events are to occur inside of the structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack opened the Public Hearing. The following person spoke after being properly sworn in.

1. Dr. David Craig shared the following comments: I wanted to say it's not that I'm necessarily against Brick's Restaurant, but if you think about the proposed usages of this space, parties, gender reveal parties, gatherings and then for the city to say that there's no off street parking required that runs contrary to what the city's attempting to do or the direction that the city is moving in terms of the proposed parking plan. I know that when you have gatherings of that type, a lot of times it takes more than two hours and so I'm just suggesting that these things be considered.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council entered into deliberation and voted on each of the four findings in order to determine whether or not the Special Use Permit should be issued. Council does have the ability to continue the hearing or place conditions upon its approval as long as Council is able to conclude that evidence exists in the record to support the condition.

- 1. Councilman Broadaway made a motion that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried.
- 2. Councilman Gaylor made a motion to agree that the use will not substantially injure the beneficial use of adjoining or abutting property. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously carried.
- 3. Councilman Gaylor made a motion to agree that the use will be in harmony with existing development and uses within the area in which it is located so long as it is subject to the conditions that all activities are contained within the structure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried.
- 4. Councilman Batts made a motion to agree that the use will be in general conformity with the City of Goldsboro Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gaylor. Mayor Pro Tem Polack, Councilman Broadaway, Councilwoman Matthews, Councilman Gaylor and Councilman Batts voted for the motion. Councilwoman Jones did not vote, however, pursuant to NCGS G.S. 160A-75, Councilwoman Jones vote would be considered an affirmative vote. The motion passed 6:0.

It was recommended Council sign the Order to Approve at the April 3, 2023 City Council meeting.

Mayor Ham returned to the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

SU-4-23 Aim 2 Ease – South side of E. Ash St. east of its intersection with Meadow Rd. Public Hearing Held and Findings Adopted. ADDRESS: 3888 E. Ash St.

PARCEL #: 351897115 OWNER: Mary Ivey King APPLICANT: Barbara Doerter

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit to establish Aim 2 Ease, a reflexology holistic body work therapy (Licensed massage therapy). The property is located in the Office & Institutional 1 Zoning District. The O&I-1 district is established to provide for the development of office and community institutions that have similar development characteristics and require locations close to residential and commercial uses. The district encourages the development of office and institutional uses that provide a step down in intensity between highly developed commercial districts and nearby neighborhoods.

Mr. Brinkley shared an ariel image of the location of the Special Use Request. He stated it is on Est Ash Street, very close to Hwy 70.

Mr. Brinkley stated there is some residential zoning present and a small cluster of O&I 1 with General Business with other General Business zoning in the general vicinity.

According to the City's Unified Development Code, Table 5.4 Permitted Uses, Fitness Center, Licensed Massage Therapy is permitted as a Special Use in the Office & Institutional 1 district, provided that City Council, acting as the Board of Adjustment votes to issue the permit.

Frontage: 85 ft Area: 0.44 acres

Zoning: Office & Institutional 1

Existing Use: Vacant commercial business

The City's Land Use Plan locates this parcel within the Low-Density Residential land use designation. This designation was given based off of existing residential development patterns, constraints to development, and the location of infrastructure. Low-Density Residential land uses have been located where development pressures are the least. Use is not anticipated to present any type of immediate threat to this land use designation due to the fact this property was previously utilized for non-residential purposes. There is current Land Use designation across East Ash Street with Low Density Residential on the south side.

According to the Unified Development Ordinance, a Special Use Permit is required to establish a Licensed Massage Therapy business in the O&I-I Zoning District. Planning staff has been provided with a copy of Barbara Doerters membership with the American Reflexology Certification Board. The American Reflexology Certification Board has also provided the City of Goldsboro with a letter certifying that Barbara Doerter has been a good standing member with the board since 2015. If the Special Use is approved, the use will be required to go through Site Plan review and comply with any applicable buffering, landscaping, etc requirements listed in the UDO.

Business Hours: Monday-Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Employees: 1 (Barbara Doerter)

TRC REVIEW: There were no comments or concerns generated in the TRC review period.

Mr. Brinkley showed a rough sketch and stated a full site plan is required before any site plan approval is issued.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council entered into deliberation and voted on each of the four findings in order to determine whether or not the Special Use Permit should be issued.

- 1. Councilman Gaylor made a motion that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.
- 2. Councilman Broadaway made a motion to agree that the use will not substantially injure the beneficial use of adjoining or abutting property. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.
- 3. Councilman Batts made a motion to agree that the use will be in harmony with existing development and uses within the area in which it is located. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.
- 4. Mayor Pro Tem Polack made a motion to agree that the use will be in general conformity with the City of Goldsboro Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried.

It was recommended that Council sign the Order to Approve that reflects the results of the hearing and deliberation at the April 3, 2023 City Council meeting.

UDO-1-23 Article 5: Section 5.5.4 – Special Use Specific Use Regulations (E) Bars, Nightclubs, Pool Halls, Microbreweries, Places of Entertainment (Both Public Private and for Profit) w/ ABC Permit. Public Hearing Continued to April 3, 2023. APPLICANT: Kyle Merritt

The applicant is proposing for the text located in Section 5.5.4 (E) of the City of Goldsboro UDO to be amended. The proposed amendment would remove language regarding how distance is measured to determine that there is at least 50 feet between Bars, Nightclubs, Pool Halls, Microbreweries, and Places of Entertainment (Both Public Private and for Profit) w/ ABC Permit. The way that distance is currently measured reads as follows.

The separation distance required by this section shall be measured in a straight line from property line to property line, with no consideration as to intervening structures, roads, or landforms.

The applicant is requesting for the portion of this text that reads "with no consideration as to intervening structures, roads or landforms." to be removed from the City of Goldsboro UDO.

By removing this, it creates a situation where you could include things such as a public right of way in the required distance separation to achieve the minimum 50 feet needed. These types of uses that are required to meet this 50 feet separation are still identified as Special Uses and would require quasi-judicial review and approval from City Council before any operation would be allowed to take place.

The applicant is requesting this Text Amendment to relocate "Church Spirits & Cocktails" to 116 W. Mulberry Street, which adjacent to St. Stephens Episcopal Church. The only thing separating the property lines is the Mulberry St. right-of-way. This text amendment, if approved, would create an opportunity for Kyle Merritt to apply for a Special Use Permit to establish "Church Spirits & Cocktails" at 116 W. Mulberry St.

Land Use Plan Recommendation: The City of Goldsboro Comprehensive Plan classifies the Central Business District to be in the Mixed-Use Downtown designation. An identified goal of the comprehensive land use plan is to continue to focus on improvement of the downtown Goldsboro area.

See below for the language for the proposed amendment.

# ARTICLE 5: SECTION 5.5.4 SPECIAL USE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS (E)

The separation distance required by this section shall be measured in a straight line from property line to property line, with no consideration as to intervening structures, roads, or landforms.

Staff is neither recommending approval nor recommending denial. Staff is acknowledging the fact that if the text is amended that these types of uses (Bars, Nightclubs, Pool Halls, Microbreweries, and Places of Entertainment (Both Public Private and for Profit) w/ ABC Permit) would still be required to undergo the Special Use Permit process which would require City Council to perform quasi-judicial review on each separate request and apply conditions as they see necessary to mitigate the use.

The City of Goldsboro Planning Commission met on February 27, 2023, to review and make a recommendation regarding the text amendment. The Planning Commission voted to adopt the Inconsistency Statement and recommend denial to City Council for the proposed text amendment. The vote was 3-2.

Council discussed the proposed text amendment.

Mayor Ham opened the Public Hearing and the following person spoke.

1. Kyle Merritt explained the proposed use and shared time is an issue due to leasing the building.

Mr. Brinkley shared these types of uses still have to go through the Special Use process.

Council continued discussion.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until April 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack shared his concerns about waiting until April 17 to address the issue due to the requestors time constraints. Councilwoman Matthews asked if we could change the date to April 3.

Councilwoman Jones amended her motion to continue the matter to April 3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Polack and unanimously carried.

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

- 1. Commissioner Antonio Williams shared on behalf of the County of Wayne, he would request Council do a resolution of support for train/rail service from Goldsboro to Wilmington.
- 2. Elvin Gray shared concerns regarding animal enforcement rules and mail delivery due to a neighboring dog.
- 3. Dr. David Craig shared concerns regarding two agenda items on the agenda.
  - a. Catherine Gwynn explained the Operating Budget agenda item.
- 4. Yvonnia Moore shared concerns regarding the Parking Commission and a downtown parking lot.

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

Councilman Gaylor made a motion to modify the agenda to move items Q and P to Items Requiring Individual Action. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously carried.

<u>Consent Agenda</u> – Approved as Recommended. City Manager 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.

Item P. Operating Budget Amendment FY22-23 and Item Q. Change Order No.1 Price Change for the Bulk Storage Tank replacement for the WRF were removed from the agenda after the Public Comment Period. Mayor Pro Tem Polack moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items K-DD minus P and Q be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

**Downtown Event Venue Rental Fee Update & Resolution. Resolution Adopted.** The HUB is an outdoor public park-like amenity in Downtown Goldsboro, which can be reserved for special events and activities. The 28,000 sq. ft. space was designed to serve the community with restroom facilities, seating and charging stations, as well as a 30' x 20' stage, electrical hookups and lighted power pedestals for food vendors.

The HUB is open to the public, with operating hours of 8am - 10pm. For private events, the space must be reserved in advance and all rental guidelines followed.

Rental Fees are as follows:

- Tier 1 \$500+
  - For profit events w/ any compensation
- Tier 2 \$400+
  - Any event with no admission or compensation (exc. NPOs)
- Tier 3 \$300+
  - Any event hosted by a non-profit organization.

All reservations require a \$100 refundable damage deposit and certificate of insurance.

Adjacent to The HUB is a vacant grass lot, which is often referred to as Freedom Field. Typically, this lot is used for overflow event parking, and is occasionally requested as part of a HUB event rental. Currently, there are no special rental requirements for use of Freedom Field, other than the completion of a Special Event Application and \$25 application fee.

Staff recommends updating the event venue fee structure to include Freedom Field. Freedom Field event reservations will include The HUB, with a \$100 rental fee added to The HUB fee schedule. All events will request a \$100 refundable damage deposit and Certificate of Insurance. This recommendation was adopted by motion at the February 23rd Council Retreat, however a Resolution is needed to amend the Special Event fee schedule.

It was recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution supporting the adoption of an updated special event venue rental fee schedule. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14 "RESOLUTION UPDATING AND CONFIRMING THE SPECIAL EVENT VENUE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE HUB AND FREEDOM FIELD BY THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO"

Award contract for subscription services related to GASB 87 and 96 to Fifth Asset, Inc., dba DebtBook for FY23 and FY24. Resolution Adopted. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87 Leases effective for audits ending June 30, 2023. "It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset".

GASB issued Statement No. 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements effective for audits ending June 30, 2024. "This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments)."

DebtBook also provides debt portfolio management on its platform of services.

The City is renewing its subscription with DebtBook and the company has offered a discount if the City renews for a two year period. Due to the number of leases and SBITAs and the volume of information that is required to comply with the standard, it is necessary to use a third party software to manage the data.

 Year 1 (3/31/23 - 3/31/24)
 \$12,500.00

 Year 2 (3/31/24 - 3/31/25)
 \$17,500.00

 Total
 \$30,000.00

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the award of the contract for subscription services for GASB 87 and 96 to Fifth Asset, Inc. dba DebtBook for 3/31/23 through 3/31/25 and authorize City staff to execute the agreement. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 "RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES TO DEBTBOOK FOR FISCAL 2022-23 AND 2023-24"

Award contract for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 to Forvis, LLP. Resolution Adopted. G.S. §159-34, Annual independent audit, requires each local government to have its accounts audited as soon as possible

after the close of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The auditor shall be selected by, and shall report directly to the governing board.

In May, 2019 the City conducted a request for qualifications and a request for proposal for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and selected Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP.

The cost of the audit as per the proposal is:

Fy2020 \$53,200 Fy2021 \$54,500 Fy2022 \$55,800

Dixon, Hughes, Goodman, LLP merged with BKD CPAs to form Forvis, LLP on June 1, 2022. Forvis (the firm) is active and in good standing with the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners. The partner in charge, John Frank, CPA, is also in active good standing with the same as a Certified Public Accountant. They have a current peer review and have provided insurance information, Form W9 and e-verify compliance.

Once approved by City Council, the contract will be executed and sent to the Local Government Commission for final approval before any field work can commence on the FY22 audit.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the award for contract for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 to Forvis, LLP. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16 "RESOLUTION APPROVING FORVIS, LLP AS OFFICIAL AUDITOR OF THE CITY'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022"

Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bids for 506 S. Leslie Street to Matthew Hill. Resolution Adopted. 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))

506 S. Leslie Street Offeror: Matthew Hill Offer: \$3,445.00 Bid Deposit: \$172.25

Pin #: 3509136105

Tax Value: \$6,890.00

Zoning: R-6

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, however the offer was made by the individual. 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 the offer on 506 S. Leslie Street and adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing Finance to advertise for upset bids. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS"

Resolution to waive and write off tax liens on paving special assessments beyond the 10 year statute of limitations. Resolution Adopted. The City Council has authorized the levy of paving special assessment rolls as recommended by the Engineering department under power granted by N.C. General Statute §160A-216 Article 10.

When the rolls were adopted between 1982 and 2001 a provision for holding some of the assessments in abeyance was included. The reason given was due to unusually shaped lots, small lots undevelopable unless combined with adjacent property, undeveloped lots located within a special flood hazard area, and/or State-owned property. In consulting with the UNC School of Government, we were informed that paving assessments do not qualify for abeyance, only water and sewer assessments qualify (N.C.G.S. §160A-237).

Finance and Engineering staff have identified the paving special assessments that are past the 10 year statute of limitations and were placed incorrectly in abeyance and have submitted this to Council for approval to waive and write off these amounts as staff cannot legally collect. The total of the accounts presented in the resolution is \$35,304.16.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the waiver and write off of tax liens on paving special assessments past the 10 year statute of limitations. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION 2023-18 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER AND WRITE OFF OF TAX LIENS ON PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PAST THE 10 YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS"

Use of Public Utilities Capital Reserve to assist funding for the capital project of enclosing Bay 8 to store Compost equipment. Approved. The City of Goldsboro Public Utilities Department has an approved FY22-23 budget for the Capital Improvement Project: Compost Bay 8 enclosure. Additional funding is required to complete this project. The Utility Capital Reserve fund was established in FY22-23 to fund Capital Improvement projects.

The FY22-23 budget funded the Bay 8 enclosure project for \$27,000. Individual quotes came in over the \$30,000 threshold that requires this project to go out for bid. The total fund required for this project is estimated to be \$70,000.

Staff recommended Council approve the use of the Public Utilities Capital Reserve fund in the amount of \$43,000 to provide the additional funding required to complete the budgeted capital project; with the total fund required being \$70,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Request Authorization to Purchase a New Front Loader Refuse Truck. Resolution Adopted. On March 8, 2023, Front Loader W1348 caught on fire and has been deemed a total loss. It was a 2010 year model and the top priority on the Public Works Department's equipment CIP to be replaced in FY23/24. Due to its age and poor mechanical condition, it had already been removed from daily operations and only used as a backup when other trucks were inoperable or in for maintenance.

The City's Solid Waste Commercial Dumpster Operation requires three Front Loader refuse trucks to meet current customer requirements—including SJAFB. Two trucks are required to run routes daily just to keep up with normal operations. There are times when all three trucks are running routes to help stay on schedule, but the third truck is typically used as backup. It isn't uncommon for one truck to be out of service for several days waiting on diagnostics, repairs, parts, etc., so a third truck is essential to ensure operations stay on schedule.

Operating without a third Front Loader is not an option if we want to ensure the City can continue to provide quality service long-term and not lose customers. Renting a Front Loader will cost at least \$15,000/month and is not a long-term solution. A new Front Loader costs \$375,000 plus tax, tag, title, etc. or approximately \$400,000. There will be some funds received from the insurance settlement, estimated between \$50K - \$75K.

It was recommended that Council approve the purchase of the new Front Loader for \$400K through a general fund transfer. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19 "RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PURCHASE A FRONT LOADER"

Municipal Ordinance to Enact Speed Limit Concurrence for Sections of NC 581. Ordinance Adopted. The N.C. Department of Transportation is seeking to update existing ordinances on NC 581 and has requested that the City adopt a concurring ordinance.

NCDOT has recently reviewed the entirety of NC 581 and since there is a section just south of SR 1919 (Westbrook Road) within the Goldsboro Municipal Limits, revision of the 45 and 55 mph speed limits from a rural ordinance to a municipal ordinance is required. The City will need to adopt a concurring ordinance for the following sections of roadway:

Enact 45-MPH Zone for:

NC 581 between 0.37 mile southeast of SR 1919 (Westbrook Road) and 0.1 mile southeast of SR 1919 (Westbrook Road)

Enact 55 MPH Zone for:

 NC 581 between 0.014 mile southeast of SR 1918 (Pecan Road) and 0.37 mile southeast of SR 1919 (Westbrook Road)

City of Goldsboro current ordinances do not include blanket speed limits for NCDOT maintained streets; therefore, the City must adopt an ordinance specific to NCDOT maintained streets within the existing city limits.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance enacting the speed limit for sections of NCDOT Highway System Street located within the existing city limits of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10 "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR SECTIONS OF NCDOT HIGHWAY SYSTEM STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO"

Change Order Numbers 21-Revised and 32-Final for Phase IV Sewer Collection Rehabilitation (Formal Bid #2018-004). Resolution Adopted. The Phase IV Sewer Rehab Project provided 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. City Council approved the original contract for approximately \$9.3M.

Phase IV Sewer Rehab Project is complete. Due to underruns and overruns in the bid line items, staff requested the contractor, T. A. Loving Company, provide final adjustment change orders to alleviate some of the overruns and final adjustments necessary for reimbursement requested from NCDEQ.

Change Order No. 21-Revised

Change Order No. 21 in the amount of \$54,000 was approved by City Council on October 18, 2021. An adjustment of quantities is required for Change Order No. 21 to reflect 32 point repairs instead of 18. This will add an additional cost of \$42,000 as per the contractor's final Invoice No. 31.

Total Change Order No. 21-Revised = \$96,000.00

Change Order No. 32-Final

Final adjusting change order for pay item underruns and overruns. This change order encompasses bid items that underran and overran bid line items. Overruns have been paid to T. A. Loving Company by the City of Goldsboro. The underruns for this project exceeded the overruns creating a savings of \$66,829.82.

Final Adjusting Change Order No. 32 = \$66,829.82

Staff reviewed change orders with the Finance Director and determined that funds are available from the Clean Water Revolving Fund Loan.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 21-Revised for a total of \$96,000 and Change Order No. 32-final adjusting change order for underruns and overruns creating a savings of \$66,829.82. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NUMBERS 21-REVISED AND 32-FINAL WITH T. A. LOVING CO. FOR PHASE IV SEWER COLLECTION REHABILITATION PROJECT FORMAL BID #2018-004"

Unity Music Festival (Dream Beyond Fears) – Temporary Street Closure. Approved. The Unity Music Festival is a concert sponsored by Dream Beyond Fears. The event will host Jazz performers, bringing people together for a positive purpose in Goldsboro.

The event will be hosted at Freedom Field and The HUB from 2:00pm - 10:00pm. The Dream Beyond Fears is requesting the closures of the North and Southbound lanes of South Center Street from Spruce Street to Chestnut Street from 12:00pm - 10:00pm. The Police, Downtown Goldsboro, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation have been notified of this request.

As with all downtown events, affected city departments will be contacted and the following concerns are to be addressed:

- 1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
- 2. A 14-foot fire lane is to be maintained to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
- 3. All activities, change in plans, etc., will be coordinated with the Police Department.
- 4. The Police and Fire Departments are to be involved in the logistical aspects of the Event.
- 5. Certificate of Insurance meeting city requirements will be provided in advance of the event to the city finance director and city manager.

It was recommended that Council approve the requested temporary street closures of the North and Southbound lanes of Center Street as stated above for the Unity Music Festival on Sunday, May 28, 2023 from 12:00pm – 10:00pm. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Wayne County Crime Stoppers Caper Chase (Goldsboro Wayne Crime Stoppers) – Temporary Street Closing. Approved. An application was received from the Goldsboro Wayne Crime Stoppers, requesting permission to hold their 3rd annual Wayne Crime Stoppers Caper Chase on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This event is to support the Goldsboro Wayne Crime Stoppers Program.

The race is scheduled to begin at Spruce Street on Center Street and end between Chestnut Street and Spruce Street on Center Street and runs through the downtown area of Walnut Street, Jefferson Street, and Mulberry Street. The Police, Downtown Goldsboro, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments have been notified of this request.

The race has three race routes they will be using for the 10K, 5K, and 1-mile runs. All three routes will start and finish in the same area and will have staggered start times. The time requested for the closing is from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

- 1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
- 2. A 14-foot fire lane is maintained in the center of the street to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
- 3. All activities, changes in plans, etc. will be coordinated with the Police Department.

4. The Police, Fire, Public Works and Downtown Goldsboro offices are to be involved in the logistical aspects of this event.

It was recommended that Council approve the street closing of sections of Center Street at Pine Street, Spruce Street, Chestnut Street, Walnut Street, and Mulberry Street for the 3rd annual Wayne Crime Stoppers Caper Chase on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 7:30am to 11:00pm. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Alive because He's Alive (Higher Calling Ministries) – Temporary Street Closure. Approved. The Higher Calling Ministries is hosting a "Community Event" for the outreach for the church to connect with the Community - "Building Community Within the Community".

The event will be hosted at Tehillah Church Ministries and the Higher Calling Ministries located at Madison Avenue and Beech Street from 12:00pm – 3:30pm. The Higher Calling Ministries is requesting the closure of a section of the 1700 block of E. Beech Street from 9:30am – 4:30pm (There are no resident driveways on this section of E. Beech Street). The Police, Downtown Goldsboro, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation have been notified of this request.

As with all downtown events, affected city departments will be contacted and the following concerns are to be addressed:

- 1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
- 2. A 14-foot fire lane is to be maintained to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
- 3. All activities, change in plans, etc., will be coordinated with the Police Department.
- 4. The Police and Fire Departments are to be involved in the logistical aspects of the Event.
- 5. Certificate of Insurance meeting city requirements will be provided in advance of the event to the city finance director and city manager.

It was recommended that Council approve the requested temporary street closure of the section of the 1700 block E. Beech Street as stated above for the Alive because He's Alive Community Event on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 9:30am – 4:30pm. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Annual Hal K. Plonk Awareness Walk/ Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities Awareness Walk – Temporary Street Closure. Approved. The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities is responsible for planning, conducting, and publicizing activities designed to promote the employment and well-being of people with disabilities. The Hal Plonk advisability Awareness Walk is one of the Committee's annual events.

The event will be hosted at The HUB from 10:00am-12:00pm. The Mayor's Committee for Persons w/ Disabilities is requesting the closure of E. Chestnut Street between Center and John Street from 9:30am-1:00pm. The Police, Downtown Goldsboro, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation have been notified of this request.

As with all downtown events, affected city departments will be contacted and the following concerns are to be addressed:

- 1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
- 2. A 14-foot fire lane is to be maintained to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
- 3. All activities, change in plans, etc., will be coordinated with the Police Department.
- 4. The Police and Fire Departments are to be involved in the logistical aspects of the Event.
- 5. Certificate of Insurance meeting city requirements will be provided in advance of the event to the city finance director and city manager.

It was recommended that Council approve the requested temporary street closure of E. Chestnut Street between Center Street and John Street as stated above for the Annual Hal K. Plonk Awareness Walk/ Mayor's Committee For Persons with Disabilities Awareness Walk on May 3, 2023, from 9:30am – 1:00pm. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

SU-1-23 Bed & Breakfast – 300 S. William St. Approved. This Special Use Permit was voted on and approved at the February 6, 2023, meeting and is not eligible for further deliberation or discussion.

It was recommended that Council review the Order to Approve, and Mayor Ham sign the order. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Set Public Hearing - Non-Contiguous (Satellite) Annexation Petition – Goldsboro (Hwy 70) WW, LLC - Located on the southwest corner of US Hwy. 70 W. and NC 581 Hwy. Public Hearing Set. Wayne Co. Tax Parcel ID#: 2671815879

Acreage: 2.44 acres or 106,121 sq. ft.

The City Council, at their meeting on January 23, 2023, requested that the City Clerk examine the subject voluntary non-contiguous annexation petition for sufficiency.

On February 15, 2023, the City Clerk completed the examination and determined that the petition is sufficient. Sufficiency indicates that the proposed area for annexation meets the standards for noncontiguous annexation as specified in G.S. 160A-58.1 Petition for annexation; standards and as follows:

- 1. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits must be not more than three miles from the primary corporate limits of the annexing city;
- 2. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits may be closer to the primary corporate limits of another city than to the primary corporate limits of the annexing city;
- 3. The area must be situated that the annexing city will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within its primary corporate limits;
- 4. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, may not exceed 10% of the area within the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.

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 advertised Notice of Public Hearing would schedule April 3, 2023 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 non-contiguous annexation of Goldsboro (Hwy 70) WW, LLC for April 3, 2023. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Contiguous Annexation Petition – New Hope Place, LLC. Located on the north side of Cuyler Best Rd. between Oxford Blvd. and Glendas Dr. Referred to Clerk. Address: No physical address (TBD)

Parcel ID: 3610-50-8709

Area: 611,325 sq. ft./14.04 acres Property owner: New Hope Place, LLC.

Petitioner: Jennifer Surber

On September 13, 2022, site plans were approved for a multi-family apartment complex consisting of four apartment buildings and a clubhouse. Building permits have been issued for a total of eighty (80) apartment units.

New Hope Place, LLC. is requesting that the contiguous property described by metes and bounds and a boundary survey in Item 2 of the attached petition be annexed to the City of Goldsboro. Maps showing the property proposed to be annexed are part of the agenda packet.

Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31, City Council shall direct the City Clerk to examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency. The City Clerk is responsible for certifying the following:

- 1. The petition contains an adequate property description of the area proposed for annexation.
- 2. The area described in the petition is contiguous to the City of Goldsboro's corporate limits.
- 3. The petition is signed by and includes addresses of all owners of real property lying in the area proposed for annexation.

If the petition is determined to be sufficient by the City Clerk, a Certificate of Sufficiency will be submitted to Council and Council shall fix a date for a public hearing on the proposed annexation at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

It was recommended that Council request that the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation. Resolution Adopted. On September 20, 2021, Council adopted a resolution approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the state of North Carolina and local governments on proceeds relating to the settlement of opioid litigation.

Wave two settlements have been reached in litigation against s Walmart, Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Allergan Limited, CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co., as well as their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors named in the Additional Settlements.

The opioid epidemic had taken the lives of more than 32,000 North Carolinians, torn families apart, and ravaged communities from the mountains to the coast.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.

Certain counties and municipalities in North Carolina joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distribution companies, and chain drug stores to hold those companies accountable.

Representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (SAAF) to provide for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of these settlements.

By joining the settlements and approving the SAAF, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of North Carolina and local governments on proceeds relating to the settlement of opioid litigation. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21 "RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION"

**Departmental Monthly Reports.** Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for January and February 2023 were submitted for Council approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Polack/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

# City Manager's Report.

City Manager Salmon thanked Council for the great presentations including the retirement resolutions, awards and ceremonial proclamations. The US Colored Troop marker dedication will be held on March 27, 2023 at 10 a.m. by the HUB where the Civil War Trail sign is located.

# **Ceremonial Documents.**

135th US Colored Troop (USCT) 158th Birthday Proclamation. Read by Mayor Pro Tem Polack, the Goldsboro City Council recognized March 27, 2023 as the 135th USCT's 158th Birthday and encouraged all citizens to recognize the efforts of these brave men that fought for our country.

**Women's History Month Proclamation.** Read by Councilwoman Matthews, the Goldsboro City Council proclaimed the month of March 2023 as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH in the City of Goldsboro and encouraged all citizens to observe this month by participating in and supporting all festivities celebrating the proud history and many accomplishments of women.

**Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation**. Read by Councilman Broadaway, the Goldsboro City Council proclaimed March 29, 2023 as VIETNAM VETERANS DAY in the City of Goldsboro and urged all citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the anniversary of the Vietnam war.

# **Items Requiring Individual Action.**

Operating Budget Amendment FY22-23. Ordinance Adopted. Council adopted the FY22-23 annual operating budget on June 20, 2022.

# **Paramount Theater**

The Paramount Theater received a grant from SouthArts for the Yolanda Rabun presentation on 6/17 to 6/18/22 in the amount of \$6,244.00. This revenue will be applied to the Performance Series expense line item.

## **Public Works – Garage**

The Outside Repairs line item is currently depleted, and the Public Works Director, Mr. Rick Fletcher, has requested an increase of \$50,000 to fund the line item until the end of the fiscal year. This will be funded with an increase in Garage Service Credits which is the internal billing account that we use for the revenue offset of this line item.

# **Public Works - Cemetery**

The Cemetery received a donation from the Anne H. Scott Estate for cemetery care, and the Public Works Director, Mr. Rick Fletcher asked that it be applied to the Supplies line item in the Cemetery division in the amount of \$900. Donation Revenue will be appropriated for the same amount.

# Public Works - Solid Waste

On March 8, 2023 garbage vehicle W1348 (2010 Autocar) was destroyed in a fire behind the Wells Fargo building on Spence Avenue. The Public Works Director, Mr. Rick Fletcher, presented an item earlier to request a replacement for the vehicle in order to keep the commercial solid waste division operational. An appropriation of \$400,000.00 is recommended to purchase a garbage truck, and will be funded with an appropriation from Contingency. We do not know at this time what the insurance proceeds might be. Also included with this item is a Reimbursement Resolution in the event that the City decides to finance the purchase of the unit.

# Parks and Recreation - T.C. Coley roof

At the November 21, 2022 meeting, Council approved \$55,000.00 to fund roof repairs at the T.C. Coley building. An appropriation of \$55,000.00 is recommended for Parks and Recreation in the capital line item, T.C. Coley Building, and will be funded with a reduction in the contingency line item.

# **Fund Balance – Contingency**

See below analysis of the contingency for the General Fund.

Date	Date Description		Adopted	
6/20/2022 Ord 2022-31 FY22-23 Adopted Budget		\$ 1,075,365.00		
11/21/202	2 Ord 2022-60 11/21/22 Golf Carts & Storage		(266,000.00)	
12/5/202	2 CDBG Payback 10/11/22 Monitoring Letter	\$	(77,289.95)	
	Current Year Appropriations	\$	732,075.05	
3/20/202	3 Purchase garbage truck for Solid Waste			
	(Replace W3148)	\$	(400,000.00)	
3/20/202	3 T.C. Coley roof repairs (11/21/22 meeting)	\$	(55,000.00)	
	Proposed	\$	(455,000.00)	
	Proposed Ending Balance - Contingency General Fund	\$	277,075.05	

# Fund Balance - Appropriated

See below analysis of the appropriated fund balance in the General Fund.

Date	e Description	
6/20/2022 Ord 2	2022-31 FY22-23 Adopted Budget	\$ -
8/15/2022 FY21	\$ 1,183,863.21	
9/6/2022 Insura	ance Proceeds FY22 for Purchase of Chevrolet Tahoes	\$ 11,000.00
Curre	nt Year Appropriations	\$ 1,194,863.21
Propo	sed	\$ -
Curre	nt Year with Proposed	\$ 1,194,863.21

# **Public Utilities – FEMA Matthew**

On November 15, 2022 the City received the final payment from Hurricane Matthew project PW897 for the Westbrook and Highway 117 Pump Station Project. This represents the final payment for Hurricane Matthew damage.

Hurricane Matthew struck eastern North Carolina on October 8, 2016. The initial project estimates for the 12 FEMA projects was \$4,110,271.75, and the actual FEMA cost reimbursements totaled \$3,848,108.90 and insurance reimbursements totaled \$395,458.39, for a total of \$4,243,567.29. This project is now officially closed with FEMA.

# **Public Utilities Capital Outlay**

The Public Utilities Director, Mr. Robert Sherman, presented an item earlier to request an additional \$43,000.00 from the Utility Capital Reserve to fund the approved Bay 8 enclosure due to bids coming in much higher than the original budgeted amount. An appropriation of \$43,000.00 is recommended for the Compost division for the construction costs related to the Bay 8 enclosure at the compost facility, and will be funded with a transfer from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund.

The funds originally budgeted in Building Maintenance shall be moved into the Compost Facility capital line item in the amount of \$27,000.00. The total for the project is \$70,000.00.

# Utility Capital Reserve - Transfers Out analysis

<b>Date</b> Description			Adopted		
9/6/2022	2 Agenda 9/6/22 Ord 2022-42 (Flood barries, water plant transfer switch)	\$	(49,000.00)		
11/21/2022	2 Agenda 11/21/22 Ord 2022-60 (Westbrook generator, New Hope bar screen, bulk chemical tank, bulkdozer, sand filter rehab, and radio				
	replacement)	\$	(712,289.48)		
	Current Year Approved Appropriations	\$	(761,289.48)		
3/20/2023	Additional Funding for Bay 8 enclosure at Compost Facility	\$	(43,000.00)		
	Proposed	\$	(43,000.00)		
6/20/2022	2 Ord 2022-31 FY22-23 Adopted Budget	\$	1,506,129.00		
	Less: Approved and Proposed Transfers	\$	(804,289.48)		
	Totaling Remaining FY23 Budget - Transfers to Capital Projects	\$	701,839.52		

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance to amend the FY22-23 Operating Budget for the General Fund and Utility Fund.

Ms. Gwynn distributed an updated ordinance to amend the language from <u>Adopted Budget</u> to <u>Amended Adopted Budget</u> and changed the line item under Revenue from Charges for Services to Revenue from Other Agencies.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to adopt the revised ordinance amending the budget ordinance for the 22-23 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Broadaway and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR"

Item Q -Change Order No.1 Price Change for the Bulk Storage Tank replacement for the WRF. Continued to April 3, 2023. Councilman Broadaway made a motion to continue Item Q - Change Order No.1 Price Change for the Bulk Storage Tank replacement for the WRF until April 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Batts and unanimously carried.

# Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Polack shared the following comments: I gained a wealth of knowledge from my most recent trip to DC and was also proud to be a representative for not only the council but was able to ask some critical questions regarding the allocation of funding for cities such as ours that have military installations for our school systems. I am still waiting on a response from that as we talked in the retreat. I want to be assured that not only military children but also the citizens within the city get premier education. I also want to say that I'm glad to see that the 135th Proclamation for USCT came into fruition and all those that were an integral part in pushing it through. I was also honored to read that proclamation.

Councilman Broadaway shared the following comments: The main thing I want to say tonight is, I want to shout out again to Dennis Goodson. Dennis Goodson over the last 10 years that I've been involved with the relationship between Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, our council, our county commissioners he has been one of the driving forces and the way we could communicate. First the needs of the base and second the needs of the community and his ability and his time with us in Washington. When we went with Dennis Goodson we were able to talk to people and talk to staffers and talk to people in the halls of Congress. They knew him, they trusted him and so did all the people in the Pentagon. This community and even Seymour Johnson has lost a valued servant and a man that works so very hard for all of us. I just want to commend him again.

Councilwoman Jones shared the following comments: I would like to commend our council tonight. I think we did an excellent job of listening and asking questions and coming up with good options. I think we did a really good meeting tonight, so I just wanted to commend you and thank you. I want all the districts, not just district one to know that we are here working for you and that we do care about you, and we have your best interests at heart.

Councilwoman Matthews shared the following comments: I just want to invite all the women to a Women's History Month photo shoot that's going to happen this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. I'm asking all the women to meet me at the City Hall steps. The dress code is denim and white, please. I'm also asking for all participants to be 18 and up for consent purposes and how the photo is going to be used moving forward. The theme for the photo shoot is, *Anytime Women Come Together with a Collective Intention, It's a Powerful Thing.* That is the theme, that is the vibe, that is the energy, so I hope all the women will come out Saturday 11:00 a.m. City Hall steps and please wear denim and white.

Councilman Gaylor shared the following comments: I agree with Councilwoman Jones, tonight is long and there's a lot of debate as it's supposed to be but it's a good meeting. There are two really tough issues that are in front of us right now and what to me makes them so difficult is there is no perfect answer. There are some answers that are worse than others and inherently maybe some that are better but there is no perfect answer to either one of them one being parking and the other, well frankly we're going to have to have a conversation about alcohol in proximity to stand alone churches and schools. This isn't really about at this layer of conversation, it's not about can that particular building hold enough people or is there enough parking on the street for it. This layer of the conversation is going to come down to how the community is receptive to the idea of alcohol being across the street from a standalone church. Again, there is no perfect answer. There are answers that are appropriate for some towns and inappropriate for other towns and that's going to be a heavy debate and it should be because it's important and it goes to the core tenets of our community as they have evolved overtime. I don't know what the answer on that one is going to be, but I'll look forward to the conversation that I'm certain will come, and I welcome it. It has been a good meeting, it's been a long meeting but with those things that take a long time you can yield really good results. Commissioner Williams discussed the possibility of finally getting some train service back into Goldsboro. That's been about a two decade concerted effort from people in the private sector, people in the public sector. Get it across the finish line Sir, it would be transformative for this community. I stand behind you in those efforts. You've got a ton of people that whether you know them all or not, they're there. I distinctly remember when, a long time ago the compromise was made that the route between Raleigh and Wilmington may go through Goldsboro and Fayetteville and then quietly Amtrak is in Fayetteville and we have the bus service, but we don't have trains. That piece of track is important and it's important to that Union Station and it validates why you hold on to something that's unique to your community. Sir, get that across the finish line and I look forward to standing with you on that one and I support you all the way. Thank you guys for your patience tonight.

Councilman Batts shared the following comments: I agree with Councilwoman Jones. This is my first rodeo so I'm over here soaking all this stuff in. I thought the meeting tonight was great and I learned so much just sitting here listening to everything. Second thing, Saturday, I had the opportunity to go to the Arts Council. Ms. Ernestine Wooten spoke about city, state and some things that happened in our community back in the day. Also, I would encourage especially young

people to go to the Arts Council. To be honest with you, that was my first time going. I have lived in Wayne County for a long time and I have to say I was so impressed with what I saw, with the display they have over there now. I wish all the schools would take the kids there. It is good information. Lastly, a lot of times we take our city employees for granted. I want to say thank you to our city employees and a special to our department heads. Our department heads do a good job but the most important thing sometimes they probably don't think we appreciate them, but I know I do. I just want to say thank you, we really do appreciate the service y'all provide.

Mayor Ham shared the following comments: Sitting here last, everybody was saying what you want to say but I will say that it has already been mentioned two or three times, this council tonight spent going on now five and a half hours here and we haven't argued one time. We've discussed things, we've accomplished a lot tonight and that's the way it ought to be every night, whether it's a two hour meeting or a four or five hour meeting. I think we can all go home tonight feeling that we did something important tonight. We made some decisions, we chose not to make some decisions that were necessary because we needed more information and whatever but it was a good night and I hope we have many more.

There being no further business, Mayor Ham adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

David Ham

Mayor

City Clerk



# 20230320 Public Hearing Remarks

- In 2017 the City created a Goldsboro Parking Commission, that consists of The Assistant City Manager.
  - The City Engineer,
  - o The Public Works Director and
  - o The Police Chief.
- They meet quarterly, and they are responsible for making recommendations, and giving reports, to City Council and the City Manager, concerning parking needs, regulations and other matters in the city. To my knowledge, they have not recently reported any concerns to City Council and the City Manager, about parking downtown.
- Council called a Special Meeting to have a Public Forum to discuss the urgent parking concerns, of the downtown Goldsboro development stakeholders, and citizens.
- The consultant at the Public Forum, drew some conclusions that were based on some, but not all of the information that was in the downtown parking study, that was completed for the city back in 2016.
- He acknowledged there has been business growth since the parking study was completed, but he didn't mention anything about the Future Conditions Analysis in the Executive Summary of the 2016 parking study report. Especially all the recommendations, for the three stages over the 10 years after 2016
- The consultant's conclusions were that we don't currently have a parking problem, in any of the areas downtown, at any time during the day, and that we're probably in pretty good shape for now. The same conclusion that was reached in the 2016 Parking Study.
- - o There have been parking complains, but there are no parking problems.
  - At peak times there's plenty of parking within a block of most downtown business locations.
    - The walk from their parking spot to their business destination, would be no longer than the walk from their parked vehicle, to the Walmart building.
    - The walk will be along the lovely streetscape where customers will be able to see other businesses along the way, and
    - She also shared that. 724 new public parking spaces had been added, and a recent agreement was reached that would add additional 70 spaces
- The 2016 parking study estimated, that based on the downtown development projects expected to be completed by 2019, a demand would be generated for an additional 382 parking spaces, and for development expected by 2026, another additional 593 parking spaces would be generated
- Depending on the number of spaces that have added since 2019 we may now, in 2023, have met all of the estimated demand, for the downtown development, that is expected to be completed in 2026
- Getting back to the public forum. Attendees were asked to choose one of three options
  that could be taken to address our current public parking space problems, in spite of
  - o The 2016 parking study report indicating we don't have a problem,

- o The consultant reporting that we have don't now have a parking problem, and
- The Goldsboro Parking Commission not having discussed or presented any downtown parking problems to City Council and the City Manager
- The consensus at the forum, should be disregarded because, it was based on inconclusive and misinterpreted information
- The DGD Director did not include all the actual expense costs, to implement the recommendation reached at the forum. She did not include:
  - an estimate of the expenses for labor, supplies and equipment to install the signs, or
  - o an estimate for the expense for labor, equipment and supplies, for officers to enforce the code.
- Considering those additional required expenses, the overall total costs, for doing something we don't now need to do, will far exceed the savings the city would realize by eliminating our primary voting rights.
- Furthermore, this proposed enforcement method, is not recommended in the 2016 parking study, for cities of our size
- The city's current restrictive parking ordinances involves, the marking tires method of
  enforcement. Some district US Courts of Appeals, have held that the marking tires
  method, violates the fourth amendment of the US Constitution, because it is an invasion
  of privacy.
- At the recent city retreat the Police Chief pointed out that overall crime in the city increased 14% since last year. If the city police must take on this additional un-needed responsibility, other more critical policing concerns, such as rape, assault, larceny and vehicle thief, may not be effectively addressed.
- Over the past ten years the City has borrowed money, drained most of the available general fund balance, and invested \$15 million dollars on public investment projects in the downtown area, which include the significant streetscape project, the Paramount Theater, and the construction of a transportation/entertainment HUB.
- During that time, the city decided to defer the expense of purchasing new critical equipment, especially in the Public Works, Public Utilities, and Parks and Recreation departments
- It is now being proposed, that the city now spen money from our depleted available
  general fund balance, that the city is struggling to increase, so that we can do something,
  that doesn't now need to be done.
- This proposal is for something that is a want, but it is not an actually need, at this time, when you consider our other urgent needs. Like spending to replacement of old worn-out, public works, public utility, and recreational equipment.
- I therefore respectfully urge council, to reject and defer this reject this proposal and revisit it again next year, before adoption of the budget for FY2024-2025

Judy Metz Parking video