

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD  
MAY 15, 2017

**WORK SESSION**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding  
Mayor Pro Tem Bevan Foster  
Councilmember Antonio Williams  
Councilmember Bill Broadaway  
Councilmember Mark Stevens  
Councilmember David Ham  
Councilmember Gene Aycock  
Jim Womble, City Attorney  
Scott Stevens, City Manager  
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager  
Laura Getz, Deputy City Clerk  
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director  
Tracie Davis, Communications and Marketing Director  
Kaye Scott, Finance Director  
Kim Dawson, Assistant Finance Director  
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director  
Pamela Leake, Interim Human Resources Director  
Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director  
Mike West, Police Chief  
James Farfour, Assistant Fire Chief  
Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director  
Felicia Brown, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director  
Scott Williams, IT Director  
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director  
Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre Director  
Marty Anderson, City Engineer  
Bobby Croom, Traffic Engineer  
Julie Metz, DGDC Director  
Ashlin Glatthar, Tourism Director  
Christie Langley, Fire Department Assistant  
Octavius Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager  
Patrick Lechner, Building Maintenance Superintendent  
Lonnie Casey, Citizen  
Ravonda Jacobs, Citizen  
Azurah Faison, Citizen  
Shirley Edwards, Citizen  
Donna Stevenson, Citizen  
Chretien Dumond, Citizen  
Carl Martin, Citizen  
Lawrence Merritt, Citizen  
Crystal Gettys, WCDA  
Yvonna Moore, Citizen  
Ken Conners, Goldsboro Daily News  
Rochelle Moore, Goldsboro News-Argus

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

**Adoption of Agenda.** Councilmember Aycock made a motion to adopt the agenda the motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Ham made a motion to allow Mayor Allen to approve the City Council Agenda, Councilmember Broadaway seconded the motion. Mayor Allen and

Councilmembers Broadway, Stevens, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Williams voted against the motion. Mayor Allen declared the motion passed with a 5:2 vote.

**2017 Street Resurfacing Project Discussion.** Mayor Allen opened the discussion concerning additional streets proposed to include with the 2017 Street Resurfacing project. Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and unanimously carried, Council agreed to include additional streets with the 2017 Street Resurfacing project.

**Paramount and Event Center Fees and Closing Times.** Mrs. Sherry Archibald shared the following information:

Fee Discussion

At the Retreat: Provided an update to include usage, what is working, challenges and proposed fee changes.

Changes included increasing technician hourly fee, all day package, increase per hour for additional hours in the block and rehearsal fee increases.

Council discussions led to request to also increase performance fee of up to 20% and consider handling concessions for all renters.

Staff was asked to consider this option and return.

\*Have not increased our performance fee. However, it is still in line with what other venues charge. \*Renters were advised in August of 2016 of potential to increase.

Proposed Changes

Increase: Technician Fee

Current: \$15/hr

Proposed: \$17/hr

Increase: Dark Day Fees

Current: \$75-\$125

Proposed: \$100-\$200

Increase: Piano tuning

\$120./\$125

ADD- All day rental package

12 hours \$900.00

Require for all full day events

Increase: Additional hours outside 5-hour block

Increase from \$40 - \$90 per hour

Increase: Rehearsal fee increase

Current: \$175/\$250

Proposed: \$250/\$300

\*Changes effective July 1, 2017

Staff proposes the following:

Technician fee increase from \$15. to \$17.

Increase for Dark Day usage (when renter is not using theatre but doesn't want it rented out due to props/sets stored in theatre)

Piano tuning. Covers expense

All day rental package: for run-off w/out r/h & conference/festivals

Increase: Additional hours outside the block

Rehearsal.

Based on research and comparisons: Staff proposes maintaining the performance fee without an increase

Staff does not proposed selling

End result is not huge in revenue but puts our fees more in-line with surrounding & comparable venues

All proposed increases are passed on to renter

Overall increase in revenue: appx 10k  
 Rehearsal- increase to revenue: appx 4k  
 Additional hours- increase to rev: appx 1k  
 Dark day –increase to revenue: appx 300.  
 Tech fee- increase to revenue: appx 5k

All day package  
 This supports all day conference, festival such as CGS or Praxis & single day events

Tech fees (in line with surrounding venues)  
 Garner-\$20                      Wilson-\$20.                      High Point- \$20.  
 Clayton-\$25.    Clinton- \$18.

Paramount's Local Talent

How will this affect our local renters: Varies with each renter but on average with one-week rental...increase reflects approximately 10-12%

(ex. GB- average based on one-week rental- 5 rehearsals. Increase of \$2. x 80 tech hours- appx \$510.)

Comparisons

| Theatre           | City  | Seats | Contact Info   | Perf Fee  | Rehearsal   | Techs                                   | Add. Fees Details   |
|-------------------|---|-------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Boykin            | Wilson<br><a href="http://www.wilsonarts.com/rentals/">http://www.wilsonarts.com/rentals/</a>   | 643   | Barry Page   | \$900 for prof; \$500 non prof  | \$900 prof; \$500 non prof  | \$15-\$20/hr                            |   |
| Clayton Center    | Clayton<br><a href="http://www.theclaytoncenter.com/">http://www.theclaytoncenter.com/</a>  | 607   | Scotty (Director)<br>Steven Langston Ops Mgr<br>919.553.3152   | \$600 (\$115/hr) for prof; \$500 (\$100/hr) non prof  | 4hr \$500   | \$25/hr                                 | lead staff: \$20/hr/staff person; support staff: \$15/hr/staff person                     |
| Cole              | Hamlet<br><a href="http://www.richmondcc.edu/cole-auditorium/planning-events/">http://www.richmondcc.edu/cole-auditorium/planning-events/</a> | 978   | Keana Taylor Cole<br>(910) 410-1691  |   |   |   |   |
| CoMMA             | Morganton<br><a href="http://www.commaonline.org/">http://www.commaonline.org/</a>  | 1048  | Bill Wilson (Director)<br>828-438-5294x4   | \$750 M-F; \$1,000 Fri-Sun; \$200 *Overtime Printed Copy of Fees*                             | \$750 M-F; \$1,000 Fri-Sun; \$200 *Overtime Printed Copy of Fees* | \$12-\$20/hr                            | box office staff: \$20/hr   |
| Dunn Center       | Rocky Mt<br><a href="http://www.ncwc.edu/arts/dunncenter/">http://www.ncwc.edu/arts/dunncenter/</a>   | 1180  | Technical Director (252) 985-5348<br>Dunn Center Director (252) 985-5248<br>Assistant Director (252) 985-5250  | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$20/hr                                 | charge for each use of sound/light equip  |
| DW Theatre        | Asheville<br><a href="http://www.dwtheatre.com/">http://www.dwtheatre.com/</a>  | 500   | John W. Ellis, Managing Director, (828) 210-9835<br>Rae Geoffrey, Associate Director (828) 210-9837<br>Tiffany Santiago, Operations Manager (828) 210-9850 | \$900 for prof; \$750 non prof; second performance in same day:\$650 for prof; \$500 non prof | \$650 prof; \$450 non prof  | first 8 hrs: \$18 ; thereafter: \$27/hr | Building Mgr \$15/hr; House Mgr \$13/hr   |
| Garner Auditorium | Garner<br><a href="http://www.garnerperformingartscenter.com/">http://www.garnerperformingartscenter.com/</a>                                 | 471   | Debbie Dunn<br>(919) 661-4602  | 4 hr \$500 for prof; \$400 non prof   | 4 hr \$500 prof; \$400 non prof                                   | \$20/hr                                 | Auditorium/Dressing Room Hold Day: \$300 Fri-Sun; \$140 Mon-Thu *Rates differ on weekend* |

|                            |  |      |  |  |  |   |   |
|----------------------------|--|------|--|--|--|---|---|
| High Point Theatre         | High Point<br><a href="http://www.highpointtheatre.com/AuditoriumRent.asp">http://www.highpointtheatre.com/AuditoriumRent.asp</a>                | 940  | Dave Briggs<br>Administrative Office<br>336-883-3401         | \$1,000 for prof;<br>\$900 non prof  | \$650 for prof;<br>\$600 non prof  | sound engineer:<br>\$20/hr;<br>sound tech:<br>\$15/hr                           | \$135 4/hr *Security Required*  |
| J.E. Broyhill Civic Center | Lenoir, NC<br><a href="http://www.broyhillcenter.com/VenueRental.html">http://www.broyhillcenter.com/VenueRental.html</a>                        | 1000 | Jeff Bentley, Director<br>jbentley@cccti.edu<br>828.726.2409 |  |  | Stage hands \$12-18/hr depending on position; Riggers receive from \$15-\$25/hr |   |
| McGregor Hall              | Henderson, NC<br><a href="http://www.mcgregorhall.org/">http://www.mcgregorhall.org/</a>   | 1000 | (252) 598-0662<br>info@mcgregorhall.org                      | \$120 prof + production fees /\$1000 non prof (8hrs) + \$100 an hr after *considering raising it to \$1500 for prof* | \$600 for prof/ 500 non prof (4hrs)  |   |   |
| Paramount                  | Burlington, NC<br><a href="http://www.burlingtonnc.gov/index.aspx?NID=219">http://www.burlingtonnc.gov/index.aspx?NID=219</a>                    | 390  | Dave Wright<br>(336) 222-5017                                | 4hr \$200/\$240 wkday;<br>\$600/\$440 wkend  | \$160/4hr  | \$15.00   | *Strictly community theatre. No professional artist. Houses community theatre group.* |
| Sumter Opera House         | Sumter, SC<br><a href="http://www.sumtersc.gov/technical-information.aspx">http://www.sumtersc.gov/technical-information.aspx</a>                | 520  | 803-436-2616   | <del>\$900.00</del><br>Standard \$600.00 County \$550.00 Non Prof \$450.00 Education (4 hrs max)                     | <del>\$400.00</del><br>Standard \$250.00 County \$250.00 Non Prof \$200.00 Education (4 hrs max) | \$15 8hrs / \$24.00+hrs   | Production Coordinator * required for all rentals \$20 8hrs / \$32.50 +hrs            |
| Tryon Fine Arts Center     | Tyron, NC<br><a href="http://tryonarts.org/index.php/rentals/performance-rentals">http://tryonarts.org/index.php/rentals/performance-rentals</a> | 315  | Jimm Brink 828-859-8322, Ext. 225<br>jimm@tryonarts.org      | *will email info when it's updated*  |  |   |   |
| Turnage                    | Washington, NC<br><a href="http://artsofthepamlico.org/facility/rentals">http://artsofthepamlico.org/facility/rentals</a>                        | 432  | Stuart Lannon (252) 946-2504<br>tech@artsofthepamlico.org    | Entire facility 16hrs \$1500 for prof; \$750 non prof  | \$100/hr 5hr min   | \$25/hr 4hr min   | other non tech staff \$15/hr  |

### Concessions?

Cary- contracts restaurant to handle. Because it is not profitable...has trouble keeping someone to contract. Had 3 in 6 years and latest will likely non-renew.

High Point- See profits from concessions however, has a full time staff person to handle concessions and volunteers. He has 5 FT staff (including himself).

Clayton Center- Offers the opportunity. Not forced. Charges renter by hour. All proceeds go to their Foundation.

Paramount: Our shows...we barely meet our expenses for most shows except for movie nights.

### Goldsboro Event Center Fee Schedule & Closing Observation

- At the Retreat: Provided an update to include usage, what is working, challenges and proposed fee changes.
- Changes included reducing the fee for catering increasing for piano use and decreasing for beer/wine.
- Council discussions led to request to
  - Wrap catering fee for every rental.
  - Interest to change hours of operation to remain open later. Potentially until 2a.m.
  - Staff was asked to consider this request.

### Staff Recommendations

- Change Event Package
  - Current 3-full days \$2,500.
  - Proposed 2-full days \$1,975.
- Change: Include flat \$75.00 catering fee in all rentals fees.
  - Current: \$125/\$175
  - Proposed: Add \$75 to all rentals. Eliminate separate catering fee
- Change: Lower Bar Expense
  - Current: \$5/beer&\$6wine
  - Proposed: \$4/beer&\$5wine
- Change: Increase Piano Rental
  - Current: \$120.
  - Proposed: \$125.

- Maintain current hours
  - 7a.m. – Midnight.
  - Bar closes at 11:30p.m. events over at midnight
- Council appeared in favor of package. Added catering fee to it.
- Council suggested wrapping the catering fee in the rental instead of a separate fee. Staff proposes adding \$75.00.
- Reduction in bar expense. Increase for piano rental.
- Closing & Holiday: Staff recommends maintain current hours based on comparisons to similar facilities:

If Council prefers to change: recommend open until 2 a.m. with a fee of \$150. per hour after midnight (double the hourly fee) and pay double time to staff.  
 Closed for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

| Survey on Closing time & observing holidays for Event Facilities |               |   |   |
|--|---------------|---|---|
| Facility   | Contact       | Closing Time Details  | Holiday Observations  |
| Lane Tree  | Jeff Cannon   | Midnight. Bar closes at 11:30p  | No Christmas Eve or Day. Other holidays...if golf course is open...yes.   |
| Walnut Creek   | Manager       | Closes at 12:30a.m. Will make exceptions. Rents to Club members only  | Closed Christmas Eve- first week January  |
| Terrace Room   | Leslie Weil   | Closed at 11.   | Booked Christmas Eve and day after. No hard and fast rules.   |
| Wayne County Museum  | Rebecca       | closes at 10. If renter requests later, requires off duty police(board member) to close up. That officer (board member) has key...locks up.   | depending on available staff  |
| Dillard Alumni Goldsbo   | Diane Reed    | Depends on event. If alumni or tennat, can go until 2a.m. Trying to change to midnight for all but Alumni/Tennants. Required to pay for off durty officers \$30. per hour. BrownBagging permit required. Rent 4 hours. Each additional hour is \$100. per hour. | Allow holidays but want to eliminate. Alumni is discussing.   |
| Sampson Co. Expo Cen   | Ray Jordan    | Events end 12:30a/Bar closes 12:15a/  | Makes exception NYE: open til 2. bar still closes bar 12:15a. Charges increase for all staff on holiday. No Thanksgiving. CE or Christmas |
| Clayton Center   | Scotty Henley | Midnight. Bar closes at 11:30p. Encourages renter to cont party at other establishments   | No holiday rentals.   |

Council discussed Paramount and Event Center fees and changes. Councilmember Ham made a motion to approve the Paramount and Event Center fee schedule and closing times. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aycock. Mayor Allen, Councilmembers Broadaway, Stevens, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Williams voted in opposition. Mayor Allen declared the motion passed 5:2.

**Invocation. The invocation was provided by Councilmember Broadway.**

**Traffic Calming Discussion.** Mr. Bobby Croom, Traffic Engineer, presented the following information:

Recap

- Current Practice/Policy = Enforcement
- Performed Speed/Volume Studies on 5 streets at 10 locations (2 each)
- 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed data indicates some vehicles traveling above the posted speed limit of 25mph

Speed/Volume Results

| Location | Street    | Avg Daily Traffic | 85th% | Mean |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|------|
| 1        | Best      | 1644              | 36.4  | 31.9 |
| 2        | Claiborne | 513               | 34.7  | 28.1 |
| 3        | Andrews   | 941               | 33.4  | 27.9 |
| 4        | Andrews   | 932.4             | 33.8  | 28.5 |
| 5        | Franklin  | 844               | 37.3  | 31   |
| 6        | Franklin  | 654               | 32.6  | 27   |
| 7        | Best      | 1011              | 35.2  | 30.2 |
| 8        | Claiborne | 424               | 34.7  | 28.8 |
| 9        | Stephens  | 230               | 30.4  | 23.9 |
| 10       | Stephens  | 183               | 33.3  | 24.4 |

Enforcement Rules

| Street    | Duration (Hrs) | Citations | Warnings |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Best      | 12             | 10        | 6        |
| Claiborne | 10             | 0         | 3        |
| Andrews   | 6              | 1         | 2        |
| Franklin  | 5              | 5         | 2        |
| Stephens  | 6              | 1         | 0        |

Recommendation

- Perform ‘After’ speed data to compare with ‘Before’ results.
- Monitor and request targeted enforcement as needed.
  - The enforcement component targets individual scofflaws while other traffic calming measures affect all drivers.

Other Options

- Stop Signs
  - Flip Stop Signs at midway points (e.g. Evergreen Ave and Hawthorne St) - ~\$1,000
  - Install AWSC at midway points - ~\$2,100 each
- Mini-Roundabout – Concrete + signs + markings = ~\$7,000 each
- Speed Humps – Low of \$1500 per for 14-28 = \$21,000-\$42,000
- Lane Narrowing
- Paint - ~\$2 LF (Best Street = \$28,000)
  - Thermoplastic - \$81,000
  - Sidewalk - ~\$55 SY + C&G at \$30 LF (Best Street = ~\$450,000)

Breakdown

- Best cost ratio = enforcement with existing staff
- Next best financial options are stop signs (Reverse existing or install AWSC)
  - However, the MUTCD and most research indicate that stop signs are not an appropriate use in controlling vehicle speed.

### Speed/Volume Study Locations

- Best Street
- Claiborne Street
- Andrews Avenue
- Franklin Street
- Stephens Street

### Multi-Way Stop Applications

- MUTCD Criteria for a MWS
  - As an interim measure for intersections that meet traffic signal warrants.
  - Five or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop installation. E.g. turning and right-angle collisions.
- Major street approaches averages at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of an average day; and
- Combined vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle volume entering from the minor street averages at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay of at least 30 seconds per vehicle during highest hour; but
- If the 85th percentile approach speed of the major-street traffic exceeds 40mph, the minimum vehicular volume warrants are 70 percent of the values provided above.
- Other criteria
  - The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near high pedestrian generators
  - Sight distance issues

### Formalize a City Policy?

- Establish a Traffic Calming Policy so that citizens have a clear and defined format for a request.
- Define what treatments will and/or will not be allowed.
- Outline funding mechanism

### Recap

- Current Practice/Policy = Enforcement
- Performed Speed/Volume Studies on 5 streets at 10 locations (2 each)
- 85th percentile speed data indicates some vehicles traveling above the posted speed limit of 25mph
- As per City Ordinance (§71.06, passed 1972) – Neighborhood Speed Limit is 25 mph even on Residential Collectors
- 85th percentile according to MUTCD speed limit and potential artificially low 25mph

Council discussed speed enforcement in several areas. Chief West will follow up on items of concern.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foster Discussion Items -- The discussion and solution of the hanging of the wire used for the baskets.** Mayor Pro Tem Foster shared concerns pertaining to a photo of a wire that was hung at the Public Works Complex Paint Shop that was posted on Facebook due to the concern it looked like a noose. Mayor Pro Tem Foster asked to see the wire and stated that the wire brought in wasn't the same wire shown in the picture that was posted on Facebook. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated that items he requested were not available at the meeting.

City Manager, Scott Stevens stated the items requested by Mayor Pro Tem Foster were brought to the meeting.

Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director discussed the wire and stated that the wire he brought to the meeting was indeed the wire in question from the picture and explained the uses for the wire.

Councilmember Stevens left the room at 5:45 and returned at approximately 5:55. Discussion continued. Mayor Allen stated that employees were welcome to come share concerns.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foster Discussion Items -- The discussion of detailed information concerning special population residential facilities. Any and all issues and concerns are to be addressed as well as possible solutions.** Mayor Pro Tem Foster discussed Special Populations with Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director and asked how Special Populations in Goldsboro compared to other areas that Mr. Barnard has worked in. Mr. Barnard stated that our special populations are disproportionality large for our area due to group homes, Cherry Hospital and O'Berry Center. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated that the requirements should be changed from 800 to 1,400. He stated that the state inspects them and they can't be identified from the outside.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foster Discussion Items -- The discussion of a city council pay raise and discussion of insurance.** Mayor Pro Tem Foster shared concerns relating to inflation and the \$600.00 removed from Council salaries in 1996. He raised questions concerning vision and dental insurance. Mr. Stevens stated that employees have an option to purchase vision and dental as a supplement or have a \$25.00 credit toward dental or a gym membership. Mayor Pro Tem Foster asked if Council has the same option and Mr. Stevens stated yes. Councilmember Williams stated information concerning the amount of work he puts in for City business. He also shared concerns about city council pay that hasn't been caught up in years. Council further discussed the issue. Councilmember Aycock made a motion that salaries be increased by the cost of health insurance and stated you have the option of buying health insurance through the city or not through the city. Councilmember Williams asked why is Councilmember Aycock trying to change the council raise discussed previously? The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ham. Mayor Allen, Councilmembers Broadaway, Ham and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Councilmember Williams and Councilmember Stevens voted in opposition. Mayor Allen declared the motion passed 4:3.

**Mayor Pro Tem Foster Discussion Items -- The discussion of summer youth employment with the possibilities of helping local small businesses with the cost of employing the youth.** Mayor Pro Tem Foster shared he has spoken with a couple of businesses and they are willing to hire summer youth. He asked if the city would help with the cost. Mayor Allen shared that if they go through the program and the city would help. Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Relations Director shared details about the program and how to apply to be a worksite. Councilmember Williams explained the application process and also shared information about GWTA opportunities for Summer Youth. He also requested that more youth be brought into the program. Councilmember Aycock shared concerns with taking on too much the first year. Councilmember Williams discussed creating more jobs and hiring more kids. Mayor Allen stated that it is not the money, you have to have supervision and a place to put them. Council and staff continued discussion on the Summer Youth Program. Mayor Allen asked Ms. Simpson-Carter to follow-up with GWTA.

**Summer in the Zone.** Councilmember Williams discussed the Summer in the Zone 24 Hours of Peace event presented by Mr. Sharif. Councilmember Williams asked Councilmembers how they felt about bringing the 24 Hours of Peace Event to Goldsboro and our young people. Councilmember Aycock asked what is the city's cost? He stated that he is all in favor of helping young people but isn't sure if this is the way. Councilmember Ham stated we need to alleviate the problem for all. He stated he us all in favor of something like this but we need more information on projected cost. Councilmember Stevens shared concerns about the cost and stated he would do anything for children. Councilmember Broadaway shared issues with the cost and stated if we do it, we needed to do it right. He stated he hasn't heard of the artist and it needs to be tailored to Goldsboro. Councilmember Williams asked Chief West his opinion of the presentation made by Mr. Sharif at the retreat. Chief West shared that he was impressed by his presentation and but can you sustain it? Councilmember Williams discussed Police Department available funds with Chief West. Councilmember Williams stated that we need to think outside the box, we need someone who specializes and connects to youth. Mayor Allen stated he wants a detailed proposal and what is provided. He stated we have to figure out globally how do we sustain it? He stated we already have the Our Community Cares group, a diversified group. He asked how that compares to what he is trying to do? Councilmember Williams suggested flying Mr. Sharif into Goldsboro.

Mayor Allen shared that we don't have to fly him to Goldsboro to get a detailed proposal. Councilmember Williams asked what is \$75,000 for a life? He stated the kids are dying and asked Council to put \$75,000 aside. Mayor Allen stated that if Councilmember Williams gets the proposal, and the proposal makes sense to everybody then the money won't be an issue but we have to have something that says this is that we are going to spend and this is what we are going to get. Mayor Allen stated that Mr. Sharif may not be the one, that we also have to look at other people. Councilmember Williams stated they don't have the formula to solve the issues we have. Councilmember Williams and the Mayor further discussed the issue.

**Cover Agenda.** Each item on the cover agenda was generally discussed. Additional discussion included the following:

**Item L. Multi-Sports Complex Construction Alternates.** Kaye Scott, Finance Director shared information about proposed contract changes for the Multi-Sports Complex. Mayor Allen shared information about the Multi-Sports Complex meeting he attended today with Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmembers Williams. Mayor Allen asked Assistant City Manager, Randy Guthrie to present a summary to Council with the following information: where we are and what's left to do.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

**Closed Session Held.** Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss property acquisition.

Council came out of Closed Session.

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017 with attendance as follows:

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

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

Pastor Rodger Taylor with the Philadelphia Community Church provided the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

### **Presentations**

**Drummers World Proclamation-**Mayor Allen welcomed Alando Mitchell and the students from Drummers World. He shared that they do an awesome job with these kids. Mayor Allen read the Proclamation. Mr. Mitchell shared that it is an honor to receive the proclamation. He shared they have been at this a while and have served over 1,200 young people. He shared that he wanted to say thank you for recognizing their work and efforts for what they are doing in the community.

**Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 6, 2017 as submitted.

**Wayne Community College F.L.O.W. Club-**Chad Evans shared that he wanted to bring to light a program at Wayne Community College which is WCC FLOW (Future Leaders of the World). He stated these guys are a minority group that help

the community. He stated that what they do is to give them more resources to graduate. He shared there is a 25% decrease in black graduates than white and other minorities. He shared the club is not just for minorities, it is for anyone who needs resources and help. He stated that just this year alone in the last seven months, they had a group of 50, and seven graduated this semester, with 20 projected to graduate next semester. He stated they take them to college tours so they can see themselves in the college experience and not on the streets. He stated they take them to etiquette dinners so they know how to present themselves. He stated they take them out of their comfort zones and so they can be equipped with the knowledge of how to act in society. He stated they have seen a mass change in the students, their GPA has gone up from 2.0 to 2.8. He stated they have a clothing pantry and food pantry which they volunteer for. The clothing pantry is built for job interviews. He stated this program is backed by the state. He also stated the program is partnering with the Goldsboro Police Department's Gang Suppression Program so they want to catch them early, get them in school and get them educated, keep in them in school and get them off to college. He stated that he mentors on and off the clock, no matter what time of the day it is, if you need to talk he will sit down and talk with you. He stated he was part of this program himself, has a Bachelor's Degree and is about to start a Masters. He stated he knows this program works. He stated it is a fantastic program.

Mayor Allen thanked Mr. Evans for what he does and for the program. He stated it is very good that he is doing this. He stated that there are a lot of people doing really good things and people like you are making a difference in our community. He stated that he thinks he speaks for all of Council and if there is anything they can do to help, please let them know. He stated they will get more involved in the program.

Mr. Evans stated he wanted to thank the Goldsboro Police Department for their support, Dr. Walker with Wayne Community, the Optimist Club and Mr. Bill Edgerton. He stated they have club meetings every month. He stated he has speakers to come down and recently had Mr. Mark Price with US Foods to speak to the guys.

Mayor Allen asked how someone would contact him. He stated he is at the college.

Officer Walt Howard, stated he is glad we were able to utilize this source. He stated we have had several individuals that wanted to continue their education who haven't had a good past and Chad Evans stepped up to the plate to mentor them and he wanted to say thank you to him for helping us out.

**CU-9-17 Earl Beasley - North side of East Ash Street between Malloy Street and Barrow Court. Public Hearing Held.** Applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to consider amending a previously-approved Conditional Use Permit which allows for the operation of a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits to add outdoor recreational activities. The operation is known as Hero's Oyster Bar and Grill

Frontage: 266.77 ft.  
Depth: 342.58 ft. (Average)  
Area: 82,764 sq. ft. or 1.9 acres  
Zoning: General Business

On August 3, 2015, the Goldsboro City Council approved site plans and a Conditional Use Permit for a Place of Entertainment with ABC permits to allow the operation of a bar, restaurant, and interior entertainment space for live music and comedy acts.

The applicant now proposes the addition of a beach volleyball court.

The submitted site plan indicates the 1,700 sq. ft. volleyball court located behind the principal building and towards the rear of the property. Existing parking and traffic circulation patterns will not be affected.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing. The following person spoke after being properly sworn in:

1. Jasper Warrick with HEROES Sports Oyster Bar and Grill at 3009 Ash Street, stated he is coming here tonight seeking approval for this. He knows it is a long process but we look forward to working with the community to provide this extra entertainment space. He stated they were first approached by individuals with the air force looking an opportunity to get some type of league play involved and saw that we had the empty space out back and that's where the original idea came from. He stated that if you have any questions, he is here to answer them.

No one else spoke. Mayor Allen closed the public hearing. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on June 5, 2017.

**CU-10-17 Jared Grantham – South side of East Walnut Street between Ormond Avenue and John Street. Public Hearing Held.** The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a Place of Entertainment with no ABC permits. The use proposed is a physical adventure gaming operation which is most commonly known as an "Escape Room".

Escape Rooms were originally developed in Japan. They are basically an activity where players are locked in a room and have to use elements of the room to solve a series of puzzles and escape within a set time limit, or after having completed a mission.

Escape rooms usually involve groups of people and can be used as teambuilding exercises for public, private or governmental entities or as an activity for individuals and families.

They are sometimes characterized as physical versions of escape-type video games.

The applicant proposes to utilize the one-story building which is to be divided into three separate escape rooms and also will include restrooms, a reception/waiting area, an office and storage.

Hours of Operation  
Monday – Wednesday (By Appt.)  
Thursday and Friday (5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)  
Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.)  
Sunday (2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)

No. of Employees: 2

The property is located within that area of the Central Business District which is exempt from providing off-street parking.

Any exterior improvements will require review and approval by the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on June 5, 2017.

**Z-7-17 Redco Properties, LLC – Northwest corner of Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy's Road. Public Hearing Held.** The applicant requests a zoning change from RM-9 Residential Manufactured Home, R-20A Residential and Neighborhood Business to Highway Business.

Frontage: 1,124 ft. (Wayne Memorial Drive)  
831 ft. (Tommy's Road)  
Area: 29.37 Acres

Surrounding Zoning: North: Wayne Co. Jurisdiction  
South: R-12 Residential & Neighborhood Business  
East: Neighborhood Business & R-16 Residential  
West: R-16 Residential & Office & Institutional-1

The request includes two parcels of land--28.82 acres zoned Neighborhood Business and R-20A Residential and .55 acres zoned RM-9 Residential.

The larger parcels is vacant farmland and contains one dilapidated structure which is to be removed. The small parcel zoned RM-9 is occupied by one manufactured home.

Property can be accessed via Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy's Road. Driveway permits for any future development will require NCDOT approval.

The City's Land Use Plan recommends commercial development for the property. and the request would be compatible with the Comprehensive Plan.

City water and sewer lines are not available to serve the property. Subject property is not located within a special flood hazard area.

A Conditional District zone has not been requested, therefore, no development plans have been submitted in conjunction with the rezoning application. If rezoned, development plans for any future development would have to be approved by the Council separately.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on June 5, 2017.

**Z-8-17 Loretta Washburn - West side of North Berkeley Boulevard between Oak Hill Drive and Green Drive. Public Hearing Held.** Applicant requests a zoning change from R-16 Residential to RM-9 which would allow for the placement of one manufactured home on the lot.

Frontage: 104.56 ft.  
Depth: 210 ft.  
Area: 21,966 sq. ft., or 0.50 acres

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-16 Residential (RM-NC)  
South: R-16 Residential  
East: R-16 Residential  
West: R-16 Residential

The property is currently vacant.

The RM-9 zoning district is requested to allow for the placement of one manufactured home on the property.

Adjacent and surrounding properties primarily consist of detached, stick-built, single-family dwellings of ranch-style construction.

One nonconforming manufactured home park and four non-conforming lots occupied by single-wide manufactured homes exist to the northwest of the subject property.

If approved to RM-9, one manufactured home would be permitted on the property.

The City's adopted Land Use Plan designates this property for medium-density residential development.

City water and sewer services are available to serve the subject property. The property is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

The RM-9 zoning district will require the manufactured home to comply with City and State regulations. Manufactured homes are required to have the appearance of a site-built, single-family dwelling unit permanently located on its lot with a pitched roof, masonry underpinning, parallel to the front property line and in good condition with no signs of rust.

Although the proposed use may comply with the City's Land Use Plan of medium-density residential development, it may not be compatible with adjacent and surrounding properties regarding construction, style and appearance.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing and the following person spoke:

1. Loretta Washburn, 2119 N. Berkeley Blvd. Ms. Washburn stated that she lives adjacent to this property and have owned the property for several years. She stated they would like to put a manufactured home. On her research, they have upped the standards as far as the construction list of how they do a manufactured and the modular. The only difference she is finding in the construction part is a \$30,000 pitch in the roof, and nobody can live in the pitch of a roof so she is asking you on your mercy that we would like to put a manufactured home for our daughter to live next to us with our grandson to help us as we age.

No one else spoke. Mayor Allen closed the public hearing. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on June 5, 2017.

**Street Closings. Public Hearing Held.**

1. Bruce Street: From Vann Street to Colonial Terrace Drive
2. Corney Street: From Gulley Street to Terminus;
3. Juniper Street: From Best Street to Terminus;
4. Spruce Street: From Leslie Street to Terminus;
5. South Road: From Langston Drive to Ridgecrest Drive;

On March 6, 2017, the City Council asked the staff to investigate closing a number of unimproved street sections within the City Limits.

With the exception of South Road, the referenced street sections were included within that list. Staff has recommended that South Road, which is not improved or utilized, also be investigated for closing.

Each street section has been identified on the attached maps indicating the length and right-of-way width of each.

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

If the street is closed, ownership of each right-of-way would be split equally between the adjoining property owners.

A Resolution of Intent was advertised in the newspaper for four consecutive weeks, each street section was posted on both ends and all adjacent property owners were notified of the public hearings by certified mail.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing and the following person spoke:

1. Viola Rouse Figueroa, PO Box 152, stated that she is coming out to speak about Bruce Street. She stated that she was born and raised in that neighborhood and unfortunately our main home was flooded out and we have a temporary FEMA trailer that's running along Bruce Street. She stated that because the alley is used not only by us but one of her other neighbors, the trash truck, the mailman, FedEx and UPS. She stated that she doesn't see that why after 50+ years all of a sudden the street needs to be closed. She stated her neighbor has an opening in his fence

that he accesses his back yard off the little alley as well as their self. She stated they drive their vehicles across the dirt, down the little path to get to their flooded home, even though it is only 70 feet away from where the FEMA temporary trailer is. She asked that Council not approve for that street to be closed and she did enclose pictures.

No one else spoke. Mayor Allen closed the public hearing. No action necessary. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on June 5, 2017.

**Planning Commission Excused.**

**2017-2018 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing. Public Hearing Held.** To allow the citizens of the City of Goldsboro the opportunity to discuss and express their concerns regarding housing and non-housing needs that exist in the Goldsboro community as they relate to the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs.

The Annual Action Plan is a strategic document used by the City to provide detailed information of proposed activities and/or projects that will maximize the benefit of CDBG and HOME funds to low-to-moderate income persons and families within the City's limits. On July 1, 2017, the City anticipates receiving from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) \$302,836 in CDBG funds and \$148,776 in HOME funds for fiscal year 2017-2018. Additionally, the City will have available approximately \$211,078 in prior year CDBG funds and \$74,800 in prior year HOME funds (prior year balances as of March 23, 2017).

In order for the City of Goldsboro, as a Grantee, to receive its annual Entitlement Allocation of CDBG and HOME funds, the City must provide opportunities for citizen input as set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan. Comments received at this public hearing will be incorporated as part of the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan. In addition, the City must meet the following citizen participation requirements:

1. Furnish citizens with information concerning CDBG and HOME funds;
2. Hold at least two (2) public hearings and/or meetings to obtain views on housing and community development needs;
3. Publish a statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds and allow comment on same;

All meetings were held in the City of Goldsboro as follows:

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| April 12, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Herman Park Center |
| April 13, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. | Herman Park Center |

The primary objective of the CDBG and HOME Programs are the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income.

A draft of the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan was made available for public viewing and comment from April 15, 2017 through May 15, 2017.

The draft sets forth the proposed use of the 2017-2018 CDBG and HOME allocation of funds for the following Community Development activities as follows:

**PROPOSED BUDGET**

| ACTIVITY                                    | CDBG             | HOME             | OTHER FUNDS | PROGRAM INCOME |                | PRIOR YEAR FUNDS (As of 3-23-17) |                 | TOTAL RESOURCES  |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|   |                  |                  |             | CDBG           | HOME           | CDBG                             | HOME            |                  |
| Housing Rehabilitation                      | 9,844            |                  |             | 6,584          |                | 16,815                           |                 | 33,243           |
| Hazardous Material (Testing and Monitoring) | 2,000            |                  |             |                |                | 3,664                            |                 | 5,664            |
| Homebuyer Assistance                        |                  | 70,000           |             |                | 4,048          |                                  |                 | 74,048           |
| Public Facilities & Improvements            | 150,000          |                  |             |                |                | 211,078                          |                 | 361,078          |
| Public Services                             | 45,425           |                  |             |                |                |                                  |                 | 45,425           |
| Demolition and Clearance                    | 0                |                  |             |                |                |                                  |                 | 0                |
| Transitional Housing                        | 25,000           |                  |             |                |                |                                  |                 | 25,000           |
| CHDO Activity                               |                  | 63,899           |             |                |                |                                  | 74,800          | 138,699          |
| Economic Development                        | 10,000           |                  |             |                |                |                                  |                 | 10,000           |
| Program Administration                      | 60,567           | 14,877           |             | 2,218          |                |                                  |                 | 77,662           |
| Local Home Match                            |                  | 0                |             |                |                |                                  |                 | 0                |
| <b>Total Allocations</b>                    | <b>\$302,836</b> | <b>\$148,776</b> | <b>\$0</b>  | <b>\$8,802</b> | <b>\$4,048</b> | <b>\$231,557</b>                 | <b>\$74,800</b> | <b>\$770,819</b> |

The 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan will include the application for federal assistance, CDBG Grantee Certifications, documentation of public participation process, and coordination efforts with local agencies, groups, and organizations. In addition, the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan will include the proposed use of funds remaining from prior year’s allocations, estimated program income, and estimated program match funds, as required by HUD.

The City of Goldsboro’s Annual Action Plans are normally submitted on 15th of May of each year. However, the City has been advised by the HUD that the City’s 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan is not to be submitted May 15th until the Annual Allocations have been released by HUD.

Notices of Public Meetings and/or Public Hearings were advertised in the Goldsboro News Argus on Tuesday, March 28, 2017; Friday, March 31, 2017; and Thursday, May 4, 2017.

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

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried Council:

1. Authorized the staff to incorporate any needs or comments expressed at the public hearing, public meeting and/or any received from the review of the draft into the City's CDBG and HOME grant application; and
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign the Certifications indicating that the CDBG and HOME application for funds complies with the provision of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with any other applicable laws; and
3. Authorized the staff to submit the necessary application forms for CDBG and HOME funds.

**Public Hearing - Recommended 2017-18 Operating Budget. Public Hearing Held.** The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act of the State of North Carolina requires that after a recommended Budget has been presented to the elected officials, a public hearing on its contents be held prior to the formal adoption of the Budget Ordinance.

North Carolina state law, specifically General Statute No. 159-12, requires local governments to publish a statement that the Budget Officer has presented the proposed Budget to the governing board and filed a copy of that proposed Budget with the City Clerk for public inspection.

General Statute No. 159-12 also requires that the City Council hold a public hearing prior to adopting the Budget Ordinance to allow citizen input concerning the Budget. The public hearing on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is scheduled to be held before the City Council of the City of Goldsboro at its meeting on May 15, 2017. An advertisement was published in the Goldsboro News Argus on May 3, 2017, relative to the holding of a public hearing.

Mayor Allen opened the public hearing and the following person spoke:

1. Ed Cianfara, 226 Pinewood Drive, stated that he is a retired City employee. He stated that he was looking over the budget and some things came to mind that he had seen that was a little upsetting to him as an individual who worked for the city for close to 30 years. He stated that he wanted to say that Scott has done a fantastic job, he has worked for four city managers, and he thinks he is doing a fantastic job. He stated that he feels like after looking at something in this budget, was upsetting to him was concerning the city council and themselves. The majority of the city council to his knowledge, he thinks is eligible for Medicare and yet there was money put in the budget for insurance for the city council. Close to \$40,000 and the city employees are going to get a 1% pay increase. He stated the word discriminatory comes to mind because of the simple fact, if the city council on a \$12,000 per year salary, gets approximately \$489.00 in medical insurance, that comes out to a 49% pay increase. He stated that your salaries are in line, he has gotten on the phone and called other cities. He stated as retired Chief Building Inspector, he made some calls and they called him back and told him what their city councils make, it's public record. He thinks it is an insult to the employees. Not just the citizens of Goldsboro, but the hardworking guys in sanitation, fire department, the police department who start at a minimum salary and this year is going to get 1%. He stated he doesn't care how you look at it, if a man gets 1% on a \$50,000-year salary, and the average salary in the City of Goldsboro is less than that, he gets \$500 a year, \$41.00 a month, \$21.50 a payday, not counting the tax that's going to be taken out of it, might put him in another bracket, it happened to him one time in the City of Goldsboro and he brought home \$37.00 less. He stated that he looked in the budget and seen this in there and it upsets him. He stated you have department heads that make close to \$100,000 a year, 1% to them, that is another toy, but 1% to a guy making \$28,000 a year in sanitation, that could be a new washer or dryer. He stated he remembers one time that they got a raise, and there was a lady that worked for him, she went and found out the same day we were told about the raise how much Sears would finance a new washer for and it was within \$3.00 and of course they helped her get her washer set up and she spent that pay raise. He stated that he thinks it's unfair and you need to look at that, he thinks it's an insult to the employees and that is the only part of the budget he has found that he disagrees with.

No one else spoke. Mayor Allen closed the public hearing. No action necessary. A recommendation for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget Ordinance will be presented at the Council meeting on June 5, 2017.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Allen opened the public comment period and asked everyone to keep their comments at 3 minutes. The following people spoke:

1. Donna Stevenson, 1505 Palm Street, stated that she attended her first City Council meeting last Monday night and was struck at the meeting with the racial tension in the room and she wants to address that tonight. She stated, let me explain. She stated she wrote a letter to the Mayor Pro Tem and he asked if she would like to read her letter out loud.

Ms. Stevenson read the following:

I am a racist.

I was born and raised here in Goldsboro. My father was a retired Marine who worked in civil service on the base. My mother worked at Belk's (when it was downtown). My father was an orphan who earned his GED while in the Marine Corps, my mother had a 4th grade education. Both my parents would be 103 years old this year and they are buried over here in Willowdale Cemetery. My parents were 45 years old when I was born. I was a surprise to them.

My mother worked while raising five children. Being the youngest of 5, I was taken care of by an older black woman, excuse me for saying black instead of African American, Lucille Artis. Lucille was a mother to me. She helped my parents on and off, not only when us children were small, but as my mother faced the lymphoma journey that ultimately took her life.

I went to Meadow Lane, Greenwood, Eastern Wayne , Wayne Community College, East Carolina, and Oakland University, in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

In my formative years, my father was an overt racist, using the "N" word and calling black people, Ubangi (which is an African Tribe). When my brother was in second grade, he asked to bring a friend home to play with him. His friend was black and my parents had "words" about this little event. My little mind could not wrap my head around why this was an issue, as I only saw a little boy who wanted to play.

I remember the "busing" happened when I was in junior high school. The school system bussed black kids from Eastern Wayne Jr High over to Greenwood. All through school, I was not allowed to socialize with the black kids nor bring them home with me. Secretly, in high school, I had a crush on one of the young black basketball players. I knew if my father ever found out, he would beat me to a pulp.

As my parents aged and my mother became ill; Lucille was frequently at our house. One Friday in 1979, Lucille friend fish for all of us to have for lunch. She went on the back porch to eat. I promptly went out and asked her to come join us inside. She told me that she could not and she would not. I could feel tears forming in my eyes. I knew then what this meant. I was taught to be racist but my empathy for humans was fighting my learned racist behavior.

Fast forward to 1986. I had moved away from NC and was living in suburban Detroit. My mother had passed away in 1985. My sister and I came home to look for a grave marker for our mother's grave.

2. Carl Martin, 801 S. Banks Place, stated that he finds that people tend to be quick to criticize and complain about things but slowly give praise when praise is due. He stated after the last week's meeting, he sat down and did a self-evaluation and he is one of those guilty people. He stated he has come up and complained often about problems he has had but he has never given any praise. He stated that tonight that is what he wanted to do, congratulate city council on some of things which you have accomplished, for example: Summer Jobs Program, he thinks it started out with 16 students and \$10,000 and now is up to 50 students and may be up to \$50,000, I commend you on getting that done. He stated he also commends Shycole, the program director, a woman that has worked her tail off to get it done and she deserves props and a raise for what she has accomplished. Community Outreach Program, good idea; the town hall meeting with Aycock and Broadaway, excellent ideas, he

thinks it is long overdue; CALEA training for the Police Department, good job at getting that done. He also stated that Dillard welcome for their alumni, nothing was done last year but this year, we have the welcome mat out for them. He stated that last week, Councilman Ham spoke out and admitted he brought about this issue but he owned up to it and he has a lot of respect for him. He stated they are very unhappy for what has taken place but instead of complaining and threats, my point is we need to work together on the Council and one of the things is mutual respect. Respect each other instead of fighting each other, hear what people have to say. He also shared that with respect to the audience that is there that has complaints, one thing to remember is that you have a vote and elections are coming in about 2½ years and if you are dissatisfied with your councilman, organize and vote, go to the poles, what you didn't do last November but if you go to the polls, you elect the councilmen who will represent you the way you're expected to be represented.

3. Willie Battle, 509 Robert Street, stated he wanted to recommend his man for the city council, someone to come up and speak to the council and it's like he said, it's a disgrace that 1% pay raise and the additional money being put elsewhere. He stated like he spoke the last time, about the incentives, the incentives seem like it is more than what the pay raise is going to come out to. He stated that like he said, a person that is making \$28,000 a year, that is a drop in the bucket and you still have to pay tax on it. Someone making over \$100,000 and getting other fringe benefits, that is a walk in the park. He stated that he thinks the pay raise should increase, time changes and the economy changes and the pay raise should change. He stated we need to get off this 1%, social security never been more than 2 ½%.
4. Shycole Simpson-Carter, 300 S. Harding Drive, Apt. E, stated she did not want to take credit when the gentleman thanked her for the Summer Youth Program. She stated that was not her baby and she is tasked for what she gets paid to do and is here to make City Council goals and objectives a fruition that benefits our citizens not to promote anyone's self-interest or to allow anyone's discord for being in the program for going forth. She stated that she wanted to say thank you but I can't take total credit. She stated she wanted to give credit to the community because the increase of the number was because the community rallied around this program. She stated she saw them doing things on social media, witnessing things that made her very proud and they took the pride and the time to help our youth and help our community and she hopes to continue working with the program. She stated that it has been an eye opener for her. She also stated that on April 13 she was diagnosed with kidney failure and was put on a medicine cocktail that made her very sick, and she came in here every day because she knew that Council wanted that program to be successful. She stated she has taken great honor and pride in that program and have gone against her doctors wishes and her families wishes to make sure that program was successful and that it protected the integrity of the City of Goldsboro. She stated that when that gentleman came up and thanked her, she was inclined to come up and thank him and rest of the community for what they have done. She stated you have made a big sacrifice and she is glad to be a part of it and hopes she is able to be a part of other successes that our community does together.
  - a. Mayor Allen stated that she is due some thanks and needs to accept it on behalf of all of us and you have done a remarkable job with that.
5. Don Halliday, PO Box 10116, stated he would like to encourage the Mayor and members of the Council to encourage particularly churches and particularly churches in his community to do what Mr. Mitchell has shown you what he has done here tonight. Every church in his community should have a boys and girls marching group, with the discipline that is involved in those kinds of organizations and our children are starving for a lack of discipline.

6. Ravonda Jacobs, 301 A Street, Goldsboro, stated she wanted to thank Council for allowing her to speak longer than 3 minutes at times. She stated that like Frederick Douglas said, "If you have not loved your country, you will not rebuke it." She stated that she loved everyone one sitting here on this City Council and she loves everyone in our community and she thinks a lot of times acknowledgement is the key here. She stated no one was at a point where we want to be "angry" black people all the time, that is not it but it is frustrating sometimes. She stated there are small things that are done that show a disrespect for us, even the situation with the noose. She stated it wasn't so much about a so called noose hanging up at Public Works, it's the reaction. She stated if it was a swastika or if our Police Chief said, Hail Goldsboro, it would have been a totally different reaction to comfort and be sensitive to those people and a lot of times we have not been sensitive to, to act like, Oh my God, why are they complaining about that, why are they bringing it up again, and I understand people want to focus on the good, but understand this is real life. She stated that good only comes from going through the bad things and having to see and analyze them. She stated we don't want to be like Caesar when he took over Rome, what did he do? He built the Gladiators and he said let them be entertained, and while they were entertained they came out from the basketball court and their country was taken over. She stated that she has heard through American Society that by the year 2052 they don't plan for there to be a black male population, have you ever heard that as a white man? Have you ever heard statistics come from people that work for your country that by the year 2035, there aren't going to be any white men in this country? She stated that is part of her reality and she thinks we have to recognize that it's a part of reality. She stated that she isn't saying no one is racist, she thinks it's more prejudice and she thinks we have to recognize those issues and work hard at doing something different about them. She stated it is never her trying to come here and banter you but she wants Council to understand we have to look at all the different options available to us to make the best decisions. She stated if you haven't had the options and know something different, you can't make a decision off of that. She stated that she told someone today, just like she was taught in school, she was taught that Columbus discovered America so subconsciously, it's gives her a reference to white men to see that they do more but she understands that Columbus sailed to America with an African and Africans drew the map and were here before Columbus. She stated you as a white man you are going to learn, oh my God, here is a different way to work with people. She stated that is our thing, they aren't trying to ignore the history and they are not always trying to bring up bad things, but when the bad things keep happening again in a different way, we need to recognize them. She stated that we need to say hey that did happen, I am not personally responsible but I am a leader now who is responsible for the quality and the change that's going to happen. She stated that is all they want to do and that's not going to happen overnight, it's going to have to be deep conversations among all of us. She stated she apologize if she gets on their nerves but that is what she is here to do, cause getting on their nerves is going to make them better. She stated she loves them and she is thankful and grateful.

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

**Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended.** City Manager, Scott Stevens, presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Aycock moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items K, L M, N, and O be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ham and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in the affirmative. Mayor Allen declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

**North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation – Stream Debris Removal Project. Resolution Adopted.** The City of Goldsboro applied for a grant with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for stream debris removal resulting from Hurricane Matthew. On May 3, 2017, staff was notified that we have been approved for \$105,355 under the Disaster Recovery Act of 2016.

The City was approved for the vegetative debris and downed trees at the Big Ditch, Howell Creek, Mimosa Park Ditch, Stoney Creek and Little River Arbitrary. Contract is effective until December 31, 2019 with an option to extend.

This grant calls for an in-kind match of \$5,642. The City will be utilizing current staff and services for this match.

It is recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Goldsboro with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of \$105,355. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO TO ACCEPT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES – DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT”

**Multi-Sports Complex Construction Alternates.** The City of Goldsboro and the U.S. Air Force signed a lease for the construction of a 62 acre multi-sports complex. This complex will include eight (8) multi-use sports fields adjacent to Seymour Johnson Air Force base.

In accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes, sealed bids were publicly opened on February 22, 2017.

Since the City had available funding for the base bid price only until May 2017, Council awarded the low base bid to S.T. Wooten with a bid price of \$2,972,456. The base bid included conduits, electrical service for the field lights, clearing, grading, erosion control, storm sewer, water, sewer, and root zone mix for the fields.

Alternate construction choices were described in the formal bid document that allowed the City to award as needed. With funding accessible from the Recreation Bond sale, staff is recommending that the following alternates be awarded for the Multi-Sports Complex.

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| 1. Alternate #1  | \$835,106   |
| Includes paving, sidewalk, curb and gutter, crosswalks, markings, signage, ramps, turf grass sprigs, and portion of trail. |             |
| 2. Alternate #7  | \$30,763    |
| Includes the trees, shrubs and landscaping.  |             |
| 3. Alternate #8  | \$348,305   |
| Includes the installation of the automatic irrigation system.  |             |
| 4. Deduction for Revisions   | (\$188,541) |
| Includes reduction to minimum amounts for sidewalks, trails, and paving of parking lot to gravel.                          |             |
| Total of Alternates  | \$1,025,633 |

Staff recommended Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into contract changes with S.T. Wooten Corporation for the alternates and deduction for the revisions in the amount of \$1,025,633. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

**Contiguous Annexation Petition – Cuyler Spring Housing Associates, LLC – Northwest corner of Cuyler Best Road and Oxford Boulevard (5.3 Acres). Referred to the Clerk.** The applicant is requesting that contiguous property described by metes and bounds in Item 2 of the attached petition be annexed to the City of Goldsboro. Also attached are maps showing the property proposed to be annexed.

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

The City Council, at their meeting on May 15, 2017 would request the City Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, a public hearing would be scheduled and a report would be prepared by the Planning Department, in conjunction with other City departments, for submission to the Council.

Staff recommended that the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency.

**Setting Public Hearing--Non-Contiguous Annexation Request – Redco Properties, LLC (Faircloth and Martin Sites) – Northwest corner of Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy’s Road (30.4 Acres). Public Hearing Scheduled.** The City Council, at their meeting on May 8, 2017, requested that the City Clerk examine the subject annexation petition for sufficiency. The City Clerk has completed the examination and has determined that the petition is sufficient. Sufficiency indicates that property is described accurately within 1:10,000 feet and that all property owners have signed the petition.

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

The attached Notice of Public Hearing would schedule June 26, 2017 as the date for the public hearing. A report prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development, in conjunction with other City departments, will be submitted to the Council on that date.

Staff recommended Council schedule a public hearing for the proposed annexation of the Redco Properties for June 26, 2017.

**Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information.** The various departmental reports for the month of April 2017 were submitted for the Council’s approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Ham (7 Ayes)

#### **End of Consent Agenda.**

**City Manager's Report.** City Manager Scott Stevens shared the upcoming Wings over Wayne Airshow is May 20-21 with flight activity around 10:00 and going through midafternoon both days so we hope for good weather for that weekend because there is a lot of planning and effort that goes into that. He also shared that he wanted to welcome Dillard Alumni on Memorial Day weekend. They have a parade downtown on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and he hopes again for pleasant weather on that weekend as well.

#### **City Attorney's Report and Recommendations. No report.**

**Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations.** Mayor Allen read the following Resolutions:

**Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Jerry Kornegay as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 32 Years. Resolution Adopted.** Jerry Kornegay retires on June 1, 2017 as an Equipment Operator II with the Sanitation Division in the Public Works Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 32 years of service. Jerry began his career on May 22, 1985 as a Laborer II in the Public Works Department. On June 4, 1986, Jerry was promoted to Equipment Operator II in the

Public Works Department where he has served until his retirement. Jerry 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, the other City officials and employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Jerry Kornegay their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. We express to Jerry Kornegay our deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro. We offer Jerry our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY JERRY KORNEGAY AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 32 YEARS”

**Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Officer Mark Santifort as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 9 Years.**

**Resolution Adopted.** Officer Mark Santifort retired on May 12, 2017 as a Police Officer in the Goldsboro Police Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 9 years of service. Mark began his career on August 13, 2008 as a Police Officer with the Goldsboro Police Department where he has served until his retirement. Mark proved himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who 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, employees and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Mark Santifort their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years. We express to Mark Santifort our deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro. We offer Mark our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY OFFICER MARK SANTIFORT AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 9 YEARS”

Councilmember Williams shared that he did not get a chance to hear anybody comment on the two murders we just had recently, two young people that won't be here anymore, 21 and 23 years old. Mr. Shiheem Raiford and Mr. Brandon Jones and we need to figure something out with our young people. He stated we really have to step up, we have to think outside the box. He stated he is sick, physically sick because of what he sees. He stated he saw babies crying at the funeral on Saturday, babies that recognizes this young man in the coffin. What are we going to do? What are you going to do? What are we going to do? He stated we have to stop this, he can't take it, we have resources but we are not using them. He stated he is getting fights from his colleagues. He stated if he did something to his colleagues, forgive him. Let's start over fresh, the paper is saying we are contentious, that we can't communicate. He stated he is being a man right now, if he did something that you dislike, let's get past it so we can help this community.

Councilmember Broadway thanked Councilmember Williams for what he said and he appreciates all the comments, especially that Ms. Jacobs didn't yell at them to loud. He stated that they aren't through with the budget and they have another meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> so if anyone has input, say something to us, let us know. He stated we went through it very quickly, there are things to be talked about. It's a big budget, it's a lot of money. He stated we take that very seriously.

Councilmember Stevens stated that he usually has a comment but tonight the way he should address certain things, would not be in the best light so he has no comment.

Councilmember Foster stated that he heard a quote this morning on the radio that said, People resist change because they focus on what they have to lose instead of what they have to gain. He stated that hit him hard when he heard it and he thinks as a council they have members that are focusing on what they might lose instead of what we might gain. He stated it is time for a change, it's time for a change in this city. He stated people are tired, employees are tired. We keep going over the same issues over and over again and it's going to repeat itself until we make a change. Every last one of us up here, until we make a change, it's going to keep happening. He stated to stop focusing on what you might lose and start focusing on what we might gain as a council.

Councilmember Ham stated he wanted to speak on the subject of good in the city. He stated there are many organizations that reach out to our children, our adults and our senior population. There are a lot of dollars that feed into this city to support these programs. Tonight you heard about two of these programs, Drummers World, most of us are familiar with that program and the good things they do for the kids they work with. The FLOW Club at Wayne Community, they work with adults, young adults who are starting out their professional lives, they council with them and go with them as Mr. Evans described. He stated he doesn't want us to forget that although you may hear a lot of negative things about this community, there are a lot of good things going on. He stated there are people like those sitting in the audience and those watching on TV who are involved with these programs and he commends you for your efforts. He stated he personally wants to work with those that he can, he can't touch everyone he doesn't think but all of us up here have that desire, be it the city manager, the mayor and the city attorney. When you hear negative things and you say the city council doesn't care about us, don't believe everything you hear or read, there is a lot of emotion that comes from inside these people that sit on this council and we are working with people like Shycole who does a magnificent job in the city. He stated her efforts are so underrated, or under known that sometimes it really bothers him. He stated this lady talked about tonight, and he knows firsthand that the physical burdens she has gone through, not just in the last month or two but for a good while now, but she steps forward every day to come to this office and administer the programs that she has responsibility for. You cannot look at that person and say that we are all bad.

Councilmember Aycock had no comment.

Mayor Allen shared that we have two of the biggest events coming to our home in the next couple of weekends with the airshow and the Dillard Alumni and these are our two primary events that we can showcase our community. He stated we have DOT out mowing Hwy 70, we have our crews cleaning up Elm Street, Stoney Creek and all the major venues and then Berkeley and Ash. He asked that all of our citizens do anything you can to make your little area look good so when we have all these 200,000 visitors that our city is something we can all be proud of because it's your home, it's our home. He stated he doesn't care if your rich, poor, black, white, purple or blue, you can keep the front of your house clean, you can keep the front of your business clean and you can help us at least the next two weeks, you can help us. When somebody comes through Goldsboro, they say that community has some pride, that is what we all ought to have, is pride. He stated it is your duty, please help us to keep the city clean. He also shared he appreciates all of you coming tonight, it does mean something for you to be here, it means something for you to give us your comments, we do hear your comments and believe it or not it as contentious as this council might be, this council has done more in a year than we have done in ten years and we do focus and we do hear everybody's ideas. He stated we don't always get there like you want us to sometimes, but I do tell you from the manager down we are all trying to make a difference in this community and we do love this community and we do love each and every one of you and we are going to make it better, we are going to make it more inclusive, are we going to get it right every time, no. He stated he and Pinkly are going to keep dialoging and keep learning each other, but we all need to do that and we all need to stay civil and that includes us up here and we are working on it. He stated he wanted you to know that he believes in his heart we are doing as good now as much good in the community as there has been in the last ten years he has been involved. He thanked everybody and wanted to encourage everybody to

continue to come up and let's continue to build relationships and continue to have dialogue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Chuck Allen  
Mayor

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Laura Getz, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk