



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • AUGUST 5, 2020

Regular Meeting

Third Floor Conference Room

11:00 AM

500 N Cedar St, Third Floor, Lumberton, NC 28358

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce W. Davis	Mayor	Present	
Leroy Rising	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Precinct 5	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Absent	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Brandon Love	Deputy City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

B. Invocation: City Attorney Moore

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NO COMMENTS SUBMITTED.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization SOW Change Public Hearing – Brian Nolley, CDBG Administration

The Planning Dept./Community Development office in consultation with The Adams Co. Inc. proposes to change 1 home proposed for acquisition, relocation and clearance to reconstruction and add 3 homes proposed for rehabilitation under the city's FY2017 CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization grant. The total CDBG program cost is \$750,000.00 which represents 100% of the total project funds.

The budget for these activities will be adjusted.

The purpose of this public hearing is to notify citizens of the proposed amendment and receive comments relative to the proposed amendment.

The Planning Dept. Recommends holding the public hearing as required by grant program guidelines.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing for the purpose of notifying citizens of the proposed amendment and receive comments relative to the proposed amendment to the FY2017 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the

Robesonian.

No one appeared to speak at the hearing and it was closed.

Councilman Cantey asked Mr. Nolley if there is a precise order or other criteria in which the homes are selected? Mr. Nolley stated that there is no particular list. He stated that several homes dropped out and that they are scattered throughout. Councilman Cantey stated that the majority of homes are coming out of Precincts 5, 6, and 7; I hope at least two may come out of those areas.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. North Carolina State University, College of Design Presentation on Hurricane Recovery and Floodplain Restoration – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

The NC State University Coastal Dynamics Design Lab will present their current scope of work in Lumberton. This includes detailed analysis and design proposals for repurposing existing and expected buyout parcels along Meadow Branch/Best Drive, and the adaptive reuse of the Scottish Packing property in South Lumberton. Their project includes hydraulic modeling, land planning, policy review, and architectural study that supports city-submitted grant applications and community engagement activities in the neighborhoods surrounding both sites.

To be received as information only – no action needed.

Deputy City Manager Brandon Love introduced Andrew Fox and Travis Klondike from NC State University Coastal Dynamics Design Lab to the Council. Mr. Fox and Klondike gave a brief presentation on the work that they have done thus far as it pertains to the design proposals for repurposing the existing and the expected buyout parcels along Meadow Branch and Best Drive. They talked about the Interest Meetings that they had with the citizens and what interest that showed in the revamping of Scottish Packing property in South Lumberton and the most popular turned out to be an Educational Focus.

They stated that this project is fully funded through the NC Community Foundation at no cost to the City. They also thanked Brandon, Wayne, Holt and Brian Nolley along with Councilmen Cantey, Howard, and Rising and Councilwoman Robinson for their assistance with the plan.

Deputy City Manager Love thanked Mr. Fox and Klondike for wanting to come in and offer their help. He stated that several others have come and offered assistance; however, NCSU by far has done more than any other group even identifying funding.

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of Bid for HMGP Reconstruction – Brian Nolley, CDBG Administration

The community development office is seeking approval to award a contract for the demo and reconstruction of property located at 2020 Nevada St. to Dozier Built (Maurice Dozier) LLC,

at a bid price of \$115,000. A bid opening was held on July 15th, 2020 at 2pm. A bid tabulation summary is attached. This will paid for with funds from the city's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Hurricane Matthew.
The community development office recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Dozier Built LLC.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- B. Approval of Bid for HMGP Reconstruction – Brian Nolley, CDBG Administration
The community development office is seeking approval to award a contract for the demo and reconstruction of property located at 934 Spruce St. to Finesse Builders (Ginger Carter) Inc., at a bid price of \$122,500. A bid opening was held on July 15th, 2020 at 2pm. A bid tabulation summary is attached. This will paid for with funds from the city's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Hurricane Matthew.
The community development office recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Finesse Builders Inc.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- C. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department permission to accept 2020 COPS Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief
The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to accept the 2020 COPS Grant in the amount of \$375,000.00 which will fund three officers' salaries and fringe benefits. This is a 25% matched grant over a period of three years.
It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to accept the 2020 COPS Grant in the amount of \$375,000.00 for three officers.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- D. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department Permission to Accept 2021 GHSP Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief

The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to accept the 2021 GHSP Grant in the amount of \$224,500.00, which will fund two DWI officers and two fully-equipped vehicles at 100 %.

It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be authorized to accept the 2021 GHSP Grant in the amount of \$224,500.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

E. Approval of Terminal Change Order #4. – Bob Snuck, Airport Manager

This is requested for additional costs that were due to COVID-19 to the City and County.

These additional costs were not covered by FEMA. The additional cost is \$9,261.52. We are working to get the additional cost covered by the State Division of Aviation at 90%.

To approve Change Order # 4.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

F. Adopt a Resolution to take over 230 linear feet of VFW Road (Revised) – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

At the last regular Council Meeting, Public Works had submitted a Resolution to Council to take over 230 linear feet of VFW Road from NCDOT as part of our floodgate project. The Resolution that was approved had some standard language left in the body of the resolution requiring NCDOT to resurface the road before we take it over. Since this road will be permanently closed in order to accommodate the floodgate project, we don't need this language in the resolution. Attached is an updated resolution for Council consideration.

Public Works is requesting Council adopt the Resolution to take over 230 linear feet of VFW Road from NCDOT.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

G. Approval of major subdivision final plat for Amberdale Subdivision Lots 65 thru 70 and bond acceptance. – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director

The Planning Department received a request from B.G. French for the final major subdivision plat approval for Amberdale Subdivision Lots 65 thru 70 and for the acceptance of a bond in the amount of \$90,000 for the completion of the required infrastructure and landscaping.

Recommends approval of the final plat and the acceptance of a bond of \$90,000 for the completion of the required infrastructure and landscaping.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- H. B.G. French annexation request for property located in Amberdale Subdivision Section 3 Part 3, lots # 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70. – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a contiguous annexation from B.G. French requesting a contiguous annexation of lots #65, 66, 67, 68, 69, & 70 located in Amberdale Subdivision Section 3 Part 3, (Parcel #1004-02-080).

The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton B-3 (Office Residential) therefore a rezoning is not required.

Recommends that City Council direct the City Clerk to investigate said petition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- I. Donation of Land Near Lumber River – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Floyd Farm LLC has offered to the City as a donation two lots on Paul Street and one on Kinlaw Street. The Paul Street lots are very near a lift station owned by the City, and an area which informally has been used a boat ramp adjacent to the railroad (the lift station and boat ramp area are shown in blue on the 5th attachment) and the Kinlaw Street lot is adjacent to the Scottish Packing facility which it is hoped will be converted into a park. Given the locations of these lots, it seems prudent to accept the donation.
Accept the donation of the subject properties.

City taxes due will be paid by the City.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

J. Housing Partnership with Kingdom CDC – Holt Moore, City Attorney

Please find enclosed a memorandum, letter and other materials regarding a proposal by Kingdom CDC to build houses on two lots obtained through tax foreclosure by the City. Staff is excited to recommend this proposal. The following is a list of the attachments: 1 – memo from staff, 2 – Letter from Kingdom CDC Director Carl Manning, 3 – aerial picture of 162 Coleman Street, 4 – street view of 162 Coleman Street, 5 – tax info on 162 Coleman Street, 6 – aerial picture of 350 S. Seneca Street, 7 – street view of 350 S. Seneca Street, 8 – tax information, 350 S. Seneca Street. Please note the Coleman Street lot is .13 acres and the S. Seneca Street lot is .15 acres; this was not included in the tax information. Staff is glad to answer any questions and we will ask Mr. Manning to be available for the meeting. Give authorization to move forward with partnership with Kingdom CDC.

Mr. Manning stated that they are very proud to be coming into Lumberton full force and showing what we can do for Lumberton.

Councilman Cantey asked Mr. Manning will they offer assistance to residents to obtain funding or will they have to seek outside funding. Mr. Manning stated that they will assist qualified applicants with homeowner funding assistance.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

K. Approve the Ratification of the Golden Leaf Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$538,000.00 for the "Lumberton Wells & Raw Water Intake" – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
The Golden Leaf Foundation Grant for the "Lumberton Wells & Raw Water Intake" in the amount of \$538,000.00 was presented to Council for acceptance. On July 8, 2020, a telephonic poll was conducted and the vote was unanimous for the execution of the grant agreement.

That City Council ratify the unanimous vote accepting and executing the grant agreement for the Golden Leaf Foundation grant in the amount of \$538,000.00 for the "Lumberton Wells & Raw Water Intake" project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- L. Approve the designation of \$400 of CRF to the Rape Crisis Center of Lumberton – John Carroll, Precinct 3

Councilman Carroll requests \$400.00 in CRF for the Rape Crisis Center of Lumberton. They along with many other non-profits have encountered a shortfall in their funding due to COVID-19 and not being able to hold fundraising events. I would like to challenge any other council member to help in any way they can to support the need for this worthy cause. Attached is a letter I received from the director of the center with their request. Designate \$400 of CRF to the Rape Crisis Center of Lumberton.

A total of \$1600 was given to the Rape Crisis Center as follows: P1 - \$200.00 P2 - \$300 P3 - \$400.00 P4 - \$300.00 P5 - \$100.00 P6 - \$100.00 P8 - \$200.00.

A telephonic poll was conducted on August 6, 2020, authorizing Precinct 7 to contribute \$300.00 of CRF to the Rape Crisis Center. It was a unanimously vote increasing the total given from \$1,600 to \$1,900.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- M. Approve the designation of \$650.00 of CRF to Breath of Life Ministries – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey is requesting that \$650.00 of Community Revitalization Funds be given to Breath of Life Ministries to assist the organization in community services to residents. Designate \$650.00 of CRF to Breath of Life Ministries to assist the organization in community services to residents.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- N. Approve the designation of \$300.00 of CRF to the NC Youth Violence Prevention Center – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8

The NC Youth Violence Prevention Center is an organization that redirects youth toward a violence free future. The organization received a check for \$30,000 from the Simply East

Fund Challenge Grant. Along with the check is a \$20,000 challenge grant to the Youth Prevention Center to raise \$20,000 before August 15, 2020, the Simply East Fund will match our \$20,000 with an additional \$20,000.

Councilman Thomas is requesting \$300.00 of Community Revitalization Funds be given to NC Youth Violence Prevention Center to help meet the goal of the Simply East Fund Challenge Grant.

Designate \$300 to the NC Youth Violence Prevention Center to help meet the goal of the Simply East Fund Challenge grant.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- O. Approve the Designation of \$500.00 of CRF to Mayfair Home Owners' Association (HOA) for Beautification – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas would like to designate \$500.00 of CRF to the Mayfair HOA for beautification.
Designate \$500.00 of CRF to Mayfair HOA.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- P. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department to apply for and accept the 2020 Edward Byrne JAG Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief
The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to apply for and accept the 2020 Edward Byrne JAG Grant in the amount of \$23,956.00. These grant funds will be used to purchase tasers which will replace the old ones currently being used by the department.
It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to apply for and accept the 2020 Edward Byrne Jag Grant in the amount of \$23,956.00 to purchase tasers.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- Q. Approve the designation of \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to the Mayfair North Association for Beautification in Precinct 8 – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
The Mayfair North entrance is maintained by the Mayfair North Association which was established by deed restrictions when Mayfair North was developed. I am requesting \$500.00 of CRF to be given to the Mayfair North Association for entrance beautification.
Designate \$500.00 of CRF to the Mayfair North Association for entrance beautification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- R. Approve the designation of \$250.00 of CRF to Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton in Support of Children Programs in the Community – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas requests \$250.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton for their Community work. The Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton serve many of the children in our communities and are highly recognized for the work that they do.
Designate \$250.00 of CRF to the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton in support of children programs in the community.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

- S. Approve the designation of \$700 of CRF for a Community Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Giveaway – John Cantey, Precinct 5
Councilman Cantey would like to sponsor a program to giveaway Personal Protective Equipment to the Community.
Designate \$700.00 of CRF to community programming to giveaway Personal Protective Equipment.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
ABSENT:	Chavis

VI. CLOSED SESSION**VII. ADJOURNMENT**