

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 22, 2016**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, called a Special Meeting to discuss the opportunity to apply for TIGER Grant funding in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 3:00 p.m. on April 22, 2016 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Chuck Allen, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Gene Aycock
Councilmember Antonio Williams
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Mark Stevens
Councilmember Bevan Foster
Councilmember David Ham
Jim Womble, City Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Brad Hinnant, Server Database Administrator
Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre Director
Anthony Goodson, Goldsboro Housing Authority
Warren Bishop, Citizen
Troy DeHaven, Goldsboro Housing Authority
Jim Hinnant, Citizen
David Weil, Citizen
Don Halliday, Citizen
Amy Bauer, Citizen
Jay Bauer, Citizen
Pat Lawrence, Citizen
Joe Lawrence, Citizen
Andrew Jernigan, Citizen
Kathy Cornelison, Citizen
Gretchen Reed, Citizen
Viola Ryals Figueroa, Citizen
Wendy Town, Citizen
Allison Platt, Citizen
Ernest Mansour, Citizen
Ruth Glisson, Citizen
Ethan Smith, News Argus Reporter
Casey Mazingo, Citizen
Shirley Edwards, Citizen
Lamekia Jarman, Citizen
Aaron Jarman, Jr., Citizen
Meyani Jarman, Citizen
Beatrice Cox, Citizen
Gwendolyn Stevens, Citizen

Call to Order. Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Allen provided background information regarding the TIGER Grant. He stated he believed there was some confusion regarding the contingency amount. Originally \$1.2-\$1.3 million was discussed and later staff came back with a cost projected at \$1.8 million. The \$1.8 million includes a \$500,000 contingency, without the contingency we are matching 20% and with the contingency the match is 27%.

Mr. Scott Stevens provided a handout of the TIGER VIII Project Proposal – Option 2.

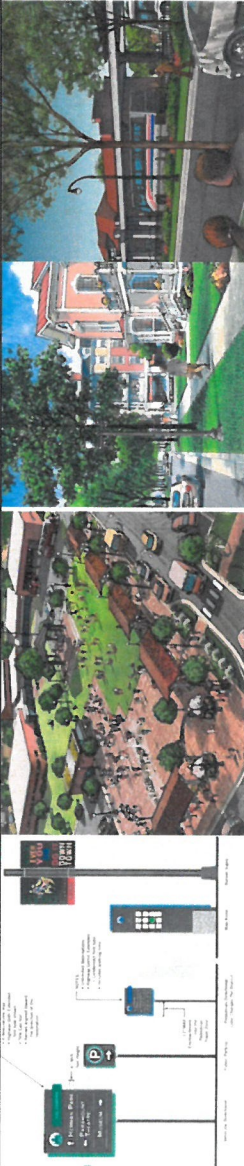
TIGER VIII Project Proposal – Option 2

	Amount	%
TIGER Grant Amount	\$5,000,000	72.9%
City Match	\$1,862,000	27.1%

Total	\$6,862,000	100%
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Projects and Source of Funds Table

Project	Cost	TIGER	%	City	%
Wayfinding Signage	\$450,000	\$360,000	80%	\$90,000	20%
Center Street Streetscape	\$3,250,000	\$2,600,000	80%	\$650,000	20%
Cornerstone Commons	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	75%	\$500,000	25%
GWTA Concourse	\$600,000	\$480,000	80%	\$120,000	20%
Contingency (8.2%)	\$562,000	\$60,000	10.70%	\$502,000	89.30%
Totals	\$6,862,000	\$5,000,000		\$1,862,000	
				-\$562,000	contingency
				\$1,300,000	



Mr. Stevens stated staff felt the cost estimates provided were good numbers meaning they are conservative numbers and we should be able to hold those projects with the design and construction within the numbers we are showing as terms of costs. The \$562,000 contingency was a strategic move to make our application more competitive.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to postpone the vote until the May 2, 2016 Council Meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams. Mayor Allen stated the grant application is due at the end of April. Councilmembers Foster and Williams voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Allen, Mayor Pro Tem Aycock, Councilmembers Broadway, Stevens and Ham voted against the motion. Motion failed with a 2:5 vote.

Councilmember Foster asked what streets will benefit if grant monies are received. Mr. Stevens replied the two southern blocks of Center Street from Elm to Pine to Spruce. It would still basically be like a two-way roadway, nothing like we have in our current downtown, you would have sidewalks and lighting that would go along those two blocks to Elm. It is the 300 and 400 blocks of Center Street. Mr. Stevens stated we do not have a detailed design but the intent would be the sidewalks look the same, you would have a wider pavement, probably be a similar elevation, but it would be a continuation of the bike path as that is part of the Mountains to the Sea Trail and it would be a sidewalk that complements the sidewalk and lighting we currently have. Mr. Stevens reviewed the proposed Cornerstone Commons concept which would basically double the size of the park, includes a splash pad, permanent shelters, a bandstand and public restrooms but this is just a conceptual rendering. In terms of the Wayfinding signage, this is throughout the MPO area, we had a planning project that has done this, there has been a lot of effort to try and put this signage throughout the community, there are some downtown, but they go out to Walnut Creek, goes down south of Goldsboro comes around and through Pikeville. Grant monies if received would fund the installation of these signs throughout the community. Mr. Stevens stated the final project would provide more coverage for passengers who ride GWTA and would provide additional protection from the weather as ridership increases.

Councilmember Williams asked how many minority jobs would be created. Mr. Stevens stated we have a city policy on minority business, federal law will require minority business, at least for contractors to bid on it and show a good faith effort if they do not meet those requirements, our requirements are 10% but women and minority owned businesses are what qualify. Mr. Stevens stated on the last TIGER project we far exceeded 10%. We cannot have a requirement that says if you have to hire this company in this town. The law does not allow us to do that. We do have the ability to require participation or a good faith effort in minority and women owned businesses. Mr. Stevens stated we did that in the last project and had a very good participation rate. He stated he cannot say there were people from Goldsboro but it meet the requirements of the law and you cannot be future restrictive to say you can only hire people from Goldsboro, the law does not allow that. Mr. Stevens stated he cannot guarantee any local jobs but a lot of the firms and contractors involved in the last TIGER projects were local firms.

Councilmember Williams stated couldn't you put it in the contract to hire local firms. Mayor Allen stated he thought it was against the law. Councilmember Williams asked how it was illegal. Mr. Womble shared you are very restricted on what you can and cannot put in there, federal law provides that. Councilmember Williams stated he would like to please see that. Mr. Stevens stated we would get that information to try and help explain that.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock stated he thinks everyone downtown thinks he is anti-downtown but he is not. He stated he wrote something he would like to read:

“As I ride the streets of Goldsboro, I have pride in our City. However, I see streets that are in such disrepair that I wonder if they can be saved by resurfacing. I see the urban blithe that is not being adequately addressed and seems to be expanding. I see police officers that protect and serve all of us and they deserve better pay. I see City workers working with old outdated equipment that should be replaced. I see all of this in every area and district in Goldsboro that is except in the downtown area. We have spent millions upon millions of federal, state and yes, local dollars to transform downtown into a true showpiece, one that all of us should be proud of. Yes there are things that we might want to do right now to make it better, however, there is no immediate need to do so. I feel that it is time for us as a Council to listen to those who elected us and work on our needs and not our wants, the wants are from a minority of a very passionate but vocal advocates of six square blocks of Goldsboro. One supporter of the TIGER grant text him and asked how he could turn down \$5 million of free money. I don't know about anybody else, but my tax dollars that I pay each year is not free money, as it is for every citizen of Goldsboro.”

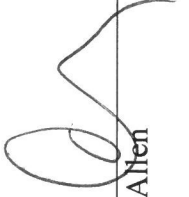
Mayor Allen stated Congressman Butterfield shared the TIGER grant may not be available in future years.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock stated it was also mentioned to him that Council had agreed to make improvements to Cornerstone Commons in future years and why not leverage that money and get an additional \$5 million. He stated he can understand that but he we would still need to come up with \$1.5 or \$1.8 million now. He stated right now he would rather see that \$1.5 or \$1.8 million spent on infrastructure.

Councilmember Stevens stated if we find a way to get this grant done and we do not get it, what happens to the money. Mayor Allen stated the \$1.3 million has never been allocated. Mr. Stevens stated we would not know until the fall if we are awarded the grant. Mr. Stevens stated it would likely be FY 17-18 before any monies would be appropriated. These are projects that would likely not happen for two years and would likely span over a course of 2-6 years if funded. Mr. Stevens stated if awarded Council would have the opportunity to accept or decline the grant monies.

Mayor Pro Tem Aycock made a motion to allow staff to apply for TIGER VIII Grant funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadway. Mayor Allen, Councilmembers Broadway, Stevens and Ham voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Aycock, Councilmembers Williams and Foster voted against the motion. Mayor Allen declared the motion passed with a 4:3 vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



Chuck Allen
Mayor



Melissa Corser, MMC
City Clerk