

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 28, 2016**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, called a Special Meeting to discuss recovery efforts from Hurricane Matthew and related expenses in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 3:00 p.m. on October 28, 2016 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Gene Aycock
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember Bevan Foster
Councilmember David Ham
Jim Womble, City Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Allen Anderson, Chief Building Inspector
Sam Taylor, Inspections Department
Rick Fletcher, Interim Public Works Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
Gary Whaley, Fire Chief
Kate Daniels, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
Tara Humphries, Wayne Community College
Rochelle Moore, News Argus Reporter
Carol Bowden, Curtis Media Group
Ronald Bobby, Citizen
Beverly Bobby, Citizen
Joe Jones, Citizen
Sharon Blount, Citizen
Margaret Nowlin, Citizen
Wilhelmina Williams, Citizen
Charles Wright, Citizen (arrived at 3:31 p.m.)
Tracie Davis, Marketing & Communications Director (arrived at 3:38 p.m.)

Call to Order. Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Invocation. Councilmember Broadaway provided the invocation. Pledge to the Flag followed.

Consent agenda items were reviewed.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Scott A. 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 Broadaway moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items A and B be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens 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:

Budget Amendment – Hurricane Matthew. Ordinance Adopted. On October 8, 2016, the City of Goldsboro had significant damage throughout the City due to Hurricane Matthew. Due to the flooding associated with the storm, the City encountered major expenses associated with the removal of debris, repairs to facilities and emergency equipment costs.

On October 10, 2016, Wayne County was included in a Major Disaster Declaration related to Hurricane Matthew and the City is starting to meet with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City is incurring costs for debris removal, emergency supplies, equipment purchases, cemetery interments and repairs to pump stations and facilities. It is believed that these costs will be eligible for FEMA reimbursements.

Since the City does not have funding appropriations budgeted for these expenses, it is necessary to adopt a budget amendment for these estimated costs. The estimated costs for debris removal, which includes upcoming debris removal bids, purchases and repairs is \$250,000.

Staff recommended the following entitled ordinance be adopted to reflect an increase in General Fund revenues and an increase in the operating expenditures of the Special Expense Division’s budget by a total of \$250,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Broadway/Stevens (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-54 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR”

Contract Award–South Slocumb Street Storm Damage Repair. Ordinance Adopted. As a result of ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Matthew, Engineering staff requested bids from five (5) contractors for South Slocumb Street washout repair work with an approximate construction time of seven (7) days. Staff received responses from four (4) contractors.

Asphalt Services of Goldsboro, LLC submitted the low bid for the subject repair work in the amount \$89,850.00. The bids received for this project are tabulated as follows:

<u>Name of Bidder</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Asphalt Services of Goldsboro, LLC	\$ 89,850.00
Hine Sitework, Inc.	\$110,087.00
Keen Plumbing Company	\$116,540.00
Barnhill Contracting Company	\$121,235.00

The bids for this project have been reviewed by the Engineering Department, checked for accuracy, and found to be in order. We have also reviewed the financing of this project with the Finance Director and determined that a budget ordinance is required appropriating funds for this repair work.

It is recommended the City Council adopt the following entitled budget ordinance appropriating funds for South Slocumb Street washout repair work and adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction agreement with Asphalt Services of Goldsboro, LLC in the amount of \$89,850.00 for South Slocumb Street washout repair work.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-78 “RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH SLOCUMB STREET WASHOUT REPAIR WORK”

Properties Affected by Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Allen Anderson provided an update on properties effected by Hurricane Matthew. The Inspections Department was tasked with damage assessment. If a condemned sign was put on a home, water was in the home, either in the crawl space, or in the home itself. Mr. Anderson stated I felt as the City of Goldsboro’s Inspection Department, residents should go back in these homes safe. Mold, mildew, damaged wiring and duct work are possible and these systems should be checked prior to residents going back in these homes and that is why the condemned signs were placed on these homes.

Mr. Anderson reviewed a map of areas effected by flooding from Hurricane Matthew. About 400 residential structures were effected by flooding along with approximately 100 businesses. Duke Energy has pulled power on many of these homes to limit risk. Over 700 permits (free) were issued within 2 weeks following this event and staff has worked overtime including

weekends to try to help residents. Mr. Anderson cautioned residents of risks involved with homes impacted by flooding. He stated at the end of the day as Chief Building Inspector, it is his responsibility to protect the public and the City of Goldsboro. The condemned signs do not mean residents cannot fix their homes, and move back in, it just means the repairs have to be completed in a certain way.

Mr. Sam Taylor provided information on older wiring covered in cloth. According to the Department of Insurance, if this wiring was touched by flood waters it must be replaced.

Mayor Allen asked how many homes have had power restored. Mr. Anderson stated 40 homes have been turned back over to Duke Energy for the power to be reconnected. Council and staff discussed what people need to do in order to have power restored.

Mayor Allen thanked Mr. Anderson and his staff for all their hard work.

Available Assistance for those Effected by Hurricane Matthew. Ms. Shycole Simpson-Carter shared the following information:

- Applying for FEMA assistance and types of FEMA assistance
 - 3 ways to register
 - Information you will need
 - What to expect after you apply for FEMA aid
- North Carolina Department of Insurance
 - After Hurricane Matthew, What you need to know...
 - Flood insurance overview/assistance
- Hurricane Matthew Relief Efforts & Available Resources
 - Outside Agencies (Christ In Action & Team Rubicon USA)
 - County Run Shelter – School Street School 500 Block of West Elm Street (Across from Dillard Charter Academy)
 - Disaster Recovery Center – New WA Foster Center, 1012 S. John Street Monday-Saturday (9:00 am to 7:00 pm) and Sunday (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm)
 - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 919-705-6599
- Research of Future Grant Opportunities

Councilmember Williams stated he appreciated all of her work and shared concerns regarding FEMA vouchers for hotel stays and asked if she would check on when hotel vouchers may be ready.

Councilmember Foster asked if there was anything Council could do to support the shelters or assist with FEMA. Ms. Simpson-Carter stated we are assisting and have provided transportation. Councilmember Foster thanked her for what she is doing.

Ms. Simpson-Carter shared WAGES has been an awesome partner. She also shared no CDBG funds are allocated at this time for hurricane repairs.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery Effort Update – Public Works. Mr. Rick Fletcher stated the recovery effort has been a concerted effort between Public Works, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Finance, Fire Department, Planning, Safety, etc. He thanked everyone for the support. Mr. Fletcher shared the following information:

Debris Removal Effort

- Contractor (Custom Tree Care)
 - Vegetative Debris – 139 Loads / 7,376 Cubic Yards
- Public Works (In-House)
 - Vegetative Debris – 437 Loads / 9,226 Cubic Yards
 - Sweeper Material – 74 Loads / 444 Cubic Yards
 - Bulk Items (C & D) – 79 Loads / 1,723 Cubic Yards
- Second Sweep of the City Started 24 Oct 2016
- Contract Bid Proposals Advertised
 - Vegetative Debris Reduction/Removal
 - Bulk Item (C & D) Removal

Cemetery

- Total of 36 Vaults and/or Caskets Dislodged

- 19 Identified & Reinterred
- In the Process of Identifying Remaining 17
 - Working with Rhodes and Hamilton Funeral Homes
 - Cross-referencing Casket Styles w/Names
 - Opening Caskets - Last Resort

Road Concerns/Cave-ins

- Spruce St – From John St to the “Big Ditch”
 - Sunken Asphalt from Voids due to Infiltration
- Royal Ave – Washed Out and Closed
 - Repaired by NCDOT – Open Saturday?
- Wayne Memorial Dr and Aycock St - NCDOT
 - S & S filled Initially w/Sand & Base Course
- 309 E. Walnut St.
- Slocumb St Near SJAFB Gate – One Lane Closed
 - One Lane Entry – Contract Award Pending

Other Highlights

- Fuel was Never an Issue
 - Foresight and Response of Fleet Superintendent
- Fabricated & Repaired Numerous Signs
- Diligently Preparing FEMA Paperwork
- Focused on Finishing Strong

Councilmember Ham asked if we are still monitoring the contractor and Mr. Fletcher replied yes sir.

Councilmember Williams stated there is a smell in an area that flooded in the West Haven and Little Washington area and asked if staff could wash down the streets. Mr. Stevens stated staff would check into that with the health department.

Mayor Allen stated from the day this started, the City, the EOC, the County and many partners have worked together and done a phenomenal job. We are very grateful. I know the citizens are going through some hard times but we will get through this together. Mayor Allen stated through this he has seen many people helping one another doing unbelievable things and it did not matter what religion, what color, whether man or woman, I saw people helping people. Thank you for all you are doing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01p.m.



 Chuck Allen
 Mayor



 Melissa Corser, MMC
 City Clerk