

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 2021

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 November 1, 2021.

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

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

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Ham, Presiding
Councilmember Hiawatha Jones
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember Gene Aycock

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Taj Polack

Approval of Minutes. Councilmember Broadaway made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried.

District 5 Swearing In Ceremony. Judge Charles Gaylor, III administered the oath of office as District 5 Councilmember to Charles Gaylor, IV. Councilmember Gaylor took his seat as the District 5 Councilmember.

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

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

1. Alicia Pierce, 806 South Taylor Street, shared comments concerning the Historic District Commission and shared concerns regarding councilmember access to the building.
2. Don Halliday commented on the beauty of Center Street and complimented city staff regarding their work.
3. Karl Landgren invited Council and the public to the Wayne County Liberty First meeting on the 3rd Tuesday held at Victory Baptist Church.
4. Chip Craig invited Council to attend the Ground Breaking New Train Project on Thursday, November 4 at Herman Park.

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

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

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Z-10-21 County of Wayne (O&I-II to I -2) – North side of Wayne Memorial Drive and on the northeast corner of Eighth and Humphrey Streets. Ordinance Adopted. The County of Wayne owns the subject property. Currently, the property serves as a fleet maintenance facility for County-owned vehicles and equipment.

The applicant requests to rezone the entire property from Office and Institutional (O&I-II) to General Industry (I-2). Currently, the present zoning classification is not compatible with existing development. In addition, the County desires to expand operations in the future for the existing site.

As previously stated, half of the subject property is used as a fleet maintenance facility. The other half of the property is undeveloped. If rezoned, any new improvements to the site will require site and landscape plans approved by City officials before construction permits can be issued in the future.

Frontage: 470.5 (Eighth St.)
Area: 150,118 sq. ft. or 3.44 acres

SURROUNDING ZONING:
North: General Business (GB)/Office and Institutional (O&I-2);
South: General Business (GB)/Neighborhood Business (NB);
East: General Business (GB); and
West: Residential (R-9)

The City’s Land Use Plan recommends office and institutional development for the property.

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

At the public hearing held October 18, 2021, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

- It was recommended that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and
1. Find the proposed zoning amendment inconsistent with the City’s adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan. However, the proposed zoning would be compatible with adjacent uses within the surrounding area and;
 2. Find the proposed zoning amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because the zoning would allow uses that are compatible with adjacent properties within the surrounding areas and;
 3. Adopt an Ordinance changing the zoning for the property from Office and Institutional (O&I-II) to General Industry (I-1). Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE 2021-35 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Z-11-21 County of Wayne (O&I-II to I-2) - East of Fourth Street between Clingman and Humphrey Streets. Ordinance Adopted. The County of Wayne owns the subject property. Currently, the property is occupied by the Wayne County Animal Services Adoption and Shelter Center and the new E-911 Communications Center.

The applicant requests to rezone the entire property from Office and Institutional (O&I-II) to General Industry (I-2). The County of Wayne seeks to expand County services and operations within the existing site. County leaders believe the present zoning classification would limit the use of the property for future planning and development purposes.

If rezoned, any new improvements to the site will require site and landscape plans approved by City officials before construction permits can be issued in the future.

Area: 920,746 sq. ft. or 21.13 acres

SURROUNDING ZONING:
North: General Industry (I-2)/Highway Business (HB)/Office and Institutional (O&I-1);
South: Residential (R-9);
East: Office and Institutional (O&I-II); and
West: General Industry (I-2)

The City’s Land Use Plan recommends industrial, office and institutional and medium-density development for the property.

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

At the public hearing held October 18, 2021, no one appeared to speak for or against the request.

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

1. Find the proposed zoning amendment inconsistent with the City’s adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan. However, the proposed zoning would be compatible with adjacent uses within the surrounding area and;
2. Find the proposed zoning amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because the zoning would allow uses that are compatible with adjacent properties within the surrounding areas and;
3. Adopt an Ordinance changing the zoning for the property from Office and Institutional (O&I-II) to General Industry (I-1). Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE 2021-36 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES”

Setting Public Hearing - Contiguous Annexation Request – Tiffany Gardens Phase I (Located on the south side of Central Heights Rd. between N. Oak Forest Dr. and Thoroughfare Rd.) The proposed property for annexation consists of 8.63 acres. Public Hearing Scheduled. The City Council, at their meeting on October 18, 2021, requested that the City Clerk examine the subject annexation petition for sufficiency. The City Clerk has completed the examination as attached 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, 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 November 15, 2021 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 contiguous annexation of Tiffany Gardens, Phase I property for November 15, 2021. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (7 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

Items Requiring Individual Action.

IT Staffing Presentation. Scott Williams, Information Technology Director shared the following presentation regarding IT Staffing needs.

Request

- Add three positions to the IT Department
 - Add one Administrative Assistant III Position (~\$38K salary min/year)
 - Add two Computer Systems Administrator I Positions (~\$51K salary min/year)
- We are not asking for any additional money to make these changes (~\$79K for half year with benefits this FY).
- We have reviewed our telecommunications services over the past months and made changes by moving services to our IT Fiber Network, changing service providers and a few cancellations.
- The funds budgeted for our current temporary position and savings we have found for the current fiscal year will cover the cost of the new positions.
- We will request further positions in the next FY budget in order to move towards being proactive rather than reactive to technology needs of the City.

Funding Current Year

Salary Needed for Positions	\$79,684.75
Temporary Employee Salary Available	\$10,920.00
Savings in Telecommunications Services	\$69,637.97
Total Available	\$80,557.97
Balance Remaining	\$873.22

Funding Next FY

Telecommunications Budget Without Adjustments	\$322,499.26
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New Projections After Adjustments	\$127,140.22
Projected Reductions	\$195,359.04
Cost of Positions	\$181,385.98
Savings Remaining	\$13,973.06

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to approve the additional positions for IT with no additional funding for this year, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously carried.

City Manager's Report. Tim Salmon shared the audit is expected to be complete by November 19 and financial statements available in early December. He will schedule a presentation with Dixon, Hughes and Goodman in December. He also shared the State of the City and County will be at the Goldsboro Event Center on November 9, 2021.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendation.

Veterans Day Proclamation 2021. Councilmember Broadway read the proclamation that Mayor David Ham proclaimed November 11, 2021 as VETERANS DAY in the City of Goldsboro, and urged all citizens to remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans who defend our freedom and preserve our way of life.

National Native American Heritage Month Proclamation. Mayor David Ham proclaimed November 2021 as NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

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

Council came out of Closed Session and came back into Open Session.

Councilmember Broadway had no comment.

Councilmember Matthews encouraged board members to check their emails and encouraged everyone to wear their mask as per the mask mandate.

Councilmember Gaylor thanked everyone who has congratulated him on being part of the council and is looking forward to being part of the council.

Councilmember Aycock shared comments that things said about him were unfounded and reminded everyone of the statement on the agenda concerning cell phones.

Councilmember Jones thanked the schools that got involved in the red ribbon campaign, mentioned the anti-bullying campaign and the free over-the-counter medication giveaway at the First Presbyterian Church on November 5, 2021.

Mayor Ham shared comments concerning the upcoming Veterans Day parade.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.




David Ham
Mayor


Laura Getz, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk