



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • MAY 6, 2024

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	
Alfred Douglas	Precinct 6	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	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Excused	
Brandon Love	Deputy City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

B. Invocation: Councilman Carroll –

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Councilwoman Robinson –

II. 2024 ROBESON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER CHAMPIONS - LUMBERTON JR. HIGH SCHOOL

City Council presented the Lumberton Jr High boys' soccer team had a perfect season finishing 13-0. This is the Vikings 3rd championship season in a row. The Vikings were led by captains Henry Diaz, Axel Lucas and Geovanne Ortiz. Braydo Aguilar led the Vikings in goals with a record setting 42 goals in 13 games. The Vikings defeated Red Springs in the championship game 3-1 led by Lonnie Porter with 2 goals.

Each player and coaches listed below received a Certificate of Appreciation along with a City Lapel Pin.

Head Coach: Daniel Humphrey
Assistant Coach : Brittany Bolin

Braydo Aguilar
Elijah Campbell
Xavi Cinto
Henry Diaz
Angel Galena
Ben Garcia
Jairo Gomez
Brendan Gutierrez
Bryan Jones
Bryan Ventura
Larry Lopez

Axel Lucas,
Amar Obaid
Ishaq Obaid
Chris Ortega
Geovanne Ortiz
Yefrin Perez
Lonnie Porter
Jason Ramirez
Israel Robles
Muneeb Saleeh

Congratulation to the Lumberton Jr. High School Soccer Team as the 2024 Robeson County Middle School Soccer Champions on an outstanding season.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NO ONE APPEARED TO SPEAK.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Planning Board Minutes From April 23rd, 2024 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Minutes from the April 23rd Planning Board are available for review.
<< Recommendation >>

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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- A. Adjustment of Electric Rate Revenue Increase – Wayne Horne, City Manager
City staff requests that City Council conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed overall projected rate revenue increase for FY24/25 to meet electric system budget requirements to cover the true-up costs for FY 22-23.

ElectriCities has analyzed the City's rate structures and City staff recommends the following rate increase as indicated on the attachment to the agenda item.

That Council hold the public hearing to consider the attached rate change.

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the Public Hearing to consider the proposed overall projected rate revenue increase for FY24/25 to meet the electric system budget requirements. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in [The Robesonian](#).

Deputy City Manager Love drew attention to the Lumberton Residential Rate Comparison chart that was enclosed in the agenda packet and explained that the proposed rate (as an example) increases the service charge; however, the power rate is reduced. For example, he used the current residential month charge for kwh is \$129.30 and the proposed would increase to \$130 giving an increase of .70 cents. On the other hand, the power rate would decrease.

Mr. Michael Coleman appeared to speak and stated that are having issued with waste management and wanted to know how can we increase the rate and stuff is not getting done. If you fail to do the job why should you get an increase.

Ms. Monique Sessoms, Precinct 5 wanted to know if the City could expound on peak hours do we or do we not have it. Greg Prevatte, EUD replied with we do not have peak hours established. He stated that sometime back we had some situations that cause use to lose that and we have not been able to get those hours back. He also stated that if and when we go with the Automated Metered Infrastructure (AMI) we will have those peak hours again. He stated that with AMI meters will be read the same day every month.

Ms. Sessoms asked about gas meters. Director Prevatte stated that gas is handled thru Piedmont Natural Gas.

Councilman Rising informed Ms. Sessoms of the Equal Pay Plan that the City has.

Councilman Cantey stated that all the residents should be made aware that the City has absorbed all the rate increases for the past nine years.

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

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

- B. Land Use Ordinance Revisions-Adoption – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
City Council, at their January 11, 2023 has approved the revisions to the Land Use Ordinance and accepted Lumber River Council of Government's quote to complete the revisions.

Wes MacLeod, AICP, ASLA, Local Government Services Director for Cape Fear Council of Governments is presenting the final draft to you tonight.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on February 20, 2024 and unanimously recommends Council approve the revisions.

The planning staff recommends that City Council hold today's public hearing and approve the ordinance revisions.

City Attorney Moore opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting the Land Use Ordinance revisions as required by General Statutes and presented by Cape Fear Council of Governments. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

Wes MacLeod, Local Government Services Director for Cape Fear Council of Governments presented the final draft to Council. He stated that the only changes made were municipalities are statutorily obligated to be changed based on our General Statutes (G.S.).

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

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

- C. Burnis Wilkins is requesting to rezone parcel # 10150103702, located at 300 Commerce Ave. from M-3 to SUP M-2. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Analysis: Sheriff Burnis Wilkins is requesting a rezoning and Special Use Permit for parcel # 10150103702, Deed Bk/Pg. 01490 / 0049 located at 300 Commerce Ave. from M-3 (planned industrial district) to SUP M-2 (Special Use Permit Heavy Manufacturing) to

facilitate a department of the Sheriff's Office. This request is to rezone the property to M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing). The Special Use Permit application follows this request.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on April 23, 2024 and unanimously recommends Council approve the request.

The planning staff recommends that City Council hold today's public hearing and approve the rezoning request.

City Attorney Moore opened the Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance by rezoning property located at 300 Commerce Avenue from M-3 (Planned Industrial District) to M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) to facilitate a department of the Sheriff's office. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins appeared to speak and stated that this a building that was given to them by the Committee of 100. He stated that they have already moved some of the departments into the building since its being remodeled and fenced in. What we want to do is add a hangar/shelter in the back for our helicopter. He stated that it would be enclosed with a small office. He stated that right now the helicopter is behind the building.

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

Councilman Chavis made a motion, stating that the request complies with the Land Use Plan and we understanding and have considered all the possible uses. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- D. Burnis Wilkins is requesting a Special Use Permit for parcel # 10150103702, located at 300 Commerce Ave. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Sheriff Burnis Wilkins is requesting a Special Use Permit for property located at 300 Commerce Ave. to facilitate a department of the Sheriff's Office. The Rezoning application preceded this request.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on April 23, 2024 and unanimously recommends Council approve the request.

The planning staff recommends that City Council hold today's public hearing and approve the Special Use permit request.

City Attorney Moore opened the Public Hearing is to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit for property located at 300 Commerce Avenue to facilitate a department of the Sheriff's office. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Sheriff Wilkins appeared to speak and stated that he would like to add to this request that there is one pilot and a deputy pilot already on board. We have contacted the FAA and have been approved by them as well.

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

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

- E. Proposal from David King to develop an RV Park and Campground Ordinance – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The Planning staff received a request from David King to develop an RV park. Currently, there is not a land use category which accommodates the development of Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park(s) or campgrounds within the City's jurisdiction.

The Planning Department created a new, standalone land use category and ordinance which accommodates RV parks and campgrounds, furthermore, authorizing this use within the City's jurisdiction.

The Planning staff asks Council to review the final draft and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing for June 3, 2024.

Council set the date of the hearing for June 3, 2024.

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

- F. Special Use Permit for a major Subdivision for property located on Old Whiteville Road. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Jason Britt is requesting a Special Use Permit for a major Subdivision for property located on Old Whiteville Road (Parcel # 290501007).

The Planning Board held the public meeting on April 23, 2024 and unanimously recommends Council approve the request.

Upon approval, a final plat must be submitted and approved by City Council.

The planning staff recommends that City Council hold today's public hearing and approve the Special Use Permit request.

City Attorney Moore opened the Public Hearing is to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit for property located on Old Whiteville Road for a major subdivision. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Jason Britt, the applicant appeared before Council and explained why he would like to subdivide this parcel of land.

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

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

- G. Ray Townsend is requesting to rezone 306 E. 21st St. from PCU-B-2 (Business Community Florist Shop only) to R-3 (Residential Multi-Family). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Ray Townsend is requesting to rezone 306 E. 21st St. from PCU B-2 (floral shop only) to R-3 (multifamily) for single family residential use.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on April 23, 2024 and unanimously recommends Council approve the request.

The planning staff recommends that City Council hold today's public hearing and approve the rezoning request.

City Attorney Moore opened the Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance by rezoning property located at 306 E. 21st Street from PCU B-2 (Business Community Florist Shop Only), to R-3 (Residential Multi-Family). City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Mr. Ray Townsend was acknowledged and had no comments to add.

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

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

V. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 15, 2024 6:00 PM –

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

- B. City Council - Regular Meeting - Mar 4, 2024 6:00 PM –

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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of Sculpture Placement in Downtown Lumberton – Sarah Ward, Downtown Coordinator

The Robeson County Arts Council received a \$7,500 restricted grant from the Caton Foundation for a sculpture in honor of Mr. W.C. Washington due to his longstanding and successful career as a business owner in downtown Lumberton.

The stipulations for the grant are as follows:

- Robeson County Arts Council would contract Melvin Morris as the Sculptor. Mr. Morris is the artist who created the sculpture that is already located in the plaza.
- The sculpture to be placed in the rose garden adjacent to Mr. Washington's store contingent on City Council approval.
(See Attachment)

Robeson County Arts Council may need assistance from the City of Lumberton with the footing/base for the sculpture to ensure its stability in the rose garden.

Mr. W.C. Washington is not aware of this tribute. The Caton Foundation and the Robeson County Arts Council are requesting confidentiality until the dedication of the sculpture to Mr. W.C. Washington.

The Robeson County Arts Council, The Caton Foundation, Main Street Lumberton, and City Staff are recommending City Council approval of the Rose Garden as the location of the dedicated sculpture for Mr. W.C. Washington as a tribute to his longstanding and successful career as a successful business owner in downtown Lumberton.

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

B. Unsafe Structure 1101 Martin Luther King Dr. – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The Structure located at 1101 Martin Luther King Dr was inspected by our Department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on March 28, 2024 in which the owners were not present. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on April 30, 2024.

Staff recommends the City Council direct the Building Inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 1101 Martin Luther King Dr.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Douglas, Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

C. 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:	TABLED [8 TO 0]	Next: 6/3/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Alfred Douglas, Precinct 6	
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Douglas, Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

D. 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.

Authorize City Clerk to investigate said petition.

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

E. 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 (S)outh parcel). The parcel is zoned PCU B-3 for a proposed senior living multifamily complex, therefore a rezoning is not required.

Authorize City Clerk to investigate said petition.

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

F. Consideration - Modification of GED / HS Diploma Requirements – Holt Moore, City Attorney

Though conversations with some key Department Heads, Management Staff is recommending making some amendments to the requirements of a GED or High School Diploma for hiring. The proposed changes are shown in red on the attachment. The intent is to hopefully avoid losing applicants who would otherwise be good and needed employees due to these technicalities.

Consider changes to high school diploma / GED hiring requirements.

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

G. Approval of Agreement - Schools Contribution to Playground – Holt Moore, City Attorney

With regard to the playground at Pennington Athletic Complex which is being spearheaded by the Kiwanis of Robeson / Lumberton, the Public Schools of Robeson County want to contribute \$50,000 towards that project. However, they prefer to make the payment to the City, who would then pass it along to the project, either to the Kiwanis or directly to the contractor. At the recommendation of the Schools' attorneys, the Schools have requested an agreement setting out the details of this transaction. They are also requesting therein priority use of the playground, but I have confirmed with the City Recreation Director that this is not a change to the current approach to the Schools' use of the playground facilities. Staff is seeking your approval of this agreement which the Schools have already signed.

Approve agreement with the Schools.

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

H. Approve Boards and Commissions / Non-Profits Budget Requests for FY2023-2024 – Wayne Horne, City Manager

The City Staff has started preparation of the FY 2024-2025 Budget. In 2002, City Council approved a policy on contracting with non-profit agencies creating procedures for evaluating proposals and creating clear responsibilities for accountability. Attached are the Boards and Commissions / Non-profits FY 2024-2025 Budget requests along with the City Manager's recommendations.

Council review the funding for boards and commissions / Non-profits budget requests and provide recommendation.

City Attorney Moore stated that the City Manager has recommended that the City grant RCCCC \$25,000 based upon them contacting the County and receive an endorsement from them for the same. A discussion ensued to the request from Robeson County Church and Community Center for a grant of \$100,000.00 as a recurring cost to help subsidize the direct amounts spent for crisis relief. Councilman Rising stated that they have asked on several occasions that the Community Center reach out to the County and receive an endorsement from them; however, that has not been done despite our asking. It seems to me, that we shouldn't have to ask them to do this over and over again.

Councilman Cantey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Thomas, that the Boards and Commissions Budget Requests be approved as the recommendations written by the City Manager and the request from RCCCC be granted \$25,000.00 only if they connect with the County receive their endorsement of \$25,000.00 and it will not be a recurring cost, if granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Rising asked to be excused.

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

- I. Approve the Designation of \$850.00 of CRF for P2 Community Day – Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2

Councilwoman Robinson would like to designate \$850.00 of CRF for a Community Day in Precinct 2.

Designate \$850.00 of CRF for a Community Day in Precinct 2.

Community Day will be held on June 22, 2024.

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

- J. Lumberton FFA Funds Request – John Carroll, Precinct 3

Councilman Carroll would like to discuss a request that he received from Lumberton FFA. Please see the attached request.

That Council discuss the above subject matter and render a decision.

Community Revitalization Funds were designated as indicated below:

P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$100 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$100 P8 - \$100 and \$100 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund for a total of \$1,000.

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

- K. Approve the Designation of \$200 of Community Revitalization Funds to From the Heart by Truly Treasure for a Block Party – Alfred Douglas, Precinct 6

From the Heart by Truly Treasure owned by Ms. Candace Riddick, 2918 N. Elm Street indicates that this is a 501 (c) (3) organization that supports under served and under-privileged children in the community as their aim is to empower children with essential resources and celebrate their accomplishments. Ms. Riddick is seeking funds to help defray the cost of supplies for a Block Party for the children. Your donations will make it possible for these children to benefit from an unforgettable experience that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Designate \$200.00 of CRF to the From the Heart by Truly Treasure, 2918 N. Elm Street, Lumberton for a block party.

Community Revitalization Funds were approved as listed below:

P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$150 P6 - \$200 P7 - \$100 & P8 - \$100 for a total of \$850.00

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

- L. Approve the Designation - \$200 of CRF - Seed of Hope – Alfred Douglas, Precinct 6
Councilman Douglas request \$200 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to Seed of Hope for a Juneteenth celebration.. The funds will be used to help support the festivities of the Juneteenth Celebration.

That Council approve the designation of \$200 of CRF to Seed of Hope as stated above.

Community Revitalization Funds were approved as listed below:

P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$100 P6 - \$200 P7 - \$100 & P8 - \$100 for a total of \$800.00

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

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

Councilman Chavis requests \$1,500 of CRF for the 911 - Community Day in Precinct 7 to be held on June 1, 2024..

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

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

- N. PSRC Early College Beta Students Nationals Bound – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7

Councilman Chavis received a request for funds from Christina Edwards, Beta Sponsor at PSRC Early College at RCC. Every year the Betas compete in the National Beta State Convention in Greensboro to earn a spot to compete in the overall National Beta Convention in Savannah, Ga. They have 18 students who have qualified for the Nationals.

The National Convention is being held June 15th - 19th at the Savannah Convention Center. They are seeking funds from the community to allow the Betas an opportunity to attend. The overall cost for the 4 day trip is approximately \$9,000 which will cover the costs for hotels, transportation, registration, fuel and some meals. ECHS Beta is asking for donation of any amount to help offset the cost for the students.

That Council approve the designation of \$150.00 to PSRC Early College Beta Club.

Community Revitalization Funds were approved as listed below:

P2 - \$50 P3 - \$50 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$150 & P8 - \$50 for a total of \$500.00

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

- O. Request for Funds - National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM at Campbell University – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7

Councilman Chavis received a request for funds from Aleah Kerns, an 8th grader at Magnolia Elementary School. Aleah has been nominated to represent her school and

community at the National Youth Leadership Form: Explore STEM. Aleah maintains a 4.0 GPA, and is involved in the Beta Club and Battle of the Books, and have been awarded the Superintendent's Academic Award for 2022 and 2023.

Aleah participation in the program depends on whether she can raise \$2,835 in sponsorship. This will be a powerful experience for Aleah affording her the opportunity to interact with respected professionals in various fields. Aleah has reached out to other individuals and entities for support. I would like to designate \$125 of CRF to this fundraiser. That Council approve the designation of \$125.00 to Aleah Kerns for the National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM.

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

- P. Approve the designation of \$150.00 Of CRF for Teacher Appreciation Week to PSRC – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7

Councilman Chavis requests \$150 of CRF for teachers' appreciation week.

Designate \$150 of CRF to the PSRC Teacher Appreciation Week from Precinct 7.

Community Revitalization Funds were approved as listed below:

P2 - \$50 P3 - \$50 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$150 & P8 - \$50 for a total of \$450.00

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

- Q. Approve the designation of \$100.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Southern Carolina Housing 3rd Inaugural Golf Tournament from Precinct 7 – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7 Councilman Chavis requests \$100.00 of CRF to be given to the Southern Carolina Housing 3rd Inaugural Golf Tournament which was held on Thursday, May 9th at Pinecrest Country Club, 110 Nigel Drive. All proceeds went to the RCC Foundation to Danny K. Martin RCC Foundation endowed scholarship for Lumberton Housing Authority residents.

That Council approve the designation of \$100 of CRF to Southern Carolina Housing 3rd Inaugural Golf Tournament with all proceeds given to Danny K. Martin RCC Foundation endowed scholarship for Lumberton Housing Authority residents.

Community Revitalization Funds were approved as listed below:

P3 - \$50 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$50 P7 - \$100 & P8 - \$50 for a total of \$300.00

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

- R. Authorize the Lumberton Police Department to accept the AKC Reunite Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief

The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to accept the AKC Reunite Grant in the amount of \$7500.00. This grant will allow the department to purchase a canine which will be deployed for incidents of breaking and entering, traffic stops, evidence searches, tracking victims and/or suspects, and apprehending violent criminals.

It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to accept the AKC Reunite Grant in the amount of \$7500.00

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

- S. Approve the designation of \$100.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for Project Graduation – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7

Councilman Chavis requests \$100.00 of CRF for Project Graduation.

Designate \$100.00 for Project Graduation.

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

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Memorandum of Understanding with Robeson Community College – Tim Taylor, Recreation Director

Robeson Community College has explored the possibility of developing a college baseball program and would like to partner with Lumberton Recreation to have a team play collegiate baseball beginning in August 2024.

Athletic and administrative staff have met with representatives of Robeson Community College on site at Pennington Athletic Complex to consider options for student athletes to play baseball

on existing fields and have determined that Field 5 is the best game site with minor improvements that the college understands would be their sole responsibility to complete in order that field can be used to play regulation baseball.

Attached is a final draft Memorandum of Understanding between Robeson Community College and the Lumberton Recreation Department. Recreation Commission is aware of this agreement and supports entering into said agreement with Robeson Community College. Recreation Commission and department staff recommend that the City Council approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding with Robeson Community College to use Field 5 at Pennington Athletic Complex for college baseball beginning August 1, 2024 for a period of ten (10) years.

Director Taylor stated that the College will be responsible for maintenance and equipment needed for the field.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT