

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD
APRIL 19, 2021

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in a Work Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem David Ham, Presiding
Councilmember Hiawatha Jones
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Tim Salmon, City Manager
Melissa Capps, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Chuck Allen

Call to Order. Mayor Pro Tem Ham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council adopted the agenda.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Polack and unanimously carried, Council convened into Closed Session to discuss economic development, potential litigation and personnel matters.

Council came out of Closed Session.

NC Freedom Fest. Mr. Doug McGrath provided the following information:

Military (& 1stResponders) Appreciation Festival

- Military (& 1stResponders) Appreciation Festival for the City of Goldsboro
- Brings the base and community together in a family-friendly setting downtown Goldsboro
 - One community...
- With strategic partnerships with the Goldsboro Elks, DGDC, SJAFB, Parks & Rec, Travel & Tourism, Downtown Merchants Association, the Arts Council and the Military Affairs Committee

Current Sponsors...

- Georgia-Pacific
- Jernigan Furniture
- Seymour Johnson AFB Military Affairs Committee
- Goldsboro Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics
- Bekins
- Wayne UNC Health Care
- Curtis Media Group
- Coastal Beverage Co.
- Zaxby's
- Hampton Inn
- Mt. Olive Pickle
- Elks USA
- Goldsboro
- The Buzz
- Atlantic Casualty
- Downtown Goldsboro Development Corp

Concept

- Week long series of events
- Sept 15 -18, culminating in main event on Saturday, **Sept 18, 2021** (Birthday of the USAF)
 - Family friendly
 - Free admission
 - Regional draw
 - Led by a new non-profit with support from community partners
 - Finance –Event costs covered with a sponsorship campaign

Event elements

- Sat, 8/14 –Kick-off party
- Thurs, 8/26 History Night @ the Museum
- Weds, 9/15 Golf Tournament during the day
- Movie night at the Paramount Theatre -evening
- Thurs, 9/16 Light programming to drive traffic to downtown Merchants
- Fri, 9/17 Grub @ the Hub (similar to Center Street Jam)
- Sat, 9/18 (Main Event)
 - 5k fun run
 - Bike & Car Show
 - Craft Vendors
 - Kids Activities
 - Static Displays
 - Corn Hole Tournament
 - Chicken Wing Cook-off
 - Military Appreciation Awards
 - **Live Music**

Live Music

- Friday, 9/17 –
 - Soul Psychedelic
- Sat, 9/18 (Main Event)
 - Tyler Davis
 - Drummer's World
 - Sayer McShane
 - Brooke McBride

Site...

- Center Street
- Main events
 - The Hub
 - The empty lot @ 207 S. Center Street
 - Main stage provided by SJAFB
 - Kids zone –Southwest corner of empty lot
- Will request street closures at a later date

Issues

- The Kids zone is an essential element
- This was a recommendation from SJAFB based upon their history of events
- The cost is significant & with the following event enhancements we can cover the cost
- A dedicated sponsor (GPDO) has been added with funding which covers part of our cost
- We add days for the Carnival Rides (fee based to the public)
- **Requesting Council approval to open Thursday & Friday hours which conflicts with 50 year old statute.**
- Saturday will be free to the public from 4 –7 & fee based from 7 until close

Summary

- Military (& 1st Responders) Appreciation festival hosted by NC Freedom Fest, Inc (a 501-c) with approval from the City of Goldsboro with strategic partners
- Brings the base & community together in a family-friendly setting downtown Goldsboro
- Coordinated series of events from Sept 15 - 18 (Birthday of the USAF)
- Eliminates the redundancy / overlap from prior year events
- Funded thru a sponsorship campaign and strategic partnerships

- Need Council approval to add two fee based days for Kids zone

Mr. Salmon shared information regarding the City's Code of Ordinances Chapter 111 which addresses Amusements to include Carnivals. This Chapter of the code was adopted on March 15, 1971 and currently prohibits the holding of a carnival in the city limits.

Council discussed the code. Council is generally in support of carnivals in the city, come to city manager for approval and do not have to be a city sponsored event.

Councilmember Matthews asked about the fee and what it might be. Mr. McGrath shared information regarding the proposed fee for rides. Mr. Salmon shared those rides would be free on Saturday.

Public Comment Period Discussion. Council discussed the current public comment period policy. Councilmember Jones shared concerns regarding the current policy which included #5, #4 and #7. Council's discussion included decorum, conduct and the term reasonable.

Councilmember Polack made a motion that we reconvene back to our twice a month meeting at 30 minute time period with 3 minutes per 10 people. Also recommended provision with decorum in relation # 5 on Ms. Jones decorum concern. Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion.

Councilmember Polack retracted the motion to say we allow 30 minutes with the necessary correction. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Ham asked for a reinstated motion.

Councilmember Polack made a motion that we reconvene back to our 30 minutes time frame, twice a month meetings, each person having 3 minutes talking maximum. Councilmember Aycock seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Jones, Polack and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Broadway and Matthews voted against the motion. The motion carried 4-2.

CU-3-21 New Hope Place Apartments (Multi-Family Dwellings) – North side of Cuyler Best Road between Oxford Boulevard and Glenda's Point. Attorney Lawrence shared at the last meeting there was a motion to deny the conditional use permit, however, no criteria was listed. Attorney Lawrence reviewed Section 2.2.8 and Section 2.2.12(2) of the Goldsboro Unified Development Ordinance which stated "shall propose specific findings, based upon the evidence submitted, justifying such a conclusion." There was not sufficient information to draft an order denying the conditional use permit so we had to put it back on the agenda to bring back before you, so that you could go through the necessary steps to back the determination if you can deny it, then you have to base it on the criteria in the ordinance.

City Council may deny the permit if it concludes, based upon information submitted at the public hearing that if completed as proposed the development:

1. Will materially endanger the public health or welfare; or
2. Will substantially injure the beneficial use of adjoining or abutting property; or
3. Will not be in harmony with existing development and uses within the area in which it is located; or
4. Will not be in general conformity with the Comprehensive Plan, Thoroughfare Plan or other plan officially adopted by the Council.

Council discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of an 80-unit apartment complex located in the R-9 (Residential) zoning district. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadway. Councilmember Matthews stated Ron, so there is really no choice, I understand why we made the decision we made but because we cannot substantiate. Attorney Lawrence stated that is correct. Additional discussion included Tiffany Gardens project and Attorney Lawrence shared that was a rezoning request. Mayor Pro Tem Ham called for a vote. Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Jones, Polack and Aycock voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Matthews and Aycock voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:2.

Consent Agenda Review. Each item was reviewed.

Upon motion of Councilmember Polack, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously carried, Council recessed at 6:54 p.m. until the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

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 April 19, 2021 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem David Ham, Presiding
Councilmember Hiawatha Jones
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Taj Polack
Councilmember Brandi Matthews
Councilmember Gene Aycock

Absent: Mayor Chuck Allen

Mayor Pro Tem Ham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Archbishop Anthony Slater with Tehillah Church Ministries provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Jones and unanimously carried, Council approved the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 1, 2021.

Mr. Durwood Stevenson, Executive Director, US 70 Corridor Commission presented the following Resolution.

I-42 Naming Dedication Resolution. Resolution Adopted. Transportation facilities in Eastern North Carolina are essential to the expedient movement of goods, services and residents of the Great State of North Carolina. The City of Goldsboro has served as the Lead Planning Agency for transportation in the Goldsboro Urban Area which encompasses a majority of Wayne County. The City of Goldsboro and Wayne County have successfully partnered in their efforts to influence the allocation of funds for the location of superior transportation facilities which would enhance the attractiveness of the area to new business and industry. Chuck Allen, a local business owner in Goldsboro, who served the public in the capacities as a City of Goldsboro Councilmember and Mayor, was instrumental in supporting and promoting the planning and construction of a future interstate highway which would connect I-40 to Morehead City through Wayne County. As a public servant, Chuck served his constituents well by recognizing that transportation is the key to North Carolina's economic growth and recruitment of jobs. Chuck Allen, has been involved in the promotion, design and planning of the Goldsboro Bypass, or future I-42 corridor within Wayne County through service on various committees including his role as Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee and a founding member of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission. Chuck put forth his dedication to making the Goldsboro Bypass, or future I-42 corridor project a reality through his extensive service to his fellow citizens. On May 27, 2016 Governor Pat McCrory and the North Carolina Department of Transportation joined state and local officials and members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission to open the completed Goldsboro Bypass, or future I-42. It would be most fitting for the State of North Carolina and the City of Goldsboro to recognize him in a permanent, public manner. The Council hereby recommends honoring Chuck Allen by requesting that the North Carolina Department of Transportation dedicate and name a portion of the future I-42 corridor in Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina, extending from US 13 approximately 5 miles to the vicinity of SR 1719 North Beston Road in honor of Mr. Chuck Allen.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Broadaway and unanimously carried, Council approved the following entitled Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2021-27 “RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO REQUESTING THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEDICATE AND NAME A WAYNE COUNTY PORTION OF FUTURE I-42 IN GOLDSBORO, WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF CHUCK ALLEN”

Mayor Allen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Special Presentation – Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Since 1963, North Carolina’s governors have reserved their highest honor, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award, for persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments. Persons named to The Order become North Carolina “Ambassadors” with their names and award dates recorded on a Roster maintained by The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society.

Mr. Phil Baddour provided comments and presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Mayor Chuck Allen.

A video of Governor Roy Cooper congratulating Mayor Allen on receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine was played.

Representative John R. Bell, IV provided comments and presented Mayor Allen with a Certificate and a framed NC Flag.

Upon motion of Councilmember Broadaway, seconded by Councilmember Aycock and unanimously approved, Mayor Allen was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Allen left at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham read the following:

Marty Tschetter Day Proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Ham proclaimed April 20, 2021 as “Marty Tschetter Day” in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Councilmember Jones read the following Proclamation.

National Service Recognition Day Proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Ham proclaimed April 6, 2021, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Employee Performance Awards. Employee of the Quarter. Rodney Exum sets the example for others to follow. He assisted the "Meals on Wheels" cause and donated his time to deliver meals to residents of the City of Goldsboro. Rodney assisted with an emergency bypass line installation. His efforts averted sewage from entering the Neuse River and saved the City approximately \$25,000 per day in environmental fines. He used cameras to examine a total of 1,325 feet of building sewers. He also identified the cause of and resolved sewer stoppage issues to five customers’ homes. Rodney has worked diligently to receive Water Distribution & Sewer Pipeline Assessment certifications. He has significantly increased his job proficiency in the Distribution & Collections section. Rodney's selflessness and attention to detail are excellent examples for his peers to follow. He is a proven performer with a bright future ahead of him. Rodney Exum’s accomplishments reflect well on himself and the City of Goldsboro.

Supervisor of the Quarter. Brad goes above and beyond the call of duty every day. Having to adjust to a new way of life and operational procedures for the City due to COVID-19, Brad responded in a highly efficient, exceptionally timely, and utmost professional manner. Through every virtual meeting, adopting new ways of utilizing technology, Brad enabled the City Council, citizen boards, and employees to accomplish their mission with the transparency expected from local government. Brad has looked for quick solutions that are cost effective and able to be implemented on short notice, with minimal impact on the end users. He has been involved in all aspects of setup and operating the technology behind the scenes. Since October 1, 2020, IT staff have setup 264 virtual meetings, which includes Council and board meetings that

are streamed live and staff meetings. Brad has worked extensive hours to ensure these meetings are supported by IT staff, has always proven to be adaptable and has maintained a positive attitude through it all. Brad Hinnant's accomplishments reflect well on himself and the City of Goldsboro.

Consent Agenda - Approved as Recommended. City Manager, Timothy Salmon, 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 Aycock moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items G, H, I, J, K, L and M be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broadaway. A roll call vote resulted In Mayor Pro Tem Ham, Councilmembers Jones, Broadaway, Polack and Aycock voting in favor of the motion. Councilmember Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:1. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Authorizing Finance Director to Purchase from the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative. Resolution Adopted. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and several state school boards associations to streamline the buying process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities.

Developed to comply with state laws that require governmental entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive procurement process. General Statute 143-129 establishes the State bidding requirements and within this statute, section (e) provides exceptions to these requirements. Paragraph (3) of the exceptions allows purchases made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing services at discount prices to two or more public agencies.

The cooperative requires that each Cooperative Member's participation is duly authorized by its governing body. A copy of the interlocal participation agreement and the bylaws were provided for reference.

The City is implementing a preventative maintenance program that will extend the life of water valves and fire hydrants by "exercising" them on a regular schedule. The valve truck is being purchased through the Distribution and Collections division of Public Works and was funded in the fiscal year 2021 budget for a cost of \$147,500. The equipment that is required to perform this program is called a Vactruck, and is offered on an existing competitive bid award with BuyBoard.

It is recommended the following entitled resolution authorizing the Finance Director to enter into the interlocal participation agreement with BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative be approved. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-28 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUYBOARD NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE"

Resolution – Intent to Standardize Christmas Wreath Decorations. Resolution Adopted. The City of Goldsboro currently owns forty-four, 4.5 foot wreaths made by Mosca Design, catalog number BC-362 for decorating City streets during the holidays. The City wishes to increase the number of wreaths and to maintain uniformity of the decorations. However, size, design, and mounting hardware varies greatly between manufacturers.

General Statute 143-129 establishes the State bidding requirements for purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment. Subsection (e)(6)(iii) grants the city authority to exempt purchases from the bidding requirements when standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.

The Council may standardize the current design and re-evaluate if the design is discontinued, and additionally at 5 year intervals.

It is recommended the Council authorize the standardization of the wreaths to the Mosca Design catalog number BC-362 4.5 foot in order to maintain uniformity of decorations along the City streets and adopt the following entitled Resolution. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29 “RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO STANDARDIZE CHRISTMAS WREATH DECORATIONS”

Resolution - Approval or Rejection Authority for Purchase Contracts. Resolution Adopted. General Statute 143-129 establishes the State bidding requirements for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment, and subsection (a) paragraph 2 provides that the governing body may, subject to any dollar restriction, or other condition the body elects to impose, the ability to delegate to the city manager or manager’s designee authority to award purchase contracts, reject bids, or re-advertise to receive bids on behalf of the City.

The budgeting process of the city, with Council’s approval allocates funds for the purchase of certain apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment. The State purchasing laws require the council to approve the procedures for letting of purchase contracts when the expenditure exceeds \$90,000.

By granting the city manager authority to award or reject bids in the purchase contract “formal range,” it would expedite the procurement of goods and equipment for departments, and assist with their daily responsibilities.

It is recommended the Council grant the city manager or the manager’s designee authority to award purchase contracts, reject bids, or re-advertise to receive bids on behalf of the City and adopt the following entitled Resolution. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30 “A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER OR MANAGER’S DESIGNEE APPROVAL AND REJECTION AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASE CONTRACTS”

Marker or Memorial Policy for Goldsboro Parks and Recreation. Resolution Adopted. The current policy requires nominees for markers to have been at least 70 years old and a resident of the City of Goldsboro a minimum of 30 years. The current policy does not have a residency or time requirement for memorials.

Staff recommends updating the policy by removing the age requirement and the living memorial option. In addition, staff recommends all nominees be a resident of the City of Goldsboro at some point in their life (see attached policy).

It is recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution amending the policy governing the acceptance and placement of markers and memorials within City parks and play areas. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31 “A RESOLUTION AMENDING A POLICY GOVERNING THE ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT OF MARKERS AND MEMORIALS WITHIN CITY PARKS AND PLAY AREAS”

Commission on Community Relations and Development Appointment. Resolutions Adopted. Ms. Hiawatha Jones was appointed to the Commission on Community Relations and Development on December 17, 2018 with her term to expire on December 31, 2021. Ms. Jones was appointed to the District 1 Council seat on February 24, 2021 and therefore her position on the Commission on Community Relations and Development is now vacant.

Mr. Ahmad Pittman has submitted an application to serve on the Commission on Community Relations and Development. At the Council Work Session on March 15, 2021 Council discussed the vacancy and selected Ahmad Pittman to fill the vacancy.

Staff recommends Council adopt the following entitled Resolutions:

1. Appointing Mr. Ahmad Pittman to the Commission on Community Relations and Development.
2. Commending Ms. Hiawatha Jones who has served on the Commission on Community Relations and Development. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32 “ RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO AN ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION”

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33 “RESOLUTION COMMENDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED ON THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION”

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Wayne. Resolution Adopted.

The City of Goldsboro and the County of Wayne entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in October 8, 2019, for the County to market 2.5 acres for the development of a hotel to compliment events at the Maxwell Center. On March 1, 2021, the City of Goldsboro and the County of Wayne amended the Memorandum of Understanding with the following changes:

1. The County will be solely responsible for marketing 2.65 acres for future hotel development of the property.
2. The County may only market the 2.65 acres for hotel development and may offer the property for sale at no cost to potential developers.
3. The County will continue to oversee hotel marketing for three years from the date of execution of the original Agreement. If the County is unable to secure a developer after such three-year period, the City shall resume marketing responsibilities of the 2.65 acres.
4. The City will begin the marketing of the remaining 3.35 acres as depicted in Exhibit A for restaurant and/or retail development. The Parties agree that, to maximize marketability of this remaining acreage, any location of the hotel shall be designed and placed on the parcel such that the remaining acreage shall be able to accommodate two (2) restaurants; and also such that the line of sight of the Maxwell Center from Wayne Memorial Drive shall be maximized.
5. Although the City will repay County the \$138,000 indebtedness for the retaining pond out of the proceeds of the sale of the remaining 3.35 acres, the County agrees to consider reducing said sum as the City is agreeing for the marketing and use of a potential hotel the additional 0.15 acres to the original agreement. In no event shall said reduction exceed \$60,500.00.

The City of Goldsboro and the County of Wayne wish to amend the agreement entered previously dated March 1, 2021, with changes to include updating the wording to clarify the amended agreement and the following changes:

1. The City agrees to convey, via a General Warranty Deed, up to 4.0 acres identified as Lot 1 to the County as depicted in the attached Exhibit A which is incorporated herein by reference. A more precise description of Lots 1, 2, and 3, shall be determined by a surveyor and depicted in a recorded plat with the Wayne County Registry so that the parties may effectuate a General Warranty Deed.
2. Upon recordation of the General Warranty Deed, the County will excuse Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000.00) of the money owed by the City to the County for the construction of the retention pond on the property.

3. The City will market Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Exhibit A for restaurant and/or retail development.
4. The City will repay County the remaining \$69,000 owed for the retention pond upon the sale of Lots 2 and 3.

A copy of the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding was provided.

It is recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a second amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Wayne as described above. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34 “A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF WAYNE”

Departmental Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for March 2021 were submitted for the Council’s approval. It was recommended Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Aycock/Broadaway (5 Ayes : 1 Nay)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager’s Report. Mr. Salmon stated the Paramount over the last two weeks had 13 rental/use days; 7 public performances; 5 livestream events. They are open for business at 50% capacity. The GEC is open as well. The Fire Department did an excellent job of recognizing the new firefighters graduating from the Fire Academy Class on Thursday night at the GEC. I’d like to mention the Litter Sweep that went on Saturday, we had 7 groups, an estimated 100 plus volunteers supporting the clean-up activities. Thank you very much for that.

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Reports and Recommendations.

Councilmember Jones stated the litter sweep turned out really well for District 1. I would like to thank Bobby Harvey and my church family for coming out and helping move some of the harder things. I would like to thank the Bridge Church for supplying food and drinks afterwards. Thank you so much. We have just begun working in our district. I will be talking to with you even more, I do want to hear from my constituents. Look for a newsletter soon.

Councilmember Broadaway stated I would like to congratulate all who received awards. I just have to say something about Chuck Allen and what a special person he has been. I know of no one who loves Goldsboro more than he did. All the things he did for Goldsboro that very few people knew about. He gave his salary for awards for employees at the city. The only thing he did bad was drive. No one loved Goldsboro more than Chuck Allen. Now more than anything, I ask that we all pray for Chuck and his family.

Councilmember Polack stated I would like to continue to pray that the nation, that justice will be served in this country as we are living in a climate where black and brown are being targeted and killed by some of those sworn to protect us. I myself was followed and pulled by an officer the later part of last week; I was infuriated, but more importantly was scared due to the killing of a young black man that occurred two days prior to my stop due to a similar situation. I was however able to follow-up on the stop and was reassured it there was a glitch in the system, the driver’s license side of it, and the officer was very courteous. But it is a sad time when an individual has done nothing wrong to be in fear, so I solicit local and widespread prayer moving forward to correct the injustices that we are seeing across the nation. We need healing at this time. I also would like to say congratulations to the fire academy that just recently graduated, I wish I could have been a part of that ceremony. Good luck and best wishes moving forward. Thank you for what you do.

Councilmember Matthews stated no comment.

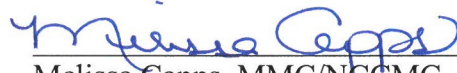
Councilmember Aycock stated no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Ham stated we witnessed achievements by two special individuals in Goldsboro. One was with us tonight, Mayor Allen. The other one should have been here but he passed away too early in life. These are two individuals in their separate endeavors that tried to devote their lives in their separate endeavors that tried to devote their life to making Goldsboro a better place. Mayor Allen is still with us, he looked great, it was nice to see him tonight. I saw the love for this man exhibited by tears by people during the ceremony. We have a lot more people like that in Goldsboro. We hope that continues to make Goldsboro a better place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



David Ham
Mayor Pro Tem



Melissa Capps, MMC/NCCMC
City Clerk