

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 21, 2025

**1. Call to Order – 5:30 P.M. -- Council Chambers, 214 North Center Street**

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

**1.1 Invocation**

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

**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**

City Clerk, Laura Getz introduced and welcomed Sakeithia Reece, Deputy City Clerk.

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

**4. Recognitions and Presentations**

**4.1 National Small Business Week Proclamation**

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council hereby proclaims May 4 – May 10, 2025 as NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and declares support for our small businesses, recognizes the innovations and contributions of small businesses, and urges the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants during Small Business Week and throughout the year.

Mayor Gaylor presented the proclamation to Kimber Roche, DGDC Board member and downtown business owner.

**4.2 "Benefits that Benefit Children"**

A presentation by Pierce Insurance to the City of Goldsboro recognizing the efforts of its employees in generating over \$7,500 for UNC Children's Hospital. The donation is being presented by "Benefits That Benefit Children", an organization that partners with employers to support children's health. This contribution reflects the city's continued commitment to its community and the well-being of its citizens.

Doug Kreszl with Benefits that Benefit Children and representatives with Pierce Insurance shared information regarding the \$7,500 which will be presented to UNC Children's Hospital. Pierce Insurance gave a plaque to the Human Resources staff for their work.

**5. Public Comment Period**

Mayor Gaylor opened the public comment period. The following citizens spoke:

1. Natalia Newkirk shared comments regarding recent deaths and discussed sex trafficking. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 21:02.)

2. Albert Van Kleeck thanked city staff and Councilwoman Taylor for reducing blight in his

neighborhood. (Full comments are available on YouTube at 23:36.)

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

**6. 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 requests, 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 6.1 - 6.6 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:

**6.1 FY25-26 Operating Budget Amendment**

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

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

**Installment Financing Loan PNC Bank (Debt 047-GE)**

In reviewing the capital list compiled for the \$6,715,000 installment financing loan taken on March 12, 2025 it was discovered that there were 2 items that were requested by Public Works and budgeted in FY24 and then requested again in FY25 which created a duplication of the budgeted asset proceeds. After conferring with the Manager, he met with staff and reallocated the remaining proceeds of \$398,000 to other needed assets in the General Fund. The focus on urgency for replacement and departments that are not as frequent recipients of new capital. The original appropriations were in FY24 and have lapsed, and this will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance of \$350,000 and a reduction of expenditures of \$48,000 in order to fund the purchases.

The list of equipment proposed is below. If the item was requested in the FY26 budget, it has been removed from the FY26 departmental request.

| <b><u>Department/Replacement Item</u></b>                   | <b><u>Cost</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>IT</b>                                                   |                    |
| Additional network/computer replacements                    | 3,353.00           |
| <b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>                               |                    |
| Replacement: 04 Ford Ranger w/ 2025 Ford F-150              | 42,000.00          |
| Replacement: 96 Dodge Van w/ 2024 Ford Transit Van          | 55,200.00          |
| Kubota Backhoe Attachment with Bucket                       | 29,357.00          |
| <b>Golf Course</b>                                          |                    |
| Add: 6 New Golf Carts (\$8,316 each)                        | 49,900.00          |
| Add: New Gator Sprayer: Workman HDX                         | 58,000.00          |
| Add: Buffalo Turbine KB6 - Leaf Blower (Tractor attachment) | 11,000.00          |
| <b>Planning</b>                                             |                    |
| Add: 2025 F-150 Crew Cab XL, 4x4                            | 42,000.00          |
| <b>Planning (Code Enforcement)</b>                          |                    |
| Add: 2025 F-150 Crew Cab XL, 4x4                            | 42,000.00          |
| <b>Cemetery</b>                                             |                    |
| Add: 2025 Bobcat E60 Excavator                              | 0.00               |
| Add: 2025 John Deere Z960M Z Trak                           | 15,190.00          |

**Building and Maintenance**

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Replacement: 15 yr old F-350 w/ 2025 F-150 Super Crew | 50,000.00  |
| Total                                                 | 398,000.00 |

**City Council (1011) General Fund**

At the April 7, 2025 Council meeting, Council authorized the appropriation of \$10,250 as an agency appropriation for the Dillard Alumni to fund eligible program activities since the appropriation for FY24 lapsed with no reimbursement requests. Staff will work with the Dillard Alumni on execution of an NPO standard contract so that the funds may be advanced to the Dillard Alumni before the end of FY25.

The advance will be made up of the remaining unspent FY25 allocation and the additional allocation of \$10,250. This will be funded with a reduction in the Agency Support division.

**Postage Credits (1019) General Fund**

An additional appropriation of \$2,500 is requested for the internal billing division for Postage to cover the overlap between the current Anza postage machine and the new Pitney Bowes postage machine. This will be funded with a revenue appropriation of Postage Credits.

**Finance (2111) General Fund**

The Council received a financial update from Davenport in December, and requested staff and our financial advisors to work on obtaining a bond rating from Moody's now that the audit was timely and caught up. Staff worked diligently with Davenport and Moody's and the City's bond rating was established on March 12, 2025 of Aa2. The cost for the work related to establishing the bond rating was \$22,725, which was not budgeted and Finance was not able to cover by cutting existing items. This will be funded with additional utility franchise tax revenue.

**Planning (3151) General Fund**

The Manager has determined that it is necessary to reclassify the Community Development & Relations director into the Development Services director which will oversee Planning, Inspections and Community Relations and Development. This requires a transfer of salary and benefits from Community Relations and Development department to the Planning department to fund the position if it is hired at the beginning of May. The full-time (FTE) position will also be moved. This will be funded with a reduction of expenditures in the Community Relations and Development department of \$20,964.

**Streets Utilities (3151) General Fund**

The FY25 budget for the street lights does not appear to have been budgeted with a sufficient appropriation. It is necessary to increase the appropriation by \$150,000, and this will be funded with additional utility franchise tax revenue and investment interest.

**Appropriated Fund Balance General Fund**

See below an analysis of the appropriated fund balance in 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                     |
| 12/2/2024                   | City Manager search recruitment expenses                         | 36,000.00                     |
| 12/16/2024                  | Monday.com subscription for IT & Engineering (GASB 96)           | 9,850.32                      |
| 1/6/2025                    | Parking Lot Lease N. John St                                     | 7,364.36                      |
| 1/6/2025                    | Transfer to G1108 Community Relations Special Revenue Fund       | 8,500.00                      |
| 2/3/2025                    | Building demolition                                              | 60,000.00                     |
| 2/3/2025                    | Worker's compensation claims cost                                | 90,000.00                     |
| 2/17/2025                   | Friends of Seymour contract additional appropriation             | 12,300.00                     |
| 2/17/2025                   | GASB 87 Pitney Bowes postage machine lease                       | 3,775.02                      |
| 3/3/2025                    | Reduce for FY24 debt financing executed in FY25                  | (1,111,124.00)                |
| Current Year Appropriations |                                                                  | <u>\$ 2,271,546.80</u>        |
| 4/21/2025                   | Reappropriate FY24 capital financed with debt (D047-GE)          | \$ 350,000.00                 |
| Proposed                    |                                                                  | <u>\$ 350,000.00</u>          |
| Current Year with Proposed  |                                                                  | <u><u>\$ 2,621,546.80</u></u> |

#### **Water Reclamation Facility (4177) Utility Fund**

At the March 17, 2025 Council meeting, Council approved the emergency repair of the Stoney Creek sanitary sewer outfall and the rental of the bypass and backup pumps for the sewer flow. The expenditure appropriation for the rental of the equipment was determined to be \$108,000 and will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance in the Utility Fund.

#### **Utility Fund Capital (4178) Utility Fund**

At the March 17, 2025 Council meeting, Council approved the emergency repair of the Stoney Creek sanitary sewer outfall. The expenditure appropriation for the emergency repair performed by Ralph Hodge Construction was determined to be \$52,840 and will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance in the Utility Fund.

Further, Council approved the sanitary sewer flow meters for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and Fork Township at a total cost of \$500,000. Water meters for the water treatment plant were also approved at a total cost of \$150,000. This will be funded with an appropriation of fund balance in the Utility Fund.

#### **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 S     | 112,055.00                    |
| 12/2/2024                   | City Match for Mount Olive Pickle Co. Phase III Utility Improvements Project (S1112 | 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-V UR-0007)                                      | 3,900.00                      |
| Current Year Appropriations |                                                                                     | <u>\$ 4,497,098.62</u>        |
| 4/21/2025                   | Sanitary sewer flow meters SJAFF & 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                 |
| Proposed                    |                                                                                     | <u>\$ 810,840.00</u>          |
| Current Year with Proposed  |                                                                                     | <u><u>\$ 5,307,938.62</u></u> |

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

**ORDINANCE 2025-12 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR"**



## **6.2 GWTA Land Lease Amendment Agreement**

The item was submitted by Erin Fonseca, Downtown Development Director.

The City of Goldsboro and the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro were awarded a Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) planning grant in 2023, working toward the creation of the West Oak Neighborhood. The CNI is a HUD-funded (Housing and Urban Development) program that seeks to improve neighborhoods through efforts aimed at revitalizing, improving and investing in a specific community.

Plan efforts focus on three goals:

Housing – Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy-efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long term.

People – Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility and education.

Neighborhood – Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income and sustainable neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high-quality public schools and education programs, high-quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation and improved access to jobs.

The West Oak Neighborhood plan was a two-year process, including an Early Action Project (EAP). A successful Early Action Project assists the West Oak neighborhood plan to build momentum for change and transition from planning to implementation. An EAP ideally improves neighborhood confidence, sustains the community's energy and attracts further engagement.

The selected EAP is the development of a pocket park in front of GWTA - a highly visible improvement that will demonstrate to the community that positive change is taking place in the West Oak Neighborhood. The proposed pocket park will be an attractive open space amenity used for a range of passive recreational activities and a place for neighborhood residents to gather and interact. The pocket park will be visually attractive, easy to maintain and engaging. In preparation for the completion of the Pocket Park, the GWTA Board and staff have requested that the greenspace be removed from the County's lease agreement with the City of Goldsboro for the transportation hub property at 103 N. Carolina Street, next to Goldsboro Union Station. The Parks & Recreation Dept. of the City of Goldsboro has agreed to maintain the Pocket Park parcel. A survey has been provided by the City's Engineering Department to ensure the proper description of the excluded parcels.

It was recommended that Council adopt the resolution to amend the GWTA lease agreement for 103 N. Carolina Street to exclude the Pocket Park, 10,500 square feet of greenspace at the northeast corner of the property. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

*RESOLUTION 2025-37 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GWTA AND THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO"*

## **6.3 Mount Olive Pickle Co. Amendment to MOU between the City of Goldsboro and the Wayne County Development Alliance (WCDA)**

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

The City and WCDA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding dated October 22, 2024, where both parties agreed to terms as to the administration of grant monies awarded from the State of North Carolina in the amount of \$5 Million, subject to an administrative fee from the Department of Environmental Quality, leaving available funding of \$4.925 Million for Mount Olive Pickle Company sewer improvements. The additional funding was granted by the state to cover unanticipated costs associated with sewer improvements necessary for Mount Olive also known as Project Butter.

In the MOU, the City would have additional funding responsibility not to exceed \$1.2 Million

for Mount Olive Pickle Company sewer improvements. A construction contract was entered between WCDA and T. A. Loving Company for the sewer improvements for the project. WCDA reviews and approves pay applications prior to submittal to the City's Finance Department.

T. A. Loving Company issued a pay application referred to as "Pay App 20" dated September 6, 2024, which covered work performed on the project between July 26, 2023 and August 25, 2024.

The original Memorandum did not cover the time period for construction costs incurred by WCDA beginning July 26, 2023. Staff recommends an amendment to the original Memorandum to incorporate the coverage period. No other terms of the original Memorandum are amended. This change ensures that the city will be reimbursed for construction during that time frame should that issue arise.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wayne County Development Alliance. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

*RESOLUTION 2025-38 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WAYNE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE"*

#### **6.4 Proposal for CDM Smith to apply for Capital Project Grant for PFAS Studies on behalf of the City of Goldsboro**

The item was submitted by Bert Sherman, Public Utilities Director.

The City of Goldsboro is proactively preparing for compliance with a new regulation that is forthcoming from the U.S. EPA for drinking water quality. The regulation will lower the allowable concentrations of multiple PFAS compounds in treated drinking water. The regulation is currently in draft form and is anticipated to be made final in the first half of 2024. The City will likely have 3 years to comply with this new regulation. As such, the City will then need to implement a capital project to design and construct the necessary treatment improvements at the City's Water Treatment Plant. Engaging CDM Smith to undertake pilot testing and pursue grant funding, Goldsboro can access specialized knowledge and financial support essential for tackling the PFAS crisis. Collaborating with a reputable firm like CDM Smith will enhance the city's capacity to implement sustainable solutions and mitigate the risks associated with PFAS exposure.

Staff recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution authorizing the mayor and city manager to allow CDM Smith to apply for a Capital Project Grant on behalf of the City of Goldsboro for the purposes of PFAS testing and studies. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

*RESOLUTION 2025-39 "RESOLUTION OF STATE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO'S WTP PFAS TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT"*

#### **6.5 Resolution Approving the Local Water Supply Plan**

The item was submitted by Bert Sherman, Public Utilities Director.

A Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) is an assessment of current and future community water supply needs and the ability of a water system to meet them. All units of local government that provide or plan to provide public water service and all community water systems having 1,000 or more connections or serving more than 3,000 people in North Carolina are required to prepare and submit a LWSP, as mandated by NC General Statute 143-355 (I). The LWSP cannot be considered compliant with the requirements of NCGS 143-355 (I) until an adopted resolution is received by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

It was recommended that Council approve the City of Goldsboro's LWSP and submit a copy of

this resolution to the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (NCDEQ). *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-40 "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN (LWSP)"**

**6.6 Departmental Monthly Reports**

City of Goldsboro  
Departmental Monthly Reports  
March 2025

1. Community Relations
2. Downtown Development
3. Engineering
4. Finance
5. Fire
6. Human Resources
7. Information Technology
8. Inspections
9. Paramount Theater
10. Parks and Recreation-GEC
11. Planning
12. Police
13. Public Utilities
14. Public Works
15. Travel and Tourism

The departmental monthly reports for March 2025 were presented as information. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Boyette (7 Ayes)*

**7. Old Business**

**7.1 Public Safety Complex - Bobbitt Construction Design Build Contract**

The item was submitted and presented by Jamie Stanley, Assistant Public Works Director.

The City Council approved entering into a contract with Bobbitt Construction on February 12, 2024 to begin the design build process to replace the Public Safety facility as a result of a completed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking options to repair or replace the facility. Both RFQ respondents provided similar cost estimates for refurbishing the existing building and constructing a new facility. The 10-15 million dollar cost to repair the existing facility was deemed not reasonable considering the 50 year age of the current facility, and that the current facility is inadequate for current operations and will be for future operations.

The current design build contract is for Phase I and will include a preliminary design and cost estimate for future consideration in the amount of \$180,550.00. Both the Police and Fire leadership are involved in the design process with Bobbitt Construction and Davis Kane Architects, which includes visiting numerous new fire and police facilities for design ideas. In addition, the city is already in receipt of a directed grant in the amount of \$1,625,000.00 specifically for this design process, costs associated with making the existing facility function better in the short term, and to acquire any property necessary for the new facility to be constructed on. A work session for the Council is anticipated for July 2025 to review the results and discuss next steps.

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled resolution approving the City Manager to enter into this design build agreement so the future Public Safety Complex plan can be developed.

Councilman White asked if there was someone that would address foundation concerns and asked the staff to draw off lessons learned with the current building.

Mr. Stanley shared the architect team of Davis Kane are specialists in every branch of



engineering.

City Manager Livingston shared comments regarding the public safety complex.

Councilman Boyette asked about the potential location of the building. Mr. Stanley stated they needed approximately 10 acres of land, and the decision had not been made yet.

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

*RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41 “RESOLUTION TO ENTER DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT WITH BOBBITT CONSTRUCTION”*

**8. New Business**

**8.1 Professional Engineering On-Call Services for City of Goldsboro Infrastructure Projects**

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

On October 7, 2021, the City Council approved the selection of three (3) engineering firms for current and future infrastructure projects. The selection and approval of these engineering firms was in effect for a period of three (3) years with an option to extend up to a total of five (5) years.

On-call engineering services assist local governments with funding, developing, and maintaining critical infrastructure. Procuring on-call engineering services removes the step of issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for each infrastructure project throughout the term of the contract. The City of Goldsboro Engineering Department advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in March 2025 in reference to professional on-call engineering services. The proposals addressed furnishing professional engineering services for various projects (Water Supply, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Wastewater Treatment, Stormwater Projects, Trenchless Rehabilitation, and Transportation Projects). For each category of engineering services, a maximum of three (3) engineering firms are to be selected.

Thirteen engineering firms submitted proposals for the on-call engineering services RFQ. The selection process consisted of City staff reviewing and scoring each proposal based on the expertise and knowledge required for each category. The following engineering firms, listed in order of scoring and categories, are recommended for approval:

| <u>Category</u>            | <u>Top Firms</u>                           |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Water Supply:              | Kimley Horn<br>WithersRavenel<br>CDM Smith |
| Water Distribution:        | Kimley Horn<br>CDM Smith<br>WithersRavenel |
| Wastewater Collection:     | Kimley Horn<br>CJS Conveyance<br>CDM Smith |
| Wastewater Treatment:      | Kimley Horn<br>WithersRavenel<br>CDM Smith |
| Stormwater Projects:       | Kimley Horn<br>CDM Smith<br>WithersRavenel |
| Trenchless Rehabilitation: | Kimley Horn                                |

CDM Smith  
WithersRavenel

Transportation Projects: Kimley Horn  
WithersRavenel  
Wetherill Engineering

It was recommended that the City Council concur with the selected engineering firms for current and future infrastructure projects.

Councilwoman Weeks made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and unanimously approved.

## **8.2 5K for 5P - Special Event Application**

The item was presented by Steven Powers, Police Sergeant.

An application was received from Mikayla Barfield (5p – Society), requesting permission to hold a 5K to raise awareness for 5p – (cri du chat) on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The applicant requested no street closure, so the application was sent to the City Manager for his approval on March 7, 2025. On April 2, 2025, the City Manager advised that he would not approve the application, citing safety concerns, and requested the application to go before the City Council. The race is scheduled to begin and end on Center Street near Spruce Street. The event runs through the downtown and residential areas of Goldsboro to include Center Street, Walnut Street, Jefferson Street, and Mulberry Street. The Police, Fire, Public Works, and Downtown Goldsboro offices have been notified of this request. The race will start and finish in the same area. The time requested for the setup/dismantling is from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The applicant originally requested a street closure for Center Street, which would have been a Tier 4 (\$400.00 fee), but checked the Tier 1 (\$100.00 fee) box. When the applicant was advised of the correct Tier 4 fee of \$400.00, the applicant requested the application to proceed as a non-street closure (Tier 1) due to their budget. The applicant was advised of the safety concerns for the runners and the setup of the “Run the East” equipment. The applicant was also advised of the “Wings over Wayne” Air Show, and it is highly unlikely that the Goldsboro Police Department would be able to work/assist with this event. Even after that conversation, the applicant requested the application to proceed as a non-street closure. The application was sent to the City Manager, Matthew Livingston, for his approval on March 7, 2025.

On April 2, 2025, Mr. Livingston advised that he would not approve the application, citing safety concerns and the increased citizen presence in the Goldsboro area due to the “Wings over Wayne” Air Show. He requested the application go before the City Council. The applicant was contacted and advised that the application would need to go before the City Council, as the City Manager declined to approve their application. The police department strongly recommended the applicant to update the application to a street closure. The applicant rejected the recommendation and requested the application to proceed as it was, due to their budget. As with all applicants, the applicant was advised that the City Council may or may not approve their application. If not approved, the applicant would not receive a permit for the event, and the event would not take place. In an effort to assist the applicant with ensuring that their event would happen, the DDD/DGDC contacted Wayne Community College and was told that the applicant could use their facility to host their 5K run event. The applicant was contacted and advised of the offer that Wayne Community College extended and was given a copy of the USATF Certified Course (5K route) and the contact information for Wayne Community College. The applicant still wanted her application to move forward to the City Council. The proposed 5K on May 3, 2025, conflicts with the Wings Over Wayne Air Show, a major two-day event requiring full police staffing.

Due to safety concerns and a lack of available personnel, the department could not support additional events that day. We recommend the 5K be rescheduled to avoid public safety risks.

Sgt. Steven Powers shared comments regarding the special event application.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to seek additional information from the

applicant. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Matthews and Councilman White voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Boyette and Councilwoman Weeks voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:2.

The applicant, Mikayla Barfield, shared comments and concerns regarding the application and street closing process.

Council and the City Manager discussed the appeal request. City Manager Livingston shared he does not support the event due to the conflict with the airshow and stated the applicant has been offered an alternative location to hold the event.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to uphold the manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Weeks. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor and Councilwoman Weeks voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Matthews and Councilman White voted against the motion. The motion passed 5:2.

#### **9. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Livingston thanked the Mayor and Council for selecting him as city manager and thanked city staff and the community for their support. He also shared if anyone has any issues or concerns with the city, that they contact him.

#### **10. Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments**

Councilman White shared comments regarding a speed limit issue at New Hope Village, and thanked city staff for upholding values.

Councilwoman Weeks thanked Council for allowing her to serve on the budget committee.

Councilwoman Matthews had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked city staff for quickly responding to downed trees during a recent storm. She also shared that she attended the NC Black Alliance Conference this past weekend and shared comments regarding the event on Saturday for Ms. Adeen George.

Councilwoman Taylor gave a shout-out to Rick Bostic Demolition and asked residents in District 3 to notice there is a blighted structure that has been removed by the Piggly Wiggly. She also shared that there is an Earth Day Fun Day event on April 22nd at Lincoln Homes.

Councilman Boyette thanked city staff, welcomed the new deputy clerk, and gave a shout-out to the Code Enforcement team and Minimum Housing Officer.

Mayor Gaylor shared comments regarding the event for Ms. Adeen George. He also shared comments regarding the work that is going on around the city in code enforcement, planning and zoning.

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

#### **11. Closed Session**

Mayor Pro Tem Jones made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette. Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Weeks voted for the motion. Councilman White did not vote, however, pursuant to G.S. 160A-75, his vote would be considered an affirmative vote. Councilwoman Matthews voted against the motion. The motion passed 6:1.

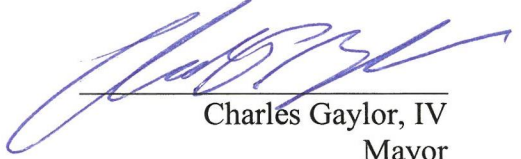
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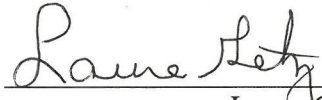
#### **12. Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



  
Charles Gaylor, IV  
Mayor

  
Laura Getz  
City Clerk