

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2024

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and City 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, Goldsboro, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2024.

Call to Order. Mayor Gaylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Charles Gaylor, IV, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Matthews
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Chris Boyette
Councilwoman Jamie Taylor
Councilwoman Beverly Weeks
Councilman Rod White

Also Present: Matthew Livingston, Interim City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Adoption of the Agenda. Mayor Gaylor requested the addition of a proclamation honoring the life of Mrs. Hilda Hicks-Branch. Councilman Boyette made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously approved. Council adopted the agenda as amended.

Old Business.

Work Session Item a. Property Location for Pocket Park. Matt Livingston, Interim City Manager shared the presentation attached as *Exhibit A* and asked for Council's vote to move ahead with the project, Option A, on North Georgia and Ash Street.

Councilman White asked about the Landscape Architect, paid for by the grant. Councilwoman Jones asked about next steps and the rail spur. Interim City Manager Livingston shared we still need to do the design for the park and shared information regarding a potential rail spur. Councilman White asked if the city will be responsible for maintaining the park. Mayor Gaylor shared the former Council committed to work together on a phase 1 project before getting into the grant and discussed the pocket park.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to move forward with Option A, and Option B, if Option A is not feasible. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-71 "RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PROPOSED POCKET PARK LOCATION FOR THE CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD EARLY ACTION PROJECT"

New Business.

Work Session Item b. James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet Presentation. Andrew Slater with Butler Consulting presented the presentation attached as *Exhibit B*. Council discussed the proposed parklet. The James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet committee members in attendance were recognized.

Consent Agenda Review. Items J - V on the consent agenda were reviewed by Interim City Manager Livingston. Further information was requested regarding the following agenda item:

Item U. Grant Project Budget Amendment for the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund (T2201). Councilman White requested a list of current stormwater projects.

Closed Session.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Economic Development and Potential Litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously carried.

After the Closed Session was held, Council came out of Closed Session and back into Open Session.

Mayor Gaylor recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2024.

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

Archbishop Anthony Slater provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call.

- Present:
- Mayor Charles Gaylor, IV, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Matthews
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Chris Boyette
Councilwoman Jamie Taylor
Councilwoman Beverly Weeks
Councilman Rod White
- Also Present:
- Matthew Livingston, Interim City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Approval of Minutes. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of May 28, 2024 and the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of June 3, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved.

Presentations.

Item B. Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by James “Ted” Best as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 33 Years. Resolution Adopted. James “Ted” Best retires on July 1, 2024 as a Meter Reader, with more than 33 years of service with the Public Works and Finance Departments. Ted began his career on December 13, 1990 as a Temporary Leaf Collector with the Public Works Department. On February 6, 1991, Ted was hired as a Laborer II with the Public Works Department. On January 6, 1992, Ted was promoted to Water Meter Reader with the Public Works Department. On July 1, 2000, Ted’s position was reclassified to Meter Reader with the Finance Department, where he has served until his retirement. Ted has proven himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, City employees, and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Ted Best their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years and express to Ted Best our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity, and good health in his future endeavors.

This Resolution shall be incorporated into the official Minutes of the City of Goldsboro, and shall be in full force and effect from and after this 17th day of June, 2024.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-72 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY JAMES “TED” BEST AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 33 YEARS”

Item C. Gun Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaims June 2024 as NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Goldsboro and commends its observance to all citizens. The Goldsboro City Council urges all citizens, businesses, organizations, and agencies to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

Mayor Gaylor recognized families in the audience influenced by Gun Violence and presented the proclamation to Rodney Robinson for his efforts to bring awareness to the issue.

Mrs. Hilda Grace Hicks-Branch Proclamation. Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaims June 21, 2024, as a day of gratitude, reflection, and recognition for the LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. HILDA GRACE HICKS-BRANCH and the manner by which she exemplified generosity and the highest of personal and professional standards in every aspect of her life.

Mayor Gaylor presented the proclamation to the Dillard Academy Board and Staff.

Ceremonial Documents.

Item D. National PTSD Awareness Day Proclamation. Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaims June 27, 2024 as NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS DAY in the City of Goldsboro, and calls upon our citizens

and interested groups to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness and understanding of PTSD.

Item E. Juneteenth Proclamation. Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaims June 19, 2024 as JUNETEENTH in the City of Goldsboro and recognizes that the observance of the end of slavery is part of the history and heritage of the United States, and supports the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

Public Hearings.
Item F. FY24-25 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing. Public Hearing Held and Annual Action Plan Approved. The item was presented by Felecia Williams, Community Relations and Development Director.

The 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan outlines how the City intends to use the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds for the 2024 program year. In accordance with the City’s Citizen Participation Plan, the Community Relations and Development Department will solicit feedback for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, which covers July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with in-person meetings, allowing the public multiple opportunities to provide input.

A draft copy of the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) was made available to the public on May 18, 2024 for a thirty (30) day public comment period and ran through June 16, 2024. A public hearing is being held tonight, June 17, 2024, during the regular meeting of the Goldsboro City Council and a public meeting will be held on June 18, 2024 during the regular meeting of the Commission on Community Relations and Development, to discuss priorities and eligible activities.

On May 7, 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified its Grantees of FY24 Community Planning & Development Grant allocations, with the City being allocated \$351,152 in CDBG and \$229,887 in HOME funds. This evening, staff will provide the Council with a presentation highlighting the finalization of proposed activities as outlined in the FY24-25 Annual Action Plan.

It was recommended that Council approve the final version of the FY24-25 Annual Action Plan ahead of the July 6, 2024 deadline to HUD.

Council discussed the Annual Action Plan.

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

Councilman Boyette made a motion to approve the final version of the FY24-25 AAP. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and unanimously approved.

Item G. SU-12-24 Ahmed Aljabali: (Retail sales establishment). Public Hearing Held and Special Use Permit Denied. The item was presented by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

The applicant is requesting a special use permit to allow for a retail sales establishment on property located within an Airport Business (AB) Zoning District. The property considered for approval is located on the south side of US 70 East Highway approximately 2,200 feet north of its intersection with South NC 111 Highway. The property is further identified as NCPIN# 3528140541.

- Frontage: ±130 ft.
- Area: 1000 sq. ft. of commercial space
- Parking: 5 parking space including 1 handicap parking space
- Zoning: Airport Business (AB); SJAFB APZ-1/NOC 75-80dnl.

The applicant is requesting to use an existing structure located at property considered for approval is located at 4146 US 70 East Highway for the retail sales of tobacco products. The existing site has adequate access from US 70, meets the required parking standards and is served by City water and sewer services.

Existing Use: The site is currently vacant and unoccupied.

Access: Access to site from US 70 East Highway is by two existing 28ft. wide driveways.

Parking: The proposed use of retail sales requires a minimum of four (4) parking spaces for the site. The site is compliant with the City of Goldsboro Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) parking standards.

Engineering: City water and sewer are available to serve the site. The site is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

Compliance with Approved Plans and Policies:

The City of Goldsboro UDO, Article 5.4 Table of Permitted Uses allows for retail sales within an Airport Business (AB) Zoning District with a valid Special Use Permit.

The City of Goldsboro Future Land Use Plan has identified this corridor as suitable for commercial endeavors.

The City of Goldsboro Transportation Plan has identified this corridor as suitable for a future freeway classification. Roadways with this classification may require new development with limited access and shared access points. However, the corridor is currently developed with many existing structures with various commercial uses and activities.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB) Air Installation Compatibility Use Zones dated December 2011, and the portion that was adopted into the City of Goldsboro UDO, Article 5, Section 5.9, Noise Overlay District has identified this existing building being within the Accident Potential Zone (APZ-1) and the Noise Overlay Contour (75-80dnl). According to the AICUZ report and Standard Land Use Coding Manual (SLUCM), the proposed land use is categorized as SLUCM No. 59 (Other retail trade). Measures to achieve an outdoor to indoor noise level reduction (NLR) of at least 30 decibels is recommended for the existing building. The subject property is also located in the Accident Potential Zone (APZ-1).

The recommendations of the SJAFB Air installation Compatibility Use Zones, and the component of that plan that is embedded in the City of Goldsboro UDO are non-binding recommendations. However, taking these non-binding recommendations into consideration is required and the SJAFB Base Commander has been notified of this Special Use Permit request.

Due to the nature and scope of the proposed use, the City of Goldsboro’s TRC (Technical Review Committee) will not be required to review the proposal for compliance with development standards of the UDO.

Planning Staff recommends approval of SU-12-24 to allow for retail sales within an existing building located within the existing commercial corridor of US 70 Hwy and located within an Airport Business Zone District.

The worksheet for the four findings to be voted on and conditions for consideration related to each finding is part of the agenda packet. Council has the ability to continue the hearing or place conditions upon its approval as long as Council is able to conclude that evidence exists in the record to support the condition. The Mayor shall sign the Order to Approve or Deny, that reflects the results of the hearing and deliberation at the June 17, 2024, City Council meeting.

Mayor asked for Council comments.

Council comments and discussion:

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews: Is this going to be another vape shop?

M. Helmer: Probably

Councilwoman Taylor: Do you by chance know if this applicant has any other businesses in the City of Goldsboro?

M. Helmer: I do not know.

Councilman White: The comprehensive land use plan is? What was the last thing?

M. Helmer: It identifies that corridor as being suitable for commercial uses. And this structure is an existing commercial structure.

Councilwoman Taylor: Do you know what business used to be here?

M. Helmer: I do not.

Councilman Boyette: The last thing that I recall being in that particular building, I thought it was the Democratic Party headquarters at one time. It's been vacant for a long time.

Councilwoman Weeks: Is that 5 parking spaces, with one of those being indicated as a handicap parking space?

M. Helmer: Yes ma'am. The second from the left is handicap.

Councilwoman Weeks: Is that significant parking for that type of structure?

M. Helmer: It is based on square footage. In this case it’s a low traffic generating retail use which we would require generally require one parking space for 500 square feet. This is a 1,000 square foot building, so they have just the amount they need, plus their area around there for overflow.

Councilman White: What is the business right next door?

M. Helmer: Wilbers Restaurant.

Councilwoman Taylor: When someone comes, and they put an application for a business in the city, do you guys look at if they also have other businesses and how those businesses are ran if you have issues with the business?

M. Helmer: Generally, not, if we are aware of trouble at one location, then we'll, maybe critique the application a little bit. A little bit more than we would otherwise, but in this case we're not aware of any other locations this gentleman has.

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

1. Karl Landgren: Given that tobacco use strains people's tight budgets, taxes, insurance companies and ends a lot of people's lives prematurely. Six to eight years on average. I'm not aware of anyone who benefits from tobacco usage other than bee sting victims and undertakers. I would just encourage Council to take that into consideration.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman White: In our ordinance, when it comes to putting in these applications, shouldn't we look at the background of the business owners going forward. I know we don't have it in there now, but this is a procedural thing because I just don't want us to continue to open businesses by people who are having bad business practices. I just think going forward, I think we should look at that as a Council. To put something in our ordinances to have some type of background check. And background check might not be the right word, but I'm just saying something where we check the business practice if there's already a business.

Councilwoman Taylor: Like maybe a question on the application, do you own, or do you operate other businesses in the city.

City Attorney Lawrence: I would just caution the Council those items would be discriminatory. The statute sets out specifically and that's why you have the full requirements to answer today as to whether or not you issue a special use permit. The law sets out those requirements and that's what you have to follow.

Councilman White: I'm saying after this, going forward.

Councilwoman Taylor: I was just saying for their application process, not for ours.

City Attorney Lawrence reminded Council about opinion testimony and using factual information.

Councilwoman Weeks: On this particular zoning, is he required to upgrade the landscaping? We require bushes, trees, that kind of thing. Would this participant have to upgrade the landscaping?

M. Helmer: If the if the properties are vacant longer than six months, yes.

City Council entered into deliberation and voted on each of the four findings in order to determine whether or not the Special Use Permit should be issued.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews made a motion that the use **will** materially endanger the public health or safety. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks.

Council discussion:

Councilman Boyette: This was a request for retail use in the GB zoning, right? And there was no other attachment to it.

M. Helmer: The property is in the airport business zoning district, which is equivalent to the general business district. However, it's in an airport safety zone. So, airport business is the zoning district.

Mayor Gaylor: Can you give us some examples, or this may be a question for the attorney but the question of will something materially endanger the public health or safety, can you give us some examples, some guidance of how case law has interpreted that?

M. Helmer: Any use that could be construed as creating adverse impacts on adjacent property owners.

Mayor Gaylor: That is number two, I was talking about number one, the use would or would not materially endanger the public health or safety.

Councilwoman Weeks: For clarification, it is a shared driveway with Wilbur's BBQ.

M. Helmer: This property actually has two driveways, with the driveway to the left being a shared driveway.

City Attorney Lawrence: The question is, will it materially endanger, not might endanger, possibly endanger. You're looking at activities taking place on the property itself that could endanger others in the adjacent property. My analysis would be it doesn't rise to a level of materially endangering the neighbors or adjacent property.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews discussed the word materially, and stated she plans to deny all of these because she does not think we need another vape shop in Goldsboro.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews withdrew her motion that says the use will materially endanger the public health or safety.

Councilwoman Jones: I just think that it will endanger the public.

Councilwoman Weeks: Because it is sharing a driveway with a family restaurant with kids, children, families.

Councilwoman Jones: And children that may be there and have asthma or lung problems. They're going to get even sicker. I've gone to several schools talking about what vaping does.

Councilman Boyette: I don't have any involvement in this. In all my years of Planning, we are not up here supposed to be dictating what we'd like to see go in a particular place, as long as it's properly zoned and approved. I don't see someone operating a retail business endangering the public health.

Council discussed the proposed special use permit and revising the current ordinance. Detailed comments are available on the City's Facebook and YouTube pages.

City Council entered into deliberation and voted on each of the four findings in order to determine whether or not the Special Use Permit should be issued.

4. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion that the use **will** be in general conformity with the City of Goldsboro Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All Council members voted in

favor of the motion. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to G.S. 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. The motion passed 7:0.

- 3. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion that the use **will not** be in harmony with existing development and uses within the area in which it is located. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Council discussed the proposed location and businesses located nearby.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to G.S. 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. Mayor Gaylor and Councilman Boyette voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:2.

- 2. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion that the use **will** substantially injure the beneficial use of adjoining or abutting property. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthews. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Weeks and Councilman White voted for the motion. Mayor Gaylor and Councilman Boyette voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:2.
- 1. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews made a motion that the use **would** materially endanger the public health or safety. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Weeks and Councilman White voted for the motion. Councilman Boyette voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

Mayor Gaylor stated SU-12-24 was not granted.

Council discussed revising the ordinance. Mayor Gaylor directed the Interim City Manager to reach out to council and get some feedback on revising the ordinance.

Item H. SU-13-24 (Contractor’s Office and Storage Yard). Public Hearing Held and Special Use Permit Approved. The item was presented by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

ADDRESS: 706 N. William St.

PARCEL #: 3509-18-0457

PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT: William Stephen Moore

The applicant’s tenant specializes in aerial and underground utility construction for internet service providers. The applicant requests a Special Use Permit for the establishment of a contractor’s office and storage yard located in the General Business (GB) Zoning District. The General Business (GB) Zoning District is established to accommodate the widest range of uses providing general goods and services to the community. The district is intended to promote high quality, accessible developments serving the needs of the community and surrounding area. There is no minimum lot size.

According to the City’s Unified Development Code (UDO), a contractor’s office and storage yard is permitted in the General Business (GB) Zoning District only after obtaining a Special Use Permit from Goldsboro City Council. In addition, the following are approval criteria for the proposed use based on Section 5.5.4 Special Use Specific Regulations for outside storage areas:

- 1. All outdoor storage areas shall be located in the rear and side yards.
- 2. The entire outdoor storage area shall be enclosed by an 8 ft. high solid fence set back from adjoining property lines as required by Section 6.3.9 of this code. The height of the fence may be reduced to 6 ft. if the applicant provides evidence or written confirmation to the Planning Director that the items proposed to be stored will not exceed 5 ft. in height.
- 3. No loading or unloading of materials shall occur outside of the fenced area.
- 4. Materials shall not be stacked to be visible from any public road right-of-way.

Frontage: 62 ft. on William St.

Area: 9,742 sq. ft. or 0.22 acres

Zoning: General Business (GB)

Adjacent Zoning and Land Uses		
North	GB	Retail
South	GB	Retail
East	GB	Storage
West	I-2	TBD

Land Use Plan recommendation: The City’s Land Use Plan locates this parcel within the Commercial land use designation. General Business (GB) is a corresponding zoning district for the Commercial land-use designation.

Per the UDO, a special use permit is required for the establishment of a contractor’s office and storage yard in the General Business (GB) Zoning District.

The applicant’s tenant specializes in aerial and underground utility construction for internet service providers. Storage of outside materials and equipment is necessary for the operation of the business. An 8 ft. in height opaque chain-link fence is proposed to be built at the rear of the site to ensure compliance with the City’s UDO for outside storage areas as specified in Section 5.5.4 Special Use Specific Regulations.

The outside storage area will be accessible through the principal building and through gated access from E. Holly St.

Number of employees:	5
Days/Hours of operation:	Monday-Thursday: 7am-5pm Friday: 7am-11am

Due to the nature and scope of the proposed use, the City of Goldsboro’s TRC (Technical Review Committee) will not be required to review the proposal for compliance with development standards of the UDO.

Council has the ability to continue the hearing or place conditions upon its approval as long as Council is able to conclude that evidence exists in the record to support the condition. The Mayor shall sign the Order to Approve or Deny, that reflects the results of the hearing and deliberation at the June 17, 2024, City Council meeting.

Mayor Gaylor opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

1. **Steve Moore:** I'm a lifelong resident of Goldsboro and I'm an entrepreneur and a businessman, about 40 years. This particular property is the old Coastline Service Center building. This is my grandparent’s property. They started in business there in 1917. We want to lease this property to TRC and give the proper screening in the back with the 8-foot-high fence and everything so that public view will not be looking at reels of cable and the things that they do. Most of their work is done for different towns and communities.
2. **Paul McCauley,** Regional Manager with TRC: What TRC construction does is your basic aerial and underground utilities construction. Our specialty is fiber optic communication. We will build aerial networks, underground networks. Spectrum is one of our biggest customers. We work with any other service providers, specifically any other municipalities. Sometimes we'll have to store materials temporarily for larger projects. We never have a specific amount of material. It's come and go. We try our best to keep a very clean and professional appearance. We're set up in Goldsboro next door at 708 North William Street.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

City Council entered into deliberation and voted on each of the four findings in order to determine whether or not the Special Use Permit should be issued.

1. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion that the use **will not** materially endanger the public health or safety. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved.
2. Councilman White made a motion that the use **will not** substantially injure the beneficial use of adjoining or abutting property. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously approved.
3. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion that the use **will be** in harmony with existing development and uses within the area in which it is located. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved.
4. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion that the use **will be** in general conformity with the City of Goldsboro Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved.

Mayor Gaylor stated SU-13-24 was granted.

Item I. Z-4-24 Rosewood Outdoor Power Equipment and Supply – Located at the corner of W. US 70 Highway and Carolina Circle. *Public Hearing Held and continued to the July 15, 2024 Council meeting.* The item was presented by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

Wayne County Tax Parcel Id#: 2680-83-1822

The applicant is requesting a change of zone for the subject property from Residential (R16) to General Business Conditional Zoning (GBCZ) District limiting the property to retail sales of outdoor power equipment for sale, service, and repair with outdoor storage.

Per NCGS 160D-102, a conditional zoning request is a legislative zoning map amendment with site-specific conditions incorporated into the zoning map amendment.

If a petition for conditional zoning is approved, the development and use of the property shall be governed by the ordinance requirements of the parallel General Business Zoning (GB) Zoning District except those superseded by specific conditions, the approved concept plan, and any additional approved rules, regulations, and conditions, all of which shall

constitute the zoning regulations for the approved district and are binding on the property as an amendment to these regulations and to the Official Zoning Map. Should the applicant deviate from the minimum requirements of the proposed General Business Zoning (GBCZ) District, the deviations shall be identified on the concept plan for Council approval.

Frontage: 280.18 ft. (W. US 70 Hwy.)
 388.67 ft. (Carolina Circle)

Area: 493,534 sq. ft. or 11.33 acres

Surrounding Zoning:

- North: General Business (GB); Residential (R-16)
- South: Residential (R-16)
- East: Residential (R-16)
- West: Residential (R-16 and R-12)

Existing Use: Currently, the property consists of agricultural farmland.

Land Use Plan Recommendation: The City’s Land Use Plan recommends Medium-Density Residential development. The proposed General Business Conditional Zoning (GBCZ) District is not a corresponding zoning district for the Medium-Density Residential land-use designation.

The applicant has applied for conditional rezoning with site plan approval to establish retail sales of outdoor power equipment for sale, service, and repair with outdoor storage. Adjacent uses include two residential subdivisions west and east of the subject property. Across from the subject property along W. US Hwy. 70 are three commercial properties consisting of Onsite Landscape Supply, S.T. Wooten Corporation’s concrete operation plant, and FSC II, LLC future asphalt operation plant.

Access: Access to the site will be directly from N.C. Secondary Road No. 1264 (Carolina Circle).

Buildings and lot: The applicant is proposing two commercial structures for the site. The principal building for the sale and display of outdoor power equipment will consist of 10,000 sq. ft. The accessory structure at the rear of the site will consist of 2,000 sq. ft. and will be used for storage, maintenance, and servicing of power equipment.

Parking: Parking for the site requires one space per 500 sq. ft. of gross floor area. A total number of 24 parking spaces are required. The submitted site plan shows a total of 24 parking spaces including a van accessible handicap space.

Sidewalks: External sidewalks have not been identified for the site and are not recommended in accordance with the City’s Recommended Pedestrian Facilities’ Plan. The developer will be required to pay a fee in lieu of in the amount of \$12,039.30. Internal sidewalks are required for the proposed development utilizing handicap accessible slopes and ramps. Internal sidewalks are shown for patrons of the facility.

Lighting Plan: A commercial lighting plan has not been submitted. Since the subject property is located adjacent to residentially zoned and developed properties, the developer will be required to submit a lighting plan in compliance with the City’s Commercial Lighting ordinance.

Interconnectivity: Interconnectivity has been shown for the site.

Engineering: Subject property is located outside of the City limits of Goldsboro; however, the site is located within the one-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction.

City water and sewer are not available to serve the property. Water services will be provided by Fork Township Sanitary District. The site will be served by an on-site private wastewater disposal system.

The property is not located within a special flood hazard area. City Engineering will require approval of storm water calculations and drainage plans prior to issuance of any building permits.

Landscaping: Street trees have been provided along W. US Hwy. 70, along N.C. Secondary Road No. 1264 (Carolina Circle) and along the internal access drive for the proposed facility. A Type A 5 ft. wide landscape buffer is required along the southern and eastern property lines and has been identified on the submitted site plan. The outside storage area will be surrounded by an opaque 6 ft. in height chain-linked fence. The applicant has agreed to provide additional landscaping that will surround the fencing and provide screening of the storage area from off-site views.

Utilities: All utilities to the site will be installed underground.

Refuse: Commercial dumpsters will be utilized for garbage collection within the storage area at the rear of the facility and screened from off-site views in accordance with City standards.

Building elevations: Building elevations have been submitted by the applicant. Staff is satisfied that the proposed facility will meet the building design standards per the requirements of the City’s Unified Development Ordinance.

Staff have distributed the conditional rezoning request to NCDOT, City Engineering, and the Fire Marshall’s Office for preliminary comments.

The City’s Comprehensive Land-Use Plan identifies the area as being Medium-Density Residential. However, there are several factors that would support the applicant’s proposed conditional rezoning request:

1. Although the City’s Comprehensive Land-Use Plan recommends Medium-Density Residential, the proposed conditional rezoning would be compatible with the surrounding zoning patterns and land uses.
2. The City and other utility service providers will be able to provide sufficient public safety service, meet transportation and utility demands to the subject property, while maintaining sufficient levels of service to existing developments.
3. The proposed conditional rezoning would not impair or injure the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.
4. Planning staff imposes a condition that a soils analysis be conducted and approved for the installation of an on-site private sewage disposal system.
5. Planning staff have collaborated with the applicants and developers of the project to discuss the merits of the submitted concept plan and imposed condition listed in item #4 above.
6. All parties have mutually agreed that the proposed conditional rezoning is in conformance with the zoning requirements of the City of Goldsboro and that the site-specific improvements will balance the interests of the landowner, developer, neighborhood, and the public.

Planning staff is recommending approval of the conditional rezoning request based on the factors listed above and subject to an approved soils analysis for the installation of an on-site private sewage disposal system for the site.

The Planning Commission, at their May 28, 2024 meeting, unanimously voted to recommend approval of the request to rezone the 11.33 acre tract of land from Residential (R16) to General Business Conditional Zoning (GBCZ) District.

Council shall vote to adopt the recommendation for approval and Consistency Statement that the Planning Commission has provided and vote to adopt the Approval Ordinance with the inclusion of the Consistency Statement, or Council shall vote to deny with the inclusion of the Inconsistency Statement that deems this rezoning request to be inconsistent. Council may also continue the public hearing to a date certain if they determine further discussion is needed.

Council discussed the location of the proposed business.

Mayor Gaylor opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

1. Dorothy Barnes spoke in opposition to the rezoning.
2. Kenneth Bundy spoke in opposition to the rezoning.
3. Joyce Jones spoke in opposition to the rezoning.
4. John Peacock spoke in opposition to the rezoning.
5. Aaron Bone spoke in favor of the rezoning.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Council discussed concerns regarding traffic impacts, installation of turning lanes, safety concerns, and development.

Council asked for further information regarding traffic, turning lanes, and septic system.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to table the public hearing until the July 15, 2024 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously approved.

Public Comment Period. Mayor Gaylor opened the public comment period. The following people spoke:

1. Rodney Robinson read a list of names of Goldsboro citizens that passed away by gun violence. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 4:09.)
2. Karl Landgren invited Council and the public to a Wayne County Liberty First meeting on August 10. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 4:12.)
3. Susan Williams spoke about traffic concerns and concerns regarding her safety downtown. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 4:15.)

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

Consent Agenda – Approved as Recommended. Interim City Manager Matt Livingston 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. Councilman Boyette moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items J – V be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Item J. Contract Award for Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority (GWTA) Marketing and Public Relations Services. Resolution Adopted. The item was submitted by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority, known locally as GWTA, requested qualifications from qualified marketing/public relations firms to manage and expand the public outreach and marketing strategy for the GWTA public transportation system.

The scope of services includes development, maintenance, and/or creation of the following items:

1. Public outreach materials and promotional items, media kits, corporate information packets, advertising media, and other associated items;
2. Customer satisfaction surveys;
3. Ridership counts;
4. GWTA website;
5. All signage and graphics for bus shelters, transit equipment, bus stop signs, etc.;
6. Attendance at GWTA Board of Directors and staff meetings;
7. Advertising/marketing strategies for ridership development and growth;
8. System and route map development and updates, associated comprehensive and individual schedule brochures, and stop level schedule displays;
9. Multi-Ride Pass media design and development;
10. Research and development of revenue generating advertising program options;
11. Graphics and materials associated with the marketing program and strategies as needed; and
12. Development of high quality, economical production options.

Three consultants' submitted qualifications and Roy Publico, City of Goldsboro Planning; Hiawatha Jones, City Council; Paula Edwards, Director of Wayne County Aging; and Don Willis, Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority Director; reviewed each consultant's submittal.

Upon completion of the submittal review, staff recommended Quest Corporation of America (QCA). The recommendation was based on QCA's qualifications, past experience, and project approach. The review panel recommended and approved the selection of QCA for this task.

Staff has worked with the consultant and NCDOT to negotiate a fee for the defined scope. The final proposed cost is \$50,032 with an option to extend for up to two one-year periods depending on available NCDOT Section 5303 funding. Section 5303 funds available for the Goldsboro MPO and transit planning for FY 2025 is \$66,793.

The fee proposal for this project has been reviewed by City staff and the North Carolina Department of Public Transportation. Eighty percent of the project will be paid with the use of Federal Section 5303 funds (\$40,026), ten percent will be covered by the State (\$5,003), and ten percent of the cost (\$5,003) will be paid for by the City of Goldsboro as part of their match for the use of Section 5303 funds. These funds are currently budgeted in the City's FY 2025 Budget.

This contract shall begin July 1, 2024 and end June 30, 2025, and as previously stated contains an option to extend for up to two one-year periods.

It was recommended that Council accept the City staff and Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority Board of Director's recommendation and adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract in the amount of \$50,032 with QCA, for the GWTA Marketing and Public Relations Services. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-73 "RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE GOLDSBORO-WAYNE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (GWTA) MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES"

Item K. Set Public Hearing - Contiguous Annexation Petition – Oak Forest Holdings, LLC. – Corner of Central Heights Rd. and N. Oak Forest Rd. Public Hearing Scheduled for July 15. The item was submitted by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

Tax Parcels #: 3519839488
 3519922922

Acreage: Approximately 22.48 acres

The City Council, at their meeting on June 3, 2024, requested that the City Clerk examine the subject voluntary contiguous annexation petition for sufficiency.

On June 4, 2024, the City Clerk completed the examination and determined that the petition is sufficient. Sufficiency indicates that the proposed area for annexation meets the standards for contiguous annexation as specified in G.S. 160A-31 Petition for annexation; standards and as follows:

1. The petition contains an adequate property description and annexation plat of the area proposed for annexation.
2. The area described in the petition is contiguous to the City of Goldsboro primary corporate limits, as defined by N.C.G.S. 160A-31.
3. The petition is signed by and includes addresses of all owners of real property lying in the area described therein.
4. The applicant acknowledges that zoning vested rights have been acquired pursuant to G.S. 160D-108 & 108.1 and declared and identified on the petition: (Z-22-22) Caviness & Cates (R-16 to R-6CZD) for the development of 312 multi-family apartment units.

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

The Notice of Public Hearing, attached in the agenda packet, would schedule July 15, 2024, as the date for the public hearing. A report prepared by the Planning Department, in conjunction with other City departments, will be submitted to the Council on that date.

It was recommended that Council schedule a public hearing for the proposed voluntary contiguous annexation of Oak Forest Holdings, LLC. for July 15, 2024. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

Item L. Purchase of Idemia MBIS Latent Workstation. Resolution Adopted. The item was submitted by Mike West, Police Chief.

The City of Goldsboro processes crime scenes, suspects, and criminals. The fingerprints are uploaded in the local AFFIX tracker system for the comparison against the local fingerprint database. The purchase of the Idemia MBIS Latent Workstation would allow access to both the State and Federal NGI database allowing for comparison against fingerprints of known offenders in all 50 states and US Territories.

General Statute. NCGS 134.129(e)(6)(i) (ii) (iii)

Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of the contract.

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation upgraded the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) in June 2019. Idemia was the selected vendor for this project. One part of SAFIS that is offered to local law enforcement agencies in NC is the Idemia MBIS Latent Workstation. The Idemia MBIS Latent Workstation is directly integrated into SAFIS and capable of searching latent prints in both the state and federal databases. At this time, Idemia is the only vendor with a workstation that is compatible with NC SAFIS.

The Police Department has a Crime Scene Unit that is responsible for processing major crime scenes and serious crime offenders. The addition of the Idemia MBIS Latent Workstation would allow for broader searches for suspects from latent print evidence and assist in connecting offenders to additional crimes. Identifying unknown deceased individuals and unknown suspects that are in custody as well as unknown suspects from outside jurisdiction.

The requested purchase would include MBIS Latent Expert Workstation Including:

- Latent Expert Software for latent capture encoding and searching
- Reviewer Software
- Control Computer, dual monitors, keyboard
- Flatbed scanner
- North Carolina Encryption Device
- Installation and On-Site Training
- Warranty: 1year On-site Advantage Solution Warranty, 9x5, Next day on-site response and parts replacement
- Freight

It was recommended the Council authorize the purchase of the Idemia MBIS Latent Workstation. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT USING SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT EXCEPTION"

Item M. Award contract for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 to Forvis, LLP. Resolution Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

G.S. §159-34, Annual independent audit, requires each local government to have its accounts audited as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The auditor shall be selected by, and shall report directly to the governing board.

In May 2019 the City conducted a request for qualifications and a request for proposal for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and selected Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP.

Dixon, Hughes, Goodman, LLP merged with BKD CPAs to form Forvis, LLP on June 1, 2022. Forvis (the firm) is active and in good standing with the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners. The partner in charge, John Frank, CPA, is also in active good standing with the same as a Certified Public Accountant. They have a current peer review and have provided insurance information, Form W9 and e-verify compliance.

We anticipate the audit fee to be approximately \$105,000. Once approved by City Council, the contract will be executed and sent to the Local Government Commission for final approval before any field work can commence on the FY24 audit.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the award for contract for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 to Forvis, LLP. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75 “RESOLUTION APPROVING FORVIS, LLP AS OFFICIAL AUDITOR OF THE CITY’S ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024”

Item N. Operating Budget Amendment FY23-24. Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

Council adopted the FY23-24 annual operating budget on June 20, 2023.

Paramount Theater (1018) General Fund

The Paramount Theater Director, Mr. Adam Twiss, has requested an additional appropriation of ticket payments so that payouts related to ticket sales collected by the City may be paid to the respective vendors at the conclusion of their event. The cost of ticket payouts is covered by the revenues generated by the Paramount Theater. The appropriation requested is \$100,000 and will be funded with additional revenue from ticket sales.

Transfers and Shared Services (8101) General Fund

A final amendment was presented earlier for the 2018 Street Bonds project (G1105). There was a final balance that required funding from the General Fund in order to close out the project in the amount of \$1,872.84, and this will be funded with an appropriation of investment income.

Fire (5120) General Fund

On September 15, 2023 the 1998 Marion firetruck (Engine 8 F746) cab of the truck engaged and opened causing damage to the bay door. The property deductible applied which is \$50,000, so there were no insurance proceeds to cover the replacement of the bay doors. Due to shortages in overtime wages and fleet charges, it is not possible for the department to absorb this additional cost. An appropriation of \$9,495.00 is requested for the replacement of the bay doors, and this will be funded with an appropriation of investment income.

Insurance Proceeds - General Fund

During the year, the city experienced multiple accidents and damage requiring insurance claims to be filed. The repair expense associated with the claims has exceeded what the departments are able to absorb in their budgets through other lapsed expenditures. Below is a list of departments that required appropriations of repairs for insurance claims, and this will be funded with an appropriation of insurance proceeds.

Buildings and Grounds	\$6,803.50
Fire	15,453.43
Police	16,326.98
Parks and Recreation	5,551.61
Total Repairs Insurance Claims	\$44,135.52

Non-recurring Capital Outlay (7315) General Fund

The city sold a jointly owned piece of property this fiscal year, 704/706 E. Spruce (Perkins). The expenditures are not budgeted in the original budget since the city does not know what properties might be offered and sold in the upcoming year. It is necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$2,300 for the payment to County of Wayne, and this will be funded with an appropriation of land sale proceeds.

Utility Billing, Meter Reading & Inventory (4174) Utility Fund

It is estimated that the bank and credit card processing fees will exceed the estimated amount due to increased usage of the electronic payment methods provided by the city, and the original budget was reduced in order to assist with balancing the budget. An appropriation of \$50,000 for the bank and credit card processing fees is necessary and will be funded with an appropriation of investment income.

Transfers and Shared Services (8101) Utility Fund

A final amendment was presented earlier for the Phase IV Sewer Rehabilitation project (S1102). There was a final balance that required funding from the Utility Fund in order to close out the project in the amount of \$63,720.73, and this will be funded with an appropriation of investment income.

Travel and Tourism (9077) Occupancy Tax Fund

Travel and Tourism received a stipend from the NC Tennis Association to offset costs incurred for a player’s party. An appropriation of \$3,800 for event expenses is requested and will be funded with a local grant from the NC Tennis Association. The funds have been received and deposited to the City’s account.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance to amend the FY23-24 Operating Budget for the General Fund, Utility Fund, and the Occupancy Tax Fund. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR”

Item O. Amending a Grant Project Fund Ordinance – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Special Revenue Fund (C2101 and C3101). Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has granted funding for the CDBG, HOME, CDBG-CV, and HOME ARP programs to the City of Goldsboro as an entitlement city. These grants will be managed by the Community Relations & Development department.

The City received and executed the allocations for 2023 as per the signed agreements from July 30, 2023.

CDBG 2023 (B23-MC-37-0019)	\$ 361,561
HOME 2023 (M23-MC370209)	<u>293,636</u>
Total Funding FY23-24	\$ 655,197

Staff requests that the Council appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$655,197 so that the terms of the grant agreements may be carried out. There is no local match required for the CDBG and HOME grants.

Additional funding from prior program years is included to reflect actual spending and execution of programs. Reallocations for administrative costs are also presented to correct the budgeted amounts. A reduction of revenues and expenditures for the NC Housing Finance Agency URP19 project is presented since the project is completed, monitored and closed.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Grant Project Ordinance amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Special Revenue Fund (C2101 and C3101). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-27”AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (C2101 and C3101)”

Item P. Amending a Capital Project Fund Ordinance – Street Improvements Capital Project Fund (G1105). Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On August 18, 2018, City Council established the Street Improvements Capital Project Fund to administer street improvements construction funded by general obligation bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 sold on July 24, 2018. The project was amended on June 17, 2019 and May 17, 2021 to appropriate additional revenues from general obligation premiums, investment income and a transfer from the general fund to complete various paving projects. It was amended again on March 4, 2024 for additional technical corrections.

This project has been completed with a total cost of \$5,048,522.25, with \$108,256.71 in debt issuance costs and \$4,940,265.54 in street construction costs. Investment interest will be reduced by \$3,946.68 to the actual amount received of \$116,226.66, and this will be funded with a transfer appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,872.84 and reduction of street construction expenditures of \$2,073.84. This amendment will close this project fund.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Capital Project Ordinance amendment for the Street Improvements Capital Project Fund (G1105). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-28 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (G1105)”

Item Q. Amending the Community Relations Special Revenue Fund Ordinance (G1108) Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On June 15, 2020, City Council authorized the establishment of a special revenue fund to account for donations and sponsorships that are funded with donor specific restrictions, such as the Human Relations Committee, Interfaith Breakfast, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration, Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities, and the Mayor’s Youth Council.

At this time, there are donations and sponsorships in the amount of \$15,928.97 that need to be appropriated to fund expenditures for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration.

It was recommended that the following entitled Grant Project Budget Ordinance for the Community Relations Special Revenue Fund (G1108) be amended. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-29 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (G1108)”

Item R. Grant Project Budget Ordinance amendment for the State Grants Miscellaneous Grant Project Fund (G1109). Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

At the April 17, 2023 meeting, Council authorized the creation of a grant project budget ordinance for a special revenue fund to account for the State Appropriations grant of \$150,000.

At this time, it is necessary to appropriate the accumulated interest earnings on the unspent grant proceeds related to the parks and recreation program in the amount of \$433.87 which will be applied to services. There is a minor shortfall in the parks and recreation services which will be funded with a reduction in supplies and equipment in the amount of \$1,579.84.

The state appropriated \$2,000,000 in the Regional Economic Development Reserve (S.L. 2023-134, Sec. 2.2 (F51 Item 181) in its fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for the City of Goldsboro. City Council authorized the allocation of the funding at the November 20, 2023 meeting with \$375,000 to be used towards stabilization of Union Station and \$1,625,000 towards the Public Safety Complex repairs. On June 3, 2024, the Interim City Manager executed the grant agreement with the State to accept the \$2,000,000 grant. The period of performance is July 1, 2023 through October 3, 2025. There is no match required by the City.

It is necessary to appropriate the expenditures for the stabilization of Union Station and the Public Safety Complex repairs so that staff may begin working on fulfilling the approved project scope. There was no specific formal resolution to authorize the City to accept the grant and authorize the Manager to execute the agreements, however it was implied with the November 20th resolution by Council. Additional language has been included in the ordinance to specifically make these authorizations.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance amending the State Grants Miscellaneous (G1109). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-30 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR STATE GRANTS MISCELLANEOUS (G1109)”

Item S. Amending a Special Revenue Fund Ordinance – Federal and State Drug Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund (P3101). Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On February 17, 2020 City Council authorized the establishment of a special revenue fund to account for the inflows and outflows of resources for federal and state drug forfeiture funds. The fund is amended as necessary to appropriate revenues received.

The City has received the following funding from the Equitable Sharing program (Asset Forfeiture) through the Department of Justice.

Date	Amount
8/26/2021	\$3,409.17
11/16/2022	10,612.00
11/16/2022	15,914.36
11/18/2022	15,771.97
2/17/2023	1,844.21
12/14/2023	33,102.31
	<u>\$80,654.02</u>

The City also received multiple distributions from the North Carolina Department of Revenue for Unauthorized Substance Tax collections which is levied under N.C. G.S. §105-113 to 105-113. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the money collected is returned to the state or local law enforcement agency whose investigation led to the assessment. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the money collected is retained by the State of North Carolina. The total received to date since FY20 is \$24,085.25.

Investment income credited to the fund for Federal Forfeiture from 6/30/21 to 5/31/24 is \$7,298.35.

It is necessary to appropriate the revenues from federal forfeiture and investment income so that the Police department may expend the moneys to support police operations.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled budget ordinance amendment for the Federal and State Drug Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund (P3101). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-31 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR FEDERAL AND STATE DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNTS (P3101)"

Item T. Ordinance amending the Phase IV Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Debt #036-E) (S1102). Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

City council authorized the creation of a capital project fund on December 18, 2017 to account for grant loan funds awarded by the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) through the State Revolving loan program for an initial amount of \$6,268,382. Council authorized an amendment on October 15, 2018 to add an additional \$2,637,294, for a total loan amount of \$8,905,676.

At this time the project has been completed, and the City has received all eligible loan draws on the project. Total eligible project costs totaled \$8,519,172. The City is responsible for the balance of costs not eligible to be drawn on the loan totaling \$63,721. This will be funded with a transfer from the Utility Fund. This project will also be closed effective June 30, 2024.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance to amend the capital project fund ordinance for the Phase IV Sewer Rehabilitation CS370482-07 Project (S1102). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-32 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PHASE 4 SEWER COLLECTION REHABILITATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (S1102)

Item U. Grant Project Budget Amendment for the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund (T2201). Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

In 2016, Council authorized the creation of a stakeholder committee to discuss the concept, assess the need and make recommendations to City Council regarding levels of service on the stormwater drainage responsibilities of the City and means of funding. The committee recommended and Council approved the establishment of a stormwater fund and implementation of a stormwater fee. The fee was intended to repair and maintain drainage facilities that convey stormwater; thereby improving drainage flow, and in many cases the water quality of stormwater. The fund which was established in the FY17-18 budget, would allow stormwater projects to be funded that had not been possible in the past. At the June 21, 2021 Council meeting, Council authorized the creation of a stormwater project fund to capture the major stormwater project improvements funded by the stormwater fees.

Attached is an ordinance amending the Stormwater Capital Project Fund to appropriate revenue from a transfer from the Stormwater Fund for the allocation funded in the FY24 budget process in the amount of \$267,114.00. This will fund the stormwater drainage project at 907 N. Virginia St for a total of \$24,845.39. There is a minor correction to the revenue appropriation of \$222.00 to correct the original transfer from June 21, 2021. It is necessary to fund additional expenditure appropriation for the Mapping & GIS Overlay project in the amount of \$185.25. The Vine St. project has been completed and the appropriation is hereby reduced \$7,726.66. The remaining balance of \$249,588.02 will be allocated to Contingency, until future projects are determined.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled amendment to the Stormwater Capital Project Fund (T2201). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-33 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE STORMWATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (T2201)"

Item V. Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information.

The various departmental reports for May 2024 were submitted for Council approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

End of Consent Agenda.

Items Requiring Individual Action

Item W. Adoption of the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

G.S. §159-13 requires that the governing board adopt a budget ordinance prior to July 1 to make appropriations and levy the taxes for the budget year. Specifically, the budget ordinance establishes the property tax rate and any special taxes which may be levied during a fiscal year, such as the Special Downtown Municipal District Tax. Other fees and charges levied by the City are also described within the contents of this document.

The major emphasis of a budget ordinance is to identify by fund the estimated revenues a municipality anticipates collecting during a fiscal year and to delineate by fund and major program how these monies shall be appropriated. The budget ordinance may also describe any special authorizations granted to the Budget Officer. Passage of the budget ordinance is an annual occurrence. No budget for the fiscal year can be implemented without the formal adoption of the provisions of this document. The budget ordinance reflects the decisions made by the City Council during its budget reviews and discussion. The budget ordinance assures compliance with all pertinent state fiscal laws. It must show an exact balance between revenues and expenditures. If circumstances do not warrant the adoption of this document by the prescribed date, an interim budget must be approved by the governing body. The specific authorizations granted to the Budget Officer are the same as were delegated in Fiscal Year 2023-24 that relate to the reallocation of departmental appropriations, interdepartmental transfers, and interfund loans and transfers. Also, the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director are authorized to sign all pre-audit certifications for budgetary appropriations as required by G.S. 159-28.

Council met with staff on several occasions to discuss the FY2024-25 recommended budget. During those sessions, Council discussed increases to water and sewer rates by 7%, and a property tax increase of \$0.15 from \$.73 cents to \$.88 cents per \$100 of valuation. Based on these meetings and feedback from City Council the following changes were made.

REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

The proposed adopted budget presented here reflects the following revenue changes:

- General Fund - The property tax rate will increase from \$0.73 cents per \$100 valuation to \$0.825 cents per \$100 valuation. This is an increase of \$0.095 cents. The property tax was increased in FY2021-22 by 3 cents to help build fund balance and was the first property tax increase since FY2008-09. The property tax was increased in FY2023-24 by \$0.05. The property tax for the Downtown Municipal Service District remains the same at \$0.235 per \$100 valuation.
- General Fund - Fund balance appropriation – There is an appropriation of fund balance of \$1,992,251.94 presented in the proposed adopted budget. The appropriation helps to offset the property tax increase by \$0.086 cents to allow for the proposed property tax increase of \$0.095.
- Utility Fund – The budget incorporates multiple rate changes for all water and sewer rates ranging from 5% to 20% and are detailed in the rate resolution presented for adoption.
- Utility Fund - Fund balance appropriation – There is an appropriation of fund balance of \$503,944.26.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

The proposed adopted budget presented here reflects the following expenditure highlights:

General Fund-Agency Support

An allocation of \$50,000.00 has been established in Agency Support. Council authorized the use of the United Way to coordinate and recommend the allocation of the agency support at a cost of 10% of the allocation amount. When the United Way has completed its process and forwarded a recommended list of agency funding, staff will bring a budget amendment back to Council to approve the line item appropriation by agency. Agency support in the amount of \$15,000.00 has been set aside as unallocated to comply with Senate Bill 473, Enhance Local Government Transparency Act, signed into law December 9, 2021. Separate budget amendments will be presented for each agency as needed so Council serving on the board or commission will be able to recuse themselves from voting on the funding.

Position Allocation

	FTE Count
FY23-24 Adopted	486
Elected Officials	7
Added During FY24	1
FY23-24 Adjusted Adopted	494
FY24-25 Manager Recommended	489
Elected Officials	7
FY24-25 Proposed Adopted	496

A total of two full-time positions were recommended.

Community Relations & Development Planning	Community Development Specialist Minimum Housing Inspector
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Permanent part-time employees will be reduced from 11 to 10.

Salaries & Benefits

The public safety pay increases for police and fire are included in the attached proposed budget ordinance. The approximate cost of the public safety pay increases is \$3.427M, would represent approximately \$0.147 cents on the property tax rate.

Included in the FY2024-25 proposed adopted budget is a 2.5% cost of living adjustment for all full-time and permanent part-time employees that are employed on June 26, 2024. The raise will be effective on July 10, 2024 which begins the first full payroll in FY25 in biweekly payroll 15 which will be paid on July 26th. The total approximate cost of the COLA is \$656K.

A net bonus of \$400 (full-time) and \$200 (permanent part-time) for eligible employees is budgeted and will be paid the first non-payroll week after Thanksgiving (tentative date Friday, December 6th). Employees who are on probation will receive half the amount. The total approximate cost of the bonus is \$324K.

The deferred compensation plan 401(k) remains at 5% for sworn officers and 4% for all other employees. LGERS retirement contribution for employees remains at 6%, and employer contributions are set at 13.66% non-LEO and 15.24% LEO.

Contingency

Contingency appropriations are as follows:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	0
Stormwater Fund	9,790
Downtown District Fund	0
Utility Fund	0
Occupancy Tax Fund	118,899
General Fund Capital Reserve	1,000
Total Contingency Appropriation	129,689

As required by G.S. §159-11, the Budget Officer submitted to the governing board a balanced recommended budget with the required components on May 15, 2024, ahead of the statutory deadline of June 1, 2024. The filing of the recommended budget was also properly advertised in the Goldsboro-News Argus on May 11, 2024, and an electronic copy of the budget was delivered to the City Clerk and made available online on the City’s website. Further, the Council conducted a public hearing on June 3, 2024, at the 7:00 pm meeting, and conducted budget work sessions on May 20th, May 28th, and June 5th. Finally, there has been at least 10 days between the presentation of the recommended budget (May 15th) and the tentative adoption of the budget ordinance (June 17th).

A summary of the changes that were made as a result of the meetings with Council and requested by the City Manager’s office are attached as part of the agenda packet.

Summary of FY2024-25 Budget

SUMMARY	REVENUES	APPROPRIATIONS
General Fund	\$ 55,395,166	55,395,166
Stormwater Fund	1,697,831	1,697,831
Utility Fund	25,643,733	25,643,733
Downtown Special District Fund	100,225	100,225
Occupancy Tax Fund	1,362,861	1,362,861
General Fund Capital Reserve	1,000	1,000
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	53,105	53,105
Utility Fund Capital Reserve	-	-
System Development Fees Capital Reserve	280,000	280,000
Fuel System Internal Service Fund	1,361,421	1,361,421
TOTAL BUDGET FY24-25	\$ 85,895,342	\$ 85,895,343

A published copy of the final Adopted Budget for FY2024-25 will be produced and furnished to Council and available on our website as soon as possible.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 including the Manual of Fees and Charges.

Council comments:

Councilwoman Weeks asked about the new IRS regulations for exempt employees. Ms. Gwynn shared the roll out for Phase 1 would not have budgetary affects for the city. She shared we would have to get information from the Human Resources Director regarding phase 2. Council discussed the new regulations and the city’s overtime and comp time procedures with the Interim City Manager, and Finance Director.

Bernadette Dove, Human Resources Director participated in the meeting by phone to discuss the new IRS regulations.

Councilwoman Jones stepped out of the room at 9:44 p.m. and returned at 9:46 p.m.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to accept the budget, Item W on the agenda as presented and prepared by staff for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Council continued discussion regarding the new IRS regulations and highly compensated employees.

Councilwoman Jones recommended putting a cap on the eligibility for the raise percentages based on salaries. Council discussed the recommendation, the average salary of city employees and the new IRS regulations. Councilwoman Weeks recommended not offering a COLA to city employees this year due to budget constraints. Councilman Boyette amended his motion to cap the COLA at \$2,000 and leave the 2.5% as presented in the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones. Mayor Gaylor, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, and Councilwoman Taylor voted for the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Weeks and Councilman White voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:3.

ORDINANCE 2024-34 “ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025”

Item X. Adoption of a Resolution for Utility Fees and Charges for FY2024-25. Ordinance Adopted. The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

In conjunction with the adoption of the FY2024-25 annual operating budget ordinance, Council shall establish utility rates and fees.

The resolution incorporates the following water and sewer rates increases effective for billings on or after August 1, 2024

Rate Category	Increase
All Water Rates and Classes	5%
Sewer (Inside & Outside)	5%
Sewer Industrial Bulk Rate (Inside & Outside)	5%
Capitalized Sewer (Inside & Outside)	20%
Capitalized Sewer Industrial Bulk (Inside & Outside)	7%

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution incorporating the rate increases in water and sewer rates to be in full force and effect on all billings on or after August 1, 2024, and all other rates and fees effective July 1, 2024.

Council discussed water and sewer rates with the Interim City Manager Livingston. Interim City Manager Livingston shared the city is supposed to run the utility fund like a business and if we don’t increase the rates, we will potentially have to increase them more later. Council discussed the utility rate fees. Councilwoman Weeks recommended the rates be raised no more than 2.0 to 2.5 cents. Interim City Manager Livingston shared in order to reduce the proposed increase, we can reduce our revenue projections and take money from the water and sewer fund balance. He shared he would like to follow the consultant’s recommendation. Council discussed taking the increase from 5% to 2%.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to take the proposed resolution for utilities fees and charges and reduce each tier by 3% off of the recommendation in the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Weeks and Councilman White voted for the motion. Councilman Boyette voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76 “RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATER RATES AND SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO”

City Manager’s Report.

Interim City Manager Livingston shared there is a Community Wide Clean Up event on June 21 and encouraged everyone to sign up. He shared that the audit will be finished by the end of this month or maybe a little bit sooner and we hope to get off the UAL once the audit is caught up. He shared that staff will begin the next audit with Forvis and we will work on our capital improvement plan.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Comments.

Councilman White shared the following: I would like us to remain vigilant about the gun violence that's been happening in the city and want us to be intentional about planning to revitalize our low to moderately income neighborhoods so that we can move forward as a city. I would like for us to begin to speak out and address our failing education system as a Council body, as a united front, because we all agree that our education system needs a hand. The roll call that the young man did is a stark reminder of the work that we still need to do in our city. Related to the budget, I also think that raising taxes was the easy button but the hard button and putting in the work is going line by line and taking out some things that you really wouldn't want to lose but have to. My motto is people over politics, and we have to begin to put people first and then everything else will fall accordingly. I want to thank everybody who came out to Juneteenth this weekend.

Councilwoman Weeks shared the following: The Well Community Development Corporation is having a Safe Place Awareness Forum on Friday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 1077 N. Berkeley Blvd. The forum will be on domestic violence, weapon safety, human trafficking and Alzheimer's. For more information you can call 792-8296. We are extremely grateful for every single e-mail that you send us, and I love that we have a community that is extremely passionate about coming together for solutions on gun violence, and about this budget. Thank you, Peter, for calling today just wanting me to hear his poetry. We all try to reply to our emails anywhere from 24 to 48 hours but want to say publicly that I refuse to

respond to an e-mail where you are attacking the mayor or the Council that I love. If you're passionate, put your voice to use by asking to meet.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews shared the following: Rebuilding Broken Places has begun their free summer meal program, Monday through Friday. Starting today at Greenleaf Christian Church from 11:30 to 12:30 and then starting on June 24th an additional location will be added which is God's House of Prayer Refuge Temple and that will be from 12:00 to 12:45. Rebuilding Broken Places also has some summer camps going on and I encourage everyone to plug into those if you can. I will post the flyers on my Councilwoman page. To my beloved District 4, we have a listening tour coming up on June 29th at 11:00. We will be stopping at 6 locations within the district. The tour will include city leadership and other special guests. The purpose of the tour is to just meet you where you are and to listen. We are still doing Cardio and Conversations every Thursday at the Dillard Track (Patrick Best Track) at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to Councilwoman Taylor and Councilman White for stopping by.

Councilwoman Taylor thanked Rodney for reading the names and shared the following: One day, I would like to hear all the names, even the ones that are still unsolved. This coming Saturday, June 22nd at Rebuilding Building Places, the Greenleaf Community Garden is having an event titled, other things that will grow. It's a garden carnival for kids of all ages. There's going to be games, prizes, activities, and food. Youth ages eight through 16 are also eligible to enroll in their free junior Master Gardeners program. I invite everyone to go on my Councilwoman Jamie Taylor Facebook page. I have started a virtual tour titled Echoes of the Past, Reviving District 3. My reason for doing this is to bring awareness to blighted and abandoned homes and properties. These properties are contributing to crime as well as bringing our property values down. If you know of any trouble properties in the district and would like to bring them to my attention, please do not hesitate to reach out. I feel like if we as a city start showing that we care and are ready to see progress with these types of homes, that before you know it, we'll see a big difference in our neighborhoods, and we will have some affordable housing for people to live in.

Councilman Boyette thanked senior staff, management, finance director, and all of those involved that got the budget to us and shared the following: I want to thank the hard-working city employees. Every one of them is valued and appreciated. When I started and made the decision that I was going to try to give back to my community, in the manner of serving on this City Council, if elected, I stated from the beginning, we agreed public safety has to be priority one, our citizens deserve to be safe in their homes and on the street and they deserve to have public safety behind them as citizens of this city. I made that a priority and that will come with a price. We knew it was going to cost us \$0.10 in tax to fix police and fire and we just had a tax increase of basically \$0.10. We understood and recognized that public safety has to be priority one and it was going to come with a cost, and we ask our citizens to bear that burden. We have a lot more departments in this city and a lot more people working in this city than just public safety and they matter, and their struggle matters. We have to look to the next budget, we have capital needs, we have equipment that's worn out. We have employees that need to be making more money than they're making. We have streets that need to be paved, and its great news that we're potentially coming off the unit assistance list. I appreciate everyone sitting up here, that's a part of the process, and I am glad to see that we got through this collectively and I'm happy to be here and happy to serve.

Councilwoman Jones shared the following: The budget was very hard, and I have a problem with raising the utility rates and was very glad that we could come to an agreement. We promised you that we would look at some resources to help with utility fees and I have not forgotten. To let you know that I am sincere about the utility fees and rates, a certain percentage of my stipend will go to pay for it. Safety is very important, and we've heard the data last evening but of course there are other facets to crime, not just the police and I challenge the community to get out there and help our youth. I want to thank a lot of our men in the community that have stepped up to make a difference in young men's lives and some of our ladies as well to impart values and be a positive role model for young ladies. I also want to thank those churches that I challenged to pray for the city and crime. There have been several celebrations for Juneteenth, and I would like to thank everybody for coming out. I want to do a special shout out to KayTee and Curtis Media. Juneteenth, let us continue to honor the memory and legacy of our ancestors and we can do that by learning our history. African American history is American history. We are a fabric of American history and when that fabric is missing then history is missing and I challenge each and every one of you that's listening to look up at least one person. Look up Harriet Jacobs. Get to know your history because history does repeat itself and one of the greatest examples of history repeating itself is Joseph. In paraphrasing Carter Woodson, the father of black history, he says, if a race has no meaningful history and valuable traditions, it stands the risk of being extinct. I'd also like to thank the Council for recognizing one of the pillars of education, Ms. Hilda Hicks Branch. I also would like us to remember the individuals that have been shot in Goldsboro and let's continue to pray. I would like to end with this quote from Martin Luther King, love is one of the most durable powers in the world. I do love all of my Council. I'm here to work with each one of you.

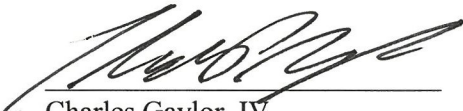
Mayor Gaylor shared the following: There are a lot of things I want to say about what Senator Budd was able to do for us this past week and the work that Friends of Seymour did trying to pull something together and then trying to bring in more communication back to Council and the Chamber of Commerce and a lot of members of the faith community so aggressively reaching out to me when I said I need some advice, I'm trying to pull together a group and then just guiding me on what that group should look like and what the deliverables should be. I haven't done that yet, I'm not done, but it's pretty amazing. Our Parks and Recreation camps are going on right now. If you're not already aware, Parks and Recreation has full summer camps going on that are all day, trying to support the youth and community. A huge thank you to the chair of the school board as well as Dr. Withchard. When there was a discussion about can we use the buses, their answer was yes, we've got to figure out how and I appreciate that stance. The hottest fire makes the strongest steel. That's the nature of physics and politics and I'm proud of this Council tonight for being able to stay in the room, stay together

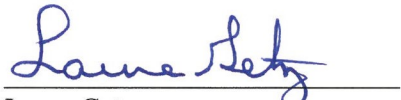
and keep their heads in the game. I appreciate Council staying focused on what it was that we were trying to do, making sure it doesn't get personal and when it does that you catch yourself and remember that we're here to serve the people and to try to get a thing across the line. I appreciate everyone's time tonight.

Detailed comments from the Mayor and Council are available on YouTube and Facebook.

There being no further business, Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at 11:07 p.m.




Charles Gaylor, IV
Mayor


Laura Getz
City Clerk



What Are Pocket Parks And Why Should They Matter To Us?

Matthew S. Livingston, ICMA, AICP
Interim City Manager

June 17, 2024

Pocket Park

A **pocket park** (also known as a **parkette**, **mini-park**, **vest-pocket park** or **vesty park**) is a small park accessible to the general public. The locations, elements, and uses of pocket parks vary considerably.

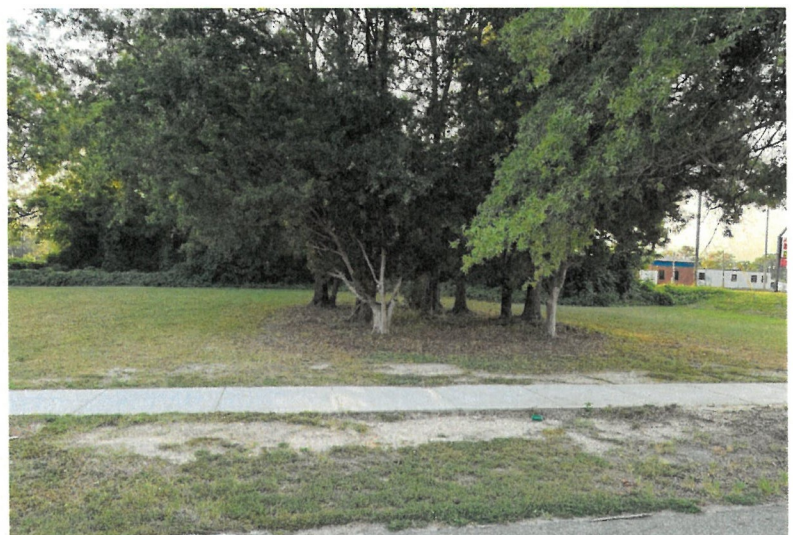
The common defining characteristic of a pocket park is its small size. Typically, a pocket park occupies one to three municipal lots and is smaller than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size.



This Pocket Park in Ayden is a single lot between two commercial buildings on a main street.

• Option A.

- Preferred location for Pocket Park at the corner of Ash Street and North Georgia Avenue in a visible location.
- Good location on relatively flat land with close proximity to West Haven.
- Will be monitored and well lit for security purposes. Clearing and grubbing will be needed.
- Will need Wayne County concurrence to build on the property.
- Property is located in the floodplain.
- City recently improved the sidewalks in this location.



Option B Goldsboro GWTA Site:

- City owned property with future arts district
- Could complement existing city owned facility
- Could be developed in conjunction with future parking expansion
- Is not in the floodplain



Conceptual Rendering as Provided by Camiros



Pocket Park Overview

- Joint initiative between HUD, Housing Authority and the City of Goldsboro.
- Funding is through HUD Early Action Initiative Grant Funds.
- City leverage is 46.5K. CDBG leverage dollars as costs are determined eligible.
- The City agreed and is obligated to provide matching funds as part of the Choice Neighborhood Grant agreement for an early action project.
- Matching funds will not come from the City General Fund.



Construction timeline

- July: RFQ review and select qualified Landscape Architect to design pocket park
- August: review design submittals
- September: award contract for landscape construction services
- October-November: Pocket park construction
- December 15: dedication of pocket park



Questions, Comments, or Final Thoughts

- Pocket parks matter because they make our city more livable and attractive.
- Adds value to public open spaces that were previously vacant by encouraging re-investment.
- Builds community through outdoor enhancements and reflecting areas.
- Promotes public art and education of various plant and tree species.



Pocket Park Cost Estimate; Goldsboro Choice Neighborhoods Early Action Project

Uses of Funds						Sources of Funds		
Item #	Improvement Description	Unit Type	# Units	Unit Cost	Item Cost	CN Grant Funds	City Leverage	HACG Leverage
1	Site preparation; removal of existing turf and rubble	Square Feet	9,333	\$1.50	\$14,000	\$14,000		
2	Site grading, create topographic feature, import of fill	Cubic Yards	1,000	\$25	\$25,000	\$25,000		
3	Play Equipment	Each	1	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500		
4	Limestone screening path 400 LF, 4' wide 4" deep; material and installation	Cubic Yards	550	\$50	\$27,500	\$27,500		
5	Metal edging of limestone path; material + labor	Linear Feet	900	5.00	\$4,500	\$4,500		
6	Public art	Each	2	\$10,000	\$20,000			\$20,000
7	New trees	Each	30	\$400	\$12,000	\$12,000		
8	New Shrubs	Each	200	\$70	\$14,000	\$14,000		
9	Perennials- Natives/Ornamentals	Each	750	\$10	\$7,500		\$7,500	
10	Arbor; prefabricated and assembly/installation	Each	1	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$5,000	
11	New lawn; sod; materials and installation	Square Feet	6,500	\$2.0	\$13,000		\$13,000	
12	Low voltage accent lighting system	Each	1	\$1,500	\$1,500			\$1,500
13	Environmental Review	Each	1	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$1,000	
14	Design Fee	Each	1	\$20,000	\$20,000		\$20,000	
Total Cost					\$182,500	\$114,500	\$46,500	\$21,500

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Memorandum

TO: Laura Getz, City Clerk of Goldsboro

FROM: Barbara Dantonio, Chairwoman, James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet, Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation

RE: Permission to speak to the Goldsboro City Council to present our project

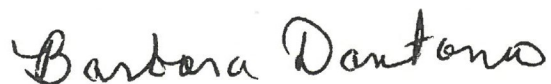
DATE: April 26, 2024

The James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet Committee would like 10 minutes at the City Council Meeting on May 6, 2024, to share our project. We will have a few slides and have one person speak on the project.

The James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet is a project of the Design Committee of the Downtown Goldsboro Development Committee.

I have attached a copy of the project for your perusal.

We look forward to sharing our project with the Council. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Barbara Dantonio, Chairwoman, James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet

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Proposal to NC Legislature for Endorsement of the James Street Black

Business District Memorial Parklet

To: City Counsel of Goldsboro

From: The Design Committee, Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation

Re: Funding for James Street Black Business District Memorial Parklet

Date: April, 2024

History:

After public segregation of the races became legal in the 1880's, black business districts appeared. New laws forced many businesses, either to provide separate facilities for black customers or to deny service to African American patrons altogether. Hence, Black entrepreneurs stepped in to establish operations in which African Americans could be served with courtesy and dignity. This led to the beginning of black business districts across the South.

Black businesses thrived in Goldsboro, North Carolina, specifically in the outskirts of the city boundary, where small communities were formed. A list of those communities are listed at the end of this proposal. The Design Committee of the DGDC has adopted this project as part of their annual Work Plan. Aiming to create historical markers, an art element, a small parklet and a QR link to the DGDC website to help memorialize these surrounding neighborhoods, businesses and community members.

The Project:

The James Street Parklet is a community effort to preserve the history, and honor African American businesses, within the greater Goldsboro and Wayne County area.

1. There were approximately 56 properties on the 2 blocks. Each property will be researched from the early 1900's to present designate what the property was used for. This area housed fish markets, pool halls, restaurants, theaters, lawyers, insurance companies, barber shops, Funeral parlors, grocers, dentists, and pharmacies to name a few. See attachment for addresses of properties we plan to research.
 2. The research will cover many of the stories by interviewing local citizens who remember the areas. There will be a QR at the parklet site so that further information can be gleaned through a DGDC website. This information will be gathered by volunteers who will interview Goldsboro residents with knowledge of the Black Business Districts.
 3. The Wayne County History Museum and the Wayne County Main Library have offered resources and help with this project.
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Physical:

The proposed Black Business District Memorial Parklet includes:

- Creation/installation of a community art projects. A large sculpture from an artist that incorporates pieces created with the help of local grade school students and greater community.
- Cleaning up the vacant lot on the corner of James and Pine Streets.
- Paving the lot for the community Art Project.
- Signage prior to completion designating what the project is about.
- Signage on the completed project.
- Historical Markers for recognition of the other 14 business districts. See list below.
- Installation of a covered/shaded picnic area.
- Installation of benches and tables.
- Complimentary landscaping.
- Printing of historical information pertaining to the use of the properties during the period from 1910 to present. This would be available at the DGDC office and online.

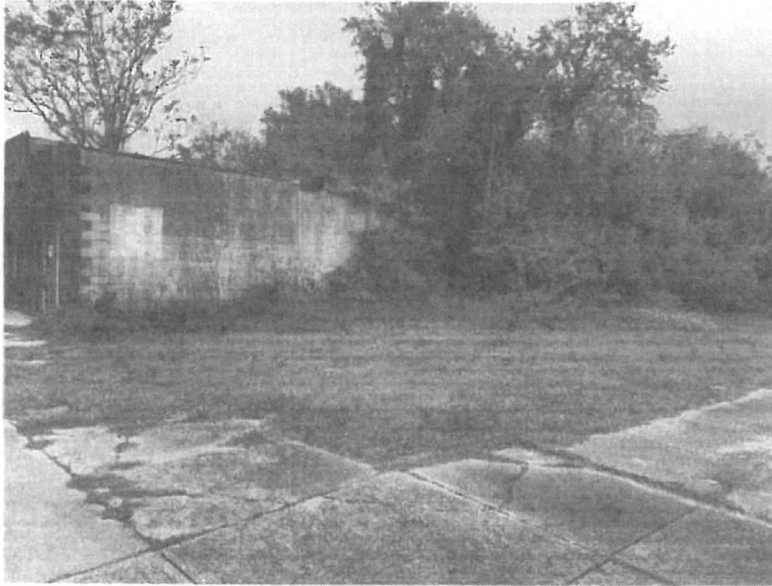
The proposed parklet would honor this key black business district in Goldsboro and preserve its history for future generations to come, as many of the original buildings are no longer standing. The goal of the Historic South James Street Pocket Park is to create a gathering space for the neighborhood, while bringing historical and current social issues to light.

We strive to continue to progress while honoring our diverse history. As development slowly moves into the residential neighborhoods surrounding downtown, it is imperative that areas of historical significance like the black business districts of Goldsboro be recognized in a meaningful way.

List of other Black owned businesses to memorialize along with James Street

- 1. Little Washington
- 2. Plainview
- 3. Webb Town
- 4. James City
- 5. South Side
- 6. Goldsboro Heights
- 7. Pine View
- 8. Edgewood
- 9. Park Annex
- 10. Park Court
- 11. Georgetown
- 12. Revito
- 13. Bellevue
- 14. Oak Heights
- 15. Greenleaf

Current Lots, 202 W. Pine Street & 401 James Street.



Proposed Parklet

