MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2025

1. Call to Order – 5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Mayor Gaylor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1.1 Invocation (Bishop Anthony Slater, Fire Chaplain)

Archbishop Anthony Slater, Fire Chaplain provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present:	Mayor Charles Gaylor Mayor Pro Tem Hiawatha Jones Councilman Chris Boyette Councilwoman Jamie Taylor Councilwoman Brandi Matthews Councilwoman Beverly Weeks Councilman Roderick White
Also Present:	Matthew Livingston, City Manager Ron Lawrence, City Attorney Laura Getz, City Clerk

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Councilman Boyette made a motion to move 7.10 to 9.2, swap 8.1 and 8.2, handle new business before old business, and move 4.1 to the end of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

4. Recognitions and Presentations

4.2 Water Reclamation Facility Project Presentation

Bert Sherman, Public Utilities Director, shared information regarding the condition of the water reclamation facility and showed photos of a sand filter line which was repaired this past Saturday, and is included in the agenda packet. Colin Beck with Hazen and Sawyer shared the presentation included in the agenda packet.

The mayor, council members and Mr. Livingston shared comments regarding the proposed project. They discussed the following: rates, points received for funding assistance, proposed rates for next year.

David Hyder with Stantec discussed the financials for utilities if the proposed rates are reduced for the coming year. Mr. Hyder stated the 9% rate proposed would still need a double-digit increase next year. Matt shared there is some flexibility to tailor the treatment plant upgrade.

Mr. Hyder shared scenario slides from the council retreat which are included in the agenda packet.

Councilwoman Weeks asked what the rate increases have been over the last several years. Matt shared there were no increases for 10 years.

Mr. Hyder shared increases will become more substantial in the future and to expect multiple years for increases to fund the projects.

4.1 Friends of Seymour Update

Ken Gerrard with Friends of Seymour (FOS) shared the following: requested to maintain stopping divestment, maintenance dollars, the House Appropriations Committee has passed additional funding for 3 more F-15 EX, funding for the F-15 all flights, the House Arm Service Committee will start markups of the FY26 NDAA July 15. Representative Don Davis has been a huge champion for Seymour Johnson, and he has asked for additional funding language for front line fighter squadrons and military bases that deploy more than 30% of their airmen.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is getting a debrief from the military, and asking questions about their needs. The Armed Services Committee will start their NDAA markups in July. Two weeks ago, Friends of Seymour, Crossroads Strategies, staff members from Representative Davis and Senator Budd's office held a conference call regarding upcoming items and requests.

Members of FOS have been to Washington to aid Davis and Budd's office to craft language for our request.

Mayor Gaylor shared that the N.C. Secretary of Military Affairs recently offered her time for a call and also shared the economic impact of Seymour Johnson.

Mr. Gerrard suggested that the board and manager talk to representatives in Washington and Raleigh and to continue their support of Crossroads and FOS.

5. Public Hearings

5.1 Public Hearing to Consider an Economic Development Agreement with Pelsan US, Inc and Wayne County

Presented by City Manager Matt Livingston.

Pelsan US, Inc. desires to install certain machinery and equipment in two locations at Park East. This represents a total non-depreciated investment of at least $82,618,125 in business and real property and is proposed to create at least (216) new jobs at these facilities on or before December 31, 2031, with incremental achievement goals starting January 1, 2027.

The Goldsboro City Council believes the location of new industries and the expansion of existing industries is vital to the economic health of Goldsboro and to the welfare of its citizens. The City Council wishes to encourage such development by means of offering incentives to recruit new industries and to aid in the expansion of existing industries. Such incentives are predicated on the notion of expanding Goldsboro's tax base and providing additional jobs for Goldsboro citizens that pay wages higher than the current prevailing average hourly wage in the particular industry. Pursuant to NC General Statue 158-7.1, a public hearing is being held on a proposal to provide the following economic incentives to Pelsan US, Inc.

- Location – ParkEast Industrial Park: 404 and 408 Gateway Drive, Goldsboro.
- The City agrees not to annex the properties listed above for a value of $1,500,000.
- The City agrees to provide water and sewer to the properties.
- Providing an incentive grant totaling up to $10,000 as a 100% reduction in the system development fees that would typically be charged.

Following the public hearing and depending on comments received, staff recommends Council consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the attached economic development agreement with Pelsan US, Inc. and Wayne County.

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

Councilman Boyette made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the economic development agreement with Pelsan US, Inc. and Wayne County. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-53 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH PELSAN US, INC. AND WAYNE COUNTY"

5.2 Amendment to an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Goldsboro and Wayne County

The item was presented by Matthew Livingston, City Manager.

The City of Goldsboro and County of Wayne entered into an economic development agreement regarding properties at ParkEast Industrial Park on May 21, 2024.

NCGS §160A-461 et. seq. authorizes two or more local government units to enter into contracts or agreements with each other to execute any undertaking.The City has been asked to amend the 2024 agreement, attached to this agenda item, which includes the following items.

- The parties entered into an Agreement on May 21, 2024 relating to four parcels located in the ParkEast Industrial Park which are owned by the County.
- The Original Agreement called for the City not to annex the subject properties but still provide water and sewer utilities.
- In exchange for the City's commitment to waive annexation in the Original Agreement, the County agreed to share equally with the City the general County ad valorem taxes on the real and personal property collected from the property described as Wayne County PIN 3519915801.

The amendment to the agreement includes the following clause:

The City shall forego a split of tax proceeds for Wayne County PIN 3519915801 until such time the County has received $2,539,800 in property tax revenues; thereafter, all tax revenues for the parcel shall be evenly split. The County shall provide an accounting of all taxes received for Wayne County PIN 3519915801 on a semi-annual basis beginning on July 1, and then again on January 15, and continuing each year thereafter. These shared taxes do not include any fire district taxes, street assessments, street lighting assessments, or any other future assessments for specific purposes.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Resolution approving the amended Economic Development Agreement between the City of Goldsboro and Wayne County, after the public hearing was held.

Mayor Gaylor opened the public hearing and the following citizen spoke:

1. Constance Coram shared comments about a proposed zoning that was held at the Council meeting on June 2, 2025.

No one else spoke, and the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the Resolution approving the amended Economic Development Agreement between the City of Goldsboro and Wayne County,. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Weeks, and Councilman White voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Matthews, did not vote, however, pursuant to NCGS 160A-75, her vote would be considered an affirmative vote. The motion passed 7:0.

RESOLUTION 2025-54 "RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND WAYNE COUNTY REGARDING PROPERTY IN THE PARKEAST INDUSTRIAL PARK"

6. Public Comment Period

Mayor Gaylor recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

1. Natalia Newkirk shared comments regarding murders in Goldsboro. (Full comments are

available on YouTube at 1:25.)
2. Dr. David Craig shared comments regarding the proposed budget and shared a handout which is included in the agenda packet. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 1:29.)
3. Constance Coram shared comments regarding the Council. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 1:32.)
4. Janice Scanes shared comments regarding the proposed water rate increase and a program to assist the elderly with their utility bills. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 1:36.)
5. Nadine McEachern shared she is proud of the mayor and council members, and they are doing a good job. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 1:39.)
6. Safornia Carroll shared comments regarding a previous speaker slandering her son. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 1:40.)

6.1 Public Comment Period Exhibits

7. Consent Agenda

Approved as Recommended. 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. Item 7.10 was removed during the adoption of the agenda and moved to Old Business. Councilwoman Weeks moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items 7.1 - 7.9 and 7.11 be approved. The motion was Councilwoman Taylor and a roll call vote resulted in all members voting in favor of the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

7.1 Amending a Special Revenue Fund Ordinance – Fire Other Restricted Revenue Funds (F3110)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

At the September 6, 2022 Council meeting, Council authorized the establishment of a grant project ordinance for the Fire Other Restricted Revenue Fund (F3110) in order to create more transparency in the collection and disbursement of funds received from various donations, local grants, fundraisers and other restricted revenue sources for the Fire department.January 3, 2025, the Fire department was awarded a grant from Walmart in the amount of $1,500 for community support. On April 23, 2025, the Fire department was awarded a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of $21,333 to be used for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras and accessories.

In addition, the department has received donations earmarked for summer camps to be taught by the Fire department in the amount of $2,200. Further, the department received funds to be used for morale and supplies totaling $750. It is necessary to appropriate the revenues and expenditures in order for the department to begin fulfilling the terms of the grant and donations. The expenditures will be funded with an appropriation of grant and donation revenue.

It was recommended that Council adopt the amendment to the Special Revenue Fund Ordinance for the Fire Other Restricted Revenue Funds (F3110). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-19 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE FIRE OTHER RESTRICTED REVENUE FUND (F3110)"

7.2 Amending a Grant Project Ordinance – Fire Capital Equipment Project Fund (F3111)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

City Council created a capital project fund for a Quint Aerial Fire Truck on July 11, 2022. The new aerial truck was delivered in December, 2024. At the Council Retreat February, 2024, Council indicated that fire apparatus was a priority, and at the May 20th Council meeting, Council by consensus authorized the purchase of a new pumper truck through debt financing.The City purchased a Spartan fire truck from Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks for $873,952.00. The new pumper truck was delivered February, 2025.

It is necessary to amend the budget to cover the cost of the plates and highway use tax, totaling $1,856.27, and this will be funded with a reduction of loan fees.

It was recommended that Counci adopt the following entitled budget ordinance amendment to the Fire Capital Equipment Project Fund (F3111). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-20 "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE FIRE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROJECT FUND (F3111)"

7.3 Amending a Capital Projects Fund Ordinance – Herman Park Center Capital Project (G1102)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

At the December 17, 2018 meeting, the City Council authorized the award of a design-build contract with T.A. Loving Company for the Herman Park Center for $735,950. At the same meeting, the Council further adopted a reimbursement resolution and a budget amendment for Phase I costs of $735,950.

At the March 18, 2019 meeting, City Council authorized the creation of a capital project fund to account for the project costs and debt proceeds as required by law. Included in the proposed borrowed amount of $11,750,000 was $600,000 for a portion of the $1,755,751 match required by the TIGER VIII grant.

At the June 17, 2019, Council authorized the reduction of $600,000 which was accounted for in the newly created TIGER VIII grant project fund (R1103).In September, 2020, the City paid for a set of preliminary drawings from the design builder in the amount of $376,000. It is necessary to appropriate funds for construction for the amount of $376,000, and this will be funded with a transfer from the General Fund. This was previously funded and transferred by the General Fund in the FY24 operating budget. Currently, there are no plans for the construction of a new Herman Park Center, therefore it is necessary to remove the remaining expenditure appropriation of $10,774,000.

The fund will be left open as there is a HUD appropriation of $250,000 for the demolition of Herman Park Center that was made possible by Congressman Nickel. At the point in time when the City Council accepts the grant funding through resolution and a grant funding agreement is signed, the project fund will then be amended to appropriate the revenue and expenditures for the demolition project.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled amendment to the Herman Park Recreation Center Capital Project Fund. Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)

ORDINANCE 2025-21 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE HERMAN PARK RECREATION CENTER (G1102)"

7.4 Amending a Capital Projects Fund Ordinance – Parks & Recreation Capital Projects FY19-28 (G1104)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On June 17, 2019, City Council authorized the establishment of a capital project fund for various Parks & Recreation initiatives to be funded over a period of years. The City received several charitable donations and sponsorships in which the donor/sponsor requested that the funds be spent on improvements at City owned Parks and Recreation facilities. The City of

Goldsboro has been awarded the Trillium Health Resources Inclusive Playground, also known as Play Together Accessible Playground grant, for the construction of a public inclusive playground valued at $250,000 at North End Park. The City formally accepted the grant at the May 19th Council meeting. It is necessary to appropriate the expenditures so that staff may begin the project, and this will be funded with grant and donation revenue.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled grant project ordinance amendment for the Parks & Recreation Capital Projects FY19-28 (G1104). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-22 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKS & RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FY19-28 (G1104)"

7.5 Amending the Community Relations Special Revenue Fund Ordinance (G1108)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On June 15, 2020, City Council authorized the establishment of a special revenue fund to account for donations and sponsorships that are funded with donor specific restrictions, such as the Human Relations Committee, Interfaith Breakfast, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration, Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, and the Mayor's Youth Council. At this time, there are donations and sponsorships in the amount of $2,800.00 that need to be appropriated to fund expenditures for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration. The funding is primarily from the ticket sales for the breakfast.

Included is an adjustment to the budget for the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities in the amount of $668.72 that was incorrectly allocated to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration expenditure line item.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled amendment to the Grant Project Budget Ordinance for the Community Relations Special Revenue Fund (G1108). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-23 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (G1108)"

7.6 Amending a grant project budget ordinance for the State Grants Miscellaneous Grant Project Fund (G1109)

The item was submitted/presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

At the April 17, 2023 meeting, Council authorized the creation of a grant project budget ordinance for a special revenue fund to account for the State Appropriations grant of $150,000. The state appropriated $2,000,000 in the Regional Economic Development Reserve (S.L. 2023-134, Sec. 2.2 (F51 Item 181) in its fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for the City of Goldsboro. City Council authorized the allocation of the funding at the November 20, 2023 meeting with $375,000 to be used towards stabilization of Union Station and $1,625,000 towards the Public Safety Complex repairs.

City Council authorized the appropriation of these funds at the June 17, 2024 meeting.At this time, it is necessary to appropriate expenditures to line item projects related to the parks and recreation, transportation, public safety and economic development programs, and this will be funded with the accumulated interest earnings of $65,418.27 on the unspent grant proceeds.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance amending the State Grants Miscellaneous (G1109). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-24 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR STATE GRANTS MISCELLANEOUS (G1109)"

7.7 Amending a Special Revenue Fund Ordinance – Federal and State Drug Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund (P3101)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On February 17, 2020 City Council authorized the establishment of a special revenue fund to account for the inflows and outflows of resources for federal and state drug forfeiture funds. The fund is amended as necessary to appropriate revenues received.

The City has received funding from the Equitable Sharing program (Asset Forfeiture) through the Department of Justice in the amount of $1,766.70. It is necessary to appropriate expenditures related to federal drug forfeiture in order for staff to be able to carry out eligible activities to support police operations, and this will be funded with grant revenue from the Federal Forfeiture. The total received to date within the special revenue fund is $97,816.03.

The City also received multiple distributions from the North Carolina Department of Revenue for Unauthorized Substance Tax collections which is levied under N.C. G.S. §105-113 to 105-113. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the money collected is returned to the state or local law enforcement agency whose investigation led to the assessment. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the money collected is retained by the State of North Carolina. The total received to date since FY20 is $35,256.73. The current amount to be appropriated is $11,171.48 and will be used to carry out eligible activities to support police operations.

Investment income credited to the fund for Federal Forfeiture from 6/30/21 to 4/30/25 is $11,828.36. The current amount to be appropriated is $4,530.01.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled budget ordinance amendment for the Federal and State Drug Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund (P3101). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-25 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR FEDERAL AND STATE DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNTS (P3101)"

7.8 Amending a Special Revenue Fund Ordinance – Police Other Restricted Revenue Funds (P3104)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

On June 17, 2019 City Council approved the creation of a special revenue fund for the Police Department to create more transparency in the collection and disbursement of funds received from special court allocations, storage fees, various fundraisers, donations, sale of found property, and other restricted revenue sources for the police department.The Police department has received $8,815.50 in various donations and insurance proceeds. It is necessary to appropriate these revenues so that the Police department may expend them according to the applicable purpose. The table below provides additional details.

Entity	Purpose	Date Received	Amount
Insurance Proceeds	K-9 (Lark)	Apr 2025	$8,115.00
Private Citizen Donations	Donations for Community Police Services	Feb 2024-May 2025	700.50
	Total Revenue Appropriations		$8,815.50

It is necessary to appropriate the revenues and corresponding expenditure appropriations, so the Police may begin spending the funds for public safety purposes.

Included is an adjustment of $1,500 for a Walmart grant that should have been allocated to the Fire Other Restricted Revenue Fund (F3110). The expenditure and revenue appropriations have been reduced.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled amendment for the Police Other Restricted Revenue Funds (P3104). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-26 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE POLICE OTHER RESTRICTED REVENUE FUND (P3104)"

7.9 Amending a Grant Project Fund Ordinance – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Special Revenue Fund (C2101 and C3101)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has granted funding for the CDBG and HOME programs to the City of Goldsboro as an entitlement city. These grants will be managed by the Community Relations & Development department. The City received and executed the allocations for 2024 as per the signed agreements from July 30, 2023.

CDBG 2024 (B24-MC-37-0019)	$ 351,152
HOME 2024 (M24-MC370209)	229,887
Total Funding FY24-25	$ 581,039

Staff requests that the Council appropriate expenditures in the amount of $581,039 so that the terms of the grant agreements may be carried out. There is no local match required for the CDBG and HOME grants.

Additional funding from program income and prior program years is included to reflect actual spending and execution of programs. Reallocations for costs is also presented to correct the budgeted amounts.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Grant Project Ordinance amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Special Revenue Fund (C2101 and C3101). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Taylor (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-27 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRANT PROJECT FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (C2101 and C3101)"

7.11 Departmental Monthly Reports

The Departmental Monthly Reports for May 2025 were presented as information.

9. New Business

9.1 Emergency Replacement of McCall's Pump Station Manhole

The item was presented by Jonathan Perry, Engineering Services Manager.

Recent inspections at the McCall's Pump Station located off Millers Chapel Road revealed the rapidly deteriorating condition of the existing manhole. This pump station is owned and maintained by the City of Goldsboro. Due to the potential seriousness of the situation and the possibility of sanitary sewer overflow, staff recommends immediate replacement of the existing manhole. In accordance with General Statute 143-129(e)(2), cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people and their property are an exception to the formal bidding requirements.

Staff requested a quote from Ralph Hodge Construction Company, the current contractor for the emergency repair of Stoney Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall. The work for replacement of the manhole at McCall's Pump Station involves the following:

Replacement of the existing manhole with a 5' diameter Armorock manhole
CIPP lining of influent 8" and 12" gravity sewer lines and effluent 16" gravity sewer line
Excavation, dewatering, bypass pumping, and temporary rerouting of the 8" influent force main
Replacement of 36" RCP driveway pipe
Repair of the asphalt driveway
Ralph Hodge Construction Company submitted a lump sum cost of $468,240 for the emergency replacement of McCall's Pump Station Manhole, as shown in the attached quote dated June 3, 2025.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Ralph Hodge Construction Company in the amount of $468,240 for the emergency replacement of McCall's Pump Station Manhole.

Mr. Perry shared information regarding the item and showed a photo of the issue which is included in the agenda packet.

Council discussed Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) with Mr. Perry.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Ralph Hodge Construction Company. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-55 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH RALPH HODGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF MCCALL'S PUMP STATION MANHOLE"

7.10 Operating Budget Amendment FY24-25

The item was submitted and presented by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

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

Paramount (1018) General Fund
The Paramount Theater Director, Mr. Adam Twiss, has requested an additional appropriation of ticket payments so that payouts related to ticket sales collected by the City may be paid to the respective vendors at the conclusion of their event. The cost of ticket payouts is covered by the revenues generated by the Paramount Theater. The appropriation requested is $70,000 and will be funded with additional revenue from ticket sales.

GEC (1020) General Fund
The Parks & Recreation Director, Ms. Felicia Brown, has requested an appropriation to fund divider panels needed at the GEC for safety reasons. The appropriation requested is $4,500 and will be funded with a reduction of expenditures in the Golf division.

Fire (5120) General Fund
Chief Stempien has requested an appropriation to fund repairs due to insurance claims in the amount of $35,000 to cover various claims that have occurred this fiscal year. The appropriation will be funded with revenue from insurance proceeds.

Non-recurring Capital Outlay (7315) General Fund
The City has sold 2 properties which it jointly owned with Wayne County. It is necessary to fund an appropriation in order to pay out the amounts owed to the County in the amount of $3,190, and this will be funded with revenue from the sale of land.

Utility Fund Capital (4178) Utility Fund
Council has been presented a resolution to approve the emergency repair of the McCall's lift station manhole. The expenditure appropriation for the emergency repair to be completed by Ralph Hodge Construction was estimated to be $470,000 and will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance in the Utility Fund.

Debt (8111) Utility Fund
The Finance department has entered into a subscription with Bidnet which will provide bid management and vendor management software services. The contract term is 36 months. After completing a GASB 96 (Subscriptions) review, it has been determined that the software subscription must be accounted for and appropriated as a GASB 96 subscription. This requires an appropriation of $61,700 for interest, principal and subscription expense for the value of the entire subscription, and this will be funded with subscription financing revenue and fund balance.

Appropriated Fund Balance Utility Fund
See below an analysis of the appropriated fund balance in 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
12/2/2024	City Match for Mount Olive Pickle Co. Phase III Utility Improvements Project (S111:	1,200,000.00
12/16/2024	Engineering fees for Booster Pump & Water Lines project (W1111)	32,400.00
12/16/2024	Grant fee for VUR MRF Part B (MRF-M-VUR-0007)	3,900.00
4/21/2025	Sanitary sewer flow meters SJAFB & Fork Township, Water meters WTP	650,000.00
4/21/2025	Emergency repairs and equipment rental for Stoney Creek sanitary sewer outfall	160,840.00
	Current Year Appropriations	$ 5,307,938.62
6/16/2025	Emergency repairs and equipment rental for McCall's pump station	$ 470,000.00
6/16/2025	GASB 96 - Bidnet	3,700.00
	Proposed	$ 473,700.00
	Current Year with Proposed	$ 5,781,638.62

Debt (8111) Fuel System Internal Service Fund

The Finance department has entered into a subscription with EKOS which provides fuel management software services. The contract term is 60 months. After completing a GASB 96 (Subscriptions) review, it has been determined that the software subscription must be accounted for and appropriated as a GASB 96 subscription. This requires an appropriation of $15,400 for interest, principal and subscription expense for the value of the entire subscription, and this will be funded with subscription financing revenue and fund balance.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance to amend the FY24-25 Operating Budget for the General Fund, Utility Fund and Fuel System Internal Service Fund.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2025-28 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR"

8. Old Business

8.2 Adoption of an Ordinance for Utility Fees and Charges for FY2025-26

The item was submitted Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

In conjunction with the adoption of the FY2025-26 annual operating budget ordinance, Council shall establish utility rates and fees. The ordinance incorporates the following water and sewer rate increases effective for billings on or after August 1, 2025.

Rate Category	Increase
All Water Rates and Classes	7.5%
Sewer (Inside & Outside)	7.5%
Sewer Industrial Bulk Rate (Inside & Outside)	7.5%
Capitalized Sewer (Inside & Outside)	7.5%
Capitalized Sewer Industrial Bulk (Inside & Outside)	7.5%

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance incorporating the water and sewer rate increases to be in full force and effect on all billings on or after August 1, 2025, and all other rates and fees effective July 1, 2025.

City Manager Livingston shared the driver is the CIP and discussed the item. Mrs. Gwynn discussed the item, lifelong rates and the software changes that is needed to put the tiered rates (lifelong rates) in place.

Commercial rates and industrial rates across the board is 7.5%.

Council discussed the cost to upgrade the water plants. Mr. Livingston shared information regarding the CIP with regard to the water plant. Mr. Sherman shared the water plant is 70+ years old and plant capacity will be an issue as we grow. City Manager Livingston shared estimates are based on useful life and are included in CIP.

Mr. Sherman shared comments regarding the condition of the water plant and the process of getting estimates.

Council shared comments regarding adjusting rates and implementing programs before approving an increase. Council continued discussion regarding the water and sewer rate increases.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the annual operating budget ordinance for FY25-26 incorporating the water and sewer rate increases. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette. Mayor Gaylor, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilwoman Matthews, and Councilman White voted against the motion. The motion passed 4:3.

ORDINANCE 2025-29 "AMENDING THE WATER RATES AND SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO"

8.1 Adoption of the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

G.S. §159-13 requires that the governing board adopt a budget ordinance prior to July 1 to make appropriations and levy the taxes for the budget year. Specifically, the budget ordinance establishes the property tax rate and any special taxes which may be levied during a fiscal year, such as the Special Downtown Municipal District Tax. Other fees and charges levied by the City are also described within the contents of this document.

The major emphasis of a budget ordinance is to identify by fund the estimated revenues a municipality anticipates collecting during a fiscal year and to delineate by fund and major program how these monies shall be appropriated. The budget ordinance may also describe any special authorizations granted to the Budget Officer. Passage of the budget ordinance is an annual occurrence. No budget for the fiscal year can be implemented without the formal adoption of the provisions of this document. The budget ordinance reflects the decisions made by the City Council during its budget reviews and discussion. The budget ordinance assures compliance with all pertinent state fiscal laws.

It must show an exact balance between revenues and expenditures. If circumstances do not warrant the adoption of this document by the prescribed date, an interim budget must be approved by the governing body. The specific authorizations granted to the Budget Officer are the same as were delegated in Fiscal Year 2024-25 that relate to the reallocation of departmental appropriations, interdepartmental transfers, and interfund loans and transfers. Also, the Finance Director and the Deputy Finance Director are authorized to sign all pre-audit certifications for budgetary appropriations as required by G.S. 159-28.

The Budget Committee established by Council met with staff on several occasions to review the FY2025-26 recommended budget.

<u>Revenue Highlights</u>
The proposed adopted budget presented here reflects the following revenue changes:

- General Fund - The property tax rate will decrease from \$0.825 cents per \$100 valuation to \$0.69 cents per \$100 valuation. The property tax for the Downtown Municipal Service District will decrease from \$0.235 per \$100 valuation to \$0.156 per \$100 valuation.
- General Fund - Fund balance appropriation – There is no appropriated fund balance.
- Utility Fund – The budget incorporates multiple rate changes for all water and sewer rates 7.5% and are detailed in the rate ordinance presented for adoption.

- Utility Fund - Fund balance appropriation – There is no appropriated fund balance.

Expenditure Highlights
The proposed adopted budget presented here reflects the following expenditure highlights:

Position Allocation

	FTE Count
FY24-25 Adopted	489
Elected Officials	7
Added During FY25	0
FY23-24 Adjusted Adopted	496
FY25-26 Manager Recommended	492
Elected Officials	7
FY24-25 Proposed Adopted	499

A total of three full-time positions were recommended.

- Assistant City Manager (2) – General Fund
- Deputy Police Chief – General Fund
- Stormwater Administrator – Stormwater Fund

Permanent part-time employees will be increased from 10 to 12.

Salaries & Benefits
Included in the FY2025-26 proposed adopted budget is the MAG study which recommended a 3% cost of living adjustment for all full-time and permanent part-time employees that are employed on June 25, 2025. The raise will be effective on July 9, 2025 which begins the first full payroll in FY26 in biweekly payroll 15 which will be paid on July 25th.

A net bonus of $400 (full-time) and $200 (permanent part-time) for eligible employees is budgeted and will be paid the first non-payroll week after Thanksgiving (tentative date Friday, December 5th). Employees who are on probation will receive half the amount.

The deferred compensation plan 401(k) remains at 5% for sworn officers and will increase to 5% for all other employees. LGERS retirement contribution for employees remains at 6%, and employer contributions are set at 14.41% non-LEO and 16.24% LEO.

Contingency
Contingency appropriations are as follows:

Fund	**Amount**
General Fund	47,896
Stormwater Fund	0
Downtown District Fund	7,572
Utility Fund	0
Occupancy	64,992

Tax Fund	
General Fund Capital Reserve	1,000
Fuel System Internal Service Fund	94,910
Total Contingency Appropriation	216,370

As required by G.S. §159-11, the Budget Officer submitted to the governing board a balanced recommended budget with the required components on May 5, 2025, ahead of the statutory deadline of June 1, 2025. The filing of the recommended budget was also properly advertised in Wayne Week on May 4, 2025, and an electronic copy of the budget was delivered to the City Clerk and made available online on the City's website. Further, the Council conducted a public hearing on June 5, 2025, at the 5:30 pm meeting. Finally, there has been at least 10 days between the presentation of the recommended budget (May 19th) and the tentative adoption of the budget ordinance (June 16th).

Summary of FY2025-26 Budget

	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Expenditures	Fund Balance Appropriated
General Fund	$ 61,182,968	$ 61,182,968	$ -
General Fund Capital Reserve	1,000	1,000	-
Stormwater Fund	2,209,061	2,209,061	-
Utility Fund	27,134,809	27,134,809	-
Utility Fund Capital Reserve	-	-	
System Development Fees Cap. Res.	650,000	650,000	
Downtown District	110,847	110,847	-
Occupancy Tax	1,359,379	1,359,379	-
Fuel System Internal Service Fund	1,035,700	1,035,700	
Total Budget FY24-25	$ 93,683,764	$ 93,683,764	$ -

A published copy of the final Adopted Budget for FY2025-26 will be produced and furnished to Council and available on our website as soon as possible.

It was recommended that Council adopt the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 including the Manual of Fees and Charges.

Matt shared comments regarding public safety and salaries, priorities, business and economic development, slum and blight, major equipment needs, recruitment and retention, Edgewood School lease, moving Powell Bill funds from salaries to streets, and holiday bonuses for employees. He also shared that this is a budget that reflects the goals and priorities of the council.

Council members discussed the proposed budget. Ms. Gwynn shared comments regarding the budget ordinance.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-26 including the Manual of Fees and Charges. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved.

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10. City Manager's Report

City Manager Livingston shared comments regarding the Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Todd Walker's retirement ceremony.

11. Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments

Councilman White shared a happy belated Father's Day and congratulated the HBCU organization. They raised $55,000 in three months to help children attend the schools.

Councilwoman Weeks thanked the city manager and assistant city manager for being available for budget meetings, and thanked city staff for all they do.

Councilwoman Matthews reminded everyone of Uno and Uplift at WA Foster Center this Friday from 6:00-8:00. She also shared that she loves District 4, and thanked city staff that assisted with getting the stop light.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked the city manager and finance director for letting her ask questions about the budget and thanked the city manager for acting quickly regarding a sidewalk in her district. She thanked her constituents for coming and giving her encouragement.

Councilwoman Taylor highlighted three things in the budget she is excited about: raises for city employees, funding for street repair, and more money for handling blight. She gave a shutout to her fellow council members for their work.

Councilman Boyette thanked city employees, thanked the city manager, assistant city manager, finance director and staff for their work on the budget. He also shared that he is proud of the budget committee.

Mayor Gaylor shared comments regarding recent Father's Day events, the Jeep event held Downtown, and the budget has pieces you are going to like and dislike. He shared comments regarding some of the items in the budget. He shared that this is the first budget in several years that we didn't have to use fund balance.

12. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at 8:20.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

Charles Gaylor, IV
Mayor

Laura Getz
City Clerk