

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2, 2024

WORK SESSION

The Mayor and City 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, Goldsboro, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2024.

Call to Order. Mayor Gaylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Present:

Mayor Charles Gaylor, IV, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Matthews
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Chris Boyette
Councilwoman Jamie Taylor (arrived at 5:02 p.m.)
Councilwoman Beverly Weeks
Councilman Rod White

Also Present: Matthew Livingston, Interim City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Adoption of the Agenda. Mayor Gaylor asked to move Item C, Operating Budget Amendment from the Consent Agenda to Items Requiring Individual Action. Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved. Council adopted the agenda.

Old Business.

Work Session Item a. Boards and Commission Vacancies Discussion. Mayor Gaylor shared information regarding boards and commissions vacancies. Council discussed the vacancies and gave consensus to follow the recommendations of the prospective boards and commissions. The clerk will ask the Historic District Commission for a recommendation. A resolution appointing members will be brought to the next meeting for Council consideration.

Work Session Item c. City Manager Position Search Discussion. Mayor Gaylor introduced Dr. Steven Straus with Developmental Associates (via Zoom). Mr. Straus shared information regarding his company and shared he plans to get council feedback, conduct a citizen survey, and get input from department heads. Developmental Associates will begin recruiting on January 2nd for 30 days. Mr. Straus also shared they will post the vacancy on key websites, social media, School of Government listserv and contact targeted candidates. Dr. Straus shared information regarding the search for a candidate.

Work Session Item b. Downtown Parking Discussion. Mayor Gaylor and Council members discussed downtown parking.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews made a motion to pause the downtown parking enforcement. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Council discussed the motion.

Council discussed distributing a parking survey regarding downtown parking to include downtown businesses, residents and the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews amended the motion to do a moratorium to extend 60 days past our retreat on downtown parking enforcement. The motion was seconded by Councilman White.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Weeks and Councilman White voted for the motion. Mayor Gaylor voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

Interim City Manager Livingston shared City staff will remove the 2 hour parking signs and get the information out to the public regarding the moratorium.

New Business items were conducted during the Regular Meeting.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adjourn the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Matthews, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to NCGS 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. The motion passed 7:0.

Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 214 North Center Street, at 7:02 p.m. on December 2, 2024.

Mayor Gaylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call.

Present:

Mayor Charles Gaylor, IV, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Matthews
Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones
Councilman Chris Boyette
Councilwoman Jamie Taylor
Councilwoman Beverly Weeks
Councilman Rod White

Also Present:

Matthew Livingston, Interim City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Laura Getz, City Clerk

Mayor Gaylor requested to amend the agenda to bring Items 4d and 4e from the Work Session to Items Requiring Individual Action after Item C.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Father David Wyly, Police Chaplain provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Mayor Gaylor, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to NCGS 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

Presentations.

Item B. Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Services Rendered by Alvino Daniels as an Employee of the City of Goldsboro for More Than 15 Years. Resolution Adopted.

Alvino Daniels retires on December 1, 2024 as a Police Investigator, with more than 15 years of service with the Goldsboro Police Department. Alvino began his career on January 7, 2009 as a Police Officer with the Goldsboro Police Department. On March 4, 2015, Alvino was transferred to the Community Police Services Unit to serve as a School Resource Officer with the Goldsboro Police Department. On July 14, 2021, Alvino was promoted to Police Corporal with the CPSU of

the Goldsboro Police Department. On January 11, 2023, Alvino was transferred to Police Investigations to serve as a Police Investigator with the Goldsboro Police Department, where he has served until his retirement. Alvino has proven himself to be a dedicated and efficient public servant who has gained the admiration and respect of his fellow workers and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goldsboro are desirous, on behalf of themselves, City employees, and the citizens of the City of Goldsboro, of expressing to Alvino Daniels their deep appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the City over the years and express to Alvino Daniels our very best wishes for success, happiness, prosperity, and good health in his future endeavors.

This Resolution shall be incorporated into the official Minutes of the City of Goldsboro, and shall be in full force and effect from and after this 2nd day of December, 2024.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-113 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY ALVINO DANIELS AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS”

Public Comment Period. Mayor Gaylor opened the public comment period. The following people spoke:

1. Natalia Newkirk shared concerns regarding the Goldsboro Housing Authority and concerns regarding deaths in Goldsboro. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 2:18.)
2. Willie Baptiste shared comments regarding the public comment period and concerns regarding a house on Lemon Street. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 2:21.)

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

Consent Agenda – Approved as Recommended. Interim City Manager Matt Livingston 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. Councilwoman Weeks moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items D, E and F be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Item D. Establishing a Grant Project Fund Ordinance – MOPCO Phase III Sewer SRP-W-134-0214 (S.L. 2023-134 - 2023 Appropriations Act Directed Grant Project Ordinance) (\$1113). Ordinance Adopted. The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

City Council previously authorized staff to apply for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure

On November 6, 2024, the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) issued a Letter of Intent to fund the S.L. 2023-134 Appropriations Act Directed Project No SRP-W-134-0214. The Division of Water Infrastructure approved the project as eligible to receive a grant in the amount of \$5 million subject to an administrative fee, leaving available funding of \$4.925 million for the MOPCO Phase III sewer improvements. The administrative cost of \$75,000 will be deducted directly from the grant proceeds.

The conditions of the grant require that a grant project ordinance is created to account for the project expenditures and revenues. The City is obligated to provide a match of \$1.2 million for the project, and this will be funded with a transfer from the Utility Fund.

Staff recommends that Council adopt the following entitled grant project ordinance for the MOPCO Phase III Sewer SRP-W-134-0214 (S.L. 2023-134 - 2023 Appropriations Act Grant Project Ordinance) (S1113). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-62 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE MOPCO PHASE III SEWER SRP-W-134-0214 (S.L. 2023-134 - 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT DIRECTED PROJECT) (S1113)”

Item E. Offer and Acceptance for Funding from NC Department of Environmental Quality for Water and Wastewater System Improvements (Project No. SRP-W-134-0214). Resolution Adopted. The item was submitted by Jonathan Perry, Engineering Services Manager. The City of Goldsboro has been offered the 2023 Appropriations Act funding in the amount \$5,000,000 from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality for water and wastewater system improvements required for the Mount Olive Pickle Plant Expansion, Phase III. NCDEQ deducted \$75,000 for administrative fees.

The estimated cost for MOPCO, Phase III, water and wastewater system improvements equals \$6,372,660. The City Council approved Resolution No. 2024-27 on March 18, 2024 authorizing the difference in the estimated cost and NCDEQ funding to be assumed by the City of Goldsboro.

Funds will not be disbursed unless this offer is accepted and upon submittal of the following items:

- A resolution adopted by the governing body accepting the offer and making the applicable assurances contained therein.
- One (1) copy of the original Offer and Acceptance Document executed by the Authorized Representative for the project, along with the Conditions and Assurances.
- Federal Identification Number and Unique Entity ID Number of the Recipient.
- Sales Tax Certification.

The financing of this project has been discussed with the Finance Director and a Capital Project Ordinance is required to appropriate the grant revenue for funding for water and wastewater system improvements required for the Mount Olive Pickle Plant Expansion. The Finance Director will present the budget ordinance to City Council for approval.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authoring the Mayor to execute the funding offer and acceptance documents and agreeing to the obligations as Grant Recipient as set out in the Grant Contract. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-114 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTS FOR GOLDSBORO COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT SRP-W-134-0214)”

Item F. Approval of Boards and Commissions Calendar for 2025. Approved. The item was submitted by Laura Getz, City Clerk.

The City of Goldsboro’s General Rules of Order for Boards and Commissions states that each December Council adopts a comprehensive meeting schedule for all City public bodies.

Boards and Commissions members were requested to review dates for 2025 to determine conflicts with holidays or other City events. These dates may be amended with proper notice to the Clerk’s office.

It is recommended that Council accept staff recommendations and approve the 2025 Boards and Commissions Meetings schedule. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

End of Consent Agenda.

Items Requiring Individual Action.

Work Session Item d. Council Committee Appointments. Mayor Gaylor discussed Council committees. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the Council appointed boards as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to NCGS 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. The motion passed 7:0.

Mayor Pro Tem Matthews made a motion to appoint Felicia Brown to the GWTA board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to approve the Council appointments to City boards and commissions, ex-officio positions as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved.

Mayor Gaylor shared the Council meetings beginning next year will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There will not be a separate work session. He shared he would like for these Council Special Committees to be more active. He would like the Law and Finance Committee to support the City Manager and Finance Director as we move forward with the budget. The Intergovernmental Committee will support the City in efforts to build relationships with county, state and federal partners. The Military Liaison Committee will support the City in efforts to build relationships throughout the military ranks as we do the work to support our partners on Seymour Johnson.

Mayor Gaylor proposed the following Committee assignments for Council consideration.

Law and Finance Committee

Mayor Charles Gaylor
Mayor Pro Tem Hiawatha Jones
Councilwoman Beverly Weeks

Intergovernmental Committee

Mayor Charles Gaylor
Councilman Chris Boyette
Councilwoman Brandi Matthews

Military Liaison Committee

Mayor Charles Gaylor
Councilwoman Jamie Taylor
Councilman Rod White
City Manager

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to approve the City of Goldsboro special committees as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved.

Work Session Item e. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Gaylor expressed gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Matthews for her work as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Gaylor recommended Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Hiawatha Jones as the next mayor pro tem of the City of Goldsboro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette. Mayor Gaylor, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews and Councilman White voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:2.

Laura Getz, City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

City Manager's Report.

Interim City Manager Livingston shared the following: The Law and Finance Committee will be assisting with the budget. He discussed the issues with Fremont and Eureka's billing: shared the Musgrave Manor project is coming along and is ahead of schedule, the FPIC response

has been drafted, CivicPlus will be in place after January and discussed a parking lot lease for City vehicles.

Closed Session.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a Personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones. Mayor Gaylor, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Matthews and Councilman White voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:2.

After the Closed Session was held, Council came out of Closed Session and back into Open Session.

Items Requiring Individual Action.

Item C. Operating Budget Amendment FY24-25. Ordinance Adopted. The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

Council adopted the FY24-25 annual operating budget on June 17, 2024.

City Council (1011) General Fund

The City Council approved a contract for Developmental Associates to conduct the City Manager search in an amount not to exceed \$26,000. City Manager requests reimbursement of legal expenses incurred of approximately \$6,000, and additional expenses related to transportation, lodging and meals for prospective candidates in the amount of \$4,000 is estimated. The total is estimated at \$36,000 and will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance in the General Fund.

Fire (5120) General Fund

The Fire department received a donation of \$300 to be used towards the annual employee appreciation function to be held in December. An appropriation of \$300 for supplies is requested, and this will be funded with donation revenue. The funds have been received and deposited in the City’s account.

Below is an analysis of Fund Balance for the General Fund:

Date	Description	Adopted
6/17/2024	Ord 2024-34 FY24-25 Adopted Budget	\$ 1,992,251.94
8/5/2024	Team Foods USA, Inc. Economic Development Incentive	57,834.00
8/19/2024	Purchase Order Rollover FY24 to FY25	1,059,795.16
9/16/2024	Organizational Study contract revision Management Advisory Group	45,000.00
Current Year Appropriations		<u>\$ 3,154,881.10</u>
12/2/2024	City Manager search recruitment expenses	\$ 36,000.00
Proposed		\$ 36,000.00
Current Year with Proposed		<u><u>\$ 3,190,881.10</u></u>

Water Treatment (4176) Utility Fund

Mr. Robert Sherman, Public Utilities Director, has requested an appropriation of \$400,000 to fund the labor for the installation of the water intake screen at the water treatment plant. This will be funded with a reduction of expenses in the Utility Capital Expense organization.

Transfers (8101) Utility Fund

The City received a letter of intent to fund from the NC Department of Environmental Quality on November 6, 2024, awarding a \$4,925,000 Drinking Water/Wastewater Reserve grant for the Mount Olive Pickle Company Phase III project which is being managed by the Wayne County Development Authority. The grant requires the City to provide a \$1,200,000 match, and this will be funded by the Utility Fund. It is necessary to appropriate a Transfer to Capital Projects, and this will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance in the Utility Fund.

Below is an analysis of Fund Balance for the Utility Fund:

Date	Description	Adopted
6/17/2024	Ord 2024-34 FY24-25 Adopted Budget	\$ 503,944.26
8/19/2024	Purchase Order Rollover FY24 to FY25	1,990,554.28
9/16/2024	Transfer to S1112 for WRF Expansion Scope of Work Costs (Hazen & Sawyer)	600,000.00
10/7/2024	Transfer to W115 PFAS Study & Treatment Project	10,000.00
10/7/2024	Water Intake Structure Project	44,245.08
10/21/2024	Emergency removal and replacement 200 LF of 30" PVC for Stoney Creek Sanitary	112,055.00
	Current Year Appropriations	<u>\$ 3,260,798.62</u>
12/2/2024	City Match for Mount Olive Pickle Co. Phase III Utility Improvements Project (S1113)	\$ 1,200,000.00
	Proposed	<u>\$ 1,200,000.00</u>
	Current Year with Proposed	<u><u>\$ 4,460,798.62</u></u>

Travel and Tourism (9077) Occupancy Tax Fund

On May 10th, Travel and Tourism entered into a lease to rent office space at 119 N. Center Street from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027 at a rate of \$2,000.00 per month during the initial term and escalating each year thereafter. With the implementation of GASB 87 in fiscal year 2022, Finance must evaluate all transactions for the possible application of GASB 87 which also affects the City on a modified accrual basis. This requires that GASB 87 transactions be evaluated for budgetary impacts, and applies in this situation. This requires appropriation of \$80,400 for interest, principal and lease expense for the value of the entire lease, and this will be funded with lease financing revenue and fund balance.

Staff recommends that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance to amend the FY24-25 Operating Budget for the General Fund, Utility Fund, and Occupancy Tax Fund.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to approve Item C as presented on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette. Mayor Gaylor, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Matthews and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to NCGS 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. Mayor Pro Tem Jones voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-63 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR”

Mayor and Councilmembers’ Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones shared the following: I would just like to thank my fellow council persons for nominating me. We all come to Council with great experience, and I hope that we will continue to try to work together and build a better city.

Councilman Boyette shared the following: I would like to say thank you to all of our hardworking city employees for what you do. You're all valued and appreciated and not taken for granted, the city couldn't run without you. Extra thanks to those personnel that assisted with our Lights Up event. What a wonderful event. I don't want to steal anybody else's thunder, but I believe we had a record turnout for that. It was a fabulous event. Also, Wayne County hosted the bimonthly meeting of the 70 Corridor Commission at the Maxwell Center a week or so ago, and I'm happy to continue to serve on that Commission. The interim manager and I had an occasion to attend the Five Guys ribbon cutting ceremony and have a burger that was fabulous. We welcome them to the City of Goldsboro. Congratulations again to Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Councilwoman Taylor shared the following: I want to thank Councilwoman Matthews for doing such a great job as being Mayor Pro Tem in my first year as a City councilwoman. I also want to congratulate Mayor Pro Tem Jones on her upcoming time as mayor pro tem. And as always, I appreciate all of you guys and love working with you.

Councilwoman Matthews had no comments.

Councilwoman Weeks shared the following: I want to congratulate all the elected officials at their swearing in today. I started my morning off at the County Commissioners. I want to congratulate Mrs. Barbara Aycock who's the new chairwoman for the Wayne County Commissioners. And I also want to congratulate Mr. Bevan Foster who's the new Vice Chair and just let you guys know that we are looking forward to serving with the Wayne County Commissioners and looking forward to growing that relationship. Also, congratulations to the Board of Education individuals that was sworn in today and also over at the Clerk of Courts office, they had a swearing in ceremony as well. Also thank you to everyone who had a part or played a role in the Downtown Lights Up. Everything was extremely beautiful. It went off with excellence and I agree with you Mr. Boyette that it was definitely one of the best Downtown Lights Up event I had ever attended. Also, the Code Enforcement Department, thank you for letting me ride out with you last week just to see what you guys do on the job and to just tag along and see what your duties consist of each day. I want to congratulate you, Mayor Pro Tem Jones on your new position. We're very proud of you. It's an honor to serve with you and at the same time, Councilwoman Matthews, it's been an honor to grow, glean and learn from you and sit beside you and ask you questions and you not think I'm crazy, so thank you so much for your service to all of us and how you've served with such great excellence.

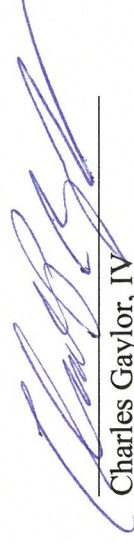
Councilman White shared the following: I want to do a shout out to Artis Daily Bread. On Thanksgiving Day, they handed out free meals, so we celebrate them for taking care of our community. I know there's others out there, but they're the only ones that got with me that I knew was handing out meals, so we salute them. Tickets for The Lion King Junior are on sale right now. They're part of our Community Supporting Schools and Ms. Barbara Jones is doing a wonderful job with our kids, from our community who are exposing them to the arts and keeping them out of trouble. I salute her and please go out and support the kids. It's going to be a fabulous production. Student position on the community development. I wrote that down for any parents or students who are listening, please submit your applications, get exposed to what it is to work on a Commission so you can be exposed to other things and. Also, for those seniors who are getting ready to go to college, it helps to put that on a college resume that you have been exposed to certain things so you can really expand your college resume. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Jones, I know you do an outstanding job. Childcare Summit, on 14 January, Fayetteville, NC, it's a hot topic right now for everybody involved as far as keeping North Carolina the most military friendly state in the US. It's important that we get out to this childcare thing. We're currently sitting in a childcare desert and especially around our installations because it's a myth that all our service members make a lot of money. It takes 2 parents to work to make sure that they're successful and living a quality life. We're trying to get out the, you know, different things so we can improve the childcare system going on here. Shout out to Brandi for doing such a great job. Thank you for all your mentorship, your wisdom, it really means a lot. And I pray that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving.

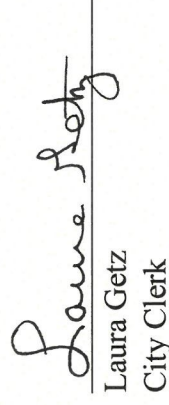
Mayor Gaylor shared the following: Thank you to Pro Tem Matthews and I look forward to continuing serving with you for the foreseeable future. There's a lot of things that we want to get done in this city, that we want to make better, and I appreciate your work so far. I meant what I said earlier, and I look forward to seeing what's ahead of us. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Jones. You have served this city, the state, in a variety of capacities. Your professional career is outstanding and the insights that you bring and just reminding me to make sure that I always remember that I have blind spots and that I have to be acutely aware of that, and that's sage advice, it always is. Congratulations to our friends over at the commissioners, Commissioner Barbara Aycock, the new Chairwoman and Commissioner Foster, the new Vice Chairman. We could not have two more city focused individuals that are now at the helm of the County Commissioners and I look forward to working with them and setting up some time here in the very near future to get their county manager and them and myself, pro tem and the city manager together to be able to talk about what we want to do, what we want to focus on, and also using the governmental relations committee that we just set up and doing some stuff. I'm excited about that. I want to say thank you to code enforcement for the work that you're doing now. I realize that we just really staffed up that department, but they're already making a difference. There's so many parts of the city where we just have to get back to enforcing and doing what we say and to do that, you have to have people that are trying to do it the right way and want to do it the right way and are willing to. I look forward to upskilling each of those individuals as they fully get on board. Next, Downtown Lights Up, to the volunteers with Downtown Development Corporation,

absolutely amazing group of volunteers, to our Downtown Development office and the city staff, phenomenal job organizing and arranging, our Public Works Department, Police, Fire. I'm sure I'm omitting a department; I promise you it is by mistake. I saw IT out there sweating and rained on. It's an all hands effort, but it was absolutely fantastic and a huge crowd. And for those that want to know why do you have a downtown? That's why you have a downtown, to be able to have things like that, that every person in the city or the community, regardless of their background or anything else can go and have something to enjoy. This coming Saturday is parade time and pancakes in the morning over at the Boys and Girls Club and then get ready for the parade that evening and then Jingle in the Park over at Herman Park after that. We're officially in the holiday season. I look forward to seeing everybody out there. When you see me, come say hello. If we've met before, it will be great to see you again. If I haven't met you before, I look forward to meeting you.

Detailed comments from the Mayor and Council are available on YouTube and Facebook.

There being no further business, Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.



Charles Gaylor, IV
Mayor

Laura Getz
City Clerk