

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
JULY 6, 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 6, 2015 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Allen
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Michael Headen (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Councilmember William Goodman
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Jim Womble, City Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Kim Best, Public & Government Affairs Director
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Mike West, Interim Police Chief
Felicia Brown, Parks & Recreation
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Faye Reeves, HR Director
Scott Williams, IT Director
Jose Martinez, Public Works Director
Marty Anderson, City Engineer
Allison Platt, Citizen
Randy Wright, Citizen
Ethan Smith, Goldsboro News-Argus
Lonnie Casey, Citizen

Absent: Councilmember William Goodman

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mayor King at 5:02 p.m.

Invocation. Councilmember Williams provided the invocation.

Ms. Julie Metz reminded everyone to “Save the Date” for the Main Street Conference to be held in Goldsboro on March 16 -18, 2016.

Public Art Selection for Center Street Project. Ms. Metz shared the following information:

Background

1. Center Street and Roundabouts
2. Options
 - Purchase Art
 - Lease Art
 - Selection Process
3. Public Art Steering Committee
 - Members Include:
 - Bethany Perry, DGDC Design Committee Member
 - Allison Platt, Project Designer
 - Mifta Ali, Downtown Business Owner & Design Graduate
 - Taylor Shoop, Local Artist
 - Randy Wright, Local Artist
 - Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager

- Scott Stevens, City Manager
 - Jennifer Collins, City Planner/Historic District Rep.
 - Sarah Merritt, Arts Council Director
 - Julie Metz, Downtown Director
 - * Council Members Chuck Allen, Michael Headen & Charles Williams
4. March 2nd Council Meeting
- Application Decision
 - Consultant
 - Selection Process
5. Consultant Hired
- 36 Pieces
 - Shortlisted to 11
 - 11 Pieces Available on Website for Reaction/Comments

Selections

- For No Apparent Reason; 18' x 7' x 4', Carbon Steel, Wood
- Absolute Uncertainty; 10' x 5' x 5', Carbon Steel, Wood, Concrete
- Flight; 22' tall x 9' wide, NC Slate, Fieldstone, Painted Steel
- Home From Kyoto; 16' x 6' x 9', Corten Steel
- On The Other Side; 11' tall x 10.5' x 8', Steel with patina
- Star Gazer; 15' tall, Steel & Ceramic
- Two By Two; 10' tall x 6' x 8', Reinforced concrete
- Horse; 7' tall x 2' x 6', Repurposed Steel
- The Four Seasons; 12' tall x 8' x 8'; Steel and Paint

Public Comments

- 111 Responses
- Favored: Sunkissed, Natural Embrace, Four Seasons, For No Apparent Reason, Flight

PASC Recommendation

- Scale, Mass, Size, Configuration, Availability, Comments/Reaction
- Natural Embrace, Sunkissed, The Four Seasons

Ms. Metz shared For No Apparent Reason and Home from Kyoto are no longer available.

Council discussed the various art pieces. Council agreed the Public Art Selection Committee could chose the appropriate pieces for display.

F-86 Restoration. Mr. Randy Guthrie provided an update on the F-86 restoration project. He discussed with Council location and orientation of the F-86. Council had previously agreed to relocate the F-86 behind the Wings off Center Street. Council discussed orientation of the plane and agreed the F-86 should appear to be flying down Center Street and the wing tilted towards E. Ash Street.

Mr. Guthrie shared the F-86 is scheduled to be placed on the pole in September.

Fully Automated Update. Mr. Jose Martinez shared he sat down with the three drivers of the fully automated sanitation trucks and asked how things were going. He stated overall he received everything is going well. He stated staff shared the biggest problems and or complaints are overflow, placement of the containers, containers are not placed out in time, citizens do not like the yellow violation stickers and online calendars.

Mr. Martinez shared we do still have three temporary employees that he would like to keep through Labor Day which would cost about \$1,800 per week or the other option would be to begin enforcing the rules. He asked Council how they would like to proceed.

Councilmember Aycock shared concerns regarding the labels. He stated they are not very clear.

Council discussed and agreed staff could keep temporary help through Labor Day.

Street Resurfacing. Mr. Marty Anderson shared a recommended list for street resurfacing. Council reviewed the proposed listing and would like time to review the list.

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

Item F. Road Closure for Criterium Cycling Race. Council reviewed the map and suggested a “soft closure.”

Mayor Pro Tem Allen also shared a safety concern regarding HV Brown Park. He shared a soccer ball could end up in the highway with someone getting injured trying to retrieve a ball. Staff will research.

Item H. Harris Street Water Tower Communications Colocation Lease Agreements. Councilmember Williams asked what the height of the poles would be and Mr. Guthrie replied between 3 to 4 feet. Councilmember Broadaway asked if the poles would be the same color as the water tower and Mr. Guthrie replied yes. Mr. Guthrie also shared they have agreed to provide the bird effigies. Councilmember Williams asked about radiation and Mr. Guthrie stated they would have to comply with federal regulations. Councilmember Williams stated he would like a letter from a professional regarding radiation and Mr. Guthrie stated we would add that as a condition of approval.

Additional items discussed included:

Priority Listing of Projects. Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared he met with Representative John Bell recently. Representative Bell stated it would be helpful to have a priority listing of Goldsboro and Wayne County projects. Staff is working with the County to develop a priority listing. Mayor King stated he would be proud to sign a letter listing the priorities, Representative Bell has been very supportive of Goldsboro when he could be.

Harris Street Curbing. Councilmember Williams shared a concern regarding unmaintained curbing in non-residential areas along Harris Street.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 6:06 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 6, 2015 with attendance as follows:

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

Absent: Councilmember William Goodman

The meeting was called to order by Mayor King.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Williams.

Approval of Minutes. Approved. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council approved the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2015 as submitted.

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

Lonnie Casey, Jr., 1700 S. Slocumb Street, stated he would like to commend Council for being the most loosely spending Council of all but Mr. Aycock and Mr. Goodman. This City does not belong to you guys, it belongs to we the citizens of Goldsboro. Every time you go on a different project, we get stuck with the bill. He stated he did not know why anyone would vote for someone who could not keep their word for six weeks. You voted to keep everything on TV like the County does and then you changed your minds because of one who sits next to you. He wanted to go into semi-closed sessions, spend our money, are you scared for the public to see what you are doing with it. Mr. Casey stated this City Manager's Office is the most expensive we have ever had and runs almost half as much as the County which has 124,000 people and we only have thirty some thousand. The City Manager's Office costs \$556,000, why? Mr. Casey stated you do not have to answer me, just the public. Mr. Casey asked Mayor King didn't he know he had to obtain a permit before building in the City.

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

Safety Award for Small Urban Systems (GWTA). Mr. Fred Fontana, Director of Goldsboro Wayne Transportation shared the North Carolina Public Transportation Association held its Annual Meeting in Concord. Goldsboro Wayne Transportation Authority was awarded the 2014 winner of the Safest Small Urban Transportation System in North Carolina.

Council congratulated Mr. Fontana. Councilmember Aycock shared Mr. Fontana has been with us about a year and he understands from the auditors that Gateway is the healthiest in finance that it has been in many years and he credits that to Mr. Fontana.

Mr. Fontana thanked Council for their support.

City Safety Awards. Ms. Faye Reeves shared the City received several safety awards on May 6, 2015 at the North Carolina Department of Labor's Safety Award Banquet. We received a number of silver and gold awards. In order to qualify for a silver award, the number of days away from work due to an injury must be at least 50% below the industry average.

SILVER AWARDS

First Year

Fire Department, Station #3
Fire Department, Station #5
Fire Department Headquarters
Police Department

Several of our departments received a Gold Award and a number of them have received it for a consecutive year. In order to receive a gold award, the number of days away from work, job transfer or restriction must be at least 50% below industry average.

GOLD AWARDS

First Year

Fire Department, Station #2
Fire Department, Station #4
Utility Maintenance Division
Water Treatment Facility

Second Year

Compost Facility
Finance Department
Planning Department

Third Year

General Government
Inspections Department
Parks & Recreation/Maintenance Division

Fourth Year
Human Resources Department

Ms. Reeves shared 5th year Gold recipients receive a plaque and we have five departments who have a gold bar to add to their plaques.

Fifth Year
Parks & Recreation, Golf Course
Water Reclamation

Sixth Year
Cemetery Division
Engineering Division

Eleventh Year
Garage Division

Mayor King congratulated the various departments.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D, E, F, G, H and I be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Headen, 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:

Z-4-15 Highwater Solar – North side of Belfast Road between Salem Church Road and I-795 (R-40 Residential to R-20A Residential Conditional District to allow a solar farm). Ordinance Adopted. The property is located on the north side of Belfast Road between Salem Church Road and I-795. The Wayne County Tax Identification Nos. are 3601-14-0715 and 3601-04-1212. The property has a frontage of approximately 1,107.19 ft., an average depth of approximately 2,930.22 ft. and a total area of approximately 75.0 acres.

The property is partially wooded and the cleared portion has previously been farmed.

The R-20A Residential Conditional District has been requested to limit the use of the property to the development of a solar farm. Plans have been submitted which detail the development of the site.

On November 5, 2014 the County of Wayne adopted an Ordinance Regulation the Operation and Maintenance of Solar Energy Facilities. Within this ordinance, solar farms are permitted within in the RA-20 Residential-Agriculture district which is comparable to the City's R-20A Residential zoning district.

The City's Land Use Plan recommends Industrial and Medium Density Residential for the proposed site.

The proposed solar farm will be configured within that area of the property which was previously farmed and is now vacant.

The submitted site plan indicates a temporary construction entrance to be installed along Belfast Road to the site. A permanent 24 ft. wide driveway apron meeting NCDOT specifications will be required at the conclusion of the project.

A private soil drive will provide access to a fenced temporary parking lot which will be removed once construction is complete. The soil drive will remain to provide gated access to the panels for maintenance purposes. The site will be surrounded by a six ft. tall chain-link fence with barbed wire.

The submitted landscape plan indicates a proposed 20 ft. wide, Type C buffer yard approximately 700 ft. long facing Belfast Road. Existing wooded land will remain in order to screen the site from Salem United Methodist Church to the west and Sugg Paint Company to the east.

At the public hearing held on June 15, 2015, one person appeared on behalf of the applicant in favor of the request. No one appeared in opposition.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on June 29, 2015, recommended approval of the zoning change.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and:

1. Adopt the following entitled Ordinance changing the zoning for the property from R-40 Residential to R-20A Residential Conditional District to allow the development of a solar energy facility; and
2. Approve the submitted plans detailing the overall layout of the solar facility development.

Although the zoning change to R-20A would not be entirely consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, it would be appropriate based on existing zoning and conditions in the area. In addition, it would be consistent with regulations adopted by Wayne County regarding solar energy facilities. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman Absent)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-26 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES”

US Department of Justice: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation. Resolution Adopted. The Goldsboro Police Department has been notified that federal grant funds are available from the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). This is the same grant that we applied for in 2014 to purchase a police cruiser.

The total amount of the grant is \$39,927.00. As in 2014, the grant requires that the application be filed on behalf of both the Goldsboro Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office. Each agency would receive \$19,963.50.

The grant requires that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is submitted with the application indicating the agreement between both agencies on the amount each agency will receive and how the grant will be administered. In addition, the MOU and grant application are required to be distributed to the City Council for review only no fewer than 30 days prior to the application submission, or before the grant will be awarded.

The Goldsboro Police Department has agreed to purchase equipment to improve the Community Police Relations Program and the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office has agreed to purchase a tactical robot.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution supporting the Police Department applying for this grant. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47 “A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION”

Road Closure for Criterium Cycling Race on July 18, 2015. Approved.

Jointly Travel and Tourism and The Parks and Recreation Department have recruited a USA Cycling Criterium to Goldsboro. The race will draw approximately 300 cyclist plus fans to the 6+ hour event. Cyclist will race on a ~1 mile loop in heats by age and ability.

The race course requires road closures from 8AM-6PM on the Saturday, July 18, 2015. Additional assistance will be required from the Police Department; otherwise the event will be staffed by Parks staff and volunteers.

Staff recommended Council allow for road closures as discussed. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman Absent)

Goldsboro/Wayne Transportation Authority Appointment. Resolution

Adopted. On July 21, 2014, Mr. Don Chatman was appointed to serve on the Goldsboro/Wayne Transportation Authority. Mr. Chatman's appointment will soon expire.

Mr. Bob Waller was recommended to fill the current vacancy that will result from the expired term of Mr. Don Chatman.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolution appointing Bob Waller to the Goldsboro/Wayne Transportation Authority. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman Absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-48 "RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO GOLDSBORO/WAYNE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY"

Harris Street Water Tower Communications Colocation Lease Agreements.

Approved. The City of Goldsboro owns a water tank located at 111 Harris Street. US Cellular has proposed to lease space on the water tank to place a communications antenna on the top of the tank. US Cellular will construct a crown that will provide opportunities for additional cellular colocations with other communication providers.

The initial term of the lease would be for 5 years with opportunities for extension. US Cellular would pay the City an annual lease amount of \$26,400.00 per year. The base fee would increase by 3% annually for the term of the lease. The lease details responsibilities and obligations of both tenant and lessee for the term of the lease. The lease has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.

Staff recommended Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with US Cellular for the lease of space on the Harris Street water tank and grounds to erect a communications antenna in the amount of \$26,400.00 per year provided all staff comments regarding the use of the facility and lease requirements are addressed. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman Absent)

Rescheduling Council Meeting Date. Approved. The Goldsboro City Council normally meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month for their Regular Meeting.

The following meeting needs to be rescheduled:

- Monday, July 20, 2015

Staff suggests Council consider rescheduling the above meeting to the following date:

- Monday, July 27, 2015

It is recommended Council accept staff's recommendation and move the Monday, July 20, 2015 Council Meeting to Monday, July 27, 2015. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman Absent)

City Manager's Report. Mr. Stevens stated we have spent the last couple of weeks thanking Chief Stewart for his time and service to the Goldsboro community and though he will be missed, he has not worried about our Police Department because we have capable officers and command staff. Tonight I would like to introduce Mike West as Interim Police Chief, who has more than 23 years of police experience with the Goldsboro Police Department. Chief West is a graduate of Eastern Wayne High School and Basic Law Enforcement Training at Wayne Community College. In addition, he has attended numerous trainings and certification programs, with one of the most notable the Administrative Officers Management Program that provides management and leadership education for law enforcement professionals. Mr. Stevens stated we send most, if not all of our captains to this training at NC State University. Chief West began his career with the City of Goldsboro as a Patrol Officer in 1992, he was promoted to Sergeant in 1999, to Captain in 2006 and to Major in 2010. Mr. Stevens shared in his time of working with Chief West as a Major he has always found him knowledgeable, responsive and willing to do whatever was asked of him. Chief Stewart who had worked with him over 23 years had very positive comments about his ability and his interest in the Chief position, so as I have shared with Chief West, I would like for him to serve as our Interim Chief for a few months to let him see what the role is really all about. Sometime this fall, Mr. Stevens would post the position with a goal of naming a permanent Chief in maybe February 2016. I have full confidence in Chief West and look forward to working with him more closely in the coming months and would encourage anyone who has questions or comments to reach out to him, or call his office at 919-580-4231. Mr. Stevens congratulated Chief West.

Council welcomed Chief West.

City Attorney's Report and Recommendations. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated he would like to express condolences to the Finan Family and friends. He stated it has been said 100 times, Tim was a walking example of just a good human being, he did everything right, even picked the right college teams. We are really going to miss Tim. He stated this will make you think, you really do not know when your time is, Tim lived every day to the fullest, he urged everyone to sit back and look at that because, you never know. It makes you think. He commended Ethan on the articles in the News Argus, the paper did some really nice articles on Tim. Tim was very deserving.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen also shared information regarding an article on The Bridge Church and the people who have served there for 25 years, which has two locations and serves 1400. It was a great story on what these people have done for our community.

Mayor King jokingly stated the Pastor of the Bridge Church is his "drinking" partner; coffee that is. He used to drink coffee with me at Starbucks. Mayor King stated the Bridge is one of the finest churches and it is because of their leadership.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated way to go to the Women's USA Soccer Team. What an inspiration.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen also reminded everyone to not litter and if you see litter, please pick it up.

Councilmember Headen stated he would like to echo comments regarding Tim Finan, you will not find a better human being. He stated the word that comes to mind when he thinks of Tim is kindness. Mother Teresa once said "Kindness has converted more people than zeal, science, or eloquence." Tim had all of those. Every time he had a chance to interact with Tim, Tim would say "I'm so glad you are up there and not me." Tim was a real gentleman and a wonderful judge, he meant a lot to this City and will be missed.

Councilmember Headen stated we have a beautiful City, beautiful individuals, and would like to encourage everyone to help keep our City clean.

Councilmember Broadway welcomed Chief West. He stated he too would like to echo the comments on Tim. Tim was a great friend, he was a wonderful guardian and litem. People do not realize how much work he did for the children in this County and domestic court. No one really knows how much he agonized over these things. He was a wonderful person, no one can replace him. Tim will be truly missed.

Councilmember Broadway stated a number of people have called supporting Council for our support of the Meals on Wheels Program. He would like to encourage us to continue that support.

Councilmember Williams stated he would also like to echo what the councilmembers have said regarding Tim Finan. He was certainly an icon in our community.

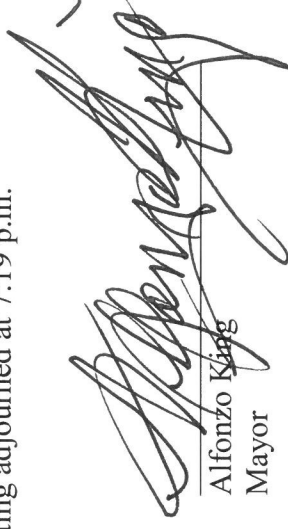
Councilmember Williams stated he is sure the citizens are very proud of the awards Goldsboro received throughout the various departments. He stated he is pleased to hear the complimentary remarks regarding the growth and progress of our City. He shared he has been approached by several here in the City, he has been on the board for 19 years, and he is sure the taxpayers and voters are pleased to know how their tax dollars are being spent. Councilmember Williams stated he is inclined to think the Council works for the common good of our citizens and we of the Council owe gratitude to our staff for the jobs they are doing to ensure our City is a desired place to live, to work, to have leisure and to have to call home.

Councilmember Aycock stated he did not have the privilege of knowing Judge Finan all that well, but the few times he had meetings or events Judge Finan attended or emceed, he never heard one person say anything against Tim Finan. He must have been quite a man.

Councilmember Aycock also shared he is proud of what Gateway is doing. He stated he also appreciated not having that much negative publicity lately, thank you Ethan.

Mayor King stated he too would like to echo what has been said about Tim Finan. Tim was all of ours friend, he was a friend to everyone. What he contributed to Goldsboro is immeasurable. Mayor King stated Tim was “the man.” It was an absolute shock, even worse if that’s possible. He stated he did not want to believe it. Tim will be missed. This City and County and even our State is much better because Judge Tim Finan passed through our way and to his family, we wish you the best.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Alfonzo King
Mayor



Melissa Corser, CMC
City Clerk