

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2025

1. Call to Order – 5:30 P.M. –Council Chambers

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

1.1 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Charles Gaylor, IV
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

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved. Council adopted the agenda.

4. Recognitions and Presentations

4.1 Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends Proclamation

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaims our support for the DILLARD/GOLDSBORO ALUMNI & FRIENDS, INC. and their efforts to preserve the history and legacy of Dillard High School and Goldsboro High School. We commend their commitment to providing educational opportunities for students in the community and recognize their contributions to the betterment of our city. We urge all citizens to join us in celebrating Memorial Day Weekend 2025 and to support the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. in their endeavors to empower the next generation of leaders through education.

Mr. Ernest Lofton, a 1954 graduate of Dillard High School, accepted the proclamation and shared comments regarding Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni.

4.2 Employee and Supervisor of the Quarter Awards

The Employee of the Quarter: Robin Gurgainus

We are proud to recognize Robin for his outstanding contributions. Not only in his role as Safety Coordinator but also for stepping up to take on the additional responsibilities of ADA Coordinator and Risk Management with exceptional dedication and skill. Since assuming these expanded duties, Robin has consistently demonstrated the ability to manage multiple critical areas with professionalism and focus. In his role as Safety Coordinator, Robin continues to lead our safety programs, ensure compliance with workplace safety regulations, and deliver vital training initiatives. Robin has also assumed the added responsibilities of ADA Coordinator and Risk Manager, ensuring that all operations run smoothly and within full compliance concerning relevant standards and policies. In his role as ADA Coordinator, Robin works diligently to ensure a fully accessible and inclusive workplace. He addresses individual needs with empathy and thoroughness while providing ongoing guidance to leadership to maintain compliance with

ADA standards. His efforts have fostered a more inclusive and supportive environment for all employees. Robin's resilience, strong work ethic, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of our team have had a profound impact on our workplace culture. Robin is an invaluable asset to our team, and we are grateful for his continued service. Robin's work ethic and accomplishments reflect well on himself and the City of Goldsboro.

The Supervisor of the Quarter: Gaston Lopez

Gaston plays a critical role in preserving the cleanliness, safety, and livability of our city. As Supervisor of the Environmental Codes Inspectors, he leads a dedicated team responsible for promptly addressing zoning inquiries, investigating code violations, and ensuring compliance across city streets, right-of-ways, and private properties. He exemplifies exceptional leadership, professionalism, and commitment in his role. His deep expertise allows him to interpret and apply a wide range of city codes and ordinances, particularly those related to signage, nuisances, and neighborhood concerns. Gaston is not only an invaluable resource for his team and the public but also a model of patience, understanding, and approachability. His sense of humor and positive outlook create a supportive and engaging work environment where staff feel empowered and appreciated. What truly sets Gaston apart is his strength in public engagement and conflict resolution. He approaches every situation with empathy, fairness, and respect, building trust amongst his colleagues, community members, and external partners alike. Thanks to his leadership, every challenge becomes an opportunity to strengthen the connection between the city and its residents. Gaston's work ethic and accomplishments reflect well on himself and the City of Goldsboro.

4.3 National Public Works Week Proclamation

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council designates the week of May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety and advancing the quality of life for all.

Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director accepted the proclamation.

4.4 Phi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Awards

Octavius Murphy, Vice President of the Phi Alpha Alpha Chapter shared information regarding two awards received by the Phi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at their Annual Meeting for their mentoring work at North Drive Elementary School. The chapter received an award titled "2025 Fatherhood Program of the Year" and an award titled "2025 Mentor Program of the Year".

4.5 Proclamation Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Edmund W. Gordon

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council hereby recognizes and honors Dr. Edmund W. Gordon for his profound and lasting contributions to the intellectual, civic, and cultural fabric of our community and our nation.

5. Public Hearings

5.1 Public Hearing – Draft FY25-29 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and FY25-26 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

The item was submitted and presented by Krystal Fuller, Community Relations Specialist.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires jurisdictions receiving federal funds from Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships programs to develop and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The plan identifies the needs of lower-income residents in the locality and the proposed actions to be taken to serve those needs. For each year during the ConPlan period, the City of Goldsboro submits an Annual Action Plan outlining the proposed projects to serve lower-to-moderate income (LMI) residents in Goldsboro.

Due to the restrictive use of funds placed on the HOME program to focus on projects and/or activities designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households, the City has historically each year carried over a substantial amount of prior years' HOME funds when it has not undertaken large development projects. Staff have developed plans and are currently working with developers that have been awarded these funds to responsibly spend these funds in the upcoming fiscal year towards large affordable housing projects.

Planning and research is currently being conducted to draft the Consolidated Plan FY25-29 and Annual Action Plan FY25-26. During this planning and draft phase, Public Hearings are required to receive input from the public. The first public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Goldsboro City Council on May 19, 2025. A brief presentation highlighting the purpose of the Consolidated Plans was given.

Advertisements were published in Wayne Week on May 11, 2025, and May 18, 2025, relative to the holding of a public hearing at the May 19, 2025, City Council Meeting. Comments received during the public hearing will be incorporated as part of the City of Goldsboro's draft version of the FY25-29 ConPlan and FY25-26 AAP to be sent to HUD on or before July 15, 2025. There is no action necessary.

Mr. Jason Wright, Chrysalis Research and Consulting Group shared information regarding the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Mayor Gaylor opened the Public Hearing.

Councilman White asked about affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization.

Ms. Fuller, Mr. Wright, City Manager Livingston and Mayor Gaylor shared comments regarding the process.

No one spoke, and the Public Hearing was closed.

6. Public Comment Period

No one spoke during the Public Comment Period.

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. Councilman Boyette moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items 7.1 - 7.10 be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks 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 Ordinance Adopting New Hope Village Drive Speed Limit Reduction from 25 mph to 15 mph

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

The City of Goldsboro assumed maintenance of sections of streets within New Hope Village Townhomes in February 2014, as shown on the attached Plat Cabinet O, Slide H. In addition to street maintenance responsibility, the City of Goldsboro is responsible for traffic signage, including speed limit regulations. Mr. Jerry Parker, President of the Homeowners Association for New Hope Village Townhomes, notified the City Engineering Department on April 16, 2025, that the homeowners association had installed 15 mph speed limit signs for New Hope Village Drive. Mr. Parker was informed that the standard speed limit for City streets is 25 mph and that the adoption of an ordinance by City Council will be required before the installation of 15 mph signs.

The Homeowners Association for New Hope Village Townhomes submitted the attached document dated April 23, 2025, requesting a reduction in the standard 25 mph speed limit to a 15 mph speed limit zone.

The City Council reviewed this item at the May 6th Council Meeting and approved the reduction in the speed limit.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance establishing a 15 mph speed limit zone for the entirety of New Hope Village Drive located within New Hope Village Townhomes. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-14 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS FOR SECTIONS OF STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 74: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES"

7.2 Request authorization to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup Truck

The item was submitted by Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director.

The useful life of most vehicles and equipment is typically 10 years. The Public Works Solid Waste Division currently has two 15-year-old pickup trucks that are assigned to, and used daily by, the Yard/Bulk Waste and Residential Refuse/Recycle Supervisors and their staff. They are the oldest passenger vehicles in the Solid Waste fleet and need to be replaced. They were added to the CIP to be replaced two years ago, but have been repeatedly cut. They are currently scheduled in the CIP to be replaced individually over the next two consecutive years – FY26 and FY27. Unfortunately, during the final budget cuts for FY26, funding for the pickup truck was cut again. Due to personnel shortages/vacancies over the last year, we have the fortunate opportunity to use residual funds to purchase one of the pickup trucks this year. Capital Chevrolet in Wake Forest, NC has a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab readily available for purchase through state contract for \$47,280 plus charges for taxes and tags. Residual funds are available in the current FY25 Solid Waste Salaries and Wages Regular account to cover the total cost of approximately \$50,000.

It was recommended Council approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab pickup truck from Capital Chevrolet of Wake Forest, through state contract, for \$50,000 using FY25 residual Public Works Solid Waste funds. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

7.3 Request authorization to purchase Power Lifts with Truck Adapters for the City Garage

The item was submitted by Rick Fletcher, Public Works Director.

The Heavy Equipment Maintenance shop's in-ground hydraulic lifts were removed over 10 years ago because they were inoperable and non-repairable. The shop's efficiency, as well as the types of repairs they can perform in-house, has been severely impacted because they are limited to only using floor jacks for all heavy equipment repairs—substandard equipment with added exposure to safety concerns.

Just one of several examples occurred during the recent removal/replacement of a transmission on a Freightliner leaf truck. Not only did the mechanic have to repeatedly crawl under the truck to disassemble and lower the transmission, but the floor jacks could not even lift the truck high enough to slide the transmission out from under the truck. The mechanic had to remove the passenger fender well and the entire wheel hub assembly to provide clearance for the transmission to be removed from under the truck. Operations like this expose the mechanics to unnecessary safety hazards and significantly extend the time for repairs, as well as the downtime for essential equipment.

Reinstalling permanent in-ground floor lifts is not an option. Even if they were, they would be far more expensive. Portable power lifts perform the same function, with the added benefit of

being mobile. They can be moved to any garage bay or even used outside. An adapter package can even be added to extend their use on the full series of pickup trucks.

The mobile Power Lifts have been in the Garage's CIP to be purchased for the last several years, but have been repeatedly cut. Unfortunately, during the final budget cuts for FY26, funding for the lifts was cut again. Due to personnel shortages/vacancies over the last year, we have the fortunate opportunity to use residual funds to purchase the lifts this year. Vehicle Service Group, LLC in Madison, IN can provide a set of six (6) Rotary Lift mobile columns and four (4) comparable safety Jack Stands for \$76,000. The adapter package can be added for \$6,300 to extend the capability for use on pickup trucks. All components are readily available for purchase through GSA contract for a total of \$82,300. Residual funds are available in the current FY25 Public Works Garage budget to cover the total cost.

It was recommended that Council approve the purchase of the Rotary Power lifts and Adapter Package from Vehicle Service Group, LLC in Madison, IN, through GSA contract, for \$82,300 using FY25 residual Public Works Garage funds. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

7.4 Award contract for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 to Forvis Mazars, LLP

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

G.S. §159-34, Annual independent audit, requires each local government to have its accounts audited as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The auditor shall be selected by, and shall report directly to the governing board. In May, 2019 the City conducted a request for qualifications and a request for proposal for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and selected Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP.

Dixon, Hughes, Goodman, LLP merged with BKD CPAs to form Forvis, LLP on June 1, 2022. On June 1, 2024, Forvis, LLP and Mazars merged and became Forvis Mazars, LLP (the "Firm"). The Firm is active and in good standing with the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners. The partner in charge, John Frank, CPA, is also in active good standing with the same as a Certified Public Accountant. They have a current peer review and have provided insurance information, Form W9 and e-verify compliance.

We anticipate the audit fee to be approximately \$97,500 and financial statement preparation at \$10,000 for a total cost of \$107,500. Once approved by City Council, the contract will be executed and sent to the Local Government Commission for final approval before any field work can commence on the FY25 audit. The LGC modified the due dates of audits for fiscal years beginning in FY25 from October 31st to December 31st. The staff expects the audit to be completed in a timely manner on or before the due date established by the LGC.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the award of a contract for audit services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 to Forvis Mazars, LLP. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION 2025-44 "RESOLUTION APPROVING FORVIS MAZARS, LLP AS OFFICIAL AUDITOR OF THE CITY'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025"

7.5 Operating Budget Amendment FY24-25

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

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

Utility Fund Transfers (8101) Utility Fund

On May 9, 2025 the City received the first payment from Baron Budd, PC related to the PFAS settlement from 3M Company in the amount of \$406,545.61. It was the recommendation of the City Manager to set aside the funds in the Utility Capital Reserve Fund (6110). This transfer will be funded with Class Action Lawsuit Settlement Funds Received.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the following entitled ordinance to amend the FY24-25 Operating Budget for the Utility Fund. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-15 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR"

7.6 Ordinance Amending the Utility Capital Reserve Fund (6110)

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

City Council authorized the creation of the Utility Capital Reserve Fund (6110) at the June 20, 2022 council meeting as authorized by North Carolina General Statute §159-18. The Utility Capital Reserve fund must be used for water and sewer capital purchases as stated in the resolution. The Council cannot change the use of the funds once the moneys have been transferred over to the fund. The Council has authorized the use of funds through prior budget amendments for utility capital outlay projects.

The City has received the first payment for the PFAS Settlement and the City Manager, Matthew Livingston, has requested the funds be put in the Utility Capital Reserve for future water and sewer capital projects. The amount of \$406,545.61 will be transferred to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund.

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the following entitled ordinance amending the Utility Capital Reserve Fund (6110). *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

ORDINANCE 2025-16 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (6110)"

7.7 Retention of Service Weapon, Badge, and Credentials for Retiring Officers

The item was submitted by Mike West, Police Chief.

North Carolina General Statute § 17F-20 authorizes the awarding of a badge and service sidearm to law enforcement officers upon honorable retirement, and to the surviving family of officers who die in the line of duty. Additionally, it permits a nominal transfer of department-issued sidearms to retiring officers for a fee of one dollar (\$1.00), provided applicable requirements are met. The City of Goldsboro desires to establish a formal resolution defining procedural requirements for the awarding of such items to eligible officers. The proposed resolution formalizes and adopts a clear, consistent policy allowing eligible retiring law enforcement officers to retain their badge and service weapon, in recognition of honorable service and in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

It was recommended that Council approve the proposed resolution to formally authorize the retention of service weapons and badges by eligible retired police officers as outlined in the resolution. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION 2025-45 "RETENTION OF A SERVICE WEAPON FOR RETIRING OFFICERS"

7.8 Retention of Service Weapon and Badge for Officers Who Die in the Line of Duty

The item was submitted by Mike West, Police Chief.

North Carolina General Statute § 17F-20 authorizes the awarding of a badge and service sidearm to law enforcement officers upon honorable retirement, and to the surviving family of officers who die in the line of duty. The City of Goldsboro desires to establish a formal resolution defining the procedural requirements for the awarding of such items to their survivors. The proposed resolution provides a formal process for the City of Goldsboro, Goldsboro Police Department, and the survivor's spouse and/or family members may request the officers' badge and service weapon, in accordance with state statute and local policy.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the procedure for the retention of service weapons and badges by the surviving families of officers who die in the line of duty, as outlined in the resolution. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

RESOLUTION 2025-46 "RESOLUTION RETENTION OF SERVICE WEAPON AND BADGE FOR OFFICERS WHO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY"

7.9 Approval of the May 5, 2025 Goldsboro City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2025 were presented for approval. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

7.10 Departmental Monthly Reports

The Departmental Monthly Reports for April 2025 were presented as information. *Consent Agenda Approval. Boyette/Weeks (7 Ayes)*

8. Old Business

8.1 City Manager's FY25-26 Recommended Budget Presentation (Finance)

Matt Livingston, City Manager and Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director shared comments regarding the presentation attached as part of the agenda packet.

Council shared comments regarding the proposed budget to include water rate comparisons, a tiered (lifelong) rate which is not able to be implemented due to the city's current software, Powell Bill funds, proposed new positions and the MAG study.

Council discussed proposed budget work sessions. Council members will discuss further questions with City Manager Livingston and Ms. Gwynn.

9. New Business

Mayor Gaylor recessed the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and Council returned at 7:15 p.m.

9.1 Juneteenth Unity & Heritage Festival – Fee Waiver & Funding Request

Karina (Kay-Tee) Taylor shared comments and a presentation, which is part of the agenda packet. Ms. Taylor requested a partnership with the City to support the Juneteenth Unity and Heritage Festival.

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Liza Govan requested a waiver of the fees of the HUB, a waiver of the fees for the street closing application and sponsorship in the amount of \$3,000.

City Manager Livingston shared the \$3,000 was in the current Community Relations Department budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to approve the waiver of the fees for the HUB, a waiver of the fees for the street closing application and sponsorship in the amount of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks and unanimously approved.

9.2 Acceptance of the Trillium Health Resources Inclusive Playground Grant

The City of Goldsboro provides services, promotes equality, and protects the well-being of all residents and visitors to enhance our quality of life every day. Some of those services are robust public recreational facilities and parks for all to utilize. These pristine facilities and parks set our City apart from many across the region due to the quality of the facilities and the talent of the coordinating staff. However, the city currently does not have a public playground that specifically addresses the needs of individuals with varying physical abilities and capabilities. To address this pressing need, the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities has championed this initiative and has made many fundraising attempts to provide the public with the much-needed recreation activity. The Community Relations and Development Department researched the need in our community by speaking with many agencies that would utilize the

adaptive equipment and by obtaining the public's input via a survey that received an overwhelming response and resounding confirmation for the need. The Community Relations and Development Staff have worked with the City of Goldsboro's Park and Recreation staff to ensure that our current park system could support the addition and the various logistics that surround the implementation of recreational spaces. The Community Relations and Development Staff sourced and applied for a competitive grant from Trillium Health Resources that specifically addresses accessible and inclusive recreation spaces. We are thrilled to announce that our application has been approved, and we have been awarded a grant to assist in the construction of an inclusive playground. The total value of this grant is \$250,000. This generous funding will allow us to install a new inclusive playground that provides the community with a modern, high-quality, safe and inclusive playground everyone can enjoy. The inclusive playground will be located at North End Park. G.S.160A- 17.1 empowers the city to enter into contracts and accept grants-in-aid and loans from federal and state governments and their agencies for purposes such as constructing, expanding, maintaining, and operating any project or facility, or performing any function that the city is authorized to provide or perform and G.S. 159B-32 authorizes the city to apply for, accept, receive, and dispense funds and grants made available by the state or federal government, any unit of local government, or any private or civic agency.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution accepting Trillium Health Resources Play Together Accessible Playground Grant for the construction of an inclusive playground and authorize the City Manager and/or Community Relations and Development staff to complete any necessary agreements or documentation related to the grant.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to accept the grant and adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-47 "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES GRANT FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUNDS"

9.3 Accept or Reject Initial Bid and Authorize Finance to Advertise for Upset Bid for 711 North Virginia Street to George G. Hill

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

Staff received an offer to purchase city/county owned property. Council must either accept or reject the offer, and, if accepted, authorize advertisement for upset bids (G.S. 160A-266 and 160A-269). The following offer has been received for the sale of surplus real property under Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid process (G.S. §160A-266(a) (3)).

711 N Virginia Street

Offeror: George G. Hill

Offer: \$12,670.00

Bid Deposit: \$633.50

Parcel #: 47917 Pin #: 2599895554

Tax Value: \$25,340.00 Zoning: R9

The offer is at least 50% of the tax value of the property. The bid deposit of 5% has been received in the form of a personal check. The Planning Department shall notify the adjoining property owners via mail that the property is available for sale via upset bid.

It was recommended that Council accept or reject the offer at 711 North Virginia Street and, if accepted, adopt the resolution authorizing Finance to advertise for upset bids.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Matthews and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-48 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS"

9.4 Lease Agreement with Wayne County Board of Education for Edgewood Community Developmental School Property

The item was submitted and presented by Felicia Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

In 2022, the City of Goldsboro permanently closed Herman Park Center. The staff and programs housed at this facility were relocated to other locations. Most of the staff housed in Herman Park Center were relocated to the Senior House, the brick house beside Herman Park Center. Staff were also placed at City Hall and TC Coley Community Center. The programs that occurred in the Senior House (now Administrative Building) were relocated to TC Coley Community Center and WA Foster Center. These programs include Senior Card Group play with different groups playing Monday through Friday and Senior Book Club. Additionally, the programs at Herman Park Center were relocated as well. For instance, line dancing is held twice a week and the pottery program was shifted to TC Coley Community Center. Youth Karate and access to a fitness center were shifted to WA Foster Center. Programs for Specialized Recreation were mostly split between TC Coley Community Center and WA Foster Center. Since the closing of Herman Park Center, other locations have been explored for the feasibility of housing the staff, in addition to having those programs back under one roof.

Wayne County Board of Education has property that was vacant for the 2024-2025 school year. This property is identified as the Edgewood Community Developmental School property. City staff toured the property and found it to be in a well-maintained condition. The property includes the school building, playground equipment, a walking loop, and an outdoor play area. The size of the property will be conducive for all the staff that were at Herman Park Center to be housed. Additionally, the classroom space will allow the programs that were at Herman Park Center to be back under one roof. This property has been identified as an area Parks and Recreation staff can use for office space and programming.

It was recommended that Council approve the following entitled resolution and accept the one (1) year lease agreement with Wayne County Board of Education for the Edgewood Community Developmental School Property.

City Manager Livingston shared comments about future plans for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council shared concerns regarding the maintenance of the building.

City Attorney Lawrence shared only basic maintenance costs is built into the agreement.

Council asked staff and the attorney to seek further clarification regarding maintenance. Mayor Gaylor requested the following section be added to the lease agreement.

The tenant will be responsible for all basic repairs to and maintenance of the property through the term of the lease for illustrative purposes, this shall include but not be limited to items such as grounds upkeep.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to adopt the resolution and accept the lease agreement as amended. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-49 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL PROPERTY"

10. City Manager's Report

There was no report from the City Manager.

11. Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments

There were no comments from the Mayor and Council.

12. Closed Session

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters related to personnel and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks.

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

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

13. Adjournment

Councilman Boyette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.




Charles Gaylor, IV
Mayor


Laura Getz
City Clerk