

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
APRIL 6, 2015

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 6, 2015 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Allen
Councilmember Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Michael Headen (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)
Councilmember William Goodman
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Jim Womble, City Attorney
Scott Stevens, City Manager
Melissa Corser, City Clerk
Kim Best, Public & Government Affairs Director
Randy Guthrie, Assistant City Manager
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Rowe, Planning Director
Kaye Scott, Finance Director
Jeff Stewart, Police Chief
Betsy Rosemann, Travel & Tourism Director
Scott Barnard, Parks & Recreation Director
Felicia Brown, Parks & Recreation
Julie Metz, DGDC Director
Sherry Archibald, Paramount Theatre Director
Jennifer Collins, Assistant Planning Director
Allen Anderson, Chief Building Inspector
Scott Williams, IT Director
David Weil, Citizen
Charles Norwood, Citizen
Ethan Smith, Goldsboro News-Argus
Lonnie Casey, Citizen

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

Invocation. Councilmember Williams provided the invocation.

Willowdale Cemetery. Mr. David Weil shared information regarding Willowdale Cemetery. He stated during one of the walks through Willowdale Cemetery, Mr. Norwood shared his vision for improvements of Willowdale. Over time they formed a group called the Friends of Willowdale and have since acquired through private funds approximately 10 acres that can be added to the cemetery. He stated those properties have been donated to the City of Goldsboro. Mr. Weil reviewed properties that have been acquired and donated to the City. Mr. Weil shared they have been working with the owners of the property formerly known as the Southern Cotton Oil Company. He stated he feels he will eventually obtain all of the property but there is a pot ash warehouse that the Harvey family plans to replace at another location. At the moment we have 10 additional acres, if we get the remaining property that will push it up to about 17 acres. This would give us the opportunity to do additional things perhaps like additional burials, parking, etc. He shared the cemetery was dedicated in 1853, it was setup for horses and carriages, the drives are very tiny. Mr. Weil shared they would also like to have a study made of this additional land and a plan developed as to how this additional acreage might be used. The Friends of Willowdale would like to underwrite that cost with the City participating in the planning. Mr. Weil stated they would like it to be a joint effort and asked the City Manager to think about who could participate. Mr. Stevens stated he would be happy to help and assist with that.

Mr. Weil shared some history of plots located within Willowdale Cemetery.

Councilmember Broadway thanked Mr. Weil and the Friends of Willowdale for what they are doing for Willowdale Cemetery.

Mayor King also thanked Mr. Weil and Mr. Norwood for their efforts.

KaBoom. Mr. Weil shared KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids, particularly those growing up in poverty in America. They create great places to play, inspire communities to promote and support play, and work to drive the national discussion about the importance of play in fostering healthy lives and communities. They have done about 16,000 parks across the country. The City of Fayetteville recently completed one of these parks. It is a community effort, they ask the community to be a part of the planning and construction process of the park. He stated Gary Bartlett is responsible for bringing this opportunity to us. Blue Cross Blue Shield would underwrite 50% of the cost of that park. They hope to partner with Wayne Memorial and the City of Goldsboro. Mr. Weil stated he was very interested to hear that Scott Barnard participated in construction of one of these parks for the City of Durham.

Mr. Stevens stated if Council is interested he would ask Scott Barnard to research and bring back cost and location ideas.

Community Survey. Mr. Weil stated he would like to mention a local group of people, largely from Mount Olive and Goldsboro. They wanted to do a community survey and were concerned about community attitude and concerned by how divided the county is by communities and other areas of division. They were trying to see if there was a way to pull the county together for more cooperative endeavors. Mr. Weil shared one thing that has come out of this is the KaBoom Park. Mr. Weil shared they are doing a survey on Wayne County attitudes and have had 700 respondents thus far. He stated if you get an email from him, at the bottom of it has a link to the survey. Mr. Weil asked if the survey link could be shared with City employees. He thanked Council for their time this evening.

Downtown Design Guidelines. Ms. Collins shared in a collaborative effort with DGDC and the Planning Department, staff is interested in revising the Downtown Design Guidelines which were developed in 2009. Due to some dimensional changes with the Center Street Streetscape Project as well as some recent experience with other downtown use issues, staff is interested in revising those guidelines. Ms. Collins stated the issues they would like to address include signage in coordination with our way-finding signage study that's underway, banners, sidewalk use including sidewalk cafés and merchandise space, as well as awnings, canopies and balconies. Due to the need to address these issues in a timely manner to meet the interests of the downtown property owners and business owners, staff recommends hiring Allison Platt and Associates to consult the development of current design guidelines to make those revisions and additions. We plan to create a temporary steering committee to help guide the recommendation of the document. This committee would consist of members from the Historic District Commission, city staff, downtown merchants, and DGDC Design Committee. With Council's approval, staff would move forward and hope to have the first meeting on Thursday, April 9th with the Steering Committee as well as the Consultant. We would be back to Council at the July 6th Council meeting to share recommendations on revisions. Allison Platt's fee for these services are not to exceed \$4,000 and funds are available in our current 15-16 Planning Department Budget.

Councilmember Aycock asked why this could not be done in-house. Ms. Collins stated they did look at doing it in-house, however, it would not happen in a quickly manner. Ms. Platt has developed guidelines in other places and having her on staff to assist would help the process move more quickly. Ms. Metz shared information regarding the scope of the work.

Council agreed staff could move forward with hiring Allison Platt and Associates to revise the Downtown Design Guidelines for a fee not to exceed \$4,000.

Retreat Follow-Up – Route Optimization Project. Mr. Martinez shared the following information regarding accounts moved by the Route Optimization Project:

- Total Accounts: 13,873
 - Monday: 377 or 2.7 % affected
 - Tuesday: 7 or 0.1% affected
 - Thursday: 7 or 0.1% affected
 - Friday: 127 or 0.9% affected
 - Unknown*: 333 or 2.4% affected
 - Total Low Range: 518 or 3.7%
 - Total High Range: 851 or 6.1%

*Unknown number is due to some accounts landing on the border of two service days. The optimization program couldn't pick up the original day correctly and therefore couldn't report it.

Councilmember Broadway asked if those affected by the route optimization project had been notified. Ms. Scott stated they would begin notification this week. Mr. Martinez stated postcards would go out in 4 consecutive utility billings. Mr. Stevens asked if Council would like individual letters to go out and Council agreed that would be a good idea. Mr. Stevens stated the letters could go out a few weeks before the change, sometime around June 1st.

Councilmember Broadway asked how the training on the automated trucks are going and Mr. Martinez replied it is going well and the speed is picking up.

Councilmember Aycock stated he has noticed the handles are turned towards the street and asked if we have stickers to place on the trash cans to show which direction to place the handles. Mr. Martinez replied stickers have been ordered and should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

Retreat Follow-Up – Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Scott shared the purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to forecast major capital needs over a ten (10) year period. Long-range capital planning is an important tool in planning our budget and forecasting financing projects.

Definition of a CIP Capital Item: Expenditure of major value that is not recurring and results in acquisition of a fixed asset and has a useful life greater than one (1) year.

1. Acquisition, renovation and/or construction of assets greater than \$30,000.
2. Vehicle acquisition and replacement greater than \$15,000
3. Land purchases not associated with or included in another CIP project.

Ms. Scott highlighted the following information included in the CIP:

- Capital Outlay Five Year Totals
- General Fund Summary
- Utility Fund Summary
- Departmental Vehicle and Capital Requests
- Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan – General Fund
 - Includes Transfer Center, Walnut Street Improvements, Center Street Streetscape Project Phase 2, Expansion of the Police Department, Construction of WA Foster Recreation Center, and the Purchase and Renovation of Goldsboro Country Club

Mr. Stevens stated as you get to looking at our summary sheets, the general fund is showing \$3 to \$5 million in capital requests each year and it cannot support that today. It is something we will discuss more in the budget in terms of what it can support. In the utility fund though, in terms of the request listed, you can support those. The funding is there and revenues are coming in. The utility fund is in very good shape of supporting

the needs identified in the future, the general fund as you know has had more requests than available funding and that will be the trend. We will be prioritizing those needs.

Retreat Follow-Up - Special Olympics. Mr. Barnard stated they have met with regional officials from North Carolina Special Olympics. We have begun transitioning Special Olympics programming to the City of Goldsboro under the leadership of our Recreation Therapist. Our plan is to work through the job description and perhaps compensation for that individual staffer because they will be accountable to the state agency, requiring many more hours to a whole other pocket of folks who will be served and relieve some of her duties for day to day programming through the addition of part-time staff. Mr. Barnard stated that is our game plan to maintain current level of staffing and programming for adults with special needs.

Mr. Stevens shared the County Manager has offered some funding for the percentage of outside residents in our programs. Mr. Stevens stated he would share additional information during the budget work session.

Surplus Items at Goldsboro Country Club. Mr. Barnard shared they have collected a lot of items at the country club. Some of these items do not have particular value to the City as the operator of the facility such as lots of candle holders, some dishware, flatware, chairs, etc. These are items we would like coordinate with a local auction house to get these items inventoried before we could bring them back to Council to get them officially surplused. Before coordinating with an auction house we wanted to be sure that Council was ok with staff proceeding in that manner.

Council agreed staff could proceed.

Retreat Follow-Up – Brookside Open Market. Mr. Anderson provided an update on Brookside Open Market. The market is on Seymour Drive and Slocumb Street. Mr. Allen shared the building had 10 to 12 leaks previously and the owner has worked to repair the leaks. Mr. Allen stated the owner still has a couple of leaks. They also had some issues with drop cords and emergency lights, which have been resolved. A back part of the building has been written up by the Inspections Department.

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

Item C. Site Plan Revision and Modification – E Park, LLC (Self-Service Auto Washing Facility). Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared he has been working on this project and would like to be excused from voting on this item.

Upon motion of Councilmember Headen, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council removed Item C. Site Plan Revision and Modification – E Park, LLC from the Consent Agenda to Items Requiring Individual Action.

Item D. Alley Closing – Running from Gulley Street easterly to its Terminus between Pine Street and Corney Street. Councilmember Aycock stated he could understand why the gentleman at the public hearing spoke against the alley closing. Mr. Rowe stated the gentleman was not really against the closing if the City would clear out access to his property. Mr. Stevens stated just because it is a “public alley” it does not make it a City street or space to maintain. Councilmember Aycock stated if this alley is closed, then the gentleman would not have a clear access to his property.

Councilmember Goodman asked if he would have access from Herman Street. Mr. Rowe replied there is an alley but it is grown up too. Councilmember Goodman stated the apartments to the left of the request are eyesores.

Councilmember Goodman made a motion to remove Item D. Alley Closing from the Consent Agenda. The motion was not seconded, Mayor King stated the motion failed.

Item E. Revised Site, Landscape and Building Elevation Plans – Point Five Development. Mayor Pro Tem Allen asked if sidewalks would be installed along Berkeley. Mr. Rowe replied yes.

City of Goldsboro School of Government. Ms. Wright-Lanier shared the School of Government session for 2015 will kick-off tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.

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 6, 2015 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Michael Headen
Councilmember William Goodman (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.
Councilmember Chuck Allen
Councilmember Gene Aycock

The meeting was called to order by Mayor King.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Williams.

Approval of Minutes. Approved. Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council approved the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015.

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

1. Dr. Ed Wilson, 3102 Cashwell Drive, Goldsboro, NC, stated he is proud to see our City and County working together to provide for our economy and improving the quality of life in our community. Moving forward with the sports complex, along with assistance from the County, will bring more people into our community that is going to help our hotels, restaurants, gas stations and many more aspects of our community. It will also help us with BRAC, you know we will have one of those coming down the road soon, and any efforts where we can work together with our Base is very important. Dr. Wilson stated he commends Council also for buying the Goldsboro Country Club, there are many reasons for that, but one is helping to meet the meeting needs in our community. The space is badly needed and he feels it will help our community. Working with the County on the Ag Center will provide space for larger meetings, space for trade shows and many other events of that nature to provide what he had hoped for many years ago would be a civic center. He stated again that will bring a lot of people who will spend their money in Wayne County and Goldsboro. Dr. Wilson commended Council for their foresight, for their actions they are taking and is particularly pleased they are working with the County Commissioners and their leadership in doing things for our community.

Mayor King stated coming from Dr. Wilson that means an awful lot. Dr. Wilson has been a public servant for such a long time, serving at Wayne Community College and the Chamber. Mayor King stated he appreciated Dr. Wilson's time and effort he has put in to being one of the stable members of our community and working so hard to get things done. Thank you.

2. Bobby Mathis, 104 Powers Court, Goldsboro, NC stated he is here to ask again about getting curb put down, this is the third time he has spoken and he

has attended every meeting. Mr. Mathis stated four of these guys said they would do anything to help. There is a majority but we have not gotten anything done. Yes, the Country Club might help Goldsboro, the Country Club is not helping him when you spend close to \$2 million of tax dollars then pay \$500,000 to pick up its debt. When you finish it will be close to \$2 million, but yet he pays taxes and cannot get any services. He stated he has been here over 15 years, they haven't paved the street since he's been there. He has asked everyone to come out and see, Mr. Aycock was out there and saw it. Mr. Mathis stated the problem was not there when he moved there and bought the house. He stated there were trees and landscaping that held the water back, then two houses were built and you get all the water, it runs down and there is no drain in the cul-de-sac. There have been three houses built since he has been there. He stated he has asked and he is tired of asking. He stated he pays taxes and he wants service. Mr. Mathis stated either he gets service or we will have to change what people look like on this board; start voting republicans in. He stated we have democrats and they are not doing anything. There are four of you that look like me. He stated you would not be sitting there if it was not for people like me or my wife. He stated he was in Washington, D.C. in August 1963, because you would have not been sitting there otherwise. Mr. Mathis stated he was in the military, in uniform and had to ride in the back of the bus. He stated he has served this country well. Mr. Mathis stated you did not get this job on your good looks, you got them because people voted, and people marched for those jobs. Mr. Mathis stated Headen, Goodman, Williams and Aycock stated they would be with me, you didn't say anything Mayor, but that's still a majority and nothing has been done. If you come out and look you will change your mind. Mr. Mathis stated Mr. Martinez said if I do it for you, he would have to do it for everyone else, that's the only reason he gave. Mr. Mathis stated where the pipe ends on his property, it is encroaching his property, you have two weeks, next meeting if nothing has been done; he stated he is filling it in. Mr. Mathis stated he pays City and County taxes and does not get any services. Mr. Mathis stated his good neighbor Randy said they did not do any curbs in Maplewood for city employees, they did. Captain Watkins who was killed in the Iraq War, right on Stevens Place, right by his driveway, they put a drain in and on the other side it was clay. The person that lived there worked for the City. They did Eleanor and Century 21 had to buy the house back on the corner of Eleanor and Marian. He stated I am telling you what you did, I know what you did, this person is telling a lie and another person is telling a lie. He stated he is telling you what the truth is having said that he would like for it to be done. He stated he is not asking he is telling because that is your job. That's what the city is suppose; they annexed that property, they knew it was under county standards, they knew what there were doing when they annexed it in. That's why they fought like hell on Salem Church Road to keep y'all from coming out. They said you would take their money and not give them any services. Mr. Mathis stated he asked once before to relieve Scott Stevens of his job, he fired Captain Calloway for the same thing he did, not following protocol, is there a different standard, evidently there is. Captain Calloway was acquitted, don't know if he did or didn't.

Mayor King stated we have a 3 minute time limit and we have been patient. Mr. Mathis stated he could leave.

Councilmember Williams shared he has been living on Slocumb Street for about 35 years, he stated he does not have curb and gutter. Mr. Mathis stated but you do not have water standing. Councilmember Williams stated he did. Mr. Mathis stated you are on the Council, you can get it done. Councilmember Williams stated there was a ditch for a long time, people would throw stuff in the ditch. Councilmember Williams shared he had to buy the tile and have the ditch closed. As a citizen, as a taxpayer, there are some things we have to do ourselves. Ms. Mathis stated if we could get the tile put in we would pay for it, but we do not have enough frontage. The yard, the dirt is washing away.

Mr. Mathis stated the City says it is our fault, have it on tape. Mr. Mathis stated he wants him, pointing at Mr. Stevens, off the job.

Mayor King stated your comments will not get this man fired; your comments and relationship with this man will not get him fired. Mr. Mathis stated he would get the Mayor fired.

Councilmember Goodman asked what needed to be done. Mr. Stevens shared the Mathis' have been asking for the past 10-12 years, so they have asked a number of Public Works Directors, City Managers and Councilmembers, but what has happened is the shoulder of the road has gotten taller, which happens over time. The grass collects dust and debris and grows up, and it is higher than the pavement, so when it rains, it stands up a couple of inches and spreads across the road. He stated to fix it, we would at no cost to the Mathis' cut the shoulder down, which is what the Department of Transportation does all the time, but it would take all the grass off the front of the yard. Mr. Stevens shared most people consider they own to the edge of the payment, they own to the center of the pavement but we have a right-of-way for the road. We could work within our right-of-way and cut the shoulder down that would solve the main part of the problem with water standing in his driveway and standing on the road, but the Mathis' do not want us to do that. What they have demanded is curb and gutter from us, and what we have said is if we curb and gutter your yard, we really owe that to all the citizens in Maplewood because they have the same situation. You would then have a curb and gutter situation that would become very expensive, but that is not how the subdivision was designed. Mr. Stevens stated they have a swell in front of their house that dumps into a pipe; downstream from them the property owner, the ditch was piped in, so there is a pipe at the end of his property that is in our right-of-way, that the water in the swell and in the road would flow into. There is a part where the elevation changes that has some erosion and we could solve that as well with putting riprap in or reseeding and sodding to get the vegetation back but they do not want us to that, they want curb and gutter. He stated we have offered to do what we can do, like we would offer anyone else for no cost, they buy the pipe and we put it in, but we are not putting curb and gutter in for people who request it.

Councilmember Goodman stated he thought they just said they would pay for the pipe. Mr. Stevens replied that is in our policy, they said we could not bring pipe down to their driveway because the ditch is not deep enough, we could in fact pipe it down to their driveway, but when he has talked to Mr. Mathis anything short of curb and gutter is not acceptable. Councilmember Goodman stated if they would pay for the piping maybe we should offer that to them. Councilmember Aycock stated we have and I offered him to come down to his house because he paid for a pipe. Councilmember Aycock shared he had water standing in a ditch, the City came in, he paid for the pipe, they did the work and it solved his erosion problems and the water standing problem. Councilmember Aycock stated Mr. Mathis and Ms. Della are fine people and he wished we could help them, but it's to the point where it is only curb and gutter. Mr. Stevens stated he would be happy to reach out and offer that to them again and we are willing to do what we have done for every other citizen in this community in terms of trying to solve drainage problems within the right-of-way.

Councilmember Goodman asked what the address was again and Mr. Stevens replied 104 Powers Court.

3. Lonnie Casey, 1700 Slocumb Street, Goldsboro, NC, stated he is here is challenge City Council again tonight to make their work sessions live so the people they represent can see how you are voting and call you if they disagree with the views you are taking on things that pertain to them. The County does this, they film their briefing, work sessions, regular meetings, and there is no reason you cannot do the same. He stated he has asked this before and that is all he is going to ask. You owe it to the citizens, you are spending their money so you need to let them see how you are working for them.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated he thought we did record the meetings and Mr. Casey replied he meant live. Mr. Stevens stated the clerk is taking minutes and there is an audio

recording of the work session. Mr. Casey stated you could do both meeting in Council Chambers, because the other room with the horseshoe is messed up.

Councilmember Goodman made a motion that we do make it live, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried.

No one else spoke and the public comment period was closed.

Public Hearing to Consider the Financing of the Construction of WA Foster Recreation and the Renovations for the Property Located at 1501 S. Slocumb Street. Public Hearing Held. At the March 16, 2015 meeting, Council adopted the resolution setting the public hearing for the installment financing for the construction of the W. A. Foster Recreation Center and the renovations for the property located at 1501 S. Slocumb Street for Monday, April 6, 2015. On Friday, March 20, 2015, the said notice was published in the Goldsboro News Argus as required by the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The W. A. Foster Recreation Center has a projected cost of approximately \$6 million which includes the architectural and engineering services. The property acquisition and renovations for the property at 1501 S. Slocumb Street is estimated at approximately \$1.5 million.

The installment financing agreement will comply in all respects with Section 160A-20 and Chapter 159 of Article 8 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the guidelines of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina for all the financings and refinancing.

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

No action is required after the public hearing. Staff will be bringing back at the April 20, 2015 meeting the finding resolutions along with the banking bid results.

Councilmember Goodman made a motion to remove Item D. Alley Closing – Running from Gulley Street easterly to its terminus between Pine Street and Corney Street from the Consent Agenda. No one seconded the motion.

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. Mr. Stevens reminded Council Item C. Site Plan Revision and Modification – E Park, LLC (Self-Service Auto Washing Facility) was removed from the Consent Agenda during the Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D, E, F, G, H and I be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Headen, and a roll call vote resulted in Mayor King, Mayor Pro Tem Allen, Councilmember Headen, Councilmember Broadaway, Councilmember Williams, and Councilmember Aycock voting in the affirmative. Councilmember Goodman voted against the motion. Mayor King declared the Consent Agenda approved as recommended with a 6:1 vote. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Alley Closing – Running from Gulley Street easterly to its Terminus between Pine Street and Corney Street. Request Denied. The section of alley petitioned for closing runs from the eastern right-of-way of Gulley Street between Pine Street and Corney Street for a distance of approximately 200 ft. to its terminus intersecting with another alley running in a north-south direction. The alley has a right-of-way width of 10 ft.

Petitioner: Terry Coley (Owner of adjacent property)

The petitioned alley closing has been forwarded to the Fire, Police, Engineering and General Services Departments for their review. No concerns or objections have been received and there are no City-maintained utility easements located within the alley.

If the alley is closed, ownership of the right-of-way would be split equally between the adjoining property owners.

At the public hearing held on March 16, 2015, one person spoke in favor of the request and one person spoke in opposition indicating that the closing would landlock his property.

The staff has examined this matter and found that the owner's property would not legally be landlocked as there is dedicated access to it through alleys extending from South Herman Street as well as East Pine Street. Those alleys, however, are not improved and it would be difficult for the owner to gain access if this alley is closed.

At their meeting held on March 30, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended denial of the alley closing due to issues regarding access to interior properties.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the request to close an alley running from Gullely Street easterly to its Terminus between Pine Street and Corney Street. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman voted No)

Revised Site, Landscape and Building Elevation Plans – Point Five

Development. Approved. The site is located on the northeast corner of Cashwell Drive and North Berkeley Boulevard.

Frontage:	370 ft. on Cashwell Drive 364 ft. on Berkeley Blvd 258 ft. on Eastgate Drive
Depth:	311 ft. (approx.)
Lot Area:	2.62 Acres
Zoning:	Shopping Center

The property consists of three parcels which wrap around the northwestern corner of Cashwell Drive and Berkeley Boulevard. The lots were previously occupied by Tractor Supply and Deacon Jones Used Cars and an Exxon gas station is currently operating on the corner.

On December 1, 2014, Council approved site and landscape plans for this location. Since that time, new tenants have been proposed and a reconfiguration to provide only one new building is shown. Originally two new buildings were proposed to contain 16,679 sq. ft. with the Tractor Supply structure remaining and being reduced in size to 15,904 sq. ft. A total of 162 parking spaces were proposed which included eight handicapped spaces to serve all three buildings. A number of modifications were approved in order to accommodate the building configuration in relation to property lines as well as location of sidewalks and dumpsters.

The revised site plan indicates the 15,904 sq. ft. existing Tractor Supply building as well as one new 18,387 sq. ft. building. The new building will face Berkeley Boulevard. A parking lot containing 155 spaces, including eight handicapped spaces, will serve both buildings.

While specific uses for are not designated for all units within the new building, retail use will require a total of 120 parking spaces and restaurant use will require an additional 38 parking spaces for a total of 158 spaces. As indicated previously, the site plan shows a total of 155 spaces (including eight handicapped spaces). A modification from 158 spaces to 155 spaces will be required.

Interconnectivity has been provided between the parcels and the staff has recommended that an easement be reserved to provide for future interconnectivity to the north.

Access to the new proposed building will be provided through a curb cut along Berkeley Boulevard. All other existing curb cuts on Berkeley Boulevard will be closed. Two existing curb cuts on Cashwell Drive which served the gas station will also be closed.

HVAC units will be roof-mounted and screened in accordance with City regulations.

The submitted landscape plan indicates street trees along Berkeley Boulevard and Cashwell Drive. The applicant previously received a modification to allow planting of small ornamental trees 20 ft. on center rather than larger, overstory trees at 40 ft. on center. This will allow for more visibility and provide twice the overall number of shrubs on the site.

Vehicular surface buffer shrubs will be installed along Berkeley Boulevard consisting of Dwarf Yaupon Hollies. A waiver of the Vehicular Surface Buffer along Cashwell Drive was previously approved until such time that a tenant is proposed and improvements to the building are scheduled. The staff will insure that appropriate plantings are installed at that time.

Vehicular Surface Area plantings are being installed within the parking lot islands however a modification was previously approved to reduce the overall vehicular surface area plantings from 369 (332 shrubs, 37 trees) to 327 (300 shrubs, 27 trees).

Type A (5 ft. wide) buffer is required along the northern property lines and will consist of Oaks, Flowering Cherry Trees, Privet and Hollies.

A modification to allow interior sidewalks and dumpsters to encroach within the 5 ft. wide landscape buffer was previously approved due to space constraints.

Exterior lighting will be provided within the development and meets the City's design standards. Parking lot ground-mounted poles are being proposed to be installed at a height of 30 ft.

Elevation plans have been submitted which indicate the new building will be constructed of brick veneer and EIFS (synthetic stucco). There will be sufficient variation in textures to insure that the City's design standards are met.

The revised site plan will require only an additional modification of the required number of parking spaces from 158 to 155.

At their meeting held on March 30, 2014, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the revised site, landscape and building elevation plans with the previously-approved modifications and with an additional modification of the required number of parking spaces from 158 to 155.

Staff recommended Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the revised site, landscape and building elevation plans with the previously-approved modifications and an additional modification of the required number of parking spaces from 158 to 155. Consent Agenda Approval. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman voted No)

Federal Property Forfeiture Program. State Controlled Substance Tax Remittance. Ordinance Adopted. The United States Department of Justice administers a program that transfers from the Federal Government property seized by local law enforcement agencies and the State of North Carolina administers a program whereby taxes are levied on unlicensed individuals involved in the arrest of such individuals. The property obtained through the United States Department of Justice has been confiscated during drug raids or other undercover operations and may include personal items such as vehicles or money. The State of North Carolina allocates a share of taxes collected to localities involved in the arrest of individuals and the seizure of their controlled substances.

Recently the City of Goldsboro Police Department assisted Federal authorities in concluding several drug operations. Based on Federal guidelines, \$21,286.71 of forfeited money can be reimbursed to the City for:

01/06/15-CATS ID#14-DEA-603063; KN-14-0124	\$ 978.00
01/29/15-CATS ID#13-DEA-587740; KN-13-0106	\$10,485.56
01/30/15-CATS ID#13-DEA-587742; KN-13-0106	\$ 9,772.07
03/12/15-CATS ID#14-DEA-604317; GG-11-0019	\$ 51.08

Substance Tax Remittance” funds totaling \$1,250.00 for:

01/22/15 #45PR0000614424	\$ 312.50
02/20/15 #45PR0000616536	\$ 312.50
03/24/15 #45PR0000618740	\$ 625.00

These funds can be used for the purchase of controlled substances, payment of informants, the purchasing of equipment or for the provision of training for sworn officers. All monies must be used for new activities and cannot replace previously appropriated funds.

Staff recommended the following entitled ordinance be adopted to reflect an increase in General Fund revenues and an increase in the operating expenditures of the Police Department budget by a total of \$22,536.71. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman voted No)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR”

Eat in the Street – Temporary Street Closing. Approved. An application was received from the Arts Council, requesting permission to serve alcohol and close the street for a fundraising event on May 1, 2015. The request is from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with the event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The event is scheduled to be held on Walnut Street in front of the Arts Council building from the intersection of John/Walnut Streets to the corner of Ormond Avenue. The Police, Fire, Public Works Department and DGDC offices have been notified of this request.

Staff recommends approval of this request subject to the following conditions:

1. All intersections remain open for Police Department traffic control.
2. A 14-foot fire lane is maintained in the center of the street to provide access for fire and emergency vehicles.
3. All activities, changes in plans, etc. will be coordinated with the Police Department.
4. The Police, Fire, Public Works Department and DGDC offices are to be involved in the logistical aspects of this event.

Staff recommended the City Council by motion, grant street closings on Walnut Street in front of the Arts Council building from the intersection of John/Walnut Streets to the corner of Ormond Avenue on May1, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with the event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in order that the Eat in the Street event may take place, subject to the above conditions. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman voted No)

Multi-Use Path Project – Donation of Land. Approved. The City of Goldsboro is partnering with NCDOT to construct the second phase of the pilot multi-use path project along New Hope Road. This second phase will extend the multi-use path from its current stopping point at the intersection of Hare Road to intersect with Wayne Memorial Drive. The City Council has previously agreed to accept a grant from NCDOT and apply matching funds for the construction of this project.

The City is tasked with acquiring the right-of-way for this project and has been working with property owners to get the required right-of-way donated for the construction of this project. The Wayne Community College Board of Trustees has agreed to transfer the

required property for the construction of the multi-use path as shown on the attached map. The transfer of the property is contingent upon the property conveyance being approved by the State Board of Community Colleges which is expected to happen at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

The City Council would need to agree to accept this property conveyance from Wayne Community College to be used to construct the multi-use path.

Staff recommended Council authorize the Mayor to accept the donation of land once it is formally transferred by the State Board of Community Colleges to the City of Goldsboro. The use of such land dedication would be for the construction of the second phase of the multi-use path project along New Hope Road. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman voted No)

Budget Amendment for 2015 Wings Over Wayne Airshow Event. Ordinance Adopted. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base contributes over 540 million dollars annually to Wayne County’s economy. Events held by the Base provide revenue for area hotels, restaurants, retail stores and other local businesses. The Wings Over Wayne Air Show is held every two years. In 2011, attendance was approximately 160,000 which is an increase of 60,000 from previous years. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would like the Wings Over Wayne event to become the premier air show in North Carolina. The goal for 2015 is to attract 200,000 attendees to the May 16th and 17th event.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base will be bringing the Thunderbirds and various aerial performers.

SJAFB has asked that the Goldsboro Travel & Tourism assist in the marketing for the event. It is recommended that the City of Goldsboro, Travel & Tourism Department invest \$20,000 to offset marketing.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled budget ordinance decreasing the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund by the amount of \$20,000 and use for marketing the 2015 Seymour Johnson Air Force Wings Over Wayne Air Show Event. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Headen (6 Ayes – Goodman voted No)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR”

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon motion of Councilmember Aycock, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council excused Mayor Pro Tem Allen from voting on Item C. Site Plan Revision and Modification, E Park, LLC (Self-Service Auto Washing Facility) due to a potential conflict of interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen left the room at 7:25 p.m.

Site Plan Revision and Modification – E Park, LLC (Self-Service Auto Washing Facility). Approved. The property is located on the northwest corner of East Ash Street and Durant Street. It was occupied by a vacant building that was previously utilized for retail sales. This building was demolished and a car wash is currently under construction on the site.

Frontage:	100 ft. (Ash Street) 180 ft. (Durant Street)
Area:	0.41 acres
Zoning:	General Business

Site and landscape plans for the auto washing facility were approved by the Council on November 3, 2014. As part of the approval, Council issued a modification to waive the interconnectivity requirement as well as a modification of sidewalk installation and fee in

lieu requirement for the Durant Street frontage. The developer was required to install sidewalks along the Ash Street frontage.

As construction progressed, the developer found that it would be difficult to install approximately six ft. of sidewalk between the development's Ash Street curb cut and the shared property line with Auto Zone to the west.

There is an existing catch basin in this location which would prevent sidewalk construction without great expense through relocation of the catch basin. There are no existing sidewalks in front of Auto Zone.

Since the site plan was initially approved by Council with the specific stipulation that the sidewalk be installed along the Ash Street frontage, a modification of the sidewalk requirement in this location or the payment of a fee in lieu of sidewalk installation is now necessary.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting held on March 30, 2015, recommended a modification of the sidewalk installation requirement for the area adjacent to the catch basin as requested but recommended that a fee in lieu of installation be provided.

Upon motion of Councilmember Headen, seconded by Councilmember Broadway and unanimously carried, Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the modification of the sidewalk installation requirement as requested with the payment of a fee in lieu for that section not installed.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen returned at 7:28 p.m.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Stevens invited City Council and our citizens to come out to the Press Conference on Tuesday, April 7th at Union Station where we will have the Governor and Secretary Klutz talking about Historic Tax Credits and the importance of this to communities like Goldsboro.

Mr. Stevens shared we have had a number of shots fired reported over the last week and he would like to report we have made a number of arrests and the three people who were shot not critically but we have made arrests in all those cases. He stated he would like to commend our officers, we do need to work harder on the prevention side; in terms of solving cases he thinks our officers and staff are doing a great job.

City Attorney's Report and Recommendations. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Allen read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation – Physical Fitness Month. Mayor King proclaimed the month of April as “Physical Fitness Month” in the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina and urged all citizens to show their support for Southeastern Cancer Care’s annual CURE FOR THE COLORS, to be held April 24-25, 2015 by wearing their Cure for the Colors T-shirts to work on Friday, April 24th and by displaying a ribbon in support of all cancer patients the entire week prior to the event.

Mayor King read the following Proclamations:

Proclamation – National Service Recognition Day. Mayor King proclaimed April 7, 2015 as “National Service Recognition Day” in Goldsboro, North Carolina and encouraged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our City, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Proclamation – National Poetry Month. Mayor King proclaimed April 1st. April 30th, 2015 as “National Poetry Month” in the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina and called upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Goldsboro to observe this month, to celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer, and to

recognize the important role poetry plays in creating and sustaining this great nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Councilmember Williams read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation – Arbor Day. Mayor King proclaimed April 14, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Goldsboro and urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and urged all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared a couple of Saturdays ago General Spencer came and spoke at the Friends of Seymour Dinner. He spoke on leadership in a very human way and Mayor Pro Tem Allen shared he was impressed and was glad to have him here. Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated we are still working on the feeding the hungry program on Saturdays and Sundays and are trying to fine tune the program. Councilmember Allen stated we have had great volunteerism for churches and the Base. The City is still very dirty and the Chief and his officers will begin writing tickets for littering. He encouraged everyone to help with cleaning up our City.

Councilmember Headen stated Mayor King read the Proclamation regarding Physical Fitness, we still have a staggering number of young individuals who have juvenile diabetes. It is alarming and it is going to put a heavy burden on our healthcare system if we do not get people more active. The Farmer's Market is around now with good produce, we should take advantage of those things and make good use of them. Councilmember Headen encouraged everyone to pull away from Wendy's Hardee's, McDonald's, all those fast food places they are killing us. Secondly, the Cure for the Colors, it is very important and they have a racquetball tournament coming up and he is going to try and piggy back off of that. He stated he would like to talk to the organizers of the tournament and make it a part of the Cure for the Colors events. Councilmember Headen also encouraged everyone to keep our City clean. He shared former Councilmember Jimmy Bryan used to say every meeting, Keep Goldsboro Beautiful. He stated we owe it to ourselves, we had great people and it is a great City.

Councilmember Broadway commended the Police Department for solving and responding to those shootings as quickly as they did. Secondly, the zone policing is working really well. He shared he recognizes the police officers in his area, people are noticing it and it is working really well. He stated you see people walking at night and that's because they are comfortable they know who is looking out. He commended Chief Stewart.

Councilmember Goodman stated he would like to thank the Chief and his department for the hard work they have done. We have been plagued with random shootings and people walking down the streets shooting in the air which is particularly dangerous for homes with elderly and children. He stated he is glad to see we have turned the corner and we will hopefully see a decrease in this behavior. He thanked the Police Chief and his department for their efforts. Councilmember Goodman shared he attended a Coal Ash Meeting last week, coal ash is a very serious problem that we have in Wayne County. A lot of people do not realize that coal ash has already filtered down all the way to New Bern and Duke Energy is the culprit of this problem. Those people who are living in the County in rural areas who are dealing with wells, in that area of the Neuse River, they have a serious problem. He stated he was devastated by the number of illnesses which coal ash is causing with arsenic and other dangerous poisons. Councilmember Goodman stated we had people here from Raleigh that explained a lot of things or questions he had pertaining to coal ash. He stated it is an ongoing thing and he thinks the next meeting is the 17th of April. He shared there was couple there who lived near Quaker Neck and they are having some serious health issues. He stated they were told that Quaker Neck is the number one most dangerous coal ash holding ponds in North Carolina and it is very surprising that our legislators did not vote in supporting the cleaning up of the coal ash coming down the Neuse River in this particular area. Councilmember Goodman stated he hoped some changes would occur.

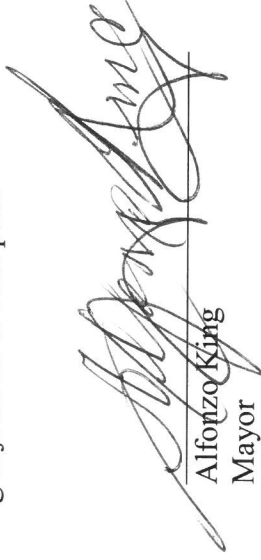
Councilmember Williams stated he concurs with sentiments expressed by his colleagues. He stated he would like to commend the City Manager and Chief Building Inspector, Allen Anderson for responding to his request for action to be taken with the supermarket located in the housing area on Seymour and Slocumb Street. He stated when citizens go to purchase food from a supermarket, if there are a number of leaks around the food that could pose a hazard, so he understands they are taking positive action and are correcting those problems. He stated he is thankful for their efforts.

Councilmember Aycock stated in tonight's paper, it talks about a random shooting at the waffle shop. How can you prevent someone from going into a bathroom and shooting in the wall and walking out? Our police are under a lot of pressure, and scrutiny for things that are a societal problem and the police cannot solve all of it. It has to be solved in the communities as well. Councilmember Aycock stated we have to have a lot of community involvement to prevent crime. Secondly, at the Friends of Seymour event, when General Spencer spoke, his message was inspirational, he came from the inner city, and how many times he was told he could not do something for different reasons, like the color of his skin or whatever. He said every time they told him, he proved them wrong and said now he is a 4 Star General. Councilmember Aycock shared General Spencer did not go to college, he went in as a private in the military and is now a 4 Star General. Councilmember Aycock stated he would be a great speaker if we could get him to speak at our high schools; he is a positive role model.

Mayor King reminded everyone we do have visitors coming in tomorrow, the Governor and Secretary Klutz. He encouraged the public to come out. Thank you to our people who have been organizing our feeding the children program. We are ready to feed kids. Mayor King stated we need help in getting children to our food sites. He shared he was disappointed by the number of kids but not by the number of volunteers.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated we have paved our piece of greenway behind the Lantern Inn. We are finally making some progress on our greenways.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Alfonzo King
Mayor



Melissa Corser, CMC
City Clerk