MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD
MARCH 17, 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 March 17, 2014 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Michael Headen
Councilmember Chuck Allen
Councilmember William Goodman
Councilmember Charles J. Williams, Sr.
Councilmember Gene Aycock
Jim Womble, 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
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
Scott Williams, IT Director
Matt Caulder, Goldsboro News-Argus
Sarah Merritt, Arts Council of Wayne County
David Quick, Citizen
Lonnie Casey Citizen
Glenn Barwick, Citizen
Clarence Toran, Citizen
Allison Platt, Citizen
Elliot Futrell, Citizen
John Peacock, Citizen
Charles Gaylor, III, Citizen
Gretchen Reed, Citizen
Laurie Sneed, Citizen
Rhonda Gaylor, Citizen
Wendy Town, Citizen
Charles Gaylor, IV, Citizen
Chris Jones, Citizen

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

Invocation. Councilmember Williams provided the invocation.

TIGER VI Grant Application. Mayor King shared he was not here last week and would like to defer action on this item. Councilmember Aycock asked if Ms. Metz had any new information to share. Ms. Julie Metz presented the following information:

- A difference between TIGER V and TIGER VI is that you have 2 years to encumber funds versus 1 year.
- Application is due April 28, 2014
- 300 & 400 Block of S. Center Street Streetscape
- Completion of Cornerstone Commons
- Rehab Union Station
    - 11 offices
    - Interim Use – Banquet/Meeting Space
- Total $12.89 M project
- City's March $2.89 M

Clean Water Revolving Fund Program. Mr. Anderson stated recently we had an I&I study done, an investigation to identify areas with our sanitary distribution lines that were taking on stormwater. One of the areas they identified as critical was the Stoney Creek outfall project. Mr. Anderson shared information regarding a loan program through Clean Water for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer lines. He stated the loan program has 0% interest and staff would like to apply for $3 million. If awarded the loan $1 million is forgiven and the City would pay back the remaining $2 million over the next 20 years. Upon motion of Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried, Council adopted the following entitled Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LOAN APPLICATION TO THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR STONEY CREEK SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL REHABILITATION"

Wayne Memorial Drive Median Project. Mr. Guthrie shared in June of 2013 Council adopted a Resolution supporting the installation of a center land median on Wayne Memorial Drive between existing US Highway 70 and Country Day Road. He stated the Department of Transportation (DOT) has prepared plans. He stated the plans indicate DOT will begin at Hwy 70 interchange at Eleventh Street and go to Country Day Road. Mr. Guthrie reviewed a copy of the plan. He stated construction should begin sometime in April and take approximately two weeks. He stated Dot will also be resurfacing Wayne Memorial during the same time frame from Hwy 70 to New Hope Road, inner three lanes. Councilmember Allen asked where the left turns were located and Mr. Guthrie replied only at the stoplights. Mr. Guthrie stated DOT will be flaring the turn lanes to provide room for stacking of the cars to improve traffic along Wayne Memorial.

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

Item B. Non-contiguous Annexation Request – Eugene Raynor Property – Southeast corner of Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy's Road (5.857 Acres). Councilmember Williams expressed a concern over traffic. Councilmember Allen asked where the property was located within the noise contour of SJAFB and Mr. Rowe replied in the 70-75 decibel noise contour. Mr. Rowe stated they would be required to provide a 25% noise reduction measures within the proposed structure. Mr. Rowe also shared they would be required to come back to council for site plan approval.

Closed Session Held. Upon motion of Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Williams and unanimously carried Council convened into Closed Session to discuss a potential litigation matter.

Council came out of Closed Session.

Councilmember Williams shared he has received a complaint that the street sweeper has not been down Winslow Circle in a while. Mr. Stevens shared the street sweeper has been has been down and is a high maintenance items. Council discussed whether two sweepers where enough to cover the City.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

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 March 17, 2014 with attendance as follows:

Present: Mayor Alfonzo King, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Broadaway
Councilmember Michael Headen
Councilmember William Goodman
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. Boy Scott Troop 7 helped lead the pledge to the Flag which followed.

Approval of Minutes. Approved. Upon motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Headen and unanimously carried, Council approved the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2014 as submitted.

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

1. Malcolm David Quick, 211 S. Hillcrest Drive, Goldsboro, NC stated he would like to use his three minutes on an issue that seems extremely vital to him. He stated he could not imagine being offered $10 million dollars and only having to put up $2.3 or so. Mr. Quick stated he has heard the presentation for the TIGER grant and he strongly supports it. He stated most of all his concern is the train station. He stated as Councilmember Allen stated in the paper, if you do the train station there is no guarantee you are going to get passenger service. He stated in talking with people within the rail division and Secretary Tata if you do not do the station it guarantees you will not get passenger service. The Ports Authority and the DOT Rail Division have done a study in 2007 and it has been updated since then and the restoration of the 26 miles that is missing will contribute an excess of 12,000 jobs between Wilmington and Goldsboro. It will open up eastern North Carolina for industry and industrial development we cannot accommodate now. He stated Washington and our current President is pushing rail infrastructure development. There is a bill now, $600 million, for rail improvements and rail construction. The purpose behind it is to help middle class, help infrastructure. The 26 miles he is talking about, they did not allow CSX abandon it, they got the Governor to it take the railroad right-of-way, and has been maintained since 1989 as that. DOT spends money every year to keep it open as a railroad right-of-way. Mr. Quick stated this would be a minimal governmental project to get that restored. Mr. Quick shared information regarding the port in Morehead and what impacts it could have on Goldsboro. He stated it is not something you are going to see happen tomorrow or in the next week, but he can guarantee if we don't do something to pursue this it is not going to happen. The last five years in the TIP, there has been in excess of $1 million dollars earmarked in the rail section for the Goldsboro turn. They have done the environmental, they have done the survey, they have identified the property owners, they have done everything in short of spending the money, acquiring right-of-ways and putting the turn in. Mr. Quick stated he has been assured by the North Carolina Railroad, that if we got that turn in and had a place for a terminal, they would start a commuter line that would run from Goldsboro just to the other side of Durham, just past the hospital. None of this is in writing, but this has been told to him by responsible individuals within positions of authority.

Mr. Quick stated the 26 miles of rail, the Morehead Port and the Wilmington Port are priorities of Secretary Tata.

2. Ruth Glisson, 135 S. Center Street, Goldsboro, stated she and her husband own and live above 135 S. Center Street which is Uniquely R's. She stated they purchased their building, they live above, they love downtown, they came downtown because they started talking to folks who lived downtown and they wanted to be part of the growth, the opportunity, the passion, the spirit, the movement, the future, the aspirations, everything that you have spoken about since 2007. Ms. Glisson stated she represents legions of people who could not be here. She stated she did speak with two people on Saturday who had reservations, but people coming in to their store, shop owners, all up and down their street, which is Center Street, the joy that is coming back downtown, you can feel it. Downtown is coming back alive, for us to have this opportunity to not only move this City but to save something that is iconic to America, this beautiful station. Ms. Glisson shared she is not from here, but she chose to live here, she stated she could have gone anywhere, but she didn't because she believed in what you are doing, she believed in your passion. She stated you could not find a better cheerleader than her, she will work tirelessly, she believes in you, she believes in the things planned in 2007, please do not stop now. The ball is just rolling, people are excited, young people coming in from the Base, it is exciting. If you stop now, you will stop the momentum. She implored Council to continue to move forward.

3. Mike Horner, 1527 Tommy's Road, Goldsboro, stated in talking about the train station that is a good idea. He stated you have a military base and the guys come in to an old bus station. Mr. Horner stated he came tonight to talk about the Wal-Mart Express on Tommy's Road and Wayne Memorial. He stated he felt like we did not need one there, that close to a school. He stated you have one off the new bypass; you have one on Spence Avenue, about to be one out there on 111. Mr. Horner stated the overflow from the school use T.C. Coley's right-of-way. He stated he does not feel it needs to be there because of the traffic. He stated Council should talk to the school board about buying the land and making it a ball diamond or a park.

   Councilmember Williams stated he thought the same until he went in to a Wal-Mart Express in Four Oaks and is smaller scale. They sell mostly groceries.

   Mr. Horner stated he still felt it did not need to go there. If anything, let the school system buy it and make a bigger parking lot and soccer fields.

4. Laurie Sneed, PO Box 13144, Research Triangle Park, stated came here with the Wilmington Weldon Railroad. She stated she has been away for 35 years in the triangle area where she has a Foundation and she is coming back because of your leadership with downtown. The vision you have is so extraordinary, it is really exciting and she stated she would like to be a part of that. She stated she knows many of her classmates from the Class of 1967 from Goldsboro High School are considering coming back. She asked what is the greatest advertisement for Goldsboro, its downtown, it is the heart and soul of any city, if the downtown is not alive and vibrant, if there are not stores, if there are not people on the streets, the town is not alive and it spills over into every little segment of Wayne County, not just downtown. She stated downtown is your banner, a poster, that is what they look at. When Dillard has their reunion they want to see downtown. Ms. Sneed stated to have an asset like Julie who can write $10 million dollar grants, she is in fundraising and knows how hard it is to get that kind of money. To have someone who can do that and not follow up with this kind of opportunity is hard to understand. She stated $2 million to leverage that kind of benefit, it is hard to understand why you would not do it. Those that give away that type of money want to build a relationship. They want to see that vision is real. She stated she hopes Council will consider these arguments. Ms. Sneed stated

she still intends to have her foundation in Raleigh, it is one of the fasting growing areas in the United States, Johnston County is the fastest growing areas and where is it spilling over into, and we need to be ready for it. No one can beat our history in this state, we have extraordinary assets. Goldsboro can be destination. She stated it is a far suburb from Raleigh, one hour away and people commute.

5. Jay Bauer, 108 Virginia Street, stated we bought into Goldsboro in 2010 and one of the key features was the train station. He stated they really looked forward to doing this place downtown; it was a vision of theirs for a long time. To see the train station go forward would be the icing on the cake. We have met a lot of people, seen a lot of people working on these houses and to them no we are not going to do it just doesn't make any sense. Mr. Bauer stated this part of town has gone way down, it is just starting to come back and you do not want to stop that.

6. Amy Bauer, 108 Virginia Street, stated they have been here since last April. We finished the house and have a CO since December 13th. We opened the house so everyone could see the house. Ms. Bauer stated with the help of Scott Stevens and Chief Stewart, we have cleaned up the area considerably. We do not have people picking people up on the streets anymore and we are in the beginning of turning this neighborhood around. She stated another gentleman has purchased two homes he is working on, one of their neighbors who just put $100,000 in his house and this vision is what was shared when they came to town in 2010. She stated when she went to the Inspections Department; the plans for the station were on the table. She stated you have the plans, don't quit now. You are either living or you are dying. She stated they know 4 or 5 other people they know of who are interested in buying in the historical neighborhoods. Don't give up on us.

   Mayor King thanked the Bauer's for their hard work on their home. He stated the Bauer's had some serious concerns in their neighborhood and is glad to hear things are turning around.

   Mr. Bauer stated it was a concerted effort; no one person could do it. Ms. Bauer stated can you imagine completing the train station, using it for great activities, which would put a border up for the historical district, cleaning up that area, moving forward and down Mulberry and out to Slocumb Street and then connect all of that. She stated if we continue this, it could hit all of the areas. Mr. Bauer shared he retired from California as a contractor and has recently applied for his North Carolina Contractor's License.

7. Allison Platt, 2033 N. Slocumb Street, stated her work as you know, besides streetscapes, is revitalizing downtown. She stated she worked in New Bern for 25 years, she has seen that area go from empty stores to tremendous success. She stated the reason they made that journey successfully was that they kept in mind the big picture and took little bites out of it year after year. Ms. Platt stated she understands Council represents people all over the city and sometimes get a lot of pressure with people saying why aren't you spending that money in my neighborhood but you are. If the downtown isn't successful, downtown is what brings people together, it is what embodies your history, it is what's going to bring new industry, it needs to be a vibrant place where people want to spend their time. What it will do eventually, like the 25 stores you have received since the first block of streetscape, you will have a chance to get more industry, get more people interested in moving back, which will increase your tax base. She stated it will allow you to fix the things constituents ask to be fixed such as potholes, fixing roads; you will have an increased tab base to do that. That is the engine that will drive the growth in the entire community and it is really important to remember that.

8. Gretchen Reid, 1203 E. Beech Street, stated she has been involved with the DGDC for about 4 years now and is also on the Travel & Tourism Board, and

feels if you stop this it is like building half of a bridge. If you build half a bridge no one will come across it, but if you finish it people will come. Ms. Reid stated they have seen a big change in momentum since beginning the first part of streetscape; there is a lot more interest in properties with the DGDC. We have had more people apply for grants, façade and business incentive grants and are interested in moving their businesses from other areas to downtown. She stated you cannot stop now, you have to keep on. She stated she did not grow up here, grew up around Savannah, Georgia and knows what revitalization is. She stated we have to keep going.

9. Tori Romero, shared she has been in business on Center Street for about a month now. She stated she is aware of the grant process but she did not chose to come to downtown for that, she came because she thought this is the time, there is a renaissance happening and she has been watching it for a while. She shared she use to drive by from Durham to Jacksonville regularly. She stated she would want to stop in Smithfield or maybe stop in Kinston, but never wanted to stop in Goldsboro until she began working at the college. Ms. Romero stated she has reached a point in her life now; she has always wanted to be her own boss, someplace to feel comfortable and have an opportunity to grow. She stated she intends to open another business on Walnut. She stated she has seen a train station leave a City, Detroit, and it was terrible. Downtown merchants pulled out. Now you have an opportunity to apply for a grant, why not apply and see where it goes.

10. Glenn Barwick, 201 N. George Street, stated since streetscape started they have 25 new businesses in downtown Goldsboro. One block of Center Street, 25 new businesses that was not here three years ago. We are just beginning to get that momentum moving. This grant dropped on everyone pretty quickly. They have had a meeting in their neighborhood, some pretty powerful people from the State of North Carolina and there has been some indication that there may be some funding available from the state to help with this train station. He stated they have been told there is a huge interest in the government of North Carolina at the present time to do things with railroad. At the present time there is a commuter rail going in Raleigh, mostly driven by the fact I-40 is going to be tore up for the next 5 years while they are redoing it, that is somewhere around Wilson Mills to Durham to assist with the traffic through Raleigh. From here to Wilson Mills is not a long way and he stated he believes if we have the interest that is there now and we have the facilities for it, he has to believe we have the opportunity to at least bring commuter rail, maybe not passenger but at least commuter rail in the relatively near future. He stated he wanted to let you know there is a group that is willing to help not only spearhead but also go out to look for money to get this project done. He stated there are 5 homes on one block that has been restored or in the process of being restored in the last couple of years. Two more have been started in the last couple of months. This is all due to the vision of the train station and revitalization. Please give careful consideration to allow us to apply for this grant. Mr. Barwick thanked Council for their time.

No one else spoke and Mayor King closed the public comment period.

Non-Contiguous Annexation Request – Eugene Raynor Property – Southeast corner of Wayne Memorial Drive and Tommy's Road (5.857 Acres). Public Hearing Held. Ordinance Adopted. The City Council, at their meeting on March 10, 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-58.2, 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 requirements of G. S. 160A-58, it has the authority to adopt an annexation ordinance.

In addition to those requirements, in 1988 the City Council, adopted a policy which allows annexation of noncontiguous areas subject to a number of requirements. On November 2, 2009, the Council amended the policy to more specifically refer to a "public water supply" being available to tracts of 20 acres or more which have been requested for annexation. The requirements governing noncontiguous annexations are as follows:

a. The area is located within one mile of the established city limit line.
b. The City's ability to contract for the provision of fire and police protection.
c. In no instance shall a noncontiguous area have an adverse effect upon the City's overall annexation plans.
d. If an area is situated beyond one mile of the city limits, the City may consider annexation of that area so long as a public water supply water is available
or can be reasonably made available and the tract in question is 20 acres or more. If the tract in question is less than 20 acres, but is contiguous to another satellite annexation, the City will consider the smaller tract eligible for satellite annexation.

As indicated in the report, the area proposed for annexation meets items a, b, c, and d above.

A report was prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development, in conjunction with other departments, concerning the subject annexation area. Below are recommendations relative to the City's plans for extension of services to the annexation area.

The property owner will be required to pay for the extension of sewer to the property.

The City will provide commercial refuse collection to the property.

The City will provide fire service to the property.

The City will provide police protection to the subject property.

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 an Ordinance annexing the Eugene Raynor Property effective March 31, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 16 "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN NON-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 items on the Consent Agenda, Items C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K be approved as recommended by the City Manager and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams, 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:

Contiguous Annexation Petition – WTKL, LLC South side of US Highway 70 East between NC 111 South and Woodpeck Road (6.13 Acres). Referred to Clerk.

The Applicant is requesting the contiguous property described by metes and bounds in Item 2 of the petition be annexed to the City of Goldsboro. Maps are available showing the property proposed to be annexed.

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

The City Council, at their meeting on March 17, 20104, would request the City Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, a public hearing would be scheduled and a report would be prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development, in conjunction with other City departments, for submission to the Council.

Staff recommended Council request the City Clerk examine the annexation petition to determine its sufficiency. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

Budget Amendment – Sanitary Sewer Billing Adjustment Refund. Ordinance Adopted. The Town of Fremont purchased reserved capacity and sends the majority of its wastewater to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The purchased capacity allows Fremont to pay the capitalized sanitary sewer rate for their sewer treatment.

The City of Goldsboro bills the Town of Fremont monthly for treatment based on readings collected by the Water Reclamation Facility. These readings were transmitted to the Water Reclamation Facility using the SCADA system which reads the Fremont meter at the discharge point on Patetown Road. During January 2014, it appeared that Fremont's usage was higher than normal, which caused the City to investigate its readings with the Fremont staff. It was discovered that the SCADA signal was not transmitting correct readings to the City. Once discovered, further examinations on past readings were analyzed and it was found that the readings were incorrect for approximately three years.

On March 12, 2014, City staff met with Fremont on the discrepancies with the readings and found that an overage of $249,878.93 was billed. This amount was calculated over three years starting with January 2011.

Recently, the City had the SCADA signal recalibrated and is manually reading the Fremont meter for billing purposes to verify that the SCADA information is accurate.

It is recommended Council adopt the following entitled budget ordinance decreasing the unassigned fund balance of the Utility Fund in the amount of $249,878.93 in order to refund the Town of Fremont. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-17 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR"

Audit Services for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014. Approved. The General Statutes of the State of North Carolina require that the City of Goldsboro undertake an independent audit of its financial records on an annual basis. The Audit examines, by fund, all categories of the City's revenues and expenditures. It also illustrates revenues and expenditures by reporting the amounts on the original budget plus the final budget compared to the amounts that were actually received and spent throughout the Fiscal Year.

The CPA firm of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC has performed the City's audit for the past several years, and they are very familiar with the City's financial records. Ms. Michelle Kiefer, CPA, has provided a quote of $40,000 and it is felt that this price is accurate for the amount of work that is essential and the requirements placed upon the auditors by the Local Government Commission, and the quality of the reports provided by this firm.

It is recommended the Council award the auditing services for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 to Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

Procurement Policy and Disadvantage Business Enterprise Policy. Resolution Adopted. The procurement policy is the rules and regulations that are set to govern the process of acquiring goods and services needed by the City of Goldsboro. Our current policy was last revised in February, 2000 but was never brought to Council for adoption.

With the City moving forward with acquiring grantee status with the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA), it was necessary for the City to update and revise its procurement policy. This policy has been drafted to conform to the requirements in 49 CFR 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments; OMB A-102, Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments; OMB A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments; Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4220.1F, Third Party Contracting Requirements; Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy and Procedures; and North Carolina General Statutes. After review and suggestions from FTA, this policy has been accepted by FTA in accordance with their guidelines.

A copy of the procurement policy is available for review.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution approving and adopting the City of Goldsboro procurement policy and disadvantage business enterprise policy establishing the rules and regulations for the City of Goldsboro's procurement procedures. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19 "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO PROCUREMENT POLICY AND DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY"

State Historic Preservation Tax Credit Programs. Resolution Adopted. There are currently three State historic preservation tax credit programs: income producing, non-income producing and mill projects. Each has purpose and can positively affect three key community economic challenges.

Non-Income Producing Program: The non-income producing credits offer opportunities to revitalize distressed historic neighborhoods, allowing historic homes the opportunity to be vital contributors to the community through reinvestment and reuse. Currently the State offers a 30% credit against eligible project costs. No federal non-income producing program exists.

Income Producing Program: The income producing program offers an integral financing mechanism to restore historic commercial buildings, often found in downtowns, that need repurposed. Currently the State offers a 20% credit to these projects piggybacking on the federal program of a 20% credit, providing investors with a combined 40% credit against eligible project costs.

Mill Credit Program: The Historic Mill Tax Credit program allows communities to reinvent abandoned mill buildings, often large buildings with no hope, where manufacturing, textiles and other lost industries once flourished. Currently the State offers a scaled credit program depending on your County's Economic Tier. Tier 1 and 2 counties receive a 40% credit while Tier 3 county projects are eligible for a 30% credit. The State credits piggyback the federal program of 20%, thus possibly enabling up to a 60% credit on eligible project costs.

Of the 41 states across the US that have income tax, 29 recognize historic preservation tax credits as an invaluable tool to spur private sector reinvestment in projects and areas where reinvestment is unlikely to occur otherwise. North Carolina has proudly and successfully been one of those states, pioneering a program in 1980 that was re-affirmed

and strengthened in 1998, a program that many states have mimicked in hopes to create and retain similar positive outcomes.

The State Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC) Programs are scheduled to sunset out of existence effective January 1, 2015 along with other tax incentive programs.

Generally, opponents to tax credits feel that they are carve-outs for a favored few which benefit one sector of the economy by shifting the burden to another. These opponents would prefer that the State's General Fund collect the taxes saved by this program.

However, annually, the Historic Tax Credit Program represents a (initial) loss to the State's General Fund of a mere $14.2M which, when compared to overall benefits, is but a small proportion. These tax credits have fostered investments of greater than $1.6B in private investment, supported an average of $124.5M in State Gross Domestic Product and created/retained almost 2,200 jobs per year impacting all 100 counties of North Carolina. In Goldsboro, thirteen rehabilitation projects were completed with the use of these tax credit programs creating over $2.2M of investment.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution supporting the extension of the State's Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs to enable their continued use to the benefit of Goldsboro's pursuit to restore our valuable historic neighborhoods and revitalization of downtown. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20 "RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS"

Adopting a Title VI Plan for the City of Goldsboro. Resolution Adopted. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin, in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 broadened the scope of Title VI coverage by expanding the definition of the terms "program or activities" to include all programs or activities of federal aid recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors, whether such programs and activities are federally assisted or not.

As a condition of receiving federal grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration, the City must have a Title VI Plan to implement federal Title VI non-discrimination and environmental justice requirements (42 U.S.C. Section 200d, 23 CFR 200.9 and 49 CFR 21). Environmental justice includes the need to identify and address the effects of programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations and ensure full and fair participation by these populations during the decision-making process.

It is also required that the Title VI Program must be approved by the recipient's board of directors or appropriate governing entity or official(s) responsible for policy decisions prior to submission to FTA.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled resolution approving and adopting the Title VI Plan of the City of Goldsboro and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents that are required to be sent to the Federal Transit Administration to satisfy TIGER V grantee requirements. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 21 "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO TITLE VI PLAN"

Community Affairs Commission Appointment. Resolution Adopted. On December 31, 2012, Ms. Alberta Barnes was appointed to serve on the Community Affairs Commission to her first term with her term expiring on December 31, 2014 and has resigned effective February 5, 2014.

Mr. William Kates Jr. has submitted an application to serve on the Community Affairs Commission. Staff would recommend Mr. William Kates Jr. to fill the unexpired term left by Ms. Barnes resignation whose term expires on December 31, 2014. Two vacancies still remain on the commission.

Staff recommended Council adopt the following entitled Resolutions appointing William Kates Jr. to the Community Affairs Commission and commending an individual who has served on the Community Affairs Commission of the City of Goldsboro. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22 "RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO AN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSION"

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 23 "RESOLUTION COMMENDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED ON THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION"

Goldsboro Tourism Council Appointment. Resolution Adopted. There is an existing hotelier vacancy on the Goldsboro Tourism Council. Citizen involvement is vital to the performance of City government. It is necessary that an additional appointment be made in an effort to fill this hotelier vacancy.

Recommendations for appointment were requested from the Goldsboro Tourism Council.

The following individual has submitted an application to be on the Goldsboro Tourism Council and was recommended by the Goldsboro Tourism Council.

Lyn Hagerty

Staff recommended Council adopt the attached Resolution appointing Lyn Hagerty to the Goldsboro Tourism Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24 "RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE GOLDSBORO TOURISM COUNCIL"

Monthly Reports. Accepted as Information. The various departmental reports for the month of February, 2014 were submitted for the Council's approval. It was recommended that Council accept the reports as information. Consent Agenda Approval. Allen/Williams (7 Ayes)

End of Consent Agenda.

City Manager's Report. Mr. Stevens reminded everyone to continue to support American Idol contestant, Majesty Rose. Secondly, our School of Government will begin this week and run for 8 weeks. Finally our Retreat is scheduled to begin on Thursday and Friday around 8:00 am.

City Attorney's Report and Recommendations. No report.

Mayor and Councilmembers' Reports and Recommendations. Mayor King read the following Proclamations:

Proclamation – National Service Recognition Day. Mayor King proclaimed April 1, 2014 as "National Service Recognition Day" in Goldsboro 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 – Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor King proclaimed April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and called upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their

participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Proclamation – Month of the Military Child. Mayor King proclaimed April as the "Month of the Military Child" in the City of Goldsboro and encouraged all residents to recognize the contributions of our military families and to celebrate the spirit of military children across our district and nation.

Mayor King shared as a veteran he understands what it means to be away from the children. He stated he spent a year in Vietnam and is proud of the time he served. He stated he has great kids and encouraged everyone to help support those who serve.

Mayor Pro Tem Broadaway had no comment.

Councilmember Aycock expressed his condolences to Councilmember Headen on the loss of his father. He stated he was proud to see Troop 7 here tonight and challenged them to work hard to obtain their eagle.

Councilmember Allen stated he would also like to offer his condolences to Councilmember Headen on the loss of his father. He stated he too would like to recognize and commend Troop 7.

Councilmember Williams stated he too would like to offer his condolences to Councilmember Headen on the loss of his father. He stated the appearance of the City of Goldsboro over the past 5 years there has been tremendous progress on improvements. He stated there is still much work to do, however, much as been accomplished. He stated based on what he has heard, he feels street resurfacing will be realized in some measure over the next year.

Councilmember Goodman offered his condolences to Councilmember Headen over the loss of his father.

Mayor King stated expressed his deepest condolences to Councilmember Headen over the loss of his father. He stated he was a little surprised to see Councilmember Headen here tonight.

Councilmember Headen him being present speaks volumes about the dad he had. He stated you only get one set of parents, those who still have parent alive, remember to honor, and spend time with them. He stated record their voices because when they are gone you never hear that voice again. He stated he can't say enough about the importance of parents, they shape us; they share in our joys and our tears. Councilmember Headen also thanked everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers.

Mayor King stated the scouts need to pay attention to your parents. He stated it is often said, the older the kids get the smarter the parents become, because some of the things they required you to do you may not understand until you are older. Mayor King encouraged them to honor thy father and thy mother.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Alfonzo King
Mayor

Melissa Corser, CMC
City Clerk