

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
April 21, 2014

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Large Conference Room, City Hall Addition, 200 North Center Street, at 5:30 p.m. on April 21, 2014 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Councilmember Michael Headen
Councilmember Chuck Allen
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Jeremy Smith, Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Kim Best, Public & Government Affairs Director
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Jeff Stewart, Police Chief
Betsy Rosemann, Travel & Tourism Director
Karen Brashear, Public Utilities Director
Scott Barnard, Parks & Recreation Director
Felicia Brown, Parks & Recreation
Jose Martinez, Public Works Director
Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre Director
Faye Reeves, HR Director
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Meg Gernaat, DGDC Promotions Coordinator
Marty Anderson, City Engineer
Gary Whaley, Fire Chief
Shycole Simpson-Carter, Community Development
Scott Williams, IT Director
Marty Anderson, City Engineer
Matt Caulder, Goldsboro News-Argus

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
Councilmember William Goodman
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mayor King at 5:30 p.m.

Invocation. Councilmember Headen provided the invocation.

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

Item E. 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing. Ms. Simpson-Carter stated staff allocated additional funding for demolition and clearance in the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmember Allen asked that staff check on a burned home on James Street that has no roof. Mr. Rowe stated he would ask Mr. Anderson to take a look at the home.

Additional items discussed included the following:

Privilege License Taxes. Ms. Best shared information with Council regarding potential changes to the privilege license taxes. She stated the Revenue Laws Study Committee has drafted legislation that would repeal the existing authority for cities and counties to levy a privilege license tax and replace it with authorization for cities to levy a

business tax up to \$100 on each business location within the City. Many cities would be affected by this revenue loss. It could possibly mean a tax increase for Goldsboro tax payers to make up the revenue loss. The current system is used by 300 municipalities. The Revenue Committee will meet the day before the General Assembly holds it work session which is May 14th for final votes on this draft legislation. Then moving forward the legislation would need full House and Senate approval. It would also need approval of Governor McCrory. Ms. Scott will share the exact numbers as to what this could mean to Goldsboro.

Ms. Scott stated this would affect next fiscal year, fiscal year 2015-16. She stated looking at business license renewals; we receive about \$550,000 in privilege license tax. Projected renewals with the \$100 cap would be about \$120,000. She stated Goldsboro would be looking at a \$430,000 loss in revenue so you could be looking at a 2.1 cent tax increase to make up the difference. Ms. Scott shared we currently use Schedule B to tax businesses. It charges based on the type of business. There are some businesses that are exempt from the privilege license tax. She stated there are some that are based on the gross revenue of a business.

Councilmember Allen asked who sets the privilege license tax rate. Ms. Scott replied it is set by the legislators. He asked what about internet cafes and Ms. Scott replied there are some that we can set such as the tax on internet cafes.

Councilmember Allen stated we should meet with our legislators and share how the proposed changes could affect cities.

Recreation Bond Referendum Update. Mr. Barnard stated staff continues to work feverishly to share information regarding the bond. He stated they have meet with several groups including Goldsboro’s School of Government, Young Professionals, Morning Rush, etc. He shared he and Councilmember Allen also did a radio interview. Mr. Stevens stated staff has also made presentations to the Development Alliance, County Commissioners and School Board.

Mr. Barnard stated he would be making a short presentation during the Council Meeting tonight.

Health Insurance Update. Ms. Scott stated staff met with the Benefits Committee this morning. Ms. Scott presented the following information:

Self-Insured Options

Employee Tier	\$1,300 Deductible Current (Self-Insured) Rates	\$1,300 Deductible Proposed (Self-Insured) Rates	\$2,000 Deductible Proposed (Self-Insured) Rates	\$2,600 Deductible Proposed (Self-Insured) Rates
Single	\$ 617	\$ 736	\$ 681	\$ 647
Employee/Spouse	\$ 1,153	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,272	\$ 1,209
Employee/Child	\$ 860	\$ 1,026	\$ 949	\$ 902
Family	\$ 1,433	\$ 1,709	\$ 1,581	\$ 1,503
Total Annual Funding w/o Run-Out Claims	\$ 3,781,932	\$ 4,511,226	\$ 4,173,672	\$ 3,966,244
% Increase over Current		19%	10%	5%

Fully-Insured Options

Employee Tier	\$1,300 Deductible Current (Self-Insured) Rates	\$1,300 Deductible Proposed (Fully-Insured) Rates	\$2,600 Deductible Proposed (Fully-Insured) Rates	Shared Returns - Minimum Premiums (SRMP) - CIGNA	
				\$1,300 Deductible Proposed (Fully-Insured) Rates	\$2,600 Deductible Proposed (Fully-Insured) Rates
Single	\$ 617	\$ 723	\$ 658	\$ 694	\$ 628
Employee/Spouse	\$ 1,153	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,236	\$ 1,098
Employee/Child	\$ 860	\$ 1,193	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,013
Family	\$ 1,433	\$ 1,767	\$ 1,572	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,483
Total Annual Funding w/o Run-Out Claims	\$ 3,781,932	\$ 4,612,411	\$ 4,175,131	\$ 4,418,255	\$ 3,975,959
% Increase over Current		21%	10%	16%	5%

Plan Design (HSA/HRA)
80/20% CIGNA Provider Network
HSA (\$1,000 Funding)
HRA (\$600 Credit)

Monthly Rate Comparisons

	Current \$1300 Deductible	Shared Return \$1300	% Increase	Shared Return \$2600	% Increase
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	(subsidized dep. rates)	Deductible		Deductibles	
Employee	\$617	\$694	12.5%	\$628	2%
Spouse	\$536	\$610	13.8%	\$538	0.4%
Children	\$243	\$511	110.3%	\$452	86%
Family	\$816	\$1054	29.2%	\$922	13%

FY 13-14 Subsidy

	Number of Employees	Monthly Subsidy	Annual Subsidy
Spouse	23	166/pm	45,816
Children	91	166/pm	126,672
Family	14	311/pm	55,608
		Total Subsidy	228,096

Benefits Committee Recommendations

1. Should we stay Self-Insured or move to Fully-Insured? (Fully-Insured)
2. Should the City stay with CIGNA (regardless if self-insured or fully-insured)? (CIGNA)
3. Should the City offer Spouse Coverage? (Yes)
4. Should the City offer Retiree Coverage? (Yes)
5. Amount to charge employees for individual coverage (offset with corresponding pay raise) (\$50/month)
6. Which of the following behaviors to charge and amount to charge?
 - a. Health Risk Assessment/Biometrics (\$25/month)
 - b. Participant Diabetes Management (\$25/month)
 - c. Primary Physician (Wait)
 - d. Tobacco User (Wait)
7. Which deductible should the City use either \$1,300 or \$2,600?

Councilmember Aycock asked if there was a possibility of offering the standard \$2600 deductible with an option to buy up to the \$1300 deductible. Mr. Stevens stated he is sure we could and would talk to CIGNA.

Councilmember Aycock stated he would like to get more information on the shared plan.

Mr. Stevens stated he would recommend the behavioral charges to begin in October to allow employees sometime.

Council discussed the recommended changes. Council agreed they would like to see all 4 suggested behaviors be charged something.

School of Government Update. Ms. Wright-Lanier shared staff received 39 applications for the first class. She stated they started out with 27 participants. Ms. Wright-Lanier thanked Ms. Ward for all her hard work and also thanked departments for their help.

Ms. Ward stated they have a group of 27 and they have participated in 6 sessions thus far. She stated the last session will be held at Public Works tomorrow night. She stated the class will graduate at the Council Meeting on May 5th. Ms. Ward stated for future classes they would like to move the classes up to April to provide more daylight hours for tours. She stated they will hold Police and Fire for the grand finale so to speak. Staff has already received a number of calls wondering when the next session will begin. She stated staff will begin accepting applications for the next session in January.

Mayor King stated he was really impressed with the group and they seemed excited about learning.

Councilmember Allen stated he was inspired to see 27 people who cared about learning more about City government. He stated they asked really good questions.

Councilmember Aycock stated some participants have shared with him they were amazed by how much they were learning. He stated he would like to see it expanded to boy scouts and girl scouts.

Mr. Stevens thanked the department heads for their assistance with the program.

Ms. Wright-Lanier thanked Council for their support.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in regular session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2014 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Councilmember Michael Headen
Councilmember Chuck Allen
Councilmember Gene Aycock

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
Councilmember William Goodman
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor King.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Headen.

Approval of Minutes. Approved. Upon motion of Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council approved the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2014 as submitted.

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

Yvonne Stanley, 916 Bryan Boulevard, Goldsboro stated she had been before to Council and she still has the same problem; Busco Beach. She stated Busco Beach is not following the orders that were set in the Minutes of October 7, 2013. She stated they are not supposed to be letting the four wheelers run after 11:00 pm at night or before 8:00 am in the morning. They have not stopped and followed those orders. We need to get them to follow the rules and regulations. Ms. Stanley stated she would like to be able to sleep. She stated they also ride the four wheelers down the road. She stated she can verify this information; she is very good at taking pictures. She stated as she understood, they were not supposed to ride on FEMA property.

Mayor King asked if she had seen any improvement since they last talked and Ms. Stanley stated honestly she had not. She shared she was down at the beach, Thursday was a week ago, she saw lights and she was told by Mr. Lane, the night manager, stated they were campers. She stated she stood there and the lights started moving backwards and forwards. Ms. Stanley stated when she called the Sheriff and they came out there, beforehand, they were running up and down in front of her house. She stated the four wheelers got in a field and turned their lights off, moments later a sheriff's car came by. She stated after the sheriff's car went back out, suddenly the lights come on again and away they went. Ms. Stanley stated someone needs to come out there and see what is going on.

Councilmember Aycock asked what responsibilities were the City's and which the County's were. Mr. Stevens stated unfortunately the enforcement of this is outside of our boundaries. In terms of running late at night, that would be the Sheriff's. Mr. Stevens

stated the zoning of it and revoking what has been previously approved, is Council. We could severe the lease.

Ms. Stanley stated according to the Stanford Act, the leased property from FEMA can only be used by a not for profit organization.

Mr. Stevens stated he knows we had FEMA folks here last fall, and from what he remembers in their opinion what was going on there was ok.

Councilmember Aycock asked Ms. Stanley what her contact with the new County Sheriff has been like. Ms. Stanley stated she had not contacted him.

Proclamation – National Day of Prayer. Mayor King proclaimed Thursday, May 1, 2014 as “A Day of Prayer” in observance of the National Day of Prayer in the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and commended this observance to our citizens.

Mayor King presented a framed copy of the Proclamation to Ms. Linda Meyer. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

Proclamation – Relay for Life Month. Mayor King proclaimed the month of May as “Relay for Life Month” in the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina and urged all citizens to show their support for the American Cancer Society annual Relay for Life, to be held May 16-14, 2014 by wearing their Relay for Life T-shirts to work on Friday, May 2nd and by displaying their purple ribbons in support of “Show Your Purple Week” the entire week prior to the Relay event.

Mayor King presented a framed copy of the Proclamation to Ms. Brenda Robinson. Ms. Robinson thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support for Relay for Life.

Recreation Bond Referendum. Mr. Scott Barnard presented the following information:

- Bond Referendum, May 6, 2014 - \$18.9 million dollars for park construction and renovation.
- 4 Projects Included:
 - Reconstruction of WA Foster Recreation Center \$4-6 Million Dollars
 - Construction of a Multi-Sports Complex-Soccer ~\$6 Million Dollars
 - New Greenways connecting citizens with parks, schools and businesses ~\$.8 Million Dollars
 - Renovations of Herman Park and the Herman Park Center ~\$6 Million Dollars
 - Administrative/Legal Fees ~\$100,000
 - Total \$18.9 Million Dollars
- How are we going to pay for it?
 - WA Foster: ~3.5 million: General Fund(Bond)
~2.5 million: Community Development
 - Sports Complex: ~6 million Occupancy Fund aka Hotel/Motel Tax
 - Herman Park and Center: ~6 million General Fund(Bond)
 - Greenways: ~.8 million General Fund (Bond)
- Why not use sales tax?
 - It has not been a method used in NC to pay for local parks recreation because it requires special legislation from the State to pass in both chambers.
- Why not increase the tax for the entire county not just city residents?
 - As the City of Goldsboro, we do not have the authority to tax non-city residents.
- How much will this cost?
 - The property tax would be increased by a maximum of 2.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The cost on to a homeowner with a home valued \$125,000 would be a maximum of \$2.50 per month. (Average home value in Goldsboro is \$119,000)

2014-2015 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing. Public Hearing Held. To allow the citizens of the City of Goldsboro the opportunity to discuss and express their concerns regarding housing and non-housing needs that exist in the Goldsboro community as they relate to the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs.

The Annual Action Plan is a strategic document used by the City to provide detail information of proposed activities and/or projects that will maximize the benefit of CDBG and HOME funds to low-to-moderate income persons and families within the City's limits. On July 1, 2014, the City anticipates receiving from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) \$325,648 in CDBG funds and \$159,653 in HOME funds for fiscal year 2014-2015.

In order for the City of Goldsboro, as a Grantee, to receive its annual Entitlement Allocation of CDBG and HOME funds, the City must provide opportunities for citizen input as set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan. Comments received at this public hearing will be incorporated as part of the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan. In addition, the City must meet the following citizen participation requirements:

1. Furnish citizens with information concerning CDBG and HOME funds;
2. Hold at least two (2) public hearings and/or meetings to obtain views on housing and community development needs;
3. Publish a statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds and allow comment on same;

All meetings were held in the City of Goldsboro as follows:

October 30, 2013	11:00 a.m.	Herman Park Center
April 7, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Herman Park Center
April 14, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Herman Park Center

The primary objective of the Community Development Program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income.

A draft of the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan was made available for public viewing and comment from March 21, 2014 through April 21, 2014.

The draft sets forth the proposed use of the 2014-2015 CDBG and HOME allocation of funds for the following Community Development activities as follows:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	
	<u>CDBG</u>	<u>HOME</u>
1. Rehabilitation of Substandard Housing	\$ 25,537	
2. Hazardous Material (Testing, Abatement, and Monitoring)	\$ 4,000	
3. Homebuyer Assistance		\$109,145
4. Public Facilities & Improvements	\$150,000	
5. Public Services	\$ 46,901	
6. Acquisition, Demolition, and Clearance	\$ 31,080	
7. CHDO Activity		\$ 34,543
8. Transitional Housing	\$ 3,000	
9. Temporary Relocation	\$ 0	
10. Program Administration	\$ 65,130	\$ 15,965
<u>TOTALS</u>	\$325,648	\$159,653

The 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan will include the application for federal assistance, CDBG Grantee Certifications, documentation of public participation process, and coordination efforts with local agencies, groups, and organizations. In addition, the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan will include the proposed use of funds remaining from prior year's allocations, estimated program income, and estimated program match funds, as required by HUD.

Notices of Public Meetings and/or Public Hearings were advertised in the Goldsboro News Argus on Monday, October 14, 2013; Thursday, March 6, 2014; Thursday, March 20, 2014; Wednesday, March 26, 2014; and Thursday, April 3, 2014.

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

Upon motion of Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council:

1. Authorized the staff to incorporate any needs or comments expressed at the public hearing, public meeting and/or any received from the review of the draft into the City's CDBG and HOME grant application; and
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign the Certifications indicating that the CDBG and HOME application for funds complies with the provision of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with any other applicable laws; and
3. Authorized the staff to submit the necessary application forms for CDBG and HOME funds.

Contiguous Annexation Request – WTKL, LLC – Southside of US Highway 70 East between NC 111 South and Woodpeck Road (6.13 Acres). Public Hearing Held. Ordinance Adopted. The City Council, at their meeting on April 7, 2014, 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.

Pursuant to G. S. 160A-31, 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-31, it has the authority to adopt an annexation ordinance.

The report prepared by the Department of Planning, in conjunction with other departments, concerning provision of services to the area.

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

Upon motion of Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Ordinance annexing the WTKL, LLC Property effective April 30, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 - 22 "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA"

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Scott A. Stevens, presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and a roll call vote. If a Councilmember so requested, any item(s) could be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and considered separately. In that event, the remaining item(s) on the Consent Agenda would be acted on with one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Allen moved the item on the Consent Agenda, Item G be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Headen and a

roll call vote resulted in all members voting in the affirmative. Mayor King declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for the month of March, 2014 were submitted for the Council's approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (4 Ayes – Broadaway, Goodman and Williams Absent)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Stevens stated we did have a volunteer employee trash pickup day last Thursday that we did on a very short notice. He stated he appreciated Jose and the Public Works staff pulling that together. He stated there is still plenty left to be done but feels we made a real difference in the areas we covered. Mr. Stevens thanked the employees who participated and stated he appreciated their efforts.

City Attorney's Report and Recommendations. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Office Richard B. Nash, Jr. as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More than 15 Years.

Resolution Adopted. Officer Richard B. Nash, Jr. retires on April 29, 2014 as a Police Officer in the Goldsboro Police Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 15 years of service. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro expressed to Richard B. Nash, Jr. their deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro. They offered Richard their very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY RICHARD B.NASH, JR. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS"

Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Veloris A. Allen as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 19 Years. Resolution Adopted. Veloris Allen retires on May 1, 2014 as a Human Resources Representative in the Human Resources Department of the City of Goldsboro with more than 19 years of service. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro expressed to Veloris Allen their deep appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service rendered during his tenure with the City of Goldsboro. They offered Veloris their very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity and good health in his future endeavors.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-31 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY VELORIA ALLEN AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 19 YEARS"

Proclamation – Coats and Ties Off. Mayor King proclaimed reason above custom and urged all citizens to doff their coats and ties for the duration of the summer effective May 1, 2014 until September 30, 2014.

Proclamation – Goldsboro Wayne County Tourism Week. Mayor King proclaimed the week of May 3-11, 2014 as "Goldsboro Wayne County Tourism Week" in Goldsboro, North Carolina in recognition of the unique significance of the travel and tourism industry in the lives of citizens of Goldsboro, Wayne County and called upon the people of Goldsboro, Wayne County to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mayor King stated \$144 million is a lot of money and he is sure there are a lot of people who do not realize how much money we get in tourism. He stated the Bond Referendum which was just discussed has the potential to double this in a short period of time. All the things in the referendum will help increase the livability of the community and encourage visitors to come to Goldsboro. That is what it is all about, it is vitally needed for our young people, we need a gym, we need athletic fields, we need walkways, WA Foster has served its purpose, Herman Park Center itself, needs upgrading, all of this can be done with the bond.

Councilmember Allen stated he would like to encourage people to vote for the bond referendum. He stated he ran for Council because we were not doing some things as the City that he felt we should be doing. He thinks it is important; it's about quality of life, when you look around us, we don't have a gym of decent caliber, we don't have great sports fields, and other surrounding communities have one or the other. He stated he hears everyday someone is leaving to play basketball or soccer out of town. This is an opportunity to move our City and County forward. He stated basically how this came up; when Parks & Recreation did their Master Plan they came up with 25 years' worth of needs, but the problem is we need them today. Scott mentioned the sports field, they will be on Oak Forest Road, as far as we know; it is a partnership with the Base, one of the first partnerships of its kind with the Air Force called the P4 Initiative, if it works out, it will be a huge tie in to the Base. We work every day to support the Base, just as they do for us. He shared he gets asked all the time, will you have to go through security and he stated no, it will be located outside of the gate on Oak Forest Road. Basically when this came up, Council stated let's put this out to the residents. You do have to be a City resident and a registered voter. He stated he has heard a lot of people say they feel like to County should participate and that is not ours to decide. He stated he can tell you the commissioners will say they do libraries, they do schools, they do all these other things so we do not want that to get in the way. Councilmember Allen stated he cannot tell you how big this is for our quality of life, for our kids, for our seniors, it basically moves us forward 25 years. Councilmember Allen stated he would just encourage everyone to go and vote. This will pass or fail by just a few votes.

Councilmember Allen also recognized a good friend and former commissioner. He asked Hayes Gerrard, Miller Gerrard, Cam Gerrard and Ken Gerrard to please stand.

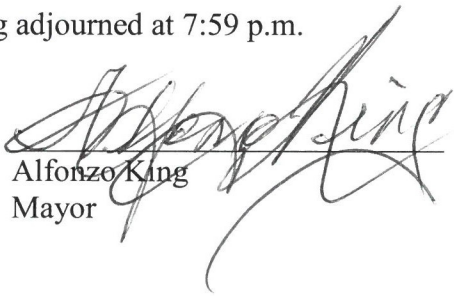
Mayor King stated we have a lot of young men and women who are athletes in the City of Goldsboro. We have some of the best basketball players in the State. We are losing the best to Fayetteville and Raleigh. He asked do you know why we are losing them to Fayetteville and Raleigh. Fayetteville and Raleigh have gyms; they have money where they can buy sneakers, bags and uniforms for their players. We do not have a regulation gym for our young men and women. Some say the schools have gyms, and they should be able to use them but they can't afford to pay the school to pay the janitors or for lights. Mayor King shared we have some dedicated coaches who are taking these kids out of town and spending their own money and they are winning trophies. We do not have a gym for them to practice. He stated for him this is unacceptable and we have to fix this.

Councilmember Headen stated he would like to echo what Mayor King and Councilmember Allen have said. He stated in his profession, he goes around and works with families and troubled adolescents. He stated the one thing he hears from parents and most recently from judges is why don't we have more for our young men and women, more activities they can be involved in. This bond gives us that wonderful opportunity to fulfill the pledge and the hope that we have. He stated this is not for him, but he will enjoy watching other young people enjoy what we have set aside for them. Councilmember Headen asked that the citizens think long and hard, not about what it will do for you personally but what it means for the future of our children.

Councilmember Headen shared he had the opportunity to speak to Gary Bartlett's Boy Scout Troop and they were a very enthusiastic group and very interested in the bond. He stated one thing they were excited about was Lacrosse as he told them that would be a part of the Sports Complex. He stated he thinks what got the most response was

streetscape and Union Station, the idea that there is that possibility of passenger rail. He stated he enjoyed it and he also learned a lot.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


Alfonzo King
Mayor


Melissa Corser, CMC
City Clerk