

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
JULY 27, 2015

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 July 27, 2015 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Allen (arrived at 5:04 p.m.)
Councilmember Michael Headen (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Jim Womble, City Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Laura Getz, Deputy City Clerk
Kim Best, Public and Government Affairs Director
Mike West, Interim Police Chief
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
Allen Anderson, Inspections Director
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Development Administrator
Betsy Rosemann, Travel & Tourism Director
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Scott Williams, IT Director
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Gary Whaley, Fire Chief
Christie Langley, Fire Dept. Administrative Assistant
Jose Martinez, Public Works Director
Chief Farfour, Fire Department
Captain Person, Fire Department
Captain Singleton, Fire Department
Engineer Eason, Fire Department
Mark A. Stevens, Citizen
Martha Carter Bailey, Citizen
Lonnie Casey, Citizen
Ethan Smith, Goldsboro News-Argus

Absent: Councilmember William Goodman

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

Invocation. Councilmember Williams provided the invocation.

CWMTF Grant—Mr. Scott Barnard discussed the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant with Council. They are applying for a grant to purchase 58 acres of property to the east of Seymour Johnson AFB, the majority of the property borders Stoney Creek south of Stoney Creek Parkway. This is property we have an agreement on to construct the Mountains to the Sea Trail or the Greenwood Trail but due to excessive storms most of that trail was lost and we ceased managing that property 17 or 18 years ago. The Clean Water Management Trust Fund staff has been interested in that property because it met a lot of their criteria for heritage and preservation. They asked that some of the individual home tracts be removed from the proposal because they didn't meet the heritage requirements. We are still in the running for those funds. This will require a 50/50 match and we are requesting \$53,000 to purchase the property. The funds can only be used for property acquisition.

Pickleball Update—Mr. Scott Barnard shared the following concerning Pickleball. Pickleball is growing in popularity and is growing in Wayne County. It was introduced through the NC Senior Games to our community. There is a small but growing crowd that plays on an

almost daily basis and utilizes indoor space at the Herman Park Center, YMCA and some temporarily lined courts that were used for the Senior Games. Mr. Barnard shared that he had previously shared a potential conflict with lining off existing tennis courts and would like to bring forth a proposal to construct dedicated pickleball courts adjacent to the existing tennis courts at Herman Park. There is a pad almost prepped and ready due to tennis courts renovations almost 10 years ago that would require a minimum amount of stone and laying of concrete. With under \$20,000 we can construct 3 dedicated pickleball courts that would meet today and future needs for pickleball.

Councilmember Aycock shared that he talked to a lady (that plays pickleball) and they are well pleased with the prospect of a court.

Mr. Barnard shared that the pickleball players are tickled and wanted to know what decision Council has made, he told them they had to wait until tonight for a decision.

2015-2016 Bituminous Concrete Resurfacing- Mr. Scott Stevens shared maps showing the proposed resurfacing across the city and an updated list of streets to be resurfaced. Staff's goal is to get this under contract in September. Mr. Stevens has ridden all the streets on the list and they are all in need of resurfacing.

Councilmember Headen shared there are a fair number of streets in his district (especially in the Little Washington area) that are in dire need of resurfacing. He shared we have done all this wonderful work with the Streetscape project and he is not opposed to that but you can't forget about the individuals just beyond where we are with that project. He is pleased to see the effort is being made and it does with that connection to that thoroughfare on Ash Street and he likes that and it will be appreciated.

Councilmember Aycock shared they need to strive to come up with money in the future to do more. Councilmember Headen agreed.

Councilmember Broadway shared that next year's budget should include more money for street resurfacing.

Councilmember Williams shared concerns regarding areas that needed restriping.

Mr. Stevens shared cost estimates to restripe Harris Street and asked Council if they were ready to proceed with awarding the bid to resurface. Council agreed staff could proceed.

Central Heights Road Speed Limit Discussion-Mr. Randy Guthrie shared that staff has been receiving complaints regarding the speed limit on Central Heights Road particularly the stretch between New Hope Road and Highway 13. The state currently has this road at a 45 mph speed limit. The item was originally placed on the agenda to see if Council wanted to request that NCDOT prepare a speed study of that area but in talking to NCDOT we discovered a study has already been performed in the spring of this year for the section of road we are talking about. As a result of the study they prepared, it was found that the speed of 52 was in their 85th percentile which DOT informed based on their rules and regulations they felt was a comfortable speed for motorist based on the conditions and surroundings. NCDOT's recommendation was to increase law enforcement in the area. Staff would like to see if there was a concern from Council to request that DOT specifically change the speed limit to 35 mph due to all of the residential property.

Councilmember Aycock shared concerns about traffic issues on Central Heights Road for the Hunter's Creek and Bayleaf communities. Councilmember Aycock made the motion to move forward with the request to change the speed limit to 35 mph from Hwy 13 to the existing 35 mph speed limit on Central Heights Road. Councilmember Headen seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. Staff will proceed with submitting the paperwork to NC DOT.

Cover Agenda. Each item on the cover agenda was generally discussed. Items with additional comments included the following:

Item C. CU-4-15 Young No – North side of US 70 West between NC 581 and Westbrook Avenue (Increase Internet Games). Councilmember Broadway and

Councilmember Headen asked Chief West for clarification on the legality of the internet games. Mr. Stevens shared that there are challenges with the situation. Chief West shared that the laws change frequently and that the Police Department monitors the facilities for compliance.

Item F. Z-5-15 Islamic Center of Goldsboro, Inc. – South side of Fedelon Trail between Salem Church Road and US 117 (North William Street). Councilmember Headen shared he has received a number of phone calls from concerned citizens in opposition against the proposal.

Item G. Public hearing regarding proposed issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Foundation for Affordable Housing North Carolina and Missouri Portfolio) to be issued by the Public Finance Authority and approval in principle of such Bonds. (Hunton & Williams). Mr. Stevens shared that we have been asked to add this Public Hearing. Mrs. Kaye Scott shared that Mary Nash K. Rusher with Hunton and Williams will be at the 7:00 meeting. She shared that they need the city's support and that they plan to put money into Jefferson Court Apartments.

Item K. Purchase of Mobile/Portable Radios for Fire and Police Departments. Council and Staff shared information concerning the necessity for upgrading the radios to include the Federal Mandate to upgrade by 2017, being in compliance with other local agencies, and the age of the current radios. Mr. Stevens shared that the money for the radios would need to be appropriated. Mrs. Scott shared that once she got the financing information together she would have to come back to Council.

Item L-1. Resolution Expressing the City of Goldsboro's Interest in Participating in the North Carolina State's Health Plan. Mrs. Scott and Mr. Stevens shared information concerning the State Health Plan and the potential savings to the city.

Councilmember Aycock shared it was hard to find a doctor that is not part of the State Health Plan and that with the large numbers of members the number of catastrophic claims are shared among the larger group.

Councilmember Aycock made a motion to add Item L-1 to the consent agenda, Councilmember Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Item H. Engineering Services Contract for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Assessment- McKim & Creed, Inc. Staff shared information concerning closed circuit television assessment.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared concerns about the current cost of construction and how that money would be spent. He also asked Mr. Martinez if this assessment could be completed by Public Works staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made the motion to defer the item to the August 3, 2015 meeting, Councilmember Headen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Item M. Request an Addition to the Sanitation Program to Allow Citizens to Rent a Second Refuse Bin. Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared concerns about the program and also concerning informing citizens about the new rules.

Item S. Monthly Departmental Reports. Councilmember Headen asked Mr. Stevens if the issue has been resolved with Mr. Merritt's concerns expressed over the golf course. Mr. Stevens shared information concerning the issue with Council.

Fire Truck and Training Ground Presentation. Fire Chief Whaley shared information on the Training Ground and presented the new fire engine, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT. Chief Whaley also introduced part of the Planning Committee for the new truck: Captain Pearson, Captain Singleton and Engineer Eason. Chief Whaley invited Council to come outside after the meeting and look at the new engine. Councilmember Aycock shared a concern regarding tinted windows on vehicles and the potential danger to police officers.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Headen, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a property acquisition matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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 July 27, 2015 with attendance as follows:

Present:	Mayor Alfonso King, Presiding
	Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Allen
	Councilmember Bill Broadway
	Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.
	Councilmember Michael Headen
	Councilmember Gene Aycock

Absent:	Councilmember William Goodman
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor King.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Williams.

Cub Scouts from Troop 7 and Troop 766 lead the pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes. Approved. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Budget Work Session of May 26, 2015 and the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2015 as submitted.

Public Comment Period. Mayor King opened the public comment period. The following person spoke:

1. Lonnie Casey, Jr., 1700 Slocumb Street, Goldsboro, NC Chairman of the Watchdogs of Wayne County, stated he wanted a copy of how much we paid the City Attorney to write him the letter and how much the City Attorney's office has cost last year and any other attorney that may have been hired. He also stated that he is answering Mr. Allen's request he made three weeks ago and the state auditor has assigned an investigator to him. He stated to Mayor Pro Tem Allen, not to ask or you might receive.

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

Presentation—Child Nutrition and Outreach Program Final Update—Mrs. Shycole Simpson-Carter shared an update on the Child Nutrition Program. She shared the City of Goldsboro kicked off a 13-week pilot program to address childhood hunger that ran from March 14th to June 7th. When the program began it started at Wayne Academy Middle/High School and Dillard Middle School. However, due to low attendance at the feeding sites, on April 11th the City relocated the program to Fairview Community Center and ADLA Structured Day located on Poplar Street. The number of students fed on-site increased by 88%. To expand on that percentage, the first day of the feeding program at the two schools 23 students were fed onsite and we packaged and delivered 577 take-out plates. At the new sites on June 6th 400 students were fed on-site and they ran out of food by 4:30 pm. The total number of children served were around 7,266 during the 13 week pilot program. The program also came under budget by \$20,044, received over \$800.00 in donations and had over 180 volunteers to include Seymour Johnson AFB, churches, civic organizations and private citizens. She also shared that they are looking at transitioning the program from on-site to a mobile feeding program. The mobile

feeding program would operate 3 days per week from 5-7 p.m. and could feed about 1,500 per day. Locations and other information is forthcoming.

Mayor King thanked Mayor Pro Tem Allen for chairing the feeding program. He shared that they received a report on child hunger in Wayne County, it is incredible how many kids that are hungry and that a lot of kids only eat what they get at school and that is why they targeted the weekends. He also praised the community and the base for their assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared that he facilitated the program and that Shycole Simpson-Carter was the glue for the program. He also thanked the community, churches and the base. He shared that they learned a lot. He stated they believe the problem is that the kids don't have a way there and when they moved the sites it worked better. He also shared that they fed hungry kids and that there is a need. He stated that he thinks we will continue to focus and push on it and keep this going to the best of our ability.

Mayor King stated that this is an ongoing thing and if you can contribute in any way, please do, it is worth it.

Councilmember Williams shared it was a pleasure to serve on the committee and it's a wonderful thing for our Council to have that kind of sensitivity for hungry children. We have quite a few children in our community who are malnourished and don't have food. He shared the program is invaluable and he is proud to be part of it.

CU-4-15 Young No – North side of US 70 West between NC 581 and Westbrook Avenue (Increase Internet Games). Public Hearing Held. On December 5, 2011, the Council approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an internet café/sweepstakes facility at this location which is located within one unit of the Shoppes of Goldsboro at US 70 and NC 581.

Included with the approval was a modification of the separation requirement between such uses and residentially-zoned or developed property from 200 ft. to zero ft. since the property is adjacent to residentially zoned property to the rear.

The approved site plan indicated that the hours of operation would be from 8:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m., Monday through Sunday. A total of five or six employees were associated with the operation.

At time of approval, the applicant indicated that a total of 30 computers would be located within the operation.

The internet café has continuously operated since that time, however, ownership has changed. The new owner wishes to add 18 computers bringing the total to 48.

As a result of an agreement with the U. S. Attorney's office, six companies which provided sweepstakes software in North Carolina were required to cease operation in the State by July 1, 2015. The City's Police Department so notified each sweepstakes operation within the City's jurisdiction and indicated that they would be inspecting the uses after July 1, 2015 to insure that the six companies are no longer supplying software to the operations. At this time, sweepstakes operations could continue to operate utilizing software provided by companies other than the six which agreed to withdraw from the State of North Carolina.

Previously, the City required internet sweepstakes operations to submit serial numbers for each computer when paying a privilege tax of \$2,500 per establishment plus \$500 privilege tax for each computer. As a result of the North Carolina General Assembly passing legislation which eliminates all municipal privilege license taxes, no new or additional fees will be required as a result of the increase in computers proposed by the applicant.

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

No action necessary. Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on August 3, 2015.

CU-5-15 Earl Beasley – North side of East Ash Street between Malloy Street and Barrow Court. Public Hearing Held. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with ABC permits.

Frontage: 266.71 ft.
Depth: 342.58 ft. (average)
Area: 2.1 Acres
Zoning: General Business

On January 6, 2014, the City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a place of entertainment with no ABC permits at this location which was the former site of Pizza Inn. The applicant proposed operating a venue for country or bluegrass music acts. Site and landscape plans which were also approved at that time, included a modification of the Type C (20 ft. wide) buffer to 10 ft. wide along the western property line.

Exterior improvements were completed and the use was operated for a period of time during which time the tenant/operator of the establishment changed. The use has recently closed.

The new tenant wishes to operate a place of entertainment with ABC permits while basically utilizing the same layout but with a complete kitchen facility within the building and the installation of two bar areas. The applicant is the owner of Hero's Oyster Bar which currently operates on North Berkeley Boulevard.

Based on assembly area, a total of 59 parking spaces will be required. There are 63 parking spaces available which includes three handicapped spaces.

While the use will operate as a restaurant which is permitted within the General Business zoning district, the previously-issued Conditional Use Permit specifically excluded ABC permits.

Hours of Operation: 4:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m.
(Monday-Saturday)
12:00 Noon to 2:00 a. m.
(Sunday)

No more than 10 per shift (2 Shifts)

The applicant intends to maintain the existing Hero's location on North Berkeley Boulevard as well as this new location. The new location is larger and will allow space for entertainment and live musical and comedy acts.

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

No action necessary. Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on August 3, 2015.

CU-6-15 Julia Tillett – North side of US 70 West between NC 581 and Westbrook Avenue. Public Hearing Held. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a bingo game establishment.

On June 4, 2012, the City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit for this location within the Southeast Plaza Shopping Center to operate an internet café/sweepstakes facility. The applicant wishes to convert the internet café to a bingo game establishment.

The unit within the Shopping Center proposed for the bingo establishment has a width of 60 ft., a depth of 60 ft. and a total area of 3,600 sq. ft.

Based on the area proposed for the bingo establishment, a total of 75 parking spaces would be required. There are 275 parking spaces existing within the shopping center which should be sufficient to accommodate all uses.

The property is zoned General Business and is located within the 70-75 decibel noise overlay zone associated with Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing

on this request was forwarded to Base personnel for their review and no comments have been submitted.

The applicant has submitted a floor plan indicating that the bingo establishment will include seats for 100 people, a calling platform, snack bar, restrooms, storage and office areas. Hours of Operation will be from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 a. m., Sunday through Thursday and from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m. on Friday and Saturday. A total of four employees will be associated with the operation.

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

No action necessary. Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council’s meeting on August 3, 2015.

Z-5-15 Islamic Center of Goldsboro, Inc. – South side of Fedelon Trail between Salem Church Road and US 117 (North William Street). Public Hearing Held. On February 2, 1998, the City Council approved a zoning change for the subject property from R-12 Residential and Watershed Protection to Office and Institutional-1 and Watershed Protection. The use for the property was limited to a church, Christian Academy (K-12), day care and senior citizen’s center.

Site and landscape plans for the property were approved in 2007. A number of modifications were granted in conjunction with the site and landscape plan approval as follows:

1. Modification of the interconnectivity requirement to adjacent properties.
2. Modification of the Type C, 20 ft. wide landscape buffer for the undeveloped portion of the lot that contains existing woodland; and
3. Modification of the requirement that the modular unit be placed parallel with Fedelon Trail.

The developer was required to pay a fee to the City in lieu of for sidewalk construction.

The original church (New Covenant Ministries) relocated and the site is now occupied by the Islamic Center of Goldsboro, Inc. They have requested a rezoning of the property to Office and Institutional-1 Conditional District and Watershed Protection to add the use as a private cemetery to those previously approved within that zoning district.

Frontage:	91.30 ft. (approx.)
Depth:	892.77 ft. (average)
Area:	696,089 or 15.98 acres (approx.)

Surrounding Zoning: North: R-16 Residential
South: R-12/16 Residential
East: R-12 Residential
West: R-12/16 Residential

Currently, the property is occupied by a 2,900 sq. ft. church of modular construction built in 2008. A total of 51 parking spaces, including two handicapped spaces are provided.

The submitted site plan shows approximately three acres of existing cleared land east of the existing church parking lot to be used for the location of a private cemetery containing areas for 1,033 graves. Included within this acreage is .75 acres to be used for a memorial service area.

A 20 ft. wide gravel drive is shown to extend from the existing asphalt parking lot a distance of 540 ft. to the entrance of the proposed cemetery. A modification to allow the drive to be graveled rather than paved is required, however, the staff recommends that the drive be paved.

In order to minimize the possibility of congestion which would limit safe access to and from the site during an emergency, staff has asked the site engineer to reconfigure a new traffic circulation plan as an alternative for the gravel drive which terminates at the entrance to the cemetery. The

new circulation plan would be subject to approval by the Planning Department. No construction permits will be issued prior to this item being appropriately addressed.

Ten ft. wide walkways will be provided throughout the cemetery and the entire area will be enclosed by a 4 ft. high chain link fence with double-gated access located at the end of the gravel drive.

The submitted landscape plan indicates a proposed 20 ft. wide, Type C buffer yard along a portion of the northern property line. Although this property line adjoins vacant farmland, the landscaped buffer must be extended along the entire northern property.

A 20 ft. wide landscape buffer is shown along the entire eastern property line and the cemetery will be set back 50 ft. from both the northern and eastern property lines.

Existing woodland will remain and serve as a buffer along the southern property line except for that area where a farm path extends back to vacant farmland.

The asphalt driveway extending from Fedelon Trail will be buffered on both sides with a 20 ft. wide planted buffer.

Mayor King opened the public hearing and the following persons spoke:

1. Muhammad A. Bhatti, 201 Tonya Drive, shared that there were only a few Muslim families in the area when he moved here 22 years ago and it now has grown to roughly 80 families. He shared information about Muslim ceremonies and the location of their facility. He shared that as Muslims, they have their own religious obligations and specific requirements for burying their dead. He shared they have to take their loved ones to other cities to be buried because there isn't a place in Goldsboro to bury them. He shared they have reserved a parcel of land at their center away from the local population. He shared an appeal to the Council to grant permission to open the cemetery so they can meet the religious obligations of their deceased loved ones. (A handout from Dr. Bhatti which is Exhibit A is attached.)
2. Johnnie Barnes, 310 Fedelon Trail, shared that he and his family own property on Fedelon Trail including property adjoining the front and the side of the proposed site of the land the graveyard is going to be on. He shared he joins with his neighbors in the Fedelon community to encourage the Council not to pass the zoning amendment to include cemetery use to the existing zoning. He shared that 60% of the community signed the petition and recommends not passing the petition. He shared the only reason more didn't sign the petition is because they didn't have the time, if they had more time he is sure the percentages would have been greater. They are concerned with the impact on the integrity of the community to include family comfort, real property values and the potential effect on ground water, given that some in the community still use well water. He shared that a cemetery changes the character of an area and some people will not consider locating to that community because of a cemetery. He also shared expert real estate agents and broker's opinion on the impacts of cemeteries and quotes from a book titled "*Grave Matters*" by Mark Harris. He shared that they as a community are very concerned and encourage the defeat of this zoning request.
3. William Pearman, 601 Fedelon Trail, shared that he owns the 1.3 acres between the proposed rezoning and Hooks River Road and he is also worried about what it will do to his property value. He has been working with Miracle Temple, Mona Lisa Williamson about buying this piece of property. He shared there is an agreement that was filed in the mid-1960's between Nanny Hollowell Singleton and his parents. His parents moved there in 1936 and his grandfather bought the land and transferred the property to his parents. He shared the agreement between Nanny Hollowell Singleton and Charlie and Mary Pearman was that they would have access to the farm land from Fedelon Trail, otherwise they would have to go down Salem Church Road up to Hooks River Road and up to get to their property. They have used that property for 70 years to access the farm. He shared that the agreement should have been filed but he hasn't had time since the notice was given and the Council meeting to get proper documentation. He shared he also owns property on Fedelon Trail. He shared he has had calls from people wanting to buy the land to put apartments on but he values his neighborhood and his neighbors and doesn't think apartments is what he wants in his backyard. He is in agreement with his neighbors,

they haven't had PA systems blasting loud messages and disturbing the neighbors. He also stated he would like a stop sign at their driveway before they enter Fedelon Trail, so that they know state law requires them to stop before entering the highway. Mr. Pearman also shared comments concerning family and patriotism.

4. Richard Linch, 512 Fellowship Church Road, Princeton, shared he is a member of the Muslim community which is at the corner of Elm and Slocumb. He shared that in terms of the contamination of the soil, Muslims don't embalm. They try to get the bodies in the ground within 3 days, he has heard the other speakers talk about contaminating the land with embalming fluid and etc., but that they embalm.
5. Hamin Muhammad, 103 Banks Avenue, shared he has been living in Goldsboro for over 30 years, is from New Jersey and is a Muslim, striving to improve himself as an asset to this community. He shared he pledges allegiance to the American flag and served in the US Air Force, which is how he ended up in Goldsboro, NC. He shared as a Muslim looking at the news and seeing the actions of some of our citizens all over the country, they hate on Muslims. He shared they don't know what Islam and Muhammad is about but he was a peace and loving individual and everything they put on him is not true and everything you believe about Muslims is not true. He shared that they are an asset to any community they move into and if the people who are doing these things all over the world are calling themselves Muslims, they are not acting as Muslims. He shared that most of Council are educated and intelligent individuals but we allow ourselves to be conditioned by the media and it is not right. He shared he was proud to be an American and we need to stop hating on Muslims and Islam. He also shared his thoughts about slavery, terrorism, and Allah. He shared he has seen many cemeteries in residential areas. He asked Council to purify and search their hearts and minds and allow this situation to go forth.
6. Hason McBride, 135 St. Matthews Road, shared he wanted to give his support to the Muslim community. He has lived here all of his life and last year had to bury his father who was also a Muslim that has lived here all his life and unfortunately, since there is no cemetery here, they had to take him to Raleigh. He shared it would be a great asset to our community if we had somewhere locally. He also shared information about his father which was from Goldsboro and how he worked to help the community. He asked Council to open their hearts, it's humane, they have to bury their dead and since they live in Goldsboro why can't they bury their dead in Goldsboro.

Councilmember Williams commented that he lives right down the street from a mosque and in the years he has lived there and the 19 ½ years he has been on the Council, he has never heard one complaint against the mosque.

Mayor King commented that he thinks it is appropriate for him as Mayor of this city to let everyone know that he welcomes all citizens; race, creed, color, religion, height, weight, it doesn't matter. He shared that if you live in this city that is all he is concerned about. He also shared he would do for anyone the same he would do for their neighbor or whoever. He shared he could hear the frustration of the last speaker and he hears it and understands what he's saying. To this Council and to this Mayor it doesn't matter who you are, if you are a citizen of this city, it is our job to serve you. He shared that as long as he is here, he doesn't care what your race, sex or religion is. If you are citizen and are contributing, that is all that matters and he thanks you very much for choosing Goldsboro to live in.

No action necessary. Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council's meeting on August 3, 2015.

Planning Commission Excused.

Public hearing regarding proposed issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Foundation for Affordable Housing North Carolina and Missouri Portfolio) to be issued by the Public Finance Authority and approval in principle of such Bonds. Public Hearing Held. Public hearing regarding proposed issuance of up to \$4,500,000 in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Foundation for Affordable Housing North Carolina and Missouri Portfolio) to be issued by the Public Finance Authority and approval in principle of such Bonds.

This is a hearing to consider the proposed issuance by the Public Finance Authority (“PFA”) of not to exceed \$75,500,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Foundation for Affordable Housing North Carolina and Missouri Portfolio) (the “Bonds”), a portion of which in an amount not expected to exceed \$4,500,000 will be loaned to FFAH Jefferson Court, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, an affiliate of the Foundation for Affordable Housing, Inc. (the “Borrower”), to finance the acquisition and renovation of an existing affordable multifamily rental housing development located in Goldsboro.

PFA is a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin created for the purpose of issuing tax-exempt and taxable conduit bonds for public and private entities nationwide. PFA is sponsored by the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. The Borrower has requested that PFA act as the issuer of the Bonds in order to achieve cost efficiencies by using a single bond issue to finance projects located in more than one state. The Bonds are not debt of the City of Goldsboro or PFA, but rather are payable solely from debt service payments received from the Borrower.

Federal tax law requires that tax-exempt bonds issued to finance affordable housing be approved by the elected legislative body of the governmental unit that has jurisdiction over the area in which the facility is to be located after holding a public hearing (Internal Revenue Code Section 147(f)). The proposed facilities are within the jurisdiction of the City.

A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower and used to finance and/or refinance the acquisition, rehabilitation, equipping and/or improvement of Jefferson Court Apartments, a 60-unit multifamily rental housing development located at 1100 N. Jefferson Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina (the “Development”); to pay interest on the Bonds, to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds, and/or to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds. PFA and the Borrower have requested the City to approve the issuance of the Bonds solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Code.

The Bonds will be sold in a public offering with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated as the underwriter, and are expected to be issued in early September, 2015. The Borrower will agree to repay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. Neither the City nor PFA will have any liability whatsoever for the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds. Because no taxes or other revenues of the City are pledged to pay these Bonds, the staff of the City has made no financial analysis of the Bonds, the Borrower or the Development.

As noted in the resolution, the Bonds do not constitute a debt of the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision or any agency thereof, including the City, or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision or any such agency, including the City, but are payable solely from the revenues and other funds provided for in a loan agreement between PFA and the Borrower. Accordingly the City pledges neither its taxing power nor revenues for these Bonds, and the Bonds will not affect the City’s debt ratios or legal debt limit.

The notice of public hearing (attached) was published in The Goldsboro News-Argus as required by law. The form of the resolution to be adopted by the City is also attached.

That the City Council, at the conclusion of the public hearing regarding the same, adopt a resolution approving, for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the issuance by the Public Finance Authority of a portion of its not to exceed \$75,500,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Foundation for Affordable Housing North Carolina and Missouri Portfolio).

Mary Nash Rusher, with Hunton & Williams, Bond Attorney in Raleigh shared she is working with the Foundation for Affordable Housing, a non-profit organization that is in the business of developing, acquiring, renovating and preserving affordable housing across the country. She shared they are working on a portfolio of 13 existing affordable housing developments in North Carolina and Missouri. The Foundation for Affordable Housing is working with the Public Finance Authority, a nationwide issuer which has the statutory authority to issue bonds across the country. The Foundation for Affordable Housing has asked the Public Finance Authority to issue bonds on their behalf, 75 million dollars in bonds to finance the

acquisition and renovations of these 13 apartment complexes that are already affordable housing. One of the 13 apartments is Jefferson Court Apartments on Jefferson Street in Goldsboro. She shared that the mission of the organization is to purchase affordable housing and to ensure it remains affordable housing. Under the tax code they will be required to put restrictive covenant on the record that it will remain affordable housing going forward and will spend funds to address critical needs. The federal tax code requires that an approval in principal be given by the jurisdiction in which any project that is financed with tax exempt bonds is located. She stated this is not the city's debt and they are only approving the fact that tax exempt bonds will be used to finance the acquisition and renovations of this affordable housing. Code requires that a public hearing be held after notice is given and if Council sees fit, to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen asked if part of this 4 ½ million dollars is to buy this facility and what is intended for renovations versus purchasing. Ms. Nash Rusher stated they are running critical needs assessments across all the projects and when they come back they will spend the money that is needed on that up fit. Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated he is trying to learn and that one of his concerns as a council person is as far as he knows we have a stable community there and he doesn't know who this new group is and how they are going to manage it. Ms. Nash Rusher stated she can provide Council with information about the history of the manager they will put in place and she thinks it will be sold regardless. Mayor Pro Tem Allen asked if the type of tenants will remain the same. Ms. Nash Rusher stated the tenant type will remain the same, they will transfer the housing assistance program contract from the current owner to the next owner. She also stated it won't be an effect on the tenants in the sense where they would have to move. Mayor Pro Tem Allen asked if the Council vote needed to be held tonight, if it could be put off a week. Ms. Nash Rusher stated that the vote could wait and she would provide Council more information.

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

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. **Mr. Stevens reminded Council Item H. Engineering Services Contract for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Assessment-McKim & Creed, Inc. was deferred during the Work Session and Item L-1 Resolution expressing the City of Goldsboro's interest in participating in the North Carolina State's Health Plan was added.** Councilmember Headen moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items I, J, K, L, L-1, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in the affirmative. Mayor King declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

FY 2015-16 Installment Financing – Vehicles. Resolution Adopted. When Council adopted the FY 2015-16 budget, several vehicles were characterized to be purchased through installment financing.

The following vehicles were listed to be purchased by an installment financing agreement pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-20:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Inspections	Pick-Up Truck	\$ 20,000
Streets & Storms Salt	Spreader	12,000
	Crew Cab Pick-Up Truck	25,000
Sanitation	Fully-Automated Garbage	285,000
Fire	Admin. Vehicle	28,000
Police	Admin. Vehicle	19,000
	Sports Utility Vehicle	29,119
	½ Ton Pick-Up Truck	21,500
Parks & Recreation	Pick-Up Truck	29,000
	Dump Truck	49,000
Maintenance	Jet Vac Truck	<u>365,000</u>

Total \$882,619

The City will start the Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the abovementioned vehicles to banking institutions in December 2015 with an anticipated loan closing in January 2016. The bid proposal will request quotes over a five (5) year term.

Since the equipment will be necessary before financing can be finalized, a reimbursement resolution is needed in the amount of not to exceed \$900,000.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution declaring the City Council's intent to reimburse the City of Goldsboro from the proceeds of the installment financing for the vehicles listed above in the amount not to exceed \$900,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-49 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR VEHICLES"

Budget Amendment - Outstanding Purchase Order Adjusting Entries. Ordinance Adopted. It is a practice of the City of Goldsboro when incurring expenses to encumber money through the use of a purchase order. Purchase orders remain outstanding until the item or service being procured is received by the affected department. At that time, the purchase order is closed out through the issuance of a payment check.

Accounting standards for municipal governments necessitate that certain book entries be undertaken at the conclusion of a fiscal year. These entries, in effect, close outstanding purchase orders from the previous fiscal year, and reappropriate funds for the same purpose for the new fiscal year. Failure to accurately reflect the receipt of materials, supplies and services during the same year in which monies are appropriated distorts the City's financial statements. Generally accepted accounting principles mandate that appropriations and expenditures correspond to the same fiscal year.

The City of Goldsboro has its financial records and subsidiary systems on an on-line computer basis; therefore, it is necessary to make adjusting entries concerning outstanding purchase orders as close to the beginning of a new fiscal year as possible. As in previous instances, these transactions do not alter the City's unappropriated, unrestricted fund balances. These entries basically appropriate sufficient funds to correspond with the budget year in which purchase order payments will be made by the City.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year by appropriating monies associated with outstanding 2015-16 purchase orders. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-27 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR"

Purchase of Mobile/Portable Radios for Fire and Police Departments. Approved.

The City of Goldsboro met with the Wayne County Office of Emergency Management on their plans to convert the county's radio communication system. Within 3 to 5 years, Wayne County will be moving the current system to the Phase 2 radio platform so that it would meet federal guidelines. At this time, a majority of the City's radios are not Phase 2 compliant and many of the radios are not being supported by the manufacturer. With the older radios, sometimes the radios struggle to function with the current system, which sometimes creates an unsafe working environment for the fire and police personnel.

All of Wayne County's emergency management agencies have been contacted and presented an opportunity to purchase new Phase 2 radios at a discounted cost. Also, the vendor has agreed to accept as trade-in any brand radios as credit towards the purchase. Wayne County and the Volunteer Fire Departments have all agreed to upgrade to the Phase 2 radios.

Once all the radios are upgraded to the Phase 2 platform, Wayne County Emergency Management can activate the Phase 2 capability, which will double the capacity of channels available to our employees.

The City of Goldsboro would like to move forward and replace all of its radios to Phase 2. The City would be replacing 105 mobile and 119 portable radios within the Police Department and 13 mobile and 28 portable radios within the Fire Department. The replacement cost is \$546,937.

The City's Finance Department is working with Suntrust on a lease agreement for funding for this purchase. Suntrust submitted a proposal citing a 1.95% interest rate over a 3-year term. The documentation and escrow fees will be \$350.

Staff recommended Council authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to enter into agreements with Suntrust to purchase the Phase 2 radios at a cost of \$546,937 over a 3 year term. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

Establishing the Capital Projects Fund Ordinance – W. A. Foster Center Construction and Goldsboro Country Club Property Renovations Projects. Approved. In September 2014, the City Council authorized the contract with T.A. Loving Company for the design-build team for the construction of W. A. Foster Recreation Center. Also, in February and March 2015, Council approved the purchase and renovations of the property located at 1501 South Slocumb Street. On June 15, 2015, Council authorized the installment financing with Sterling National Bank in the amount of \$7,200,000.

The City closed on the loan with Sterling National Bank on June 26, 2015 with an interest rate of 2.91% over a term of 15 years. Since these construction projects have been awarded, it is necessary that a capital projects ordinance be established that will represent the construction costs along with the loan proceeds.

The City received reimbursement in June 2015 for costs incurred for the Goldsboro Country Club purchase and renovations along with the W.A. Foster Recreation Center design services. The amount received was \$902,588.06. It is necessary to adopt a capital projects ordinance for the loan proceeds associated with the construction projects and cost of issuance in the amount of \$6,377,411.94.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Capital Projects Fund Ordinance in the amount of \$6,377,411.94. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-28 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR W.A FOSTER AND GOLDSBORO COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY”

Resolution Expressing the City of Goldsboro's Interest in Participating in the North Carolina State's Health Plan. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro is currently participating in a fully-insured health plan with Cigna Health Care. On June 22, 2015, the General Assembly of North Carolina enacted House Bill 154 allowing local government units to join the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees. In accordance with North Carolina G.S. 135-48.47, the interested unit must pass a resolution expressing the local government's desire to participate in the State plan.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution indicating its interest in participating in the North Carolina State's Health Plan and authorizing the City Manager to gather the necessary information and requirements in accordance with House Bill 154. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-50 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE'S HEALTH PLAN”

Request an Addition to the Sanitation Program to Allow Citizens to Rent a Second Refuse Bin. Approved. As part of the Sanitation Department's switch from semi-automated to fully-automated vehicles, the city has required the citizens to follow additional rules for bin placement in order to be serviced. One of these rules is that “Overflow” trash is no longer accepted by the City because the new trucks cannot service overflow. An option for the Citizens

is to rent a second container from the City which would increase the amount of refuse collected at a residence without having overflow.

The Sanitation Department takes great pride in servicing our customers and wants to ensure our customers are taken care of. The department simply cannot service overflow refuse with the new vehicles and program. The proposed solution is to rent a second bin (no more than a second bin) to our residential customers. These bins will still follow the placement guidelines that have already been approved in the City's Ordinance. Due to capacity issues, the Sanitation staff will not begin offering a second refuse bin to the citizens until the bin placement guidelines are enforced. This program does not include recycling bins.

Staff recommended that Council approve offering citizens a second refuse bin at a cost of an additional \$4 per month added to their current Sanitation charges. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

Request for Extension of Three (3) Temporary Personnel for Sanitation Division up to Eight (8) Weeks Ending No Later Than Friday, September 11, 2015. Approved. As part of the Sanitation Department's switch from semi-automated to fully-automated vehicles, the city has required the citizens to follow additional rules for bin placement in order to be serviced. These rules are not yet enforced to help educate the citizens and to ease in the transition over to the new program. The additional employees are required in order to operate in the interim until the new rules are enforced.

The new program went live on June 1st, 2015 however, the enforcement of the adopted ordinances has not gone into effect yet. These rules have not been enforced because the City wants to help the citizens gradually transition over to the new requirements. Because of this, the fully-automated vehicles cannot finish their designated routes without an additional person on the vehicle. City Staff is proposing to begin enforcement of the sanitation rules on Monday, September 14th, 2015 (the week after the Labor Day holiday which is about 3.5 months after program launch). We anticipate utilizing these personnel until the routes' efficiency increase enough so that they are not needed or until enforcement of the rules go into effect. The division is asking for three (3) temporary personnel, one for each fully-automated truck.

Staff recommended Council approve to extend three (3) temporary sanitation employees ending no later than Friday, September 11, 2015. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

Resolution and Budget Amendment - 2015 Urgent Repair Program (URP15).Resolution and Ordinance Adopted. The City of Goldsboro applied for a grant in January, 2015 for funding by North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) through the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund for the 2015 Urgent Repair Program (URP15) in the amount of \$100,000. This grant is to be in conjunction with the City's Community Development Block Grant Program. In April of this year, the City Council adopted and approved the URP15 Assistance, Procurement, and Disbursement Policies to conduct the Urgent Repair Program in conjunction with the City's Community Development Block Grant Program.

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) has awarded the City funding for the 2015 Urgent Repair Program (URP15) in the amount of \$100,000 to assist a minimum of fifteen (15) eligible very-low and low-income homeowners with urgent repairs up to \$8,000 per home to prevent displacement, which poses an imminent threat to their life and/or safety. The time period of this grant is 16 months beginning on August 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2016.

No matching funds are required of the City of Goldsboro in conjunction with this Program.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept and sign a contract with NCHFA in the amount of \$100,000 and adopt the following entitled Ordinance to reflect an increase in the Community Development revenues and an increase in the operating expenditures of the Community Development Block Grant's budget by a total of \$100,000. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-51 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NCHFA”

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-29 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR”

Planning Commission Appointment. Resolution Adopted. There is an existing vacancy on the Goldsboro Planning Commission. Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. It is necessary that an additional appointment be made in an effort to fill this vacancy.

Recommendations for appointment were requested from the Goldsboro Planning Commission. The following individual has submitted an application to be on the Goldsboro Planning Commission and was recommended by the Goldsboro Planning Commission. Patrick McArthur

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution appointing Patrick McArthur to the Goldsboro Planning Commission. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-52 “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE GOLDSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION”

Goldsboro Tourism Council Appointment. Resolutions Adopted. On January 5, 2015, Ms. Patti Mitchell was appointed to serve on the Goldsboro Tourism Council to her second term with her term expiring on December 31, 2017. Ms. Mitchell has resigned effective May 31, 2015.

Ms. Mary Ann Dudley has submitted an application to serve on the Goldsboro Tourism Council. Staff would recommend Ms. Mary Ann Dudley to fill the unexpired term left by Ms. Mitchell’s resignation whose term expires on December 31, 2017.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolutions appointing Ms. Mary Ann Dudley to the Goldsboro Tourism Council and commending Ms. Patti Mitchell who has served on the Goldsboro Tourism Council. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-53 “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO AN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSION”

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-54 “RESOLUTION COMMENDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED ON THE GOLDSBORO TOURISM COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION”

Adoption of a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Ordinance Adopted. In 1990, an agreement was reached between the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the City of Goldsboro to engage American Legal Publishing Company to revise the Code of Ordinances of Goldsboro. The revised Code was published in 1995.

The agreement stated that American Legal Publishing Company would prepare supplements for incorporation of new Ordinances to the City Code of Ordinances on a recurring basis. In compliance with this agreement, the City has received the S-37 Supplement. This Supplement contains all Ordinances of a general nature enacted since S-36 Code of Ordinances dated October 6, 2014.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance enacting and adopting the 2015 S-37 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Headen/Allen (6 Ayes- Goodman Absent)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-30 “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA”

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. No Report.

City Attorney's Report and Recommendations. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations. Mayor King read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation--32nd Annual National Night Out-- 2015. Mayor King proclaimed Tuesday, August 4, 2015, National Night Out in the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina and called upon all citizens of the City of Goldsboro to join the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the "32nd Annual National Night Out" on August 4, 2015.

Mayor King shared this is an effort we have been doing for a lot of years now and he remembers the first one we participated in and there wasn't many people that came out. He shared he is glad the event has grown and the support is what it should be. He shared that it is important that we show law enforcement what a tremendous job they are doing. He also shared that what they have in other cities, we won't have in Goldsboro because we have professional law enforcement. He shared that since he has been here in 1979, no citizen has been shot by law enforcement but two of our officers have been shot. He shared that he respects them and supports them. He shared that the Goldsboro Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, it doesn't get any better than that.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen had no report.

Councilmember Aycock shared that he conveys what the Mayor said about the police force, they are excellent. He also thanked the Scouts and shared they are benefiting from what they are learning and without the leaders there would be no scouts. He also thanked the leaders and charged the Scouts to get their Eagle, it will mean a lot.

Mayor King shared he wanted to give his support to scouting and that he was a boy scout many years ago and it gave him his foundation on which he lives today. He shared the one thing that stuck with him from scouting is the motto, Be Prepared. If you listen to that and live by that, you will make it very well.

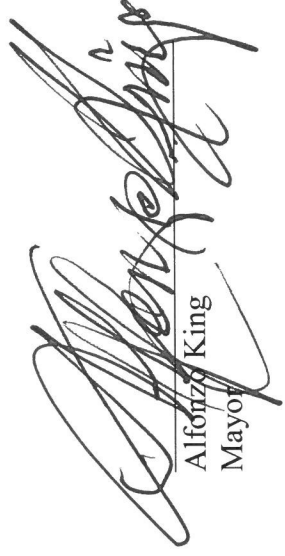
Councilmember Williams shared our city is making progress with the projects we are engaged in also concerning infrastructure and housing. He stated we are trying to emphasize the fact that all of us has responsibility in keeping our city clean. He also shared that the community around Stoney Creek Park is trying to keep that area clean.

Councilmember Broadway shared he wanted to congratulate the boy scouts for being here and they get parts of two merit badges. He also shared information about the Wayne County Veterans and Patriots Association's 4th Annual Purple Heart Banquet on August 7 at First Pentecostal Holiness Church. He stated they will be honoring 54 Purple Heart Recipient and 19 families of KIA's. He shared the tickets are \$20.00 and you can call him or Bill Graham to purchase the tickets.

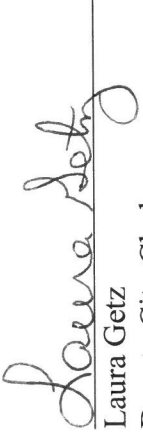
Councilmember Headen shared he wanted to thank the scouts for being there tonight and they are like the Marine motto, The Few, The Proud and they are proud of them. He shared that as a council he is glad to hear that they are making more inroads in cleaning up and doing more with infrastructure, especially with paving our roads and streets. He shared there are streets in all the districts that need a lot of work and they try to do that. He also shared and he would like to see that continue this upcoming year and years to follow. He shared that we should focus our energy on improving our streets for our citizens, we owe it to them to do that and to make sure we are spending the money as we should.

Mayor closed the meeting by saying keep Goldsboro and Wayne County clean.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Alfonso King
Mayor



Laura Getz
Deputy City Clerk

All Praises and thanks be to the Lord of the universe for His infinite blessings and bounties on all of us, and who is The Creator and the Sustainer of the Worlds, and Salutations to all His Messengers who showed us the Right Path and educated us on how to live peacefully, with dignity, love and respect for one another. I am also grateful to this committee, who, despite their busy schedule, have been kind and gracious enough to allocate their precious time for this hearing and for a favorable consideration to our request.

Honorable Mayor, respected members of the committee;

Ladies and Gentlemen, Good Afternoon;

My name is Muhammad A. Bhatti, commonly known as Dr. Bhatti. I am a physician who relocated myself from Atlanta, Ga in the early 90's to this great city of Goldsboro. There were only a few Muslim families (5-6) in this area when I moved here some 22 years ago. With the great leadership of the city government and with the help of people like you

who have committed their lives for the service of the people and for the betterment of the Humanity, this community has thrived and the population of the Wayne County has almost doubled to about 125,000 since the early 90's and so has the Muslim community grown to roughly 80 families in and around the Goldsboro area today.

We started our religious obligations in a small room in my office and as the community grew, we gradually moved to bigger places, until recently, about 2 years ago, we were able to purchase a parcel of land, roughly 16 acres with an existing building. Our religious obligations usually consist of weekly Friday prayers and two annual religious celebrations. The first one is to celebrate the end of the Month of Fasting that we just celebrated last week, and the 2nd one which is common to all of us, and is in the Memory of the Great Sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim for his son, which usually follows about 2 ½ months after the first one. All these ceremonies are well organized and done quietly and peacefully, and usually last less than two hours each. Our

facility is located about 500 feet away from the main street and has its own private parking lot and hence there is absolutely no disturbance to the traffic or any inconvenience to the local community.

Dear Committee Members and listeners:

We all know that where there is life, there is death also. Our community that consists of more than 80 families, has absolutely no place in and around Wayne County area for the burial of our loved ones. We have to take them to Raleigh and sometimes travel as far as to Chapel Hill and even to Burlington for their final destination to rest in peace. This has caused a lot of difficulties and inconveniences not only for the community, but also it has resulted in unnecessary suffering of already bereaved and grieved families.

As Muslims, we have our own religious obligations and specific requirements for the burials of our dead, and unfortunately we cannot share local cemeteries due to some religious restrictions. We have reserved a good parcel of land at our center away and desolate from

the local population. Maps have been drawn and soil has been tested for its appropriateness. We are also willing to fulfill any and all city and county requirements. We anticipate no disturbance or inconvenience to the people residing in the area.

We, therefore, appeal to the committee with great humbleness, to kindly consider our request favorably and grant us the permission to open our own facility (cemetery), so that we can meet our religious obligations towards our deceased loved ones.

We shall, forever, remain grateful for this act of your kindness, after all we are all children of the same parents (Adam and Eve) and we all share a common ancestry.

I, and all the members of our community pray for your good health and happiness with prosperity and longevity.

Once again thank you all for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

M.A. R. Galt. MD