

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 3, 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 3, 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.** Councilman Boyette asked to add a discussion regarding downtown parking to the work session. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved. Council adopted the amended agenda.

**Old Business**

***Work Session Item a. 5K for 5P Presentation.*** Mikayla Barfield shared the presentation attached as *Exhibit A*. Mayor Gaylor shared comments regarding the 5K for 5P run.

**New Business**

***Work Session Item b. Saving Union Station Day Presentation.*** Julie Metz shared the presentation attached as *Exhibit B* and invited everyone to the Saving Union Station Day on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Councilman Boyette thanked Ms. Metz for her work on Union Station and downtown.

***Work Session Item c. Choice Neighborhood Update.*** Interim City Manager Livingston shared the presentation is an update on the West Oak Neighborhood Plan and Early Action Initiative (pocket park). Bill James with Camiros participated via Zoom and shared the presentation attached as *Exhibit C*.

Mr. James shared information regarding the pocket park. An updated presentation is attached as *Exhibit C*. Councilwoman Jones asked about the location of the pocket park. Council and Erin Fonseca, Downtown Development Director discussed the proposed location on the corner of Mulberry and George Streets which is owned by the DGDC. Interim City Manager Livingston shared information regarding the Early Action Initiative.

Council discussed the presentation and pocket park. Mayor Gaylor asked if the park would be part of the City's Parks and Recreation department. Mr. Anthony Goodson, Goldsboro Housing Authority CEO, shared that is the proposal and the city would be responsible for the upkeep.

Mr. James shared they have until December 23 to expend the funds. Mr. Goodson shared \$55,000 was committed by the city through CDBG funds. He also shared time is an issue and the Housing Authority is ready to move forward. He shared if we do not move forward with the Early Action Plan, they may as well move on from Choice Neighborhoods.

Mayor Gaylor shared we need to get feedback from the neighbors and see where the funding is coming from.

Council discussed the location of the pocket park, getting input from the neighbors and where the funding will come from if CDBG funds are not available.

Councilwoman Jones shared she would contact the neighboring residents.

Council deferred the item for two weeks to speak to neighboring residents and discuss funding.

***Work Session Item d. Downtown Parking Discussion.*** Councilman Boyette shared the first block of Center Street does not have adequate public parking on the first block of Center Street. Councilman Boyette made a motion to pause the timed parking on first block of Center Street. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews asked to pause the timed parking for everyone. Council discussed the proposal. Councilman Boyette

withdrew his motion. Councilman Boyette made a motion to extend the moratorium for the first block of Center Street until the end of July. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman White addressed parking concerns for downtown residents. Mayor Gaylor shared comments regarding parking for downtown residents. Councilwoman Weeks asked about the vehicle and salary for the Code Enforcement officer (parking enforcement). Interim City Manager Livingston shared he has a vehicle, and he thinks the salary is \$45,000-\$47,000. Interim City Manager Livingston shared he does more than traffic enforcement. Councilwoman Weeks agreed the moratorium should be for everyone.

Mayor Gaylor shared the discussion will be continued at the regular meeting under Items Requiring Individual Action.

Mayor Gaylor recessed the meeting at 6:55 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 3, 2024.

Mayor Gaylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 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  
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Father David Wyly provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mayor Gaylor shared Item d from the work session will take place during Items Requiring Individual Action.

**Approval of Minutes.** Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024 and the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved.

**Public Hearings.**

***Item B. Non-Contiguous (Satellite) Annexation Petition-Mallard Oil Co. – Corner of N. US 117 Hwy. and Tommy’s Rd. Public Hearing Held and Ordinance Adopted.*** The item was presented by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

Wayne County Tax Parcel: 3600-49-0841

The City Council, at their meeting on May 6, 2024, scheduled a public hearing for the proposed annexation of the subject property. A public hearing notice was properly advertised stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting for June 3, 2024.

Pursuant to G. S. 160A-58, at the public hearing all persons owning property in the area proposed to be annexed, as well as the residents of the municipality, shall be given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation.

If the Council determines that the proposed annexation meets all the requirements of G. S. 160A-58, it has the authority to adopt an annexation ordinance.

A report prepared by the Planning Department in conjunction with other departments, concerning the subject annexation area is available in the agenda packet. All City services can be provided to the property. City water and sewer utilities are available to the property and the owner will be responsible for extending these utilities to the site.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Ordinance annexing the subject property effective June 3, 2024.

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

Councilman Boyette made a motion to accept the properties. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and unanimously approved.

*ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN NON-CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA"*

**Item C. Public Hearing on FY2024-25 Annual Operating Budget. Public Hearing Held.** The item was presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director and Interim City Manager Matt Livingston and is attached as *Exhibit D*.

The North Carolina General Statute §159-12 requires the governing board to conduct a public hearing prior to the adoption of the annual operating budget. Statute further requires that the budget officer file notice of the availability of the budget for public inspection and the date and time of the budget hearing. The advertisement was run in the Saturday, May 11th edition of the Goldsboro News-Argus. The Manager's Recommended Budget was published as advertised on May 15, 2024 on the City's website. City Council met on Monday, May 20, 2024 during the 5 pm work session in the large conference room of City Hall for an overview presentation of the FY2024-25 budget.

Upon closing of the public hearing, Council may engage in additional discussion regarding the budget. Staff will then take any agreed upon changes by Council and then prepare the FY2024-2025 annual operating budget ordinance for proposed adoption at the June 17, 2024 meeting.

It was recommended that Council conduct a public hearing on the annual operating budget at the June 3, 2024 council meeting at 7:00 p.m.; engage in further discussion and provide staff direction to make any additional changes for the proposed adopted budget and establish any additional budget work session(s) date(s) and times, if necessary before June 30, 2024 at midnight.

Mayor Gaylor asked if Council had any discussions.

Councilwoman Taylor shared last year, former Councilmember Polack made a motion for a 1% tax increase for a city employee \$400.00 bonus. She thought his intention was for this to be a recurring bonus. She shared since the 1% tax increase is still in effect, that we should continue to uphold our commitment to city employees and use those funds to give them the bonus. Interim City Manager Livingston shared this is a fiscally austere budget, based on Council's priorities and doesn't think there is room in the budget for further cuts.

Mayor Gaylor, Council and the Interim City Manager discussed the \$400.00 bonus and taking additional funds from the fund balance in order to reduce the proposed tax increase. Council also discussed going through individual department line items for additional cuts, discussed if there were additional cuts that could be made in departmental budgets, Friends of Seymour, Goldsboro Housing Authority cameras, and ways to bring the proposed tax rate down. Councilman White shared he would offer his services for a year, and we can go back and negotiate a better settlement with Friends of Seymour next year.

Mayor Gaylor opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

1. Dr. David L. Craig shared comments regarding the proposed budget to include surpluses in the general fund, amounts of cash and investments, concerns regarding the proposed property tax and utility rates, padding the budget, and raising taxes prior to next year's property tax assessments. He also submitted a handout attached as *Exhibit E*. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 2:45.)
2. Lance Yamakawa shared comments regarding the proposed budget to include concerns regarding the proposed tax increases and increasing sales tax so that everyone pays. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 2:52.)
3. Phyllis Merritt-James shared comments regarding the proposed budget to include comments regarding decreasing the proposed tax increases, cutting fluff, bringing in industry, concerns for people on a fixed income, cameras and safety and Herman Park Center. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:01.)
4. Charles Wright reviewed the handout attached as *Exhibit F* and spoke about the expansion of neighboring communities, crime and contracts with Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:06.)
5. Inga Loftin shared concerns regarding property tax and water bill increases and asked Council to come up with another way of getting funds. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:24.)
6. Nicole Loftin shared concerns regarding the property tax increase and asked Council to keep everyone in mind when they make these decisions. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:28.)

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Gaylor discussed the next steps for the budget process with Council, Interim City Manager and City Attorney Lawrence. Further discussion will be held during Items Requiring Individual Action.

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

1. Amber Long shared comments regarding downtown parking (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:37.)
2. Charles Wright shared comments and a handout (*Exhibit G*) regarding a proposed business on Cuyler Best and New Hope Road. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:41.)

3. Peter Stewart shared comments regarding speeding on Throughfare Road. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:44.)
4. David Craig shared comments regarding a proposed business on New Hope Road and comments regarding the city's finances. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:48.)
5. Warren Edwards shared comments regarding speeding on Throughfare Road. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:49.)
6. Victor Cox shared comments regarding speeding on Throughfare Road. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 3:52.)

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. Councilwoman Weeks moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D- F be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette 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 D. Amending a Grant Project Ordinance – Fire Truck Capital Project Fund (F3111). Ordinance Adopted.*** The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

City Council created a capital project fund for a Quint Aerial Fire Truck on July 11, 2022. At the Council Retreat February 2024, Council indicated that fire apparatus was a priority, and at the May 20th Council meeting, Council by consensus authorized their approval to bring forth a proposal to fund a new pumper truck through debt financing.

The construction and delivery of the truck will take longer than a fiscal year, and the City plans on borrowing the funds for the purchase of the truck. General Statute §159-13.2 authorizes local governments to account for this type of project in a grant project ordinance which will span the life of the project.

Chief Stempien presented a resolution for the approval of the purchase of the pumper truck through the cooperative purchasing group, Sourcewell, and to allow the City Manager to sign the contract with Atlantic Coast Firetrucks. The not to exceed cost is \$873,952 and an additional \$17,500 needs to be added to cover the cost of financing the equipment for a total project cost of \$891,452.

It is necessary to appropriate the expenditures so that staff may execute a contract and purchase order for the fire truck, and this will be funded with an appropriation of debt proceeds.

It was recommended that the following entitled Grant Project Fund for the Fire Truck Capital Project Fund (F3111) be amended. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

***ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (F3111)”***

***Item E. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract with Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks (ACFT) to Purchase a 2025 Spartan Pumper. Resolution Adopted.*** The item was submitted by Ron Stempien, Fire Chief.

The Fire Department has presented the need for replacement vehicles to the City Council. Council agreed to review the purchase of a new fire truck to replace Engine 7, a 1991 Pierce Pumper at the May 20, 2024, Council Meeting.

In accordance with the Goldsboro Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan, the purchase of a new Spartan Emergency Response S180 Model 2114 Pumper will replace the existing 1991 Pierce Pumper that is in dire need of replacement. After reviewing options and cooperative contracts, the Spartan offers the best option to meet our needs as well as the best customer service and warranties. ACFT provided a contract to be signed by the City Manager to secure the building of the apparatus. The current build time for the apparatus is 270 days. To avoid any additional potential price increases, Council is asked to give consent to the City Manager to sign a sales contract securing the Purchase Price.

It was recommended that the Council approve the following entitled Resolution allowing the Interim City Manager to sign the contract with Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks for the purchase of a 2025 Spartan Pumper not to exceed \$873,952.00. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

***RESOLUTION NO. 2024-70 “RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE SALES CONTRACT WITH ATLANTIC COAST FIRE TRUCKS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 SPARTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE S180 MODEL 2114 PUMPER FOR NOT MORE THAN \$873,952.00”***



**Item F. Contiguous Annexation Petition – Oak Forest Holdings, LLC – Corner of Central Heights Rd. and N. Oak Forest Rd. Referred to the Clerk.** The item was submitted by Mark Helmer, Planning Director.

Tax Parcels #: 3519839488, 3519922922, 3519849058  
Acreage: 25.6 acres

The applicant is requesting that contiguous property described by the attached metes and bounds description be annexed into the City of Goldsboro. Maps showing the property proposed to be annexed are attached as well.

Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31, City Council shall fix a date for the public hearing on the proposed annexation if the petition is considered sufficient by the City Clerk. Sufficiency requires the City Clerk to make the following findings:

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.

The City Council, at their meeting on June 3, 2024, would request the City Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, a public hearing would be scheduled and a report would be prepared by the Planning Department, in conjunction with other City departments, for submission to the Council.

It was recommended that Council request that the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency.  
*Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

#### **End of Consent Agenda.**

#### **Items Requiring Individual Action.**

**Downtown Parking Discussion.** Mayor Gaylor shared information regarding the work session discussion regarding downtown parking. Mayor Gaylor shared city owned vehicles will be moved and a mobile unit providing the chilling for this building is taking up spaces in the city parking lot. The mobile unit is currently taking up six spots and will be removed at the end of July.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to extend the moratorium for this block of Center Street until the end of July. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews asked the moratorium to be extended for all of downtown where we have implemented parking, and for Council to have more conversation regarding downtown parking. Mayor Gaylor and Council discussed the proposed moratorium and downtown parking.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews shared concerns regarding accommodating the downtown residents and would like to discuss downtown parking at a future meeting.

**Proposed FY2024-25 Annual Operating Budget Discussion.** Mayor Gaylor and Council discussed holding a budget work session. Consensus was that Council will find another date and another time for a budget work session.

**City Manager's Report.** Interim City Manager Livingston had no report.

#### **Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments.**

Councilwoman Jones expressed her gratitude to the city manager, finance director and staff for their work on the budget. She shared this is going to be a very challenging budget and the budget increases are impacting individual households. She shared Wayne County is a Tier 1 status, under the Department of Commerce. With the loss of jobs at Seymour Johnson, we are very fortunate to have Councilman White here, that could be part of Friends of Seymour, but am advocating for us to remain with Friends of Seymour. She shared Congressman Davis has proposed some provisions under the National Defense Authorization Act. She shared that she wants us to really take a look at that and see what he has proposed so that we cannot lose our jobs. She also shared information about Seymour Johnson.

Councilman Boyette shared it was a busy week with the gathering that at the Parks and Rec building, the help with that project was greatly appreciated by our congressman and representatives that were there, including the money that's going to be applied for the grant to help with Union Station. He shared that there's a lot of good stuff going on in our

community, in our city, and our county. He shared he was in meetings to do with our utilities, water and sewer, and transportation. He shared that we are going to receive our I-42 designation signs next year. He also shared that he would like to thank hard-working city employees that keep this city running every day.

Councilwoman Taylor shared she would like to thank the citizens for being patient with us as we work on our budget. A big portion of the increases is due to the public safety bill, but we need to get our crime rates down and to ensure that our firefighters can get to us when they need to. She also thanked city employees because they're not getting the raise that the police and fire are getting. She shared she wants everyone to know that we want our city to be a safe city again so that we can bring in revenue, businesses, people and most of all, for our citizens to feel safe in their homes and outside.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews shared that District 4 is doing Cardio and Conversations this Thursday at 6:00. She also shared the districts Listening Tour will be June 29th at 11:00 and she is going to have some special guests that are going to go with her. She shared that they will have 6 strategic, predetermined stops throughout the district. She shared that all are welcome to attend the stops and to follow the Councilwoman page to see who's going to be joining her and to figure out where those stops are going to be.

Councilwoman Weeks reminded everybody to join us down at Union Station tomorrow beginning at 4:00. She shared that she wanted to touch on the budget, when you're given a budget and you're asked to go to your constituents to ask for anywhere between 12 and 15 cents you have to use wisdom. She shared she has 63 employees and would love to give a cost of living and a bonus but sometimes you have to look at the numbers. She shared she wants everybody to have a bonus, they deserve a bonus, but you're trying to tell me that I have to raise taxes 12 to 15 cents then everybody needs to be able to make sacrifices. She asked everyone to pray for wisdom for the Council and for provision to take place so that we can fulfill the obligations of this city.

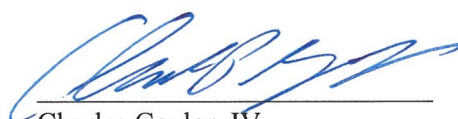
Councilman White shared to the city and the people of District 6 who came out tonight, he really appreciates it. He gave a shout out to Black Girls Do Bike, for the event they did at North Drive. They did a safety class and a bike giveaway. The Omegas fraternity held a graduation for the 2nd graders at North Drive and they also donated bikes for the bike giveaway. The Deltas did the same thing. He thanked them all for taking part in the community. He shared for everyone to keep in mind that we paid the police and what they need right now is time so they can beef up their staff so we can begin to see the results but until we begin to address the real issue with crime, we're going to always have crime. He shared that until we deal with poverty, low performing schools and the lack of jobs paying a livable wage, we will always have a crime rate that's higher than desirable. He also shared that he would like everybody to understand that \$0.15 is a lot, we didn't get in this crisis overnight and we're not going to fix it overnight. He shared that we need to remember the least of them when we begin to make judgment calls on this budget.

Mayor Gaylor shared we've got some incredibly positive things that are going on. The ladies with Black Girls Do Bike do some fantastic stuff and are taking part in some bike and trailway design projects with the county to hopefully tie into the Mountains to Sea Trail. The project with Union Station is an important project, we are not going to be able to fund that right now out of city coffers, so you try to find some other funds and some other ways that you can get one time funding from state or federal appropriations to be able to stabilize those buildings and those projects. He shared we're going to be doing a park study that is funded to look at what the future of parks looks like in the City of Goldsboro. There's no funding right now to rebuild Herman Park Center, we have the funding to be able to take the building down. He shared he would rather have a green space than an abandoned building that the city is still trying to maintain. He shared we have an incredible set of allies at our state and federal level that want to help Goldsboro and we're reaching out to them consistently. He shared he believes there's going to be funding next year to help with the train station and believes that once we have the audits caught up, that next year this time we're talking about parks grants and other financing options to be able to implement the parks plan. He shared he had a conversation earlier today with one of the regional directors of My Future NC, and their entire mission is just trying to get high school students in Wayne County and all over the state to fill out the FAFSA. He shared that he is going to connect her with fraternities, sororities and churches. He shared he wants everyone to know how much work is trying to be done to bring positivity into our neighborhoods and into our families. He shared he does not want to do a tax increase but wants to fund police and fire and asked Council to stay focused.

The Mayor and Council discussed meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed budget.

Mayor Gaylor recessed the meeting at 9:30 p.m. to be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.



  
Charles Gaylor, IV  
Mayor

  
Laura Getz  
City Clerk





5k for 5p-

Mikayla Barfield, PT, DPT

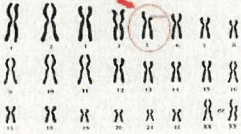


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### What is 5p-?

- Also known as Cri du Chat
  - French for "cry of the cat"
  - Larynx structure
- Missing piece of 5th chromosome
- Spectrum
- Usually happens by chance, but is inherited in some cases
- Rare
  - 1 in 50,000 live births
  - Slightly more common in females

Cri-du-chat syndrome Or cat cry syndrome



### Physical signs and symptoms

- Feeding difficulties
- Low birth weight and poor physical growth
- Excessive drooling
- Constipation
- Microcephaly
- Wide-spread eyes, squinty, skin tags in front of eyes and skin fold covering inner corner of eyes
- Low muscle tone
- Small jaw and low-set ears
- Short fingers and single palmar crease
- Hearing loss and deformities of skeleton

### Developmental signs

- Motor delay
  - Especially walking
  - Some walk at 2 years
  - some may never walk
- Therapy
  - PT and OT





| STATS                                                                                                                                             |                |
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| NAME                                                                                                                                              | ANTHONY        |
| AGE                                                                                                                                               | 2 YEARS        |
| CITY                                                                                                                                              | GOLDBORO       |
| STATE                                                                                                                                             | NORTH CAROLINA |
| SEASON HIGHLIGHTS                                                                                                                                 |                |
| I AM CRAWLING AND PULLING TO STAND! I AM SIGNING "MORE" AND "ALL DONE", "EAT" AND "UP." I LOVE MUSIC. I AM LEARNING TO WALK WITH MY GAIT TRAINER. |                |

### Cognitive signs

- Mild to severe intellectual disability
- Language difficulties ranging from mild speech delay to severe language disorder
  - Some may never talk
- Speech therapy



### Behavior signs

- Sleeplessness
- Hyperactivity
- Aggression
- Tantrums
- Repetitive movements



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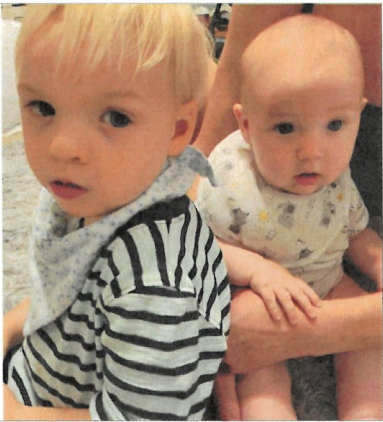
### Medical Concerns

- Heart and kidney problems
- Hernias
- Reflux
- Scoliosis
- Respiratory infections
- Ear infections
- Tooth decay
- Increased sensitivity to sound









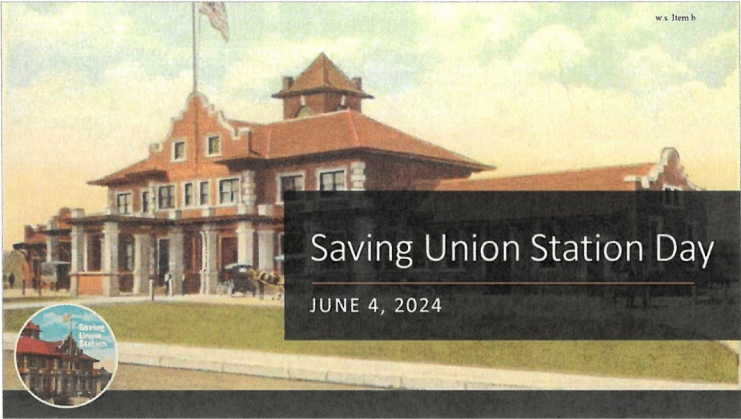
Inaugural 5k for 5p-

- Raised over \$2000
- 80 participants signed up
- One incident due to roads not closed



THANK YOU!





### Background

- Union Station Brief History
- Saving Union Station Committee Development & Mission
- Federal Rail Administration & NCDOT News

### Schedule of Events, Part I



**4:00 to 8:00 PM**

- Food Trucks
- Brenda Behr Live Plein Air Painting & Silent Bid for Painting
- Kids Train Rides
- Pictorial History Slideshow

**4:30 to 5:00 PM**

- Historian-led Tour of Station

**5:00 PM**

- Parade from Center Street Fountain to Union Station

**5:15 PM**

- Boy Scout Troop & Color Guard led Flag Raising Ceremony

### Schedule of Events, Part II



**5:30 to 7:00 PM**

- **Eastern Carolina Rail Regional Meeting**
  - Opening Remarks: John Bell, NC House Majority Leader
  - Background Comments: Judge Charlie Gaylor, John Peacock, & Craig Newton
  - Presentation: NCDOT & Eastern Carolina Rail
  - Q & A: Jason Myers, NCDOT
  - Official Statements
  - Closing Comments: Chairman, Chris Gurley & Mayor Charles Gaylor, IV
- **Saving Union Station Co. Announcements**
  - Doug McGrath & Mark Metzler

**7:00 to 7:30 PM**

- Historian-led Tour of Station

**7:45 PM**

- Painting Auction



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Our Saving Union Station Effort





## Goldsboro City Council Update; West Oak Choice Neighborhoods Plan



Goldsboro City Council Update;  
June 3, 2024



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### Agenda

1. Importance of the West Oak Choice Plan to Goldsboro
2. The People, Neighborhood and Housing Plan Committees
3. Goals for the People, Neighborhood and Housing Plans
4. Draft Strategies for the People Plan
5. Draft Strategies for the Neighborhood Plan
6. Draft Strategies for the Housing Plan
7. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Involvement

## Importance of the West Oak Choice Plan to Goldsboro

**Transforming the West Oak Neighborhood is key to maximizing growth and reinvestment.**

- North Carolina is a growth state and central North Carolina is a growth region.
- The Raleigh – Durham metro area is expanding.
- Goldsboro is poised to capture a portion of the region's growth.
- In order to maximize growth and reinvestment, Goldsboro must offer the kind of community and neighborhoods people want today.
- Many people today want to live in interesting and stimulating neighborhoods that align with the vision for the Goldsboro West Oak Choice Neighborhoods Plan.
- Investment and growth will gravitate to other locations if Goldsboro does not offer the kind of community and neighborhoods people want.





# Need for Transformation

All Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants are awarded to neighborhoods that need transformation. The West Oak Neighborhood also needs transformation.

Dictionary

Definitions from Oxford Languages · Learn more

trans·for·ma·tion

/ tran(t)sferˈmāSH(ə)n/

noun

a thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance.  
"its landscape has undergone a radical transformation"

Similar: 

change

alteration

modification

variation

conversion

revision

• a metamorphosis during the life cycle of an animal.

• **PHYSICS**  
the induced or spontaneous change of one element into another by a nuclear process.

# Need for Transformation

Unlike most CNI neighborhoods, the West Oak Neighborhood has an area of significant strength; downtown Goldsboro. Outside the core of the downtown, significant distress exists.



# Goals for the People, Neighborhood and Housing Plans

### Goals for the People Plan:

- Foster upward economic mobility
- Increase incomes among West Haven Residents
- High academic proficiency among West Haven students
- Increased employment among West Haven Residents
- Improved health outcomes among West Haven Resident
- Increase number of West Haven residents leaving public housing

### Goals for the Neighborhood Plan:

- Upgrade neighborhood amenities
- Foster neighborhood reinvestment
- Create a mixed-income community
- Attract more stores and shops

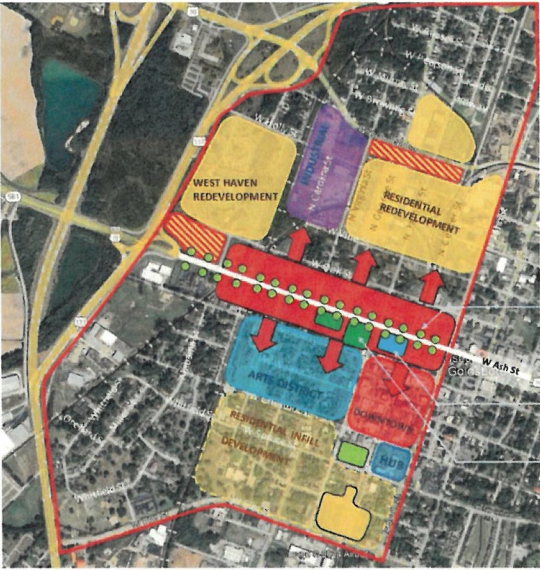
### Goals for the Housing Plan:

- Provide quality housing for West Haven residents
- Give West Haven residents a choice in new housing
- Create mixed-income housing w/new market-rate housing
- Redevelop the West Haven housing site



# Emerging Plan Strategies and Proposals

## KEY STRATEGY: ASH STREET ACTIVATION



**Core Concept:** The activation of Ash Street will drive neighborhood reinvestment both to the north and to the south portions of the West Oak Neighborhood.

ASH STREET  
BEAUTIFICATION

NEW HIGH-PERFORMING  
CHARTER SCHOOL  
NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART  
PUBLIC PARK

EXISTING ASH STREET



# Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; State-of-the-Art Park

An open space attraction filled with fun things to do.



# Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; State-of-the-Art Park

Goldsboro's version of Chicago's Millennium Park





# Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; New School

A high-performing, attractive new school.



# Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; Project Development District

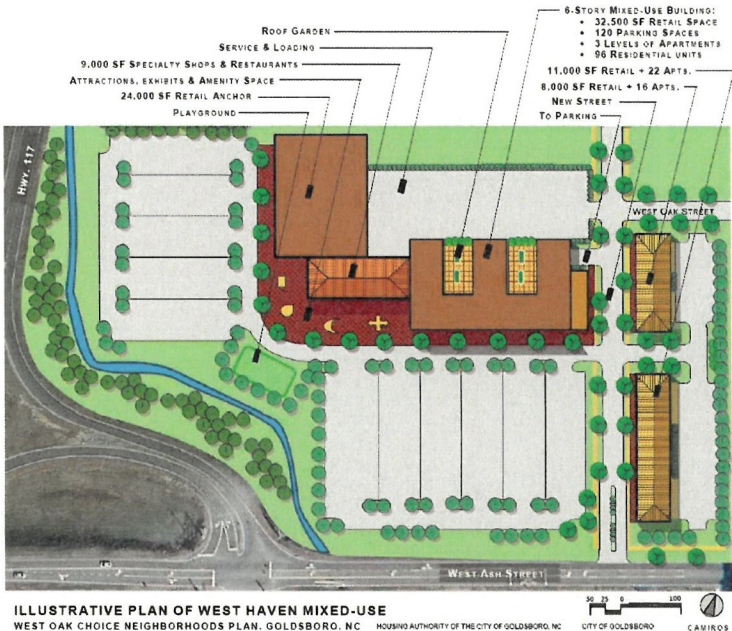
Establishing a *Project Development District* would allow the City to capture a portion of the anticipated new investment in real estate as public revenue to pay for needed capital improvements.

Preliminary Assessment of Potential Revenue from a Project Development District

| Description of New Development                                               | # of Units | Units   | Unit Value | Market Value  | Assessment Rate | Tax Rate <sup>1</sup> | Assessed Value | Annual Revenue |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| New construction of market-rate housing units in Replacement Housing Program | 419        | 1500    | \$150      | \$94,275,000  | 1.0             | 1.4725                | \$942,750      | \$1,388,199    |
| Retail use in West Haven mixed-use development                               |            | 100,000 | \$120      | \$12,000,000  | 1.0             | 1.4725                | \$120,000      | \$176,700      |
| Additional long-term market-rate housing in West Oak                         | 1600       | 1500    | \$150      | \$360,000,000 | 1.0             | 1.4725                | \$3,600,000    | \$5,301,000    |

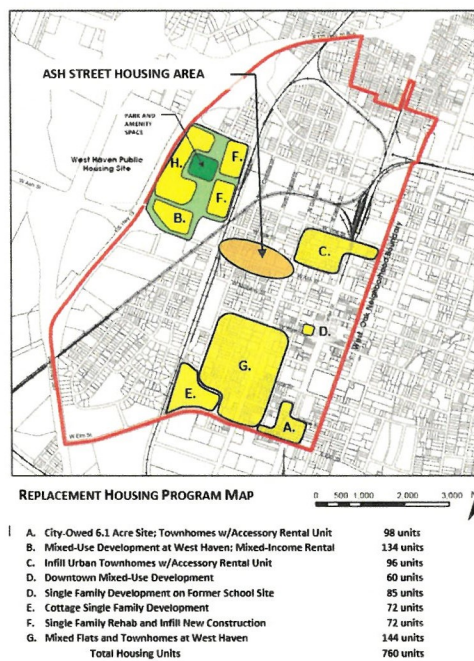
Footnotes:  
1: Includes combined city/county rate (1.4725); excludes Downtown Goldsboro Special Service Area rate (.2350)

# Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; West Haven Redevelopment





Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; Replacement Housing Program



Summary of Replacement Housing Program

| Key                                             | Description of Development                       | Density DU/AC | Site Area | # of Units | Income Mix  |            |                | Ownership |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------|
|                                                 |                                                  |               |           |            | Market-Rate | Affordable | Public Housing | Rental    | Owner |
| A                                               | City-Owned Site: Single Family w/Accessory Apts. | 8             | 6.1       | 98         | 78          | 8          | 12             | 49        | 49    |
| B                                               | Mixed-Use Residential at West Haven              | 18.7          | 8         | 134        | 64          | 8          | 62             | 134       |       |
| C                                               | Ash Street Infill Housing                        | 8             | 4.1       | 66         | 33          | 6          | 27             | 66        | 0     |
| D                                               | Downtown Mixed-Use Development; Site A           | 150           | 0.4       | 60         | 30          | 8          | 22             | 60        |       |
| D                                               | Downtown Mixed-Use Development; Site B           | 174           | 0.23      | 40         | 20          | 4          | 16             | 40        |       |
| E                                               | Single Family Development on Former School Site  | 7             | 12.1      | 85         | 75          | 5          | 5              |           | 85    |
| F                                               | Cottage-Style Single Family At West Haven        | 8             | 9         | 72         | 37          | 4          | 31             | 24        | 48    |
| G                                               | Single Family Rehab & Infill New Construction    |               |           | 72         | 10          | 18         | 44             |           | 72    |
| H                                               | Mixed Flats and Townhomes at West Haven          | 8             | 18        | 144        | 70          | 24         | 50             | 144       |       |
| Totals                                          |                                                  |               |           | 771        | 417         | 85         | 269            | 517       | 254   |
| West Haven Residents Choosing to Live Elsewhere |                                                  |               |           |            |             |            | 31             |           |       |
| Total Replacement Public Housing                |                                                  |               |           |            |             |            | 300            |           |       |

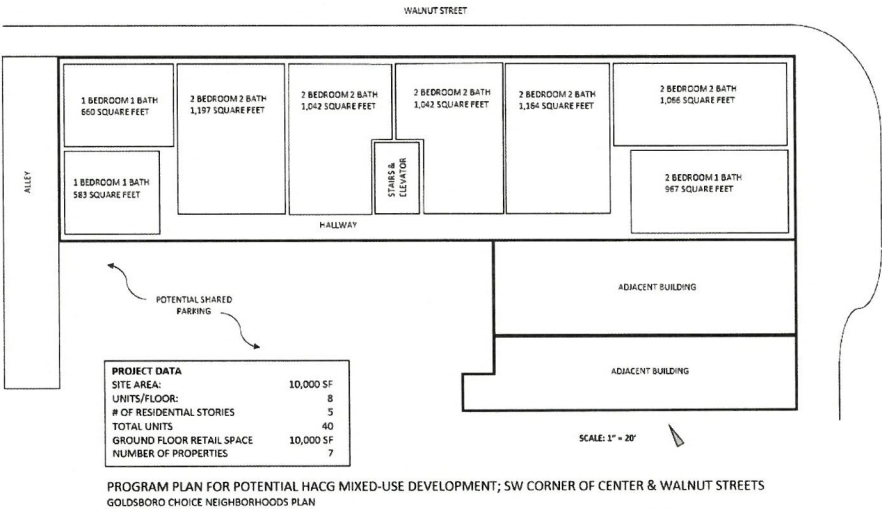
Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; Replacement Housing Program

Redevelopment of the HACG property at Walnut and Center.

- The existing building is in bad condition and it is worthwhile to consider demolishing the building and combining it with properties to the west to create a new mixed-use building.



Mixed-Use Development on Walnut Street



Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; People Plan Proposals

GOAL 1: Deliver a Full Range of Services to West Haven Residents

WHAT WE HEARD



OUR RESPONSE

STRATEGY 1: DEVELOP AN ELEVATED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

HACG does not currently utilize a case management system at West Haven, with only basic household information being tracked through an excel based system. Such a system does not allow for a broader understanding of household needs. While, Goldsboro has a wealth of supportive service providers and programs, residents and providers have reported a lack of awareness or barriers in accessing available services.

To target key challenges in the delivery of services, HACG will establish an elevated case management system using Tracking At-A-Glance (TAAG) tailored to meet CNI goals. TAAG will be instrumental in tracking, monitoring, and addressing the diverse needs of all original West Haven households, including youth. The purpose of the case management system is to cultivate meaningful relationships with residents, enabling personalized assistance in assessing complex problems, selecting effective interventions, and accessing desired services. Studies have consistently demonstrated that comprehensive, tailored approaches to case management yield

significantly improved outcomes for individuals in public/subsidized housing, including enhanced stability in housing, increased employment opportunities, better educational attainment, and improved access to healthcare. Through the case management system, wrap-around services will be provided, leveraging the commitment from a strong network of providers, ensuring holistic support for West Haven residents.

A case management model will be developed with a set of guidelines, processes, and procedures to deliver a streamlined structure of appropriate protocols for linking residents to services and care, as well as eliminating likelihood of eviction, and mitigating family disruption during relocation. The system will be adaptable to match each resident's needs, constraints, and resources.

The program will be administered through "Care Coaches" taking a trauma-informed, strengths-based approach to meet residents where they're at. Care coaches will be provided specialized training such as motivational interviewing, and coaching skills.

Household information such as the following will be tracked:

An Elevated Resident Case Management Program for West Haven Residents



Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; People Plan Proposals



THE WEST HAVEN YOUTH EDUCATIONAL/RECREATIONAL CENTER

A proposed after-school educational program at the DuPont Center at West Haven

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West Haven Health Initiative

**OUTCOMES**

Together, the implementation of these strategies is expected to lead to the following outcomes:

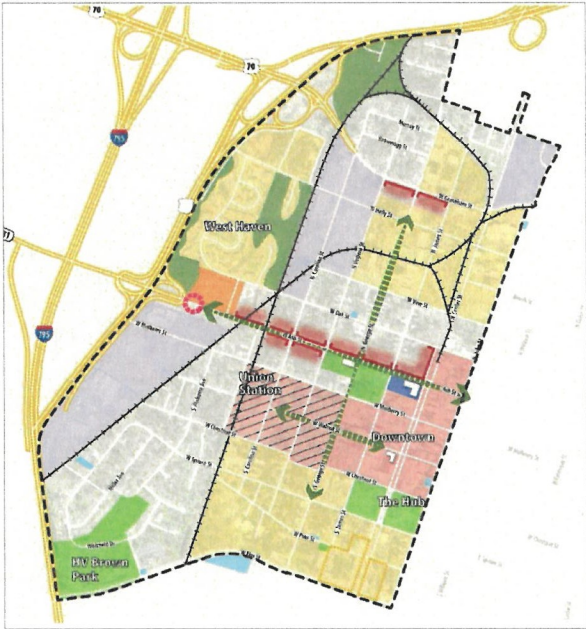
- 100% of households enrolled in the case management system
- 80% of households are engaged and participating in the develop a "life plan"
- 75% decrease in residents eviction
- 100% of households are insured and have access to health services
- 20% increase in residents receiving regular PCP checkups
- 15% Reduction in number of residents reporting poor health as a barrier to work or attend school/ training

Emerging Plan Strategies/Proposals; People Plan Proposals

West Oak Neighborhood Land Use Plan

**LEGEND**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Residential         | Open Space |
| Industrial          | Mixed Use  |
| Parks               | Education  |
| Proposed School     |            |
| Arts District       |            |
| Downtown            |            |
| Community Buildings |            |





Improve West Oak  
Infrastructure to Create a  
Multi-Modal Community

STRATEGY 3: RENOVATE DETERIORATED PUBLIC  
INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN  
AND CYCLIST MOVEMENT.

The West Oak neighborhood has deteriorated and disjointed sidewalks making for unpleasant walking conditions and restricted accessibility. In addition, cycling infrastructure is limited to Elm Street and Center Street. To provide multi-modal transportation options and brand West Oak as an accessible neighborhood, upgrading the public infrastructure is paramount.

This strategy recommends the City of Goldsboro upgrades deteriorated sidewalks with new paving, landscaping, and lighting (as discussed in the following safety goal). In addition, the City should install new sidewalks where currently there is no pedestrian infrastructure and/or sidewalks end abruptly. Providing a complete network of sidewalks is fundamental to providing pedestrian accessibility. To ensure these sidewalks are functional and aesthetically pleasing they should follow the streetscape guidelines for sidewalks provided in the Design Guidelines for Downtown Goldsboro.

In addition to sidewalk repair and installation, the City of Goldsboro should establish a cycling network throughout the neighborhood. With the existing cycling infrastructure on Centre St and

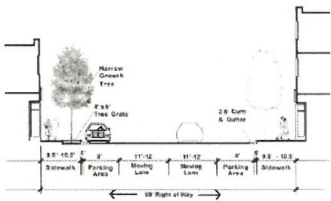


Figure 10: Pedestrian Priority Streets Proposed Improvements, Design Guidelines for Downtown Goldsboro



Figure 11: Example of sidewalks and streetscapes

Make  
West Oak  
a safe  
neighbor-  
hood

OUR RESPONSE

Safe neighborhoods provide residents with a sense of security and peace of mind, allowing them to live their lives without fear of crime. Additionally, safe neighborhoods tend to have higher property values, which contributes to economic stability and investment in the community. Overall, safe neighborhoods promote well-being, prosperity, and a high quality of life for their residents.

STRATEGY 1: IMPLEMENT A DISTINCTIVE  
PROGRAM OF LIGHTING ON STREETS AND  
PRIVATE PROPERTY

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is an approach to crime prevention that focuses on modifying the physical environment to reduce opportunities for crime and increase feelings of safety. CPTED principles are based on the idea that the design and layout of spaces can influence human behavior, including criminal behavior.

The four principles of CPTED are:

- Natural Surveillance
- Territorial Reinforcement
- Access Control
- Maintenance & Management

This strategy prioritizes the first principle of CPTED, which is natural surveillance. Throughout the project, community feedback highlighted lighting as the primary concern among residents and a top priority in enhancing their sense of safety in the neighborhood.

Sufficient lighting is necessary for people to see and be seen therefore, a program of public street lighting and standards for accent lighting on private property needs to be developed. At a minimum this should include:

Lighting Design Considerations

- Identify target areas for lighting
- Define lighting levels for different environments (residential, commercial, recreational)
- Lighting duration and timing
- Lighting Fixture Specifications

Fixture type (streetlights, floodlights, pathway lights)

- Mounting heights
- Light distribution and coverage
- Fixture style, material, and durability
- Maintenance requirements

Once established, the City of Goldsboro

WHAT WE HEARD

- 80% of residents said living in a safe neighborhood was the most important to them. (West Oak)
- 80% of residents felt crime/safety had stayed the same or gotten worse in the neighborhood (West Oak)
- 70% of residents would consider moving out of the neighborhood due to concerns about crime. (West Oak)
- Only 13% of residents always felt safe outside their homes
- Over 57% of residents felt improved street lighting would improve safety
- 60% of residents felt an increase in police presence could improve safety in the neighborhood



Goldsboro City Council Update;  
West Oak Choice Neighborhoods Plan



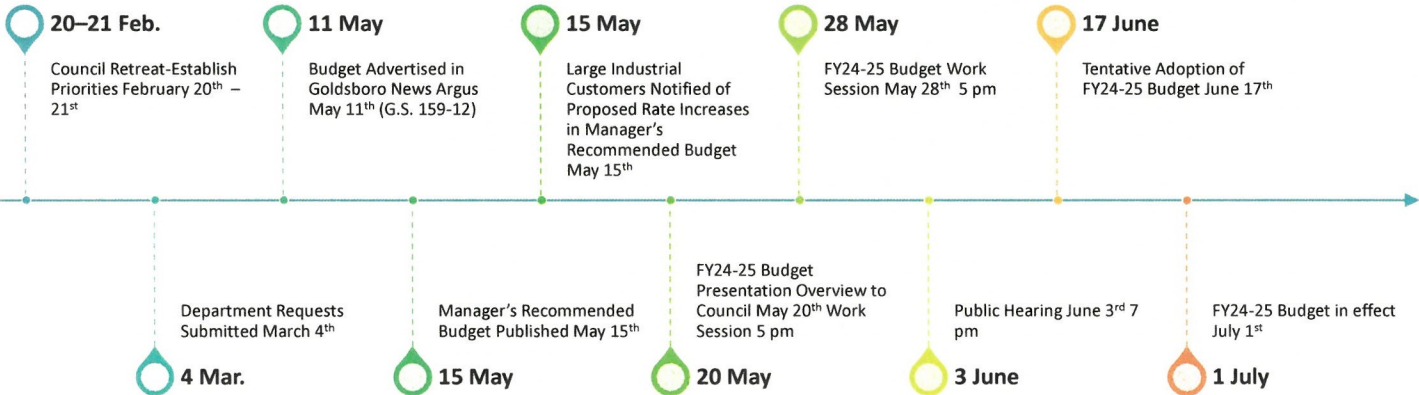
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FY24-25 Budget Overview & Timeline

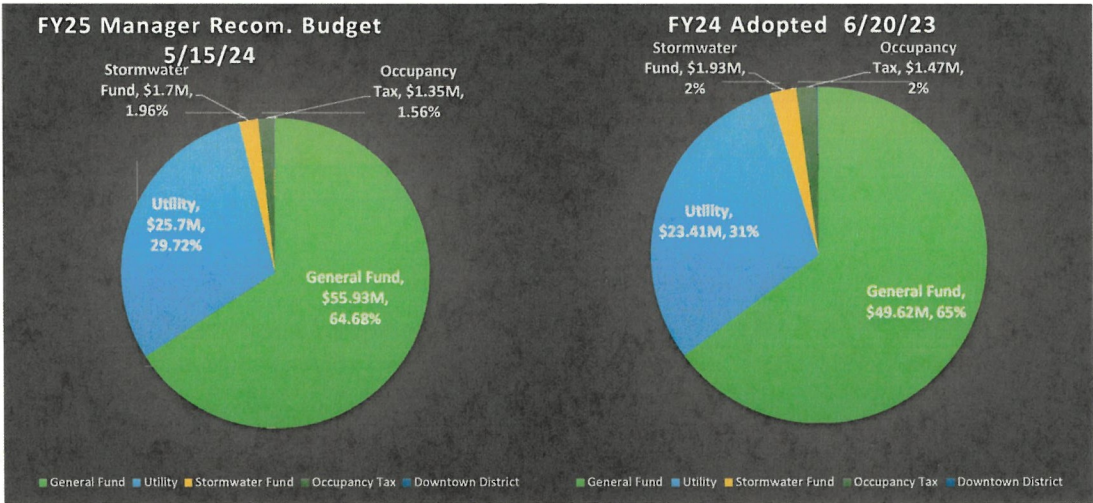




# Summary FY24-25 Budget

FY24-25 Manager’s Rec. \$86.5M

FY23-24 Adopted Budget \$76.6M



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FY2024-25 Manager's Recommended Budget

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## FY2024-25 Manager’s Recommended Budget All Funds

| Fund                                    | FY24 Adopted | FY25 Mgr. Rec. | Incr/(Decr) | % Change |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| General Fund                            | \$49,622,612 | \$55,931,496   | \$6,308,884 | 13%      |
| Utility Fund                            | \$23,409,993 | \$25,698,254   | \$2,288,261 | 10%      |
| Stormwater Fund                         | \$1,934,200  | \$1,697,831    | \$(236,369) | -12%     |
| Occupancy Tax Fund                      | \$1,465,450  | \$1,349,857    | \$(115,593) | -8%      |
| Downtown MSD Fund                       | \$102,683    | \$100,225      | \$(2,458)   | -2%      |
| General Fund Capital Reserve            | \$1,000      | \$1,000        | \$0         | 0%       |
| Cemetery Perpetual Fund                 | \$0          | \$53,105       | \$53,105    |          |
| Fuel System Internal Service Fund       | \$0          | \$1,361,421    | \$1,361,421 |          |
| Utility Fund Capital Reserve            | \$100,000    | \$0            | \$(100,000) | -100%    |
| System Development Fees Capital Reserve | \$0          | \$280,000      | \$280,000   |          |
| Total All Operating Funds               | \$76,635,938 | \$86,473,189   | \$9,837,251 | 13%      |

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# Revised Potential Cost Cuts to Reduce Proposed Property Tax Increase

| General Fund                                              | Proposed Cuts |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Employer Health Insurance 10% to 4%                       | (\$199,675)   |
| Savings 3 Months - New CD Position Sal & Ben              | (\$15,507)    |
| Savings 3 Months - New Minimum Housing Position Sal & Ben | (\$18,192)    |
| Cut Capital Not Financed                                  | (\$55,000)    |
| Add - Equipment Storage Shed at Cemetery                  | \$42,000      |
| Reduce CMO - Consultant Fees                              | (\$5,000)     |
| Reduce CMO - Dues & Subscriptions memberships             | (\$800)       |
| Reduce DD - flags for Walnut & Carolina                   | (\$8,000)     |
| Increase DD - missed recurring building maintenance       | \$750         |
| Total Potential Cuts                                      | (\$259,425)   |
|                                                           | 111%          |
| Additional Use of Fund Balance                            | \$ 396,259    |
|                                                           | 170%          |
| Fund Balance Reserved - Cemetery Care Reserve             | \$ 42,000     |
|                                                           | 18%           |
| Value of Penny Tax                                        | \$233,312     |
| Proposed Tax Increase (Manager's Recommended)             | \$ 0.15       |
| Reduce for Proposed Cuts                                  | \$ (0.011)    |
| Addtl Use of Fund Balance                                 | \$ (0.017)    |
| Use of Reserved Fund Balance (Cemetery)                   | \$ (0.002)    |
| Revised Proposed Tax Increase                             | \$ 0.120      |

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## Property Tax Scenarios

Annual Dollar Impact of Tax Increase Scenarios

| Source                                             | Median<br>Property Value | Property Tax<br>for Each 1 Cent<br>Increase | 1 cent<br>Increase | 10 cent<br>Increase | 11 cent<br>Increase | 12 cent<br>Increase | 13 cent<br>Increase | 14 cent<br>Increase | 15 cent<br>Increase |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| County-wide Tax Rate (Cents)                       |                          |                                             | 1.00               | 10.00               | 11.00               | 12.00               | 13.00               | 14.00               | 15.00               |
| Impact on Average Taxable Home Value               | \$ 88,000                | \$ 9                                        | \$ 9               | \$ 88               | \$ 97               | \$ 106              | \$ 114              | \$ 123              | \$ 132              |
| Impact on Median Home Value Sold<br>(Realtor.com®) | \$ 210,000               | \$ 21                                       | \$ 21              | \$ 210              | \$ 231              | \$ 252              | \$ 273              | \$ 294              | \$ 315              |
| Impact on Median Home Value Sold<br>(Zillow.com®)  | \$ 194,561               | \$ 19                                       | \$ 19              | \$ 195              | \$ 214              | \$ 233              | \$ 253              | \$ 272              | \$ 292              |
| Impact on Taxable Home Value \$100K                | \$ 100,000               | \$ 10                                       | \$ 10              | \$ 100              | \$ 110              | \$ 120              | \$ 130              | \$ 140              | \$ 150              |

Average Taxable Home Value - Tax Increase Annually, Monthly, or Daily

| 1 cent<br>increase | 10 cent<br>increase | 11 cent<br>increase | 12 cent<br>increase | 13 cent<br>increase | 14 cent<br>increase | 15 cent<br>increase |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 9               | \$ 88               | \$ 97               | \$ 106              | \$ 114              | \$ 123              | \$ 132              |
| \$ 0.73            | \$ 7.33             | \$ 8.07             | \$ 8.80             | \$ 9.53             | \$ 10.27            | \$ 11.00            |
| \$ 0.02            | \$ 0.24             | \$ 0.27             | \$ 0.29             | \$ 0.31             | \$ 0.34             | \$ 0.36             |

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## Revised Potential Utility Rate Changes FY25

### Sewer

- Sewer Capitalized (Regular)  
✓ 20% Increase
- Sewer Capitalized Industrial Bulk  
✓ 7% Increase
- All Other Rates & Classes  
✓ 5% increase in lieu of 7% increase

### Water

- All Rates & Classes  
✓ 5% increase in lieu of 7% increase

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## Goldsboro Water and Sewer Rates

- UNC Environmental Finance Center
- [NC Water and Wastewater Rates Dashboard \(unc.edu\)](https://www.unc.edu/efc/water-and-wastewater-rates-dashboard)
- Why are w/s rates proposed to increase 5% for city residents
  - 1). Inflation (CPI is 3.5%) costs for chemicals, maintenance due to age and equipment costs have doubled since Covid
  - 2). Funding is needed for large future capital projects unfunded mandates such as reduction of PFAS/PFOS
  - 3) Future Recommendations/Conservation measures

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# Next Steps June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting



Conduct the Public Hearing



Additional Council Discussion



Comments Interim City Manager

# Notes





To: Goldsboro City Council & Public

From: David L. Craig, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Re: Proposed Budget for FY2024-2025 Not Accurate and Padded

The proposed budget as put forth by the acting City Manager is not justified and is an unwarranted construction for misguided revenue creation. In going back and looking at the historical record, I conclude that neither Property Taxes nor Utility Rates ought to be raised for the following reasons:

Overall, the General Fund has been running a yearly surplus. The information contained in the first table contains revenues and expenditures from the Monthly Reports contained in Council's mid-April Agenda for years 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024. In 5 of the 6 fiscal years, the General Fund had more revenues than expenditures ¾ of the way through each of the budgeted years.

|                                                           | From mid April's Agenda Monthly<br>Reports for years 2019, 2020,<br>2022,2023, 2024 |                |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                                           | Revenues                                                                            | Expenditures   |              |
| General Fund as of March 2019<br>(FY 2018-2019)           | \$34,883,634                                                                        | \$33,574,447   | \$1,309,187  |
| General Fund Actual to Date<br>March-20 (FY 2019-2020)    | \$ 2 7,807,190                                                                      | \$ 3 1,342,349 | \$-3,535,159 |
| General Fund Actual to Date<br>February-21 (FY 2020-2021) | \$ 2 8,619,305                                                                      | \$ 2 5,388,045 | \$3,231,260  |
| General Fund Actual to Date<br>February-22 (FY 2021-2022) | \$34,040,597                                                                        | \$26,817,435   | \$7,223,162  |
| General Fund Actual to Date<br>February-23 (FY 2022-2023) | \$32,073,860                                                                        | \$29,919,697   | \$2,154,163  |
| General Fund Actual to Date<br>February-24 (FY 2023-2024) | \$33,156,656                                                                        | \$30,911,323   | \$2,245,333  |
|                                                           |                                                                                     | Surplus        | \$12,627,946 |



As of the end of this February, the City had an overall surplus of \$5,610,713 for FY 2023-2024. The only fund to have any type of deficit was the Stormwater Fund which had a deficit of \$95,820.

FINANCE  
MARCH 2024  
Prepared By: Andrea Lovelace  
Date Prepared: April 4, 2024

|                            | FY 22-23                      | Adjusted Budget | FY 23-24                      | YTD %<br>Collected |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
|                            | Actual to Date<br>February-23 |                 | Actual to Date<br>February-24 |                    |
| Revenues                   |                               |                 |                               |                    |
| General Fund               | \$ 32,008,273                 | \$ 53,110,046   | \$ 33,156,656                 | 62.43%             |
| Utility Fund               | 15,616,294                    | 26,899,901      | 15,963,139                    | 59.34%             |
| Downtown District Fund     | 96,476                        | 112,215         | 100,010                       | 89.12%             |
| Occupancy Tax Fund         | 764,430                       | 1,465,450       | 772,208                       | 52.69%             |
| Stormwater Fund            | 1,436,909                     | 2,070,655       | 1,129,988                     | 54.57%             |
| Total                      | \$ 49,922,383                 | \$ 83,658,267   | \$ 51,122,001                 | 61.11%             |
| Expenditures               |                               |                 |                               |                    |
| General Fund               | \$ 26,106,906                 | \$ 53,110,046   | \$ 30,911,323                 | 58.20%             |
| Utility Fund               | 8,790,279                     | 26,899,901      | 12,963,390                    | 48.19%             |
| Downtown District Fund     | 47,476                        | 112,215         | 45,572                        | 40.61%             |
| Occupancy Tax Fund         | 723,094                       | 1,465,450       | 365,195                       | 24.92%             |
| Stormwater Fund            | 1,305,779                     | 2,070,655       | 1,225,808                     | 59.20%             |
| Total                      | \$ 36,973,533                 | \$ 83,658,267   | \$ 45,511,288                 | 54.40%             |
| MAJOR CATEGORIES           |                               |                 |                               |                    |
|                            | FY 22-23                      | Adjusted Budget | FY 23-24                      | YTD %<br>Collected |
|                            | Actual to Date<br>February-23 |                 | Actual to Date<br>February-24 |                    |
| Revenues                   |                               |                 |                               |                    |
| Property/Occupancy Taxes   | \$ 17,728,697                 | \$ 20,647,821   | \$ 19,099,348                 | 92.50%             |
| Charges for Services       | 18,621,574                    | 30,835,722      | 20,067,233                    | 65.08%             |
| Revenue Other Agencies     | 7,696,592                     | 16,427,501      | 6,965,202                     | 42.40%             |
| Other Revenues             | 3,378,773                     | 3,931,825       | 2,222,408                     | 56.52%             |
| Fund Balance               | -                             | 8,124,985       | -                             | 0.00%              |
| Shared Services            | 2,496,747                     | 3,690,414       | 2,767,811                     | 75.00%             |
| Total                      | \$ 49,922,383                 | \$ 83,658,267   | \$ 51,122,001                 | 61.11%             |
| Expenditures               |                               |                 |                               |                    |
| Labor                      | \$ 16,039,775                 | \$ 36,957,960   | \$ 22,168,739                 | 59.98%             |
| Non-Labor                  | 20,933,759                    | 46,700,307      | 23,342,549                    | 49.98%             |
| Total                      | \$ 36,973,533                 | \$ 83,658,267   | \$ 45,511,288                 | 54.40%             |
| SELECTED OTHER INFORMATION |                               |                 |                               |                    |
|                            | FY 22-23                      | Actual          | Total                         |                    |
|                            | Actual                        | February-24     | Collected F-YTD               |                    |
| Collections                |                               |                 |                               |                    |
| Debt Setoff                | \$ 46,249                     | \$ 287          | \$ 6,075                      |                    |
| Surplus                    | \$ 81,510                     | \$ -            | \$ 305                        |                    |

This overall pattern of surpluses is also supported by the Monthly Cash and Investment Reports from the same mid-April Agendas for years 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Monthly Cash & Investment Report  
March 31, 2022

| Financial Institution                     | Current Month<br>3/31/2022 | Prior Month<br>2/28/2022 | Prior Year<br>3/31/2021 | Rate of Return |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| PNC - General Operating                   | \$ 2,814,084.27            | \$ 943,834.20            | \$ 908,487.05           | 0.00%          |
| PNC - Money Market                        | \$ 10,524,904.25           | \$ 11,524,814.04         | \$ 6,524,386.05         | 0.01%          |
| PNC - Debit Account                       | \$ 1,000.00                | \$ 1,000.00              | \$ 1,000.00             | 0.00%          |
| Southern Bank - CD                        | \$ 15,084,187.97           | \$ 15,082,112.68         | \$ 11,064,010.67        | 0.18%          |
| NCCMT - MM - 2010 Sewer Bond D#001        | \$ 249,743.78              | \$ 249,727.46            | \$ 551,472.71           | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - American Rescue Plan 2021    | \$ 4,407,321.50            | \$ 4,407,033.52          |                         |                |
| NCCMT - MM - Regular                      | \$ 4,368,633.89            | \$ 4,368,535.40          | \$ 4,376,910.94         | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - Street Bonds 2018            | \$ 48,080.48               | \$ 48,077.34             | \$ 2,058,409.26         | n/a            |
| Truist (BB&T) - Escrow                    | \$ 1,650,652.30            | \$ 1,650,638.28          |                         | 0.01%          |
| Webster (Sterling National Bank) - Escrow | \$ 1,868,212.43            | \$ 1,868,180.26          |                         | 0.02%          |
| Totals                                    | \$ 41,016,820.87           | \$ 40,143,953.18         | \$ 25,484,676.68        |                |

Monthly Cash & Investment Report  
March 31, 2023

| Financial Institution                            | Current Month<br>3/31/2023 | Prior Month<br>2/28/2023 | Prior Year<br>3/31/2022 | Rate of Return |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| PNC - General Operating                          | \$ 3,667,139.18            | \$ 2,088,147.24          | \$ 2,814,084.27         | 0.00%          |
| PNC - Money Market                               | \$ 8,538,278.51            | \$ 8,518,208.21          | \$ 10,524,904.25        | 2.81%          |
| PNC - Debit Account                              | \$ 2,000.00                | \$ 1,000.00              | \$ 1,000.00             | 0.00%          |
| Southern Bank - CD                               | \$ 622,745.38              | \$ 622,022.22            | \$ 15,084,187.97        | 1.52%          |
| NCCMT - MM - 2010 Sewer Bond D#001               | \$ 256,357.34              | \$ 255,367.57            | \$ 249,743.78           | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - American Rescue Plan 2021           | \$ 9,032,985.34            | \$ 8,998,109.96          | \$ 4,407,321.50         | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - Regular                             | \$ 4,484,333.64            | \$ 4,467,012.08          | \$ 4,368,633.89         | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - Street Bonds 2018                   |                            |                          | \$ 48,080.48            | n/a            |
| Truist MMA                                       | \$ 24,748,938.35           | \$ 24,689,438.56         |                         | 2.96%          |
| Truist (BB&T) - Escrow FY21 & FY22 Rolling Stock | \$ 414,276.71              | \$ 414,273.19            | \$ 1,650,652.30         | 0.01%          |
| Truist (BB&T) - Escrow FY23 Rolling Stock        | \$ 2,380,224.76            | \$ 2,380,204.54          |                         | 0.01%          |
| Webster (Sterling National Bank) - Escrow        | \$ 1,871,858.61            | \$ 1,871,471.84          | \$ 1,868,212.43         | 0.24%          |
| Totals                                           | \$ 56,019,137.82           | \$ 54,305,255.41         | \$ 41,016,820.87        |                |

Monthly Cash & Investment Report  
March 31, 2024

| Financial Institution                            | Current Month<br>3/31/2024 | Prior Month<br>2/29/2024 | Prior Year<br>3/31/2023 | Rate of Return |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| PNC - General Operating                          | \$ 4,239,144.27            | \$ 3,125,090.73          | \$ 3,667,139.18         | 0.00%          |
| PNC - Money Market                               | \$ 25,314,098.22           | \$ 15,761,851.52         | \$ 8,538,278.51         | 3.87%          |
| PNC - Debit Account                              | \$ 2,000.00                | \$ 2,000.00              | \$ 2,000.00             | 0.00%          |
| Southern Bank - CD                               | \$ 631,341.24              | \$ 630,610.10            | \$ 622,745.38           | 1.52%          |
| NCCMT - MM - 2010 Sewer Bond D#001               | \$ -                       | \$ -                     | \$ 256,357.34           | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - American Rescue Plan 2021           | \$ 1,358.98                | \$ 9,467,870.92          | \$ 9,032,985.34         | n/a            |
| NCCMT - MM - Regular                             | \$ 4,721,138.94            | \$ 4,700,231.83          | \$ 4,484,333.64         | n/a            |
| Truist MMA                                       | \$ 30,578,751.56           | \$ 30,494,695.92         | \$ 24,748,938.35        | 3.25%          |
| Truist (BB&T) - Escrow FY21 & FY22 Rolling Stock | \$ -                       | \$ -                     | \$ 414,276.71           | 0.01%          |
| Truist (BB&T) - Escrow FY23 Rolling Stock        | \$ 2,380,463.28            | \$ 2,380,443.12          | \$ 2,380,224.76         | 0.01%          |
| Webster (Sterling National Bank) - Escrow        | \$ 343,277.27              | \$ 343,217.34            | \$ 1,871,858.61         | 0.25%          |
| Totals                                           | \$ 68,211,573.76           | \$ 66,906,011.48         | \$ 56,019,137.82        |                |



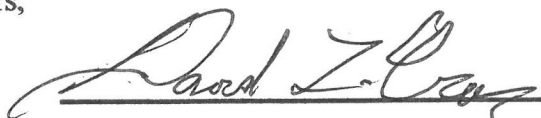
As of March 31, 2021, the City of Goldsboro had \$ 25,484,676.68 in Cash and Investments. As of March 31, 2022, this had increased to \$ 41,016,820.87 in Cash and Investments. The following year on March 31st of 2023, this amount had risen to \$ 56,019,137.82. As of March 31st, of this year, the City had \$68,211,573.76 in Cash and Investments. Remember, the LGC sent the City of Goldsboro a letter saying its Fund Balances were good.

If anything, the City of Goldsboro needs to stay with what it has currently. There should be no changes in property taxes or utility rates. Furthermore, the interim City Manager, Finance Director, or perhaps some Council Members should stop attempting to pad the budget. As all Council members can attest, in 2023, I established that the City of Goldsboro could not provide supporting evidence that certain purchase orders were ever made, although utility rates were raised, and monies budgeted to supposedly do certain things.

My overall opinion is that this proposed budget is padded in extreme. The interim city manager makes the claim that "It is the disparity in the effective and actual tax rates that has made it difficult for the City to provide and maintain services related to the General Fund. (p.36)" But, just what services it is that the City is trying to provide has not specifically been identified. If he is speaking of the issue of recruitment and retention of police officers, this is a national trend, and not specific to Goldsboro only, despite what some would have you believe.

Whereas the interim city manager on page 36 truthfully points out the distinction between assessed value and fair market value, his budget wrongly proposes the raising of property taxes by 15 cents for every 100 dollars in an effort to increase tax revenue. The problem is if property taxes are raised to this degree prior to the assessment, then there is likelihood that City residents will be wrongfully taxed, especially after Wayne County's property tax assessments are completed. Afterall, the County's new property assessments will become the basis on which the actual property tax revenues are based. And most of us right now assume that property values will increase some. The City should not increase its property tax until the County's property assessment is completed and the City is able to see how its revenues do or do not increase. Right now, the City has enough in its existent fund balances overall and ongoing surpluses to do what it needs to do.

Sincerely Yours,



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2024 North Carolina Most-Dangerous Cities Property Tax / Budget Analysis

| City             | Poverty Rate (%) | Property Tax (Per 100) | Annual Budget (MM) | Population    |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Lumberton        | 32.4             | .65                    | 91.4               | 18,841        |
| Albermarle       | 23.0             | .61                    | 81.4               | 16,432        |
| Reidsville       | 24.3             | .739                   |                    | 14,566        |
| Whiteville       | 21.8             | .51                    |                    | 14,526        |
| Henderson        | 27.2             | .49                    | 62.8               | 14,822        |
| Kinston          | 27.8             | .77                    | 120.0              | 19,900        |
| Rockingham       | 28.8             | .58                    |                    | 9,174         |
| <b>Goldsboro</b> | <b>26.1</b>      | <b>.88</b>             | <b>86.5</b>        | <b>33,657</b> |
| Gastonia         | 14.7             | .61                    | 85.8               | 82,653        |
| Laurinburg       | 33.8             | .40                    |                    | 14,971        |
| Durham           | 13.2             | .5962                  | 955.0              | 291,928       |
| Fayetteville     | 18.7             | .5395                  | 241.0              | 208,697       |
| Greensboro       | 18.1             | .6725                  | 751.0              | 301,115       |
| Charlotte        | 11.7             | .7355                  | 4170.0             | 2,267,000     |



2024 Low Property Tax / High Budget Cities Versus Goldsboro  
Analysis

| City          | Poverty Rate (%) | Property Tax (Per 100) | Annual Budget (MM) | Population |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Wilson        | 23.9             | .57                    | 266.1              | 47,350     |
| Garner        | 5.42             | .52                    | 74.5               | 35,977     |
| New Bern      | 14.37            | .39                    | 155.4              | 31,373     |
| Salisbury     | 23.3             | .6160                  | 108.7              | 35,437     |
| Clayton       | 7.8              | .58                    | 107.5              | 35,000     |
| Fuquay-Varina | 10.6             | .455                   | 57.4               | 35,428     |
| Holly Springs | 4.8              | .4226                  | 104.3              | 42,023     |
| Cary          | 5.2              | .3245                  | 113.9              | 174,880    |
| Cornelius     | 5.0              | .1731                  | 42.0               | 31,390     |
| Goldsboro     | 26.1             | .88                    | 86.5               | 36,657     |

# Handy Mart at New Hope Road

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Please join us to discuss the up coming Handy Mart location at New Hope Road and Cuyler Best Road. This project has been filed with the City of Goldsboro's Planning Department. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information please reach out to Matthew Butler, Director of Engineering and Architecture, via email at [Handymart4765@gpminvestments.com](mailto:Handymart4765@gpminvestments.com)

Where:

The Maxwell Center  
3114 Wayne Memorial Dr,  
Goldsboro, NC 7534

When:

June 5th, 2024  
Presentations will be given at  
4pm, 5pm, 6pm, & 7pm

