



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 8, 2024

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

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	Precinct 1	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Precinct 5	Present	
Alfred Douglas	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Mayor Pro Tem	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: –

C. Pledge of Allegiance –

D. Invocation: Councilman Eric Chavis –

E. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Councilwoman Higley –

F. Retirees' Recognition

1. Terry W. Parker - 28 years of service as Police Captain –
2. Dwight Brooks - 14 years of service as Motor Equipment Operator IV –
3. Jimmy R. Butler - 8 years of service as City Arbonist –
4. Terry W. Parker - 28 years of service as Police Captain - Unable to attend –
5. Dwight Brooks - 14 years of service as Motor Equipment Operator IV - Unable to attend.
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6. Jimmy R. Butler - 8 years of service as City Arbonist: Unable to attend. –

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Minutes from the June 18th, 2024 Planning Board. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
A draft copy of the minutes from the June 18th, 2024 Planning Board are available for review.

<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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- A. Larry Stone is requesting a contiguous annexation of property located on Dunn Road. parcel #101301001 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for contiguous annexation from Larry Stone, for property located on Dunn Road. parcel #101301001 (Dunn Rd South parcel). The parcel is zoned PCU B-3 for a proposed senior living multifamily complex, therefore a rezoning is not required. On May 23, the City Clerk certified the sufficiency of the petition.

Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and approve the annexation request.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider a contiguous annexation for property located on Dunn Road. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

No one appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

- B. RMC Holdings/Larry Stone is requesting a contiguous annexation of property located on Dunn Road (Dunn Rd (N)orth parcel) parcel #10130100108 deed bk. 01950, pg #586. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for contiguous annexation from Larry Stone, for a portion of property located on Dunn Road. parcel #10130100108. This portion of the property is zoned B-3 for a proposed senior living multifamily complex, therefore a rezoning is not required. On May 23, the City Clerk certified the sufficiency of the petition.

Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and approve the annexation request.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider extending the corporate limits of the City by annexing property located on Dunn Road parcel # 10130100108. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

Ms. Danara Campbell spoke in opposition of the annexation.

No one else appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

C. Brion Oxendine Rezoning Request - 1302 North Elm Street and 1323 N Chestnut Street – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Brion Oxendine is requesting to rezone property located at 1302 North Elm Street and 1323 N Chestnut Street (parcel # 322802001), from R-7 (Residential Single Family/Duplex) to CZ-B2 (Conditional Zoning - Business Community 6-unit multifamily complex only) for the addition of a duplex.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on June 18, 2024 and recommends council approval the request with the following conditions:

- Class 'A' screen between adjacent residential properties (parcel #'s 322802026 & 32280202601).
 - Fencing between the three duplex buildings on the property, separating the three buildings.
- The Planning staff asks City Council to hold tonight's public hearing and approve the conditional rezoning request with the recommended conditions.

Mayor Davis opened a public hearing to consider rezoning property located at 1302 North Elm Street and 1323 North Chestnut Street from R-7 (Residential Single Family/Duplex) to Ca-B2 (Conditional Zoning – Business Community 6-unit multifamily complex only) for the addition of a duplex.

Mr. Oxendine appeared before Council and stated that he would like to just clarify that they will put any additional requirements that the City ask for on this request.

Ms. Katie Carter 1401 N. Chestnut Street spoke in opposition as she addressed concerns with fencing, flooding and parking. Fencing so that no one is looking into people doors, flooding has always been an issue and her concern about parking is on Elm Street. Mr. Oxendine stated that parking has always been on 14th Street. He stated that they do not have parking on Elm.

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

D. Request to Close a Portion of Cavalier Street – Holt Moore, City Attorney

City staff received a request to consider closing a portion of Cavalier Street, from a line which would start at the southeast corner of the parcel designated by Robeson County Tax Parcel Number 321701020, and run in a northeasterly direction, perpendicular to the western edge of right of way, and end at the southwestern property boundary of the parcel designated by Robeson County Tax Parcel Number 321702024.

The reports from Department Heads are attached for your review. The request has been advertised in **The Robesonian** for four consecutive weeks, adjacent property owners notified and property posted.

That Council conduct the public hearing and render a decision.

Ms. Jan Maynor, 195 Cavalier Drive, and Ms. Sharon Sweat, 231 Cavalier Street appeared before Council and spoke in favor of closing this portion of Cavalier Street. She stated that the few weeks that it was opened, the peace in the community was gone. She stated that it was a complete culture change. Ms. Sweat stated that there are kids that are playing out there and the constant traffic all day and night has destroyed the street.

Mr. Gary Lewis, Airport Manager, stated that the original intent was going to be a hangar once that did not occur it was opened to the public and if that's not fixed you will continue to have the same problem.

Mr. Ronnie Locklear who owns the business in the back stated that the GPS takes the trucks down that way. He stated that there's no reason that it can't be opened. He stated that the gate was put there to help his business. He stated that the Cir gave him permission to open it up.

Councilman Rising stated that any additional signing maybe a help and also he knew that the gate was there but he rented the building anyway.

No one else appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

IV. CONSENT AGEMDA

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jun 3, 2024 6:00 PM –

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Alfred Douglas, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- B. Ratify the Designation of \$400.00 of CRF to Colors of Life as follows: P1 - \$50 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P6 - \$100 and P7 - \$50 for the Mentorship Event Held at Godwin Heights Park - Speaker Tim Worley – John Carroll, Precinct 3
- Council made the following designations of CRF to Colors of Life a non-profit organization for refreshments at a Mentorship Event held at Godwin Heights Park on July 5, 2024. Speaker was Tim Worley. Designations were given as follows: P1 - \$50 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P6 - \$100 and P7 - \$50 for a total of \$400.

Designate \$400.00 of CRF to Colors of Life as indicated above.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Alfred Douglas, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Installation of Stop Signs - Intersection of of Hardin Road and Sprunt and 11th and Sprunt – Michael McNeill, Police Chief

As a request from Councilman Carroll, and after several attempts to slow traffic in the residential areas of Godwin Heights, LPD is requesting a four way stop at the intersection of Hardin Road and Sprunt Street and a three way stop at the intersection of 11th and Sprunt. We have attempted for several months now to slow this area of speeding traffic which is a short cut for motorist traveling from Roberts Ave over to Elizabethtown Rd and also from Linwood Ave to Godwin. These areas are clearly marked with 25mph signs along with “Slow, Children Playing” signs. We have also erected digital display signs in efforts to slow traffic, which works well for a period of time, then the signs are ignored.

I have requested traffic patrol to monitor these areas but I am aware an officer can’t be dedicated to working that area only. The times I have noticed most speeding is between 7-9am, 12-2pm, and then again thru the evening hours usually after 5pm. Days are longer, school is out, families ride bikes, walkers and joggers are out, and the neighborhood has quite a lot of golf cart activity. I am open to any suggestions you may have to help keep our community safe and speed limits enforced. The request for these additional stops would be a way to slow traffic between the long stretch of Mimosa and Willis and the stretch of 11th from Godwin to Linwood. I do understand this is not the only place this problem occurs but it is an area of concern for Godwin Heights.

That City Council approve the recommendation that four way stop signs be erected at the intersection of Hardin Road and Sprunt Street and three way stop signs be erected at the intersection of 11th and Sprunt.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

B. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department to apply for and accept the 2024 COPS Hiring Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief

The Lumberton Police Department is asking permission to apply for and accept the 2024 COPS Hiring Grant. This grant will fund \$125,000 per officer over a three-year period, which includes salaries and fringe benefits for two officers. The total cost for this grant is approximately \$429,398 for which the city will pay \$179,398.

It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to apply for and accept the 2024 COPS Hiring Grant in the amount of \$429,398.

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

- C. Approve Award of Bid for the Widening Project on Fayetteville Road to Carolina Power & Signalization – Greg Prevatte, Electric Utilities Director

On January 4, 2024 EUD requested the council's approval to bid out the labor and equipment for the Fayetteville Rd. widening project U-5797. EUD received bids for this project on June 25, 2024. The results of the bids were as follows: Carolina Power & Signalization at \$543,283.65, River City Construction at \$711,508.53, Williams Electric Company at \$731,286.93, Lee Electrical Construction \$794,365.55, Sumter Utilities at \$858,448.82, and East Coast Electrical at \$1,188,369.90. EUD has enclosed the bid tabulation sheet, along with a recommendation letter.

The City of Lumberton Electric Utilities Department is requesting the approval from council to award this bid in the sum of \$543,283.65 to Carolina Power & Signalization, to furnish the necessary labor and equipment for the Fayetteville Rd. widening project U-5797.

City Manager Horne reminded Council that 75% of these expenses will be reimbursed by State.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- D. Engineering Contract Amendment 1 for Lift Station 21 – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

The Southeast Crecent Regional Commission (SCRC) has awarded the City a \$440,000 State Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant to flood proof and upgrade the Cancer Institute Lift Station (Lift Station #21). The grant is for construction only. Council approved a design contract for \$32,670 with the Wooten Company in 2019, so the design of the project is complete. Public Works is asking that amendment #1 of the Wooten Company Agreement, for \$55,000 be approved by Council so we can pay for the bidding, construction management, construction observation and grant management phase of the project. Since the SCRC Grant only pays for construction, the \$55,000 amendment for additional professional services will be paid for out of the water and sewer capital reserve fund.

Public Works is requesting Council approval of Amendment #1 of the Wooten Company Agreement, for \$55,000, to pay for contract and grant administration services on the Cancer Center Lift Station Improvement Project, to be paid for from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- E. Rezoning Request for Patricio Ventura - 1003 MLK Jr. Dr. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Patricio Ventura is requesting to rezone property located at 1003 MLK Jr. Dr.(parcel # 32430200301 & 324302003), from R-7 (Residential Single Family/Duplex) to B-4 (general commercial) for expansion of existing building for auto repair shop. The building Mr. Ventura would like to expand currently lies within 2 different zoning districts. The proposed use is allowed within the B-4 zoning district but not the R-7 district, therefore a rezoning is required for the portions zoned R-7.

City Council review the request, refer the petition to the July 16th, 2024 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- F. Leland Fuller rezoning request- 4800 Kahn Drive – P1 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Leland Fuller is requesting to rezone property located at 4800 Kahn Drive (parcel # 100601014 & 10060101402), from B-5 (Highway Service) to B-4 (general commercial) for an automobile dealership.

City Council review the request, refer the petition to the July 16th, 2024 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- G. Jonathan David Edwards is requesting to rezone property located at 2109 Griffin St. from R-7 (Residential Single Family/Duplex) to B-3 (office residential) for the development of a multifamily complex – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Jonathan David Edwards is requesting to rezone property located at 2109 Griffin St. (parcel # 10090200403), from R-7 (Residential Single Family/Duplex) to B-3 (office residential) for the development of a multifamily complex. Currently, there is an occupied single-family dwelling on the property.

CPC review the request, refer the petition to the next Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- H. Mac Adolf Montilus is requesting to rezone property located at 2406 N. Roberts Avenue from B-3 (office residential) to B-4 (business general commercial). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Mac Adolf Montilus is requesting to rezone property located at 2406 N. Roberts Avenue (parcel # 32060100701), from B-3 (office residential) to B-4 (business general commercial) for the development of a restaurant.

CPC review the request, refer the petition to the next Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- I. Request for Refund of Tax Interest – Holt Moore, City Attorney

Please see the attached request for a refund of interest on property taxes. Staff will need to provide additional information on this matter prior to the Council meeting.

<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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- J. Approval of North Carolina Land and Water Fund Grant Design-Build Firm Award – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

On May 24th staff received submittals for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering design-build services for a NC Land and Water Fund grant to re-establish the floodplain/wetlands near the Mayfair subdivision entrance on NC 211. Specifically, this grant is for land acquisition, floodplain design and restoration. Three submissions were received and subsequently rated based on the clarity of their responses and ability to complete the work as noted (see attached Response Rating Rubric). The engineering firms receiving the highest scores were invited to attend an in-person interview on June 17th. Following the interviews a summary was created determining which firm was most suited for the project (see attached summary).

Having received that highest score during the initial submittal review and the most favorable interview, Wildlands Engineering is being recommended for Council approval as the most suitable engineering design-build firm for completion of the City's NC Land and Water Fund grant. It is recommended that City Council award the project to Wildlands Engineering and

authorize staff to negotiate a final contract which will be presented to Council for approval at a later date.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- K. Approve the designation of \$1,825 of CRF for a Fun Day in Precinct 4 – Karen Higley, Precinct 4

Councilwoman Higley would like to designate \$1,825 of CRF for a Fun Day in Precinct 4 to be held on July 20, 2024.

Designate \$1,825 of CRF in Precinct 4 for a Fun Day.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- L. Authorize the Staff to Research Procedures to have City Council Meetings Televised – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey has been asked several times from concerned citizens why Council meetings are no longer televised. In response to the inquiries, I am requesting that City Staff be authorized to research methods that will allow City Council meetings to be televised That City Council authorize Staff to research and bring back to Council the requested information.

City Manager Horne understood the concerns of the citizens. He explained that the software we are currently using is phasing out and we are in the process of replacing it with Civic Plus. He stated that with this software we have the capability of streaming out meeting and it will be posted within the meeting online. He stated that we anticipate the changeover to occur sometime in November or shortly thereafter.

Councilman Cantey stated that this will give us the flexibility that we need to change our meeting time; if we so choose. City Manager Horne stated that this is up to Council.

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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- M. Approve the designation of \$500.00 of CRF to McCormick Chapel for Vacation Bible School & Back to School Event P5 - \$250 and P6 - \$250 – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilmen Cantey and Douglas would like to designate \$250 each of CRF to McCormick Chapel for Vacation Bible School and Back-to-School event.

Designate \$500 of CRF to McCormick's Chapel as designated above.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Alfred Douglas, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- N. Obligate \$525 of CRF in Precinct 7 to Community Watch – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
Councilman Chavis is requesting that \$525 of Community Revitalization funds be obligated to Community Watch to cover overages for P-7 911 Day.
Approve obligation as indicated above.

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

- O. Approve the designation of \$100 of CRF to Partnership for Children Annual Giving Fundraiser – Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Thomas requests that \$100 of Community Revitalization Funds be given to the Partnership for Children Annual Giving Fundraiser.
Designate \$100 of CRF to Partnership for Children Annual Giving Fundraiser.

Council approved the designation of \$900 as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$100 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$100 P8 - \$100 and \$100 from the Mayor's discretionary fund.

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

- P. Approve the designation of \$100.00 of CRF to Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton for Annual Fundraiser – Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Thomas requests \$100.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton in support of their golf tournament held on August 10th and 11th..
Designate \$100.00 of CRF to the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton.

Designations were approved as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$100 P8 - \$250 and \$100 from the Mayor's discretionary fund for a total of \$1,000.

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

- Q. Final plat approval for property located on Old Whiteville Road. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

At the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting, Council approved the Special Use Permit for a major subdivision of property located on Old Whiteville Road (Parcel # 290501007).

Following approval of the Special Use Permit, the final plat must be approved by Council.

Jason Britt, submitted the final plat for Council approval on May 21, 2024. The final plat was sent to the reviewing departments for comments.

Receiving no comments or recommended changes to the plat, the Planning staff recommends that City Council approve the attached final plat.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- R. Approval of Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board – Sarah Ward, Downtown Coordinator
The general purpose of the Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board is to serve as an advisory committee to City Council for the purposes of facilitating the implementation of the Comprehensive Downtown Master Plan and the 4-Point Main Street Approach.

On October 24th, 2023 Janell Carroll respectfully submitted her resignation from the Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board. Janell continues to serve on our Economic Vitality Committee. On November 13, 2023, City Council and Main Street Lumberton appointed Sharon Smith. In May of this year, Sharon Smith resigned from Main Street Lumberton due to her busy schedule. Sharon continues to be a huge asset to downtown Lumberton as a small business owner and natural hair school instructor.

With City Council approval, Main Street Lumberton would like to appoint James Bass as our new Advisory Board Member. James Bass is the Executive Director of Givens Performing Arts Center in Pembroke, NC. His areas of expertise include Arts Programming, Events, and Community Engagement. James' enthusiasm for the City of Lumberton and the arts as well as his areas of expertise make him a good fit for the Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board. City Staff and Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board are recommending Council Approval of James Bass as a new Advisory Board Member for Main Street Lumberton.

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

- S. Approve the designation of \$1,500 for a Handicap Ramp Located at 3106 Rowland Avenue as follows: P1 - \$100 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$200 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$200 P8- \$200 and \$500 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund. – Bruce Davis, Mayor

Mayor Davis would like to designate \$500.00 for a handicap ramp located at 3106 Rowland Avenue, for LaDonna Booth. This ramp will be built by the Baptist Men on Mission.
Approve designation of funds as indicated above.

Councilman Rising made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carroll, to hear an unagendaed item presented by Mayor Davis. It carried unanimously.

Approve the designation of \$1,500 for a Handicap Ramp Located at 3106 Rowland Avenue as follows: P1 - \$100 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$200 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$200 P8- \$200 and \$500 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. *Closed Session*

- A. Ramada Inn Demolition - Proposed Write-off – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Please see the attachment.

City Council approved using \$90,855.33 of eligible funds from the Ramada Inn Demolition for the Memorial Park after receiving \$332,000 from the property owner to resolve a debt.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Douglas, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VII. ADJOURNMENT