

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2021

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Special Meeting to discuss the FY21-22 Budget in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 3:00 p.m. on June 10, 2021 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem David Ham, Presiding
Councilmember Hiawatha Jones
Councilmember Bill Broadway
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember Gene Aycock (arrived at 3:05)
Tim Salmon, City Manager
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Chuck Allen

Call to Order. Mayor Pro Tem Ham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Budget Discussion

Council discussed the proposed budget throughout the meeting.

Discussion Topics included:

- a. Infrastructure
- b. Water and sewer issues
- c. City employees raises.
- d. Consultant fee line item
- e. Membership Dues
- f. Car allowances and cell phones concerns.
- g. Uniforms for Parks and Recreation employees
- h. Friends of Seymour dues
- i. Police Dept. Requests
- j. Mental Health Association
- k. Summer Youth Program
- l. Waynesborough Park Donation
- m. Part time positions in the fire department
- n. Advertising for Travel and Tourism
- o. Advertising for Dillard Alumni
- p. Personal protective equipment
- q. HVAC maintenance

Department Heads were invited to share budget concerns with Council. The following department heads spoke:

1. Planning Director, Jennifer Collins spoke about her department budget needs.
2. Public Utilities Director, Mike Wagner spoke about his department budget needs.

City Manager Tim Salmon asked for a consensus on the four items below.

1. Use a portion of the ARP (\$1.7M) for the provision of services; place the remainder of ARP funds received this year (\$2.7M) in a special revenue fund to be used as determined by Council
2. A loan for essential vehicles (\$1.8M)
3. Raising the property tax 3-cents per \$100 valuation (\$38/year for \$127K median value home in Goldsboro per U.S. Census Bureau information)
4. Raising the water and sewer utility rates 15% (\$10/month inside the City \$68 to \$78; \$19/mo. outside the City \$127 to \$146; still < avg. for utilities in NC using same rate structure per UNC SoG Dashboard)

Finance Director, Catherine Gwynn shared information concerning the City of Goldsboro's finances including general fund and utility fund balances and credit rating.

After discussion, Council came to the following consensus:

Cut the Waynesborough Park donation of \$18K and spread the funds equally among other funded agencies.

Use a portion of the ARP (\$1.7M) for the provision of services; place the remainder of ARP funds received this year (\$2.7M) in a special revenue fund to be used as determined by Council.

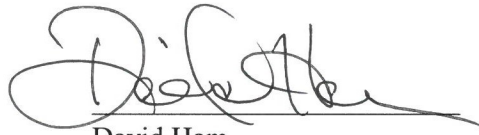
Use a loan for essential vehicles (\$1.8M).

Raising the property tax 3- cents per \$100 valuation (38/year for \$127K median value home in Goldsboro per U.S. Census Bureau information).

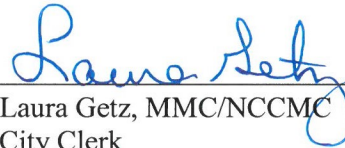
There was no consensus to cut the membership dues to the Military Affairs Committee. Several members offered to pay their own dues.

There was no consensus regarding raising the water and sewer utility rates 15% (\$10/month inside the City \$68 to \$78; \$19/mo outside the City \$127 to \$146; still <avg for utilities in NC using same rate structure per UNC SoG Dashboard).

There being no further business, Council recessed the meeting at 5:33 p.m. until Monday, June 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.



David Ham
Mayor Pro Tem



Laura Getz, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk