

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOLDSBORO CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2026

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 provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Matthew Livingston, City Manager
Ron Lawrence, City Attorney
Sakeithia Reece, Deputy City Clerk

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved. Council adopted the agenda as presented.

4. Recognitions and Presentations

4.1 Children and Families Month Proclamation

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed April 2026 as CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTH in the City of Goldsboro and urged all citizens to observe April by dedicating themselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Valerie Wallace and representatives from the Partnership for Children of Wayne County accepted the proclamation.

4.2 Community College Month Proclamation

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed April 2026 as COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH in the City of Goldsboro and encouraged all residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Wayne Community College, its students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners who work each day to strengthen our community through education.

Renita Dawson and Kristy Sauls of Wayne Community College accepted the proclamation.

4.3 Derailabration Centennial Proclamation

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed April 2, 2026, as DERAILABRATION CENTENNIAL DAY in Goldsboro and encouraged all residents to recognize this moment in the city's history, honor the spirit of cooperation that made it possible and appreciate the stories - both formal and folkloric - that together shape Goldsboro's civic identity.

Fritz Knack of the Wayne County History Museum accepted the proclamation.

4.4 Second Chance Month Proclamation

Read by Councilwoman Matthews: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed the month of April 2026 as SECOND CHANCE MONTH in the city of Goldsboro and encouraged all citizens,

businesses, community organizations and faith leaders to support initiatives that promote successful reentry in returning to our community.

Renita Dawson came before council to provide remarks. She thanked the council and the community for the contributions to those who are re-entering society that make a change in our community.

4.5 Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Weeks made a motion to amend the adopted agenda to add the Vietnam Veterans Day proclamation to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and unanimously approved.

Read by Mayor Gaylor: The Goldsboro City Council proclaimed March 29, 2026, as VIETNAM VETERANS DAY in the City of Goldsboro and urged all citizens to observe this day by participating and supporting all festivities that commemorate the anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Andrew Nedimeyer of the Wayne County Veterans and Patriots Coalition accepted the proclamation.

5. Public Comment Period

Mayor Gaylor opened the public comment period. No one spoke and the public comment period was closed.

6. Consent Agenda

Approved as Recommended. City Manager Livingston presented the Consent Agenda. All items were considered to be routine and could be enacted simultaneously with one motion and 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 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Weeks moved the items on the Consent Agenda, Items 6.1 - 6.5 be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and an electronic vote resulted in Mayor Gaylor, Mayor Pro Tem Weeks, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Boyette, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilman White voting in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Matthews voted in opposition. The consent agenda was approved.

The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

6.1 Acceptance of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funds for the Demolition of Herman Park Center

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

Herman Park Center has served as the offices for Goldsboro Parks and Recreation for decades. In 2022, the results of an air quality test indicated the presence of mold spores throughout the entire facility, including the air ducts. Costs for repair included mold remediation, asbestos abatement, roof repair, HVAC replacement, and replacement of doors, just to name a few things.

With staff recommendation, the City of Goldsboro permanently closed Herman Park Center. City staff actively sought out grants to assist with the cost of demolition and building a new Herman Park Center. City staff applied for and were awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$250,000. This funding is to be used for the demolition of Herman Park Center and an old maintenance building on site.

It was recommended that Council approve the following entitled resolution and accept the funding from HUD for the demolition of Herman Park Center and one other building on site. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Jones (6 Ayes/1 Nay)*

RESOLUTION 2026-17 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"

6.2 FY25-26 Operating Budget Amendment

The item was submitted by Catherine Gwynn, Finance Director.

Council adopted the FY25-26 annual operating budget on June 16, 2025.

Parks and Recreation (7460) General Fund

The City was awarded a demolition grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under assistance listing number 14.251 Economic Development Initiative, Community Project Funding, and Miscellaneous grants in the amount of \$250,000. A resolution was presented earlier this evening by the Parks & Recreation Director, Ms. Felicia Brown, for Council to formally accept the federal award. The period of performance is from 8/13/24 through 8/31/32. The grant will fund the demolition of Herman Park Center at 901 E. Ash Street. There is no match required for the grant. The expenditures will be funded with federal grant revenue in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Utility Capital Expense (4178) Utility Fund

At the February 2, 2026 meeting, Council approved the emergency water repairs to an 18 inch water line on Memorial Drive for \$91,550.00, and emergency sewer repairs to an 4 foot manhole at the Oakbrook Apartments for \$78,380.00. This will be funded with an appropriation of Utility Fund fund balance.

Transfers (8101) Utility Fund

At the March 2nd meeting, Council approved a resolution to enter into a contract with Bolton & Menk to provide professional services in relation to the WRF Flood Mitigation Study (S1114) for \$404,000. There are funds of \$364,320 available in the grant and will require an additional \$39,680 from the Utility Fund for the contract. This will be funded with an appropriation of Utility Fund fund balance.

At the March 2nd meeting, Council approved a resolution to accept an additional \$500,000 grant award from DWI for the PFAS Evaluation and Pilot Study (W1115). The agreement calls for a \$20,000 grant fee which cannot be paid from the grant funds and must be appropriated from the Utility Fund. This will be funded with an appropriation of Utility Fund fund balance.

Utility Fund Appropriated Fund Balance Analysis

Date	Description	Adopted
6/16/2025	Ord 2025-30 FY25-26 Adopted Budget	\$ -
8/4/2025	Purchase Order Rollover FY25 to FY26	7,848,597.49
11/3/2025	Appropriation W1113 2" Galvanized Water Lines	400.00
1/20/2026	Transfer for sewer flow meter project with A.C. Shultes	167,000.00
1/20/2026	Transfer to WRF Expansion capital project fund	1,900,000.00
3/2/2026	EDA Alianza (Team Foods USA, Inc.) Water & Sewer Improvements	210,293.00
	Current Year Appropriations	\$ 10,126,290.49
3/16/2026	Emergency Water & Sewer Repairs (Memorial Dr & Oakbrook Apts)	\$ 169,930.00
3/16/2026	S1114 Contract Bolton & Menk	\$ 39,680.00
3/16/2026	W1115 PFAS Evaluation Study Grant Fee	\$ 20,000.00
	Proposed	\$ 229,610.00
	Current Year with Proposed	\$ 10,355,900.49

It was recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance to amend the FY25-26 Operating Budget for the General Fund and Utility Fund. *Consent Agenda Approval.*
Weeks/Jones (6 Ayes/1 Nay)

ORDINANCE 2026-6 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR."

6.3 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Prior Duty Weapons by Goldsboro Police Officers

The item was submitted by Mike West, Police Chief.

The City of Goldsboro owns Police duty weapons that are surplus and no longer required by the City. General Statute 17F-20 establishes that active members of North Carolina State, city and county law enforcement agencies, upon change of type of weapons, may purchase the weapon they wore or carried prior to the change at a price equal to the average yield to the State, city, or county from the sale of similar weapons during the preceding year.

The Police Department has a surplus of one hundred and ten (110) previous duty weapons, Generation 4 Glock, 40 caliber handguns in inventory and has requested disposal of this property. These duty weapons have completed their service life. All prior duty weapons have been replaced through the Police Department's multi-year equipment replacement plan. Fifty-one (51) Goldsboro Police Department sworn personnel have committed to purchasing the weapon they carried on duty previous to the department changing to newer Generation 4 Glock handguns in 2023. We have reached out to three local FFL dealers for fair market value of the previous-duty weapons. Quantities and FMV of the previous duty weapons are listed below:

- (6) Generation 4 Glock 27 .40 caliber \$214 each
- (17) Generation 4 Glock 23 .40 caliber \$214 each
- (28) Generation 4 Glock 22 .40 caliber \$214 each

Total disposal/ request to purchase from GPD personnel \$10,914

The remaining previous duty weapons (59) will be turned over to Finance for disposal in accordance with City of Goldsboro policy.

A bill of sale will be completed regarding each purchase and will be signed by the Chief of Police.

It was recommended the Council authorize the sale of surplus previously issued duty weapons to Goldsboro Police Department personnel. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Jones (6 Ayes/1 Nay)*

RESOLUTION 2026-18 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PRIOR DUTY WEAPONS BY GOLDSBORO POLICE OFFICERS"

6.4 Departmental Monthly Reports

The Departmental Monthly Reports for January and February 2026 were presented as information. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Jones (6 Ayes/1 Nay)*

6.5 Approval of Minutes of the Goldsboro City Council Retreat held February 12-13, 2026

The draft minutes for the Goldsboro City Council Retreat held February 12-13, 2026 were presented for approval. *Consent Agenda Approval. Weeks/Jones (6 Ayes/1 Nay)*

7. Old Business

7.1 Amending Chapter 91, Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Goldsboro

The item was submitted by Mike West, Police Chief.

City of Goldsboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 91, Animals, contains rules and regulations regarding animals within the City. Staff feels it necessary to update the language in Chapter 91 to clarify and update the ordinance. Council reviewed the proposed amendment at their meeting on February 9, 2026, and no changes were proposed. At the Council meeting on March 2, 2026, the ordinance was pulled from the agenda to be discussed at a later date. It is recommended that Council adopt the following entitled ordinance, amending Chapter 91, Animals, of the City of Goldsboro's Code of Ordinances.

City Manager, Matthew Livingston, reintroduced the proposed revisions to Chapter 91

(Animals), noting the item had been previously discussed and was intended to clarify outdated language from the 1960s and 1970s. He then invited Chief West to present the briefing. Chief West stated that the primary updates included clarifying definitions and improving enforceability. He explained that under the prior ordinance, an animal had to bite someone to be classified as vicious, which made enforcement difficult in situations where animals displayed aggressive behavior without causing injury. The revised language allows action to be taken in such cases. He also noted a change increasing the allowable number of dogs within city limits from three to four, aligning the city with county regulations and other municipalities in North Carolina.

During council discussion, Councilman White raised concerns about the lack of specificity in the ordinance regarding tethering, including limits on the number of hours an animal may be tethered, appropriate chain weight, and overall humane conditions. Concerns were also expressed about the absence of clear standards for adequate shelter and protection from extreme temperatures. Chief West responded that a previous version of the ordinance included a two-hour tethering limit within a 24-hour period and stated he would review whether that provision should be reinstated. It was clarified that the tethering section (91.25) was not included in the current set of amendments under consideration.

Further discussion addressed Section 91.16 regarding the number of dogs allowed. Councilman White suggested distinguishing between dogs kept indoors and outdoors, noting that nuisance concerns are more commonly associated with dogs kept outside. Mayor Gaylor asked the Council if they would like to amend the language immediately or proceed with the current proposal and revisit the issue later with more detailed revisions.

Councilman Boyette made a motion to adopt the amendments proposed to Ordinance 91 with the exception of 91.16 and table 91.16 to a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Weeks and unanimously approved.

Mayor Gaylor directed Chief West and Councilman White to work together on proposed revisions to Section 91.16 and to bring updated language back to the council at a future meeting, potentially in April or early May.

ORDINANCE 2026-7 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA"

8. New Business

8.1 Water Line Cost-Sharing Agreement between the City of Goldsboro and BRD Land & Investment for Cuyler Best Road Water Line Loop

The item was presented with a PowerPoint presentation attached to the agenda packet and attached to the minutes as *Exhibit A* by Jonathan Perry, Engineering Service Manager, who explained a cost-sharing agreement between the Hawthorne Trail development and the City of Goldsboro for a water line looping project to improve water pressure in the Mimosa area. The project would install approximately 1,000 feet of water main to connect two dead-end lines along Cuyler Best Road, improving pressure, fire flow, and water quality. The total cost is \$170,277.66, with a 60/40 split in which the developer reimburses 60%. The work will be completed in-house by city staff, reducing costs.

The timeline is contingent on permit approval, with a tentative start in April. The city will complete the full project and be reimbursed for the developer's portion. Due to delays in development, including environmental studies related to wetlands and protected species, the city is proceeding to address infrastructure needs regardless of development status.

Council discussed the risk if the development does not proceed, noting the city may bear full costs, but agreed the project is a necessary public improvement. Additional water pressure issues on Wayne Memorial Drive were noted, with repairs underway.

Mayor Pro Tem Weeks made a motion to adopt the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyette and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-19 "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COST-SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO AND BRD LAND & INVESTMENT FOR CUYLER BEST ROAD WATER LINE LOOP PROJECT"

8.2 Friends of Seymour Update

City Manager Matthew Livingston introduced Item 8.2 and recognized Mr. Gerard for an update on Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Mr. Gerard reported no significant new developments, noting ongoing federal budget activity and continued uncertainty regarding future aircraft assignments. He confirmed recent funding successes for base projects, including a small arms range and child-related facilities, while noting ongoing housing needs.

Councilman White raised concerns about junior enlisted housing and suggested exploring alternative development models; Mr. Gerard confirmed these options are under review. Mayor Gaylor expressed appreciation for the update.

No formal action was taken.

8.3 Dillard Goldsboro Alumni Sponsorship Update and Request

The item was presented with a PowerPoint presentation attached to the agenda packet and attached to the minutes as *Exhibit B* by Jamarius Coley, National President of Dillard Goldsboro Alumni and Friends, presented an update on the organization's activities and use of prior city funding. He outlined the group's mission of scholarship, fellowship, and service, and highlighted community programs including a summer food initiative addressing food insecurity, a back-to-school event providing hygiene products to over 100 students, a Christmas event serving multiple families, and a community health fair in partnership with UNC Health Wayne. The organization also provides its facility at 801 East Poplar Street free of charge to other nonprofits.

He explained that previously allocated funds from the prior fiscal year had not yet been drawn down and requested approval to repurpose those funds toward updated priorities. These include completing a neighborhood revitalization effort following the demolition of a deteriorated building on their property, establishing two \$1,500 scholarships for local high school students, and continuing community outreach programs. He also requested \$10,000 in funding for the upcoming fiscal year to continue these initiatives, as well as a \$400 parade fee waiver for their 71st annual homecoming.

Councilwoman Taylor and Councilwoman Jones expressed support for the organization's work and appreciation for its impact on the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Weeks made a motion to approve the street closure and parade waiver for Dillard Goldsboro Alumni and Friends. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved.

Mr. Coley extended an invitation for council members to participate in the upcoming parade.

9. City Manager's Report

City Manager Livingston reported steady progress on the budget, with productive committee meetings, upcoming departmental reviews, and ongoing revenue projections. The City is also working to unify communications under Latoya Henry's leadership. He noted continued economic development coordination, a website redesign expected within 30 days, and the finalized agreement with Eureka. He closed by thanking the community for their support following the passing of his stepfather.

10. Mayor and Councilmembers' Comments

Councilman White requested prayers for deployed troops and their families, emphasizing the sacrifices made for freedom and encouraging the community to provide tangible support to military families, not just words of appreciation. He also congratulated Goldsboro High School's Lady Cougars on winning the state championship, highlighting their journey, resilience, and excellence both academically and athletically, and commended them for representing their school well.

Councilwoman Matthews highlighted the accomplishments of local students across multiple sports in Wayne County, noting strong community support and encouraging continued engagement, emphasizing that there is gold in Goldsboro. She announced upcoming District 4 activities, including "Conversations and Cardio" at the Dillard track on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (details to follow) and the monthly district conference call open to the public but focused on District 4 updates. She also recognized participants of the Women's History Month photo shoot, praising the unity and support among women and encouraging continued commitment to support one another.

Mayor Pro Tem Weeks expressed appreciation for the invitation and recognized Judge Sonia Davis as her sister for the year, thanking her for her support and highlighting her recent message at Women's Day at First Presbyterian Church. She announced an upcoming Operation Medicine Drop event hosted by the Goldsboro Police Department, Partnership for Children, and Safe Kids of Wayne County, encouraging residents to safely dispose of unused medications via a drive-thru at the Old Cloth Barn. She congratulated the Lady Cougars on their championship and acknowledged community leaders who attended the game. She concluded by honoring the memory of City Manager Livingston's stepfather, extending condolences and prayers to him and his family on behalf of the council and community.

Councilwoman Taylor echoed prior remarks, offering congratulations to the Lady Cougars and extending prayers to Mr. Livingston and his family. She announced a District 3 Neighborhood Connections meeting on March 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Lincoln Homes for residents of Lincoln Homes and Walnut Street Apartments, noting a police officer is expected to attend and invited the community to attend.

Councilman Boyette echoed prior remarks of other council members, extending condolences to Mr. Livingston and his family. He shared that he attended a tree planting ceremony at Union Station in honor of the late Judge Charlie Gaylor and noted it was a meaningful event. He also welcomed the Lady Cougars back to campus following their championship win and offered congratulations on their achievement.

Councilwoman Jones congratulated the Lady Cougars, noting their championship was celebrated even at a Goldsboro Chapter Continentals Mid-Atlantic conference in Springfield, Virginia, and praised their hard work and academic excellence. She also recognized the Goldsboro Chapter Continentals for being named Outstanding Chapter of the Year for three consecutive years, highlighting their community work in health, education, recreation, and the arts, and acknowledged new chapter president Dr. Cheryl Richardson. Additionally, she shared that a community garden initiative is underway in West Haven, led by Lauren Branch, aimed at engaging residents in growing their own food and strengthening community involvement.

Mayor Gaylor congratulated the Lady Cougars, their families, coaches, and school, noting their success sets a strong example for student-athletes in both academics and athletics. He stated the team will be formally recognized soon. He also referenced a recent message by Judge Sonia Davis on unity, emphasizing that unity does not require uniformity. He encouraged focusing on shared values and common ground to move the community forward effectively, rather than differences, and described the message as impactful and thought-provoking.

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

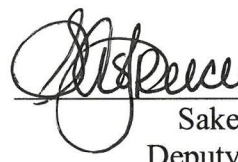
11. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Weeks made a motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jones and unanimously approved. There being no further business, Mayor Gaylor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

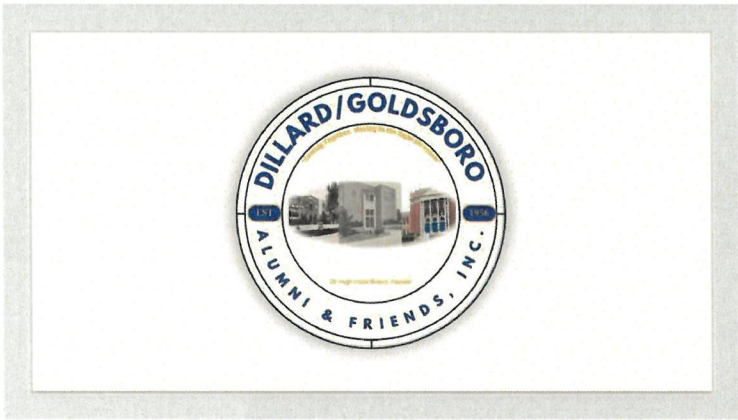




Charles Gaylor, IV
Mayor



Sakeithia Reece
Deputy City Clerk



Community Impact & Partnership

City Council Presentation
Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.

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Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.
Scholarship | Fellowship | Service

Dillard/Goldsboro
Alumni & Friends,
Inc.

- Nonprofit organization serving Goldsboro since 1956
- Mission centered on Scholarship, Fellowship, and Service
- Supports youth development, leadership, and community engagement
- Operates Alumni Headquarters at 801 E Poplar St. for community programs to non-profits at no cost.

Why This
Matters to
Goldsboro

- Provides direct services to underserved families
- Invests in youth leadership and educational success
- Strengthens neighborhood pride and safety
- Supports collaborative partnerships with local institutions
- Creates visible community impact through volunteer service

Recent
Community
Impact

- Summer Lunch Program addressing senior citizen and youth food insecurity
- Back-to-School Community Event serving 113 students
- Community Christmas initiative serving 83 children
- Community Health Fair with UNC Health Wayne
- Programs serving hundreds of residents annually





Investment
Impact

- Supported summer food programs for local youth
- Prepared over 100 students for the school year
- Provided holiday assistance to dozens of families
- Improved community facility infrastructure
- Expanded community health awareness initiatives

2026 Proposed \$10,000
Community Investment

Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.
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Neighborhood
Revitalization
Project
(\$3000)

- Final debris removal and lot stabilization
- Ground leveling and soil compaction
- Grass seeding and landscaping
- Decorative planters and community signage
- Supports Webbtown neighborhood revitalization

City of Goldsboro Scholarships (\$3000)

- Two scholarships awarded to 2026 graduating seniors
- Recognizes leadership, academic achievement, and service
- Encourages civic responsibility among youth
- Awards presented during 71st Homecoming – Scholarship & Awards Night Program

Community Outreach & Activity \$4000

- Summer Lunch Program
- Community Christmas Event w/HACG
- Back to School Event

Expected Community Outcomes



Continued Partnership

- Continued collaboration between DGAF and the City of Goldsboro
- Support for youth development and educational success
- Investment in neighborhood improvement and community programs
- Strengthening opportunities for families and future generations

Thank You



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