



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 7, 2023

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

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	Precinct 1	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Mayor Pro Tem	Excused	
John Cantey	Precinct 5	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Excused	
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 Holt Moore –

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Will Wilson –

II. RECOGNITION - LUMBERTON JR. HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

Councilman Cantey along with the Mayor and City Council presented the Lumberton Jr. High School Soccer Team with Certificate of Appreciation and a City Lapel Pin for their outstanding sportsmanship and outstanding performance during the 2023 season. The team ended the season 10-1, defeating Pembroke in the county championship game avenging the only loss they had in the season. Councilman Cantey stated that this team outscored the opposition 50-4 for the season, winning their second consecutive champion. The team has only played two seasons.

He stated that one of the players from the team, Ivan Lopez recently tried out for the developmental program of the New England Revolution, which is a Major League Soccer franchise and made the development program. Councilman Cantey stated that this is the talent that is in Lumberton and something to be proud of. Listed below is a list of the Soccer Team.

Lumberton Jr. High Boys Soccer roster

1. Ivan Lopez-
2. Iker Gonzalez
3. Ben Garcia
4. Johnathan Herrera
5. Omar Sadda
6. Wilfred Gomez
7. Braydo Aguilar
8. Paul Elliott
9. John Dienant

10. Chris Gomez
11. Bryan Gallegos
12. Wesley Hernandez
13. Akram Alsaïdi-26
14. Irving Gutierrez
15. Henry Diaz
16. Esdras Vail
17. Muneeb Saleeh
18. Angel Galena
19. Elvis Diaz-18
20. Bryan Juarez
21. Axel Lucas
22. Jairo Gomez

Athletic Director/Head Coach-Daniel Humphrey
Assistant Coach- Julian McGarahan
Assistant Coach- Brittany Bolin
Principal- Jamane Watson

III. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

- A. Mr. Russell Webb: No show –

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one appeared to speak.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Planning Board Minutes May 16 2023 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Draft minutes from the May 16th, 2023 Planning Board Meeting are available for review.
<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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- A. Gloria Thornhill Annexation Request 5610 Fayetteville Rd. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for annexation from Gloria Thornhill, requesting a contiguous annexation of property located at 5610 Fayetteville Rd. parcel 3100205038, Deed Book 01039, pg. 336. The property owner has connected to city sewer without city authorization. The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton R-20 therefore a rezoning is not required and is located in the City's ETJ. The City Clerk has Certified the Sufficiency of the Petition and City Council has adopted the Resolution Fixing the Date of the Public Hearing for June 7th, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. That City Council hold the public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 2023.06.01, Extending the Corporate Limits for the proposed Contiguous Annexation for Gloria Thornhill.

Mayor David opened the public hearing to consider extending the corporate limits by annexing contiguous property located at 5610 Fayetteville Road into the city limits. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh entered the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in [The Robesonian](#).

No one appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- B. Proposed 2023-2024 Municipal Fiscal Year Budget – Wayne Horne, City Manager
The proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget was presented to City Council on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 Budget Workshop.

* NCGS 159-12 requires no earlier than 10 days after the budget is presented that City Council hold a public hearing to allow for public comments on the proposed budget before it is adopted.

* The proposed budget has been placed in; the City Clerk's Office, the East Lumberton Resource Center, Dr. Robert L. Jones Resource Center, and Robeson County Public Library.

Notice of the public hearing was advertised in the Robesonian.

Recommend that City Council hold a public hearing and consider the adoption of the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance.

Mayor Davis opened the hearing to consider the adoption of the FY2023-2024 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

VI. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. City Council - Regular Meeting - May 3, 2023 11:00 AM –

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department permission to apply for and accept FY23 Bulletproof Vest Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief

The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant due to bulletproof vests replacement needs. The cost for the vests will be approximately \$20,250.00 with a 50% match.

It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department is granted permission to apply for and accept the 2023 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$20,250.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- B. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department permission to utilize Federal drug forfeiture assets to purchase Tip411 Pro Subscription – Michael McNeill, Police Chief

Tips411 would be a valuable tool for the Lumberton Police Department by providing a way for the public to provide anonymous information to the police department. Tips411 is free to the public through a downloadable app on both Android and Apple devices.

It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to use Federal forfeiture assets to purchase the Tips411 Pro subscription. Much success has been had with this program statewide, and we believe it would be an excellent use of the \$9,600 in drug forfeiture funds.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- C. Pines Lift Station Rehab – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Council previously approved the rehab/repair of the Freeman lift station in the amount of \$300,000.00 using capital code 60-00-8332-5960. Public Works has since evaluated that the Pines lift station is in much more need of immediate repairs than the Freeman lift station. Public Works has sought quotes to rehab/repair the Pines lift station from Charles R.

Underwood, Inc., Terrahawk, and Dillion Electric Service LLC. Charles R. Underwood was the low bid at \$268,340.00, Terrahawk declined to quote at this time, and Dillion Electric quoted \$845,656.57.

Public Works is requesting Council re-appropriate the funds intended for the Freeman lift station and apply them to the Pines lift station and approve the quote of \$268,340.00 to Charles R. Underwood, Inc..

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

D. Waste Water Plant MCC #5 – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Council has previously approved Motor Control Center Repairs in the Capital Budget in the amount of \$150,000 in code 60-00-8330-5560. Public Works requested quotes from Sanford Electrical Contractors, Inc., M-R Electric & Security Alarms, Inc., and Allen Townsend Electric to replace and updated MCC #5 at the WasteWater Treatment Plant. Sanford Electric was the low bid at \$131,004.99, followed by M-R at \$134,600.00. Allan Townsend Declined to quote.

Public Works recommends Council approval of bid from Sanford Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$131,004.99.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

E. Write-off of Delinquent Receivables – Alisha Armstrong, Finance Director

A list of delinquent receivables is attached for review and consideration for write-off. This is a standard accounting practice to write-off accounts receivable that are three years old and taxes receivable that are ten years old and continue our efforts to collect them.

Recommend that Council approve the write-off of the attached delinquent receivables.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

F. Approval of Budget Amendments – Alisha Armstrong, Finance Director

Budget amendments will be needed for the year end closing of fiscal year 2023. City Manager Wayne Horne and Finance Director Alisha Armstrong are requesting authorization to perform budget amendments for year end.

Recommend that Council authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to perform budget amendments for year end closing effective June 30, 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- G. Steven Branch is requesting to rezone 1140 N. Roberts Avenue (parcel # 1014-01-001), from B-4 (general commercial) to B-7 (general commercial/manufactured home sales). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Steven Branch is requesting to rezone property located at 1140 N. Roberts Avenue (parcel # 1014-01-001), from B-4 (general commercial) to B-7 (general commercial/manufactured home sales) for the operation of a manufactured home sales lot.

CPC review the request, refer the petition to the June 20th, 2023 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- H. Sheila Murphy is requesting a Special Use Permit to operate an Intermediate Care Home (1.420) at 1901 N. Elm Street (parcel # 3213-06-013). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Sheila Murphy is requesting a Special Use Permit to operate an Intermediate Care Home (1.420) at 1901 N. Elm Street (parcel # 3213-06-013). This property is zoned R-11 (residential single-family) and a Special Use Permit is required for Intermediate Care Homes within the R-11 zoning district.

CPC review the request, refer the petition to the June 20th, 2023 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- I. Robert Hester is requesting a rezoning of parcel #'s 3214-01-03601, 3214-01-02601 and 3214-01-02601A located at 2100 N. Pine St. and 2200 N. Pine St. from B-2 (business community) to B-4 (general commercial). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Robert Hester is requesting a rezoning of parcel #'s 3214-01-03601, 3214-01-02601 and 3214-01-02601A located at 2100 N. Pine St. and 2200 N. Pine St. from B-2 (business community) to B-4 (general commercial) for the operation of a monument sales business (Cape Fear memorials).

Review the request, refer the petition to the June 20th, 2023 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- J. NCDOT Condemnation Offer P 270 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The City has received an offer for the property shown on the attached documents, which NCDOT is referring to as Parcel 270. Staff has reviewed and believes the offer of \$4,450 to be fair and appropriate. This involves .980 acres of right of way, which is primarily a drainage ditch and associated wooded area, and .026 acres of temporary easement.
Approve acceptance of offer from NCDOT for P270.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- K. NCDOT Condemnation Offer P 211 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The City has received an offer for the property shown on the attached documents, which NCDOT is referring to as Parcel 211. Staff has reviewed and believes the offer of \$5,675 to be fair and appropriate. This involves only .028 acres of right of way and .027 acres of easement.
Approve acceptance of offer from NCDOT for P211.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- L. Revisions to Lumberton Housing Section of Code – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Recently the Legislature made revisions to the state statutes relating to minimum housing, and moved these sections from Chapter 160A to the new Chapter 160D. The attached proposed revisions to the City Code simply reflect the new statutory references.

Approve revisions to Chapter 8, Article IV of the Lumberton City Code, to reflect current statutory provisions.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- M. Graffiti Ordinance Revisions – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Council may recall that the NC Youth Violence Prevention Center made a presentation recently regarding graffiti. Staff has worked with this group and structured an arrangement whereby they may help enforce the graffiti ordinance. We have an agreement addressing this, but some changes to the ordinance were also necessary not only for this authorization but to tighten up our policy on removing graffiti, such as being able to charge for it. The proposed changes are on the attached draft in red.

Approve revisions to graffiti ordinance.

Councilman Cantey asked if the organization is asking for funding or you just going to bill the people. Ms. Deana Locklear stated that the intent is that the City will no longer absorb the cost that a lien will be attached to the property. She stated that no funding is being asked for.

Councilman Howard stated that this is well taken because he has received calls. He asked who is giving out citations. Ms. Locklear stated that the Police can and we can also. She stated that they have set an agreement in place whereby they are beginning trained for this task.

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

- N. Consideration of Evening Council Meeting – Holt Moore, City Attorney

The concern has been raised that the daytime Council meeting prevents some members from the public from attending. There does not seem to be such an excessive amount of items as to warrant a second Council meeting each month, and so staff offers for Council's consideration moving the Council meeting from the current 1st or 2nd Wednesday at 11AM, to the 1st or 2nd Monday of the month (given that some have church and other commitments on Wednesday evenings) at 6pm. Just as a note of explanation, we have been varying as needed between the 1st and 2nd week of the month based upon the scheduling of the Planning Board, and other scheduling issues which Council may have.

Consider whether to move the Council meeting time and date as described.

It is the consensus of Council to move the Regular Meeting of the City Council to the 1st or 2nd Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

O. Approval of Cost of Services for Downtown Master Plan – Sarah Ward, Downtown Coordinator

In the Fiscal Year 2022-23 annual budget, City Council approved \$50,000.00 for Phase-I of a new Comprehensive Downtown Master Plan. Our initial 5-year downtown master plan expired in December, 2022. On May 3rd Council approved Benchmark CMR, Inc. to be our consultant for this work. The master planning process will encompass roughly 18 months, be broken down into three phases, and spread over two fiscal years. As this will be a very complex and time consuming process, phasing and budget(s) are as follows:

Phase-I – Downtown Assessment (7 months) - \$29,450

Phase-II – Downtown Workshops (3 months) - \$22,500

Phase-III – Downtown Master Plan Development (7 months) - \$45,000

Total Project Fee - \$96,950

The Main Street Lumberton Economic Vitality Committee has worked with Benchmark CMR, Inc. to determine a scope of services for the Master Planning process (see Attachment 1 – Scope of Services). The Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board is asking City Council to approve the attached Agreement for Services with Benchmark CMR, Inc. and authorize staff to execute the necessary contract documents.

Councilman Howard commended the Downtown Coordinator and her group on the outstanding job that they have already done.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- P. Acceptance of NC Land and Water Fund Grant – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
On March 1, 2023 the NC Land and Water Fund announced that the City of Lumberton had been approved for a \$2 million grant for the acquisition of properties and floodplain restoration activities in and around the old Fuller’s restaurant and the entrance to the Mayfair subdivision along NC Highway 211 (see attached press release). A “pre-draft” grant agreement is attached and is currently under review by the NCLWF’s legal team. Adjustments will be made to the overall scope of work, as well as the budget and project narrative, following legal review. Staff recommends that City Council accept the \$2 million grant award from the NC Land and Water Fund. Additionally, City Council is asked to authorize staff to amend the attached “pre-draft” contract, adjust the budget/scope of work, and execute the grant agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- Q. Approval of Administrative Service Agreement with NCSU Coastal Dynamics Design Lab for NCLWF Grant – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
The City of Lumberton has received a \$2 million NCLWF grant for the acquisition of properties and floodplain restoration activities in and around the old Fuller’s restaurant and the entrance to the Mayfair subdivision along NC Highway 211. This project was successful due in part to the prior efforts to implement portions of the Lumberton Loop greenway project along Meadow Branch and Saddletree Swamp. Project administration and grant compliance will necessitate the need for outside technical assistance. The NCSU Coastal Dynamics Design Lab has been successful in assisting the City of Lumberton with previous grants such as the two EEG grants and the BRIC grant, both related to individual portions of the Lumberton Loop project. Staff recommends that City Council accept the attached proposal and scope of work from the NCSU Coastal Dynamics Design Lab for grant support and technical assistance for the City of Lumberton’s \$2 million NCLWF grant award. The extent of support services will encompass the next two years of grant activities, at a cost of \$40,000.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- R. CRF Request for Chamber Golf Tournament – Wayne Horne, City Manager
The Lumberton Chamber of Commerce has asked the City to sponsor its golf tournament fundraiser in the amount of \$500 as was done last year. Donations were made as follows:
P1 - \$75
P2 - \$50
P3 - \$75
P4 - \$50
P5 - \$50
P7 - \$75
P8 - \$75
Mayor \$100 for a total of \$550.00.
Ratify \$550.00 of CRF given to the Chamber of Commerce for a golf tournament held on May 25th, 2023 as stated above.

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

- S. Approve the designation of \$400.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Wycliffe East Homeowners' Association – Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
Councilman Rising requests \$400.00 of CRF to be given to the Wycliffe East Homeowners' Association for Community Event.
Designate \$400.00 of CRF to the Wycliffe East Homeowners' Association in Precinct 1 for a Community Event. Make check payable: Nancy Jessup, 515 Londonderry Drive.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- T. Approve the designation of \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for a Community Day in Precinct 4 – Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilwoman Higley requests \$500.00 of CRF for a Community Day in Precinct 4.

Designate \$500.00 of CRF in Precinct 4 Community Day.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- U. Approve the designation of \$300 of CRF to the Lumberton Robeson County Chapter of Las Amigas Inc. for the Senior Brunch as part of the Juneteenth Celebration - – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey would like to designate \$300 of CRF and Councilman Chavis would like to add \$100 of CRF to Lumberton Robeson County Chapter of Las Amigas Inc., in support of the Senior Brunch as part of the Juneteenth Celebration.

Designation \$300.00 of CRF from Precinct 5 and \$100 from Precinct 7 for a total of \$400 to LRCC of Las Amigas, PO Box 2144, Lumberton, NC 28359.

Community Revitalization Funds were given as follows:

P1 - \$100
P2 - \$100
P3 - \$100
P5 - \$300
P6 - \$100
P7 - \$100
P8 - \$100

For a total of \$900.

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

- V. Ratify designation of \$400.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Southern Carolina Housing Inaugural Golf Tournament from Precinct 7 – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7

City Clerk McIntosh conducted a poll on the request of Councilman Chavis designating \$200.00 of CRF to be given to the Southern Carolina Housing Inaugural Golf Tournament which was held on Thursday, May 11th at Pinecrest Country Club, 110 Nigel Drive. All proceeds went to the RCC Foundation to endow student scholarships for Public Housing Residents.

Designations were made as follows: P3 - \$100 P8 - \$100 and P7 - \$200 for a total \$400 of CRF to Southern Carolina Housing Inaugural Golf Tournament with all proceeds given to RCC Foundation for public housing residents.

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

- W. Ratify the designation of \$1,500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds in Precinct 7 for the 911 - Community Day – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7

City Clerk McIntosh conducted a poll on the request of Councilman Chavis designating \$1,500 of CRF for the 911 - Community Day in Precinct 7 held on June 3, 2023..

Ratify the Designation \$1,500.00 to the 911-Community Day.

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

- X. Alley Signage for Presbyterian Church Daycare – Holt Moore, City Attorney
- Recently the Mayor and several staff met on site at the 1st Presbyterian Church Preschool. After lengthy considerations of options, including 10th Street and Chestnut Street, the preschool uses Stephens Alley for pickup and dropoff of the children. This ‘bogs down’ the alley for about 30 minutes twice a day. Staff agrees this is the safest option for the children, and anyone needing to use the alley has access through 11th and 12th Streets. With all this in mind, staff recommends placement of a City sign, near the entrance to the alley on 10th Street stating, ‘Caution Children Dropoff’ or something to that effect, and would like Council’s blessing. Photos and a map are attached.
- Approve placement of sign as described.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

- Y. Approval of Transformer purchase_____ – Greg Prevatte, Electric Utilities Director
<< Summary Of Subject Matter >>

EUD is requesting the approval to purchase eight 3 phase transformers for new commercial business which are being constructed in Lumberton. EUD received 2 quotes for these transformers. The first quote was from State Electric at a cost of \$366,615.24, the second quote was from Wesco at a cost of \$314,650.00. These transformers are inventoried items.

<< Recommendation >>

EUD is requesting Councils approval to purchase eight transformers from Wesco at the price

of \$314,650.00. Unfortunately, with the rise in material cost these prices are subject to change by the time council approves this request and we order the transformers.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed session to discuss litigation-related matter – Holt Moore, City Attorney

Closed session to discuss litigation-related matter. As you may remember, enter into the proposed agreement with the Hutchens firm in reference to the class action-type claim against certain manufacturers of firefighting foam products. The contention is that these manufacturers have negligently allowed substances containing perfluoroalkyl containing (“PFAS”) (including perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA” or “C8”), and perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”), to get into the Lumberton water supply).

With that being said, Public Works is asking Council’s approval to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFPs) seeking engineering qualifications for the water plant and wastewater plant study.

Council gave Public Works permission to proceed with RFPs for engineering qualifications for the study of the water and wastewater plants.

PFAS - Class Action Lawsuit

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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B. Consideration of Property Exchange – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

Back in January, we brought this item before you and we would like Council to consider amending the previous request in consideration of a request by French Family Properties. Please see the attached map. Deputy City Manager Love explained the change of real estate between Lamar Advertising, French Family and the City of Lumberton.

That City Council accept the change on real estate.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Cantey, Howard, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Higley, Chavis

IX. ADJOURNMENT