



# CITY OF LUMBERTON

## CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • MAY 3, 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       | Present |         |
| John Cantey             | Precinct 5          | Present |         |
| Chris Howard            | Precinct 6          | Present |         |
| Eric Chavis             | Precinct 7          | Present |         |
| 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:** *Mr. Gary Lewis, Airport Manager*

**C. Pledge of Allegiance:** *Led by Councilman Cantey*

### II. EMPLOYEES RECOGNITION

**A. Ernest J. Johnson, 28 years of service as Sr. Fire Captain**

**B. David Johnson, 23 years of service as Sr. Fire Captain**

**C. Kimberle A. Grant - 24 years of service as Sr. Police Lieutenant**

**D. Beth P. Galbreath - 29 years of service as Sr. Accountant**

**E. Tonya Z. Alford - 21 years of service as Sr. Center Supervisor**

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**A. Ms. April Wright –**

Ms. April Wright, appeared before Council on behalf of Lumberton Jr. High School Quizbowl Team. She stated that this is an academic team which has achieved much success. She stated that they compete against other schools within the district to see who becomes the victor. They placed 1st the district, 2nd in the region, 11th in the state and now it's time for the nationals. She stated that they are doing their own fundraiser and no other funds have been received. She stated that they are soliciting funds from Council which would assist with travel and lodging. She stated that the tournament will be held in New Orleans, LA.

She stated that this will help to show our students that being smart is respected and congratulated just as much as being athletic and this is also the first for any Robeson County School. She asked if Council would please consider giving to this cause. She was asked to introduce the portion of the team with was with her.

#### IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Planning Board Minutes April 18th, 2023 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director  
Draft minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Planning Board are available for review.  
<< Recommendation >>

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>NOT APPLICABLE</b> |
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- A. George Zindros is requesting a Special Use Permit to operate a private elementary/high school at 812 E. 5th Street – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director  
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application to amend a Conditional/Special Use Permit for an existing private school at 812 E. 5th Street. The amendment is to extend the Conditional/Special Use Permit to include grades 6 thru 12 and add parcels (3) 32340204401; (4) 32340204502; (5) 32340204501; and (7) 323402045.

All Parcel #'s (1) 323402042; (2) 323402041; (3) 32340204401; (4) 32340204502; (5) 32340204501; (6) 323402046; (7) 323402045 and (8) 323902001.

The Planning Staff asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the Special Use Permit request.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit to operate a private elementary/high school. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

Mr. George Zindros, appeared before Council as the applicant and representative of New Pathway Christian Academy. He stated that it is a Bible-based curriculum and we are seeking Council's approval.

Councilman Howard asked if the school would be opened to all. Mr. Zindros replied "yes."

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- B. FGM Development/Moss Neck Trust Annexation Request – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director  
FGM Development, LLC (Fred Mills Sr). is requesting a contiguous annexation of property located on Hornets, being parcel # 101002012. The annexation is for a portion of the parcel (7.5 acres) that will be subdivided. The proposed development is a 64- unit multifamily complex. The applicant is also requesting the property be rezoned from 'A' (agriculture) to B2 (community business) with multifamily use only condition.  
Planning Staff asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the Contiguous

### Annexation.

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

Ms. Tammy Stern, appeared before Council and stated that she is available for any questions Council may have.

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Leroy Rising, Precinct 1                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

### C. Pentecostals of Lumberton - Request to close a Portion of Riverside Drive from Poplar Street to Carthage Road – Holt Moore, City Attorney

City staff received a request from The Pentecostals of Lumberton, to close a portion of Riverside Drive from Poplar Street to Carthage Road for the purpose of expansion/improvements to the sanctuary and life center located on Carthage Road. Reports have been received from Staff as well as property owners have been notified. It was advertised in The Robesonian for four consecutive weeks.

That Council hold the Public Hearing, review the reports and render a decision.

Mayor Davis opened the Public Hearing on a request from the Pentecostals of Lumberton to consider closing a portion of Riverside Drive from Poplar Street to Carthage Road for the purpose of expansion/improvements to the sanctuary and life center. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh, submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in The Robesonian.

Pastor Barnhill appeared before Council and stated that there are safety reason for the request as well as the congregation has grown in attendance of 250-275. He stated that the new sanctuary would sit between Poplar Street and Carthage and there would be no road access onto Poplar Street.

Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director stated that the City has both water and sewer infrastructure in the entire length of the segment proposed to be closed. He stated that we also have street drainage in the area. He stated that if the road is closed we would need to secure easements so we can maintain our water, sewer and drainage that will remain in service. He stated that permanent structures can not be constructed over our underground utilities.

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner, stated that a reduction of 10 feet (from 20 foot setback) from the right-of-way of Riverside Drive to a 10 foot setback from the boundary line, if they are granted the portion of Riverside to Poplar.

Councilman Rising asked if it would be a problem for directional signs being erected for Stephens Park.

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

It is the consensus of City Council that the request be approved contingent upon the City's ability to secure its easements as well as maintain the water, sewer and drainage lines.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [7 TO 0]</b>                                  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Eric Chavis, Precinct 7                                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                    |
| <b>RECUSED:</b>  | Carroll                                                  |

## V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Approval of I-95 Bridge Medallion Design – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager  
City staff and representatives from the Main Street Committee and the Robeson Arts Council have been working with NCDOT over the past year to develop a concept for artwork to be cast in concrete as a bridge medallion for the I-95 bridges through the City of Lumberton. Staff will present the various iterations of designs and make a recommendation for final concept approval.

City staff, the Lumberton Main Street Committee, and Robeson Arts Council recommend that City Council endorse the bridge medallion design concept provided by NCDOT entitled “LumbertonMedallions\_3\_2023” and authorize staff to proceed with final layout for the concrete castings and placement on the I-95 overpass bridges.

Deputy City Manager Brandon Love shared with Council a presentation on the I-95 Bridge Medallion design. He stated that there are multiple betterments included in this agreement with one being the enhancement of lightning around Exit 19; various sidewalk improvements, and relocation of utilities. He stated that we will get some assistance from the State; however, ultimately this is our responsibility.

Councilman Cantey asked how much is this going to cost and did we agree to this? He said we keep talking about refining our spending and have we considered the safety features. Deputy Manager Love stated that I don’t have the cost before me but I will get it for you. He stated that this project was approved back in 2021. Deputy Manager Love returned to say that the project cost is \$1.1 million and the bridge medallion portion will be \$47K and the project was approved at the April 2021, City Council meeting.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Leroy Rising, Precinct 1                                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Owen Thomas, Precinct 8                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- B. Purchase of Zero Turn Lawn Mower and Budget Amendment – Gary Lewis, Airport Manager

The Airport currently owns a 23 year old zero turn lawn mower with over 2600 operational hours. The lawn mower has out lived its usefulness as it breaks down frequently. For the Airport this is not only an aesthetic problem if the grass is not maintained, but a safety issue. If the grass exceeds five inches it tends to attract bugs which in-turn attracts birds. With more birds in the area there is a more likely chance of a bird strike to an aircraft. This is not only a danger to the pilots and passengers, but can create expensive damages to aircraft.

The Airport wishes to purchase a 72 inch cut Gravely ProTurn zero turn lawn mower for \$15,220 (\$14,670 for the lawn mower and \$550 for a canopy. The Airport recently sold a

1984 Chevrolet truck for \$7,000. The Airport also has \$3,500 in budget item 65-00-8139-5565 "Other Equipment". If these funds are used, for the purchase, there is still a shortfall of \$4,720. The Airport proposes moving the \$7,000 for the truck sale into the 65-00-8139-5565 and also moving \$4,720 from our Part-Time budget (65-00-4530-1260) into 65-00-8139-5565. We will use the total of these funds to buy the new mower.

Approve budget amendment and purchase of a 72-inch commercial-grade zero-turn lawn mower.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Eric Chavis, Precinct 7                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- C. Purchase VFD for River Intake Pump #19 – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director  
The river intake for the City of Lumberton is currently under construction in the process of a number of improvements in order to be better prepared for flooding. One item that has been discovered as an area of concern is the lack of a variable speed pump controller for river pump #19. Public Works has received a price from the project contractor AC Schultes of Carolina in the amount of \$51,120.00 for a VFD for river pump #19. Public Works recommends Council approval for the purchase of a VFD for river pump #19 in the amount of \$51,120.00 from AC Schultes of Carolina. Funds for this purchase would be made available from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

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

- D. Approval of Capital Project Ordinance for 2020 Well Replacement – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director  
The State of NC is requiring that the City of Lumberton adopt a Capital Project Ordinance for the 2020 Well Replacement Project to full fill loan requirements.  
Recommend that Council adopt said Capital Project Ordinance.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [8 TO 0]</b>                                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John R. Carroll, Precinct 3                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Owen Thomas, Precinct 8                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- E. 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.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          | <b>Next: 6/7/2023 11:00 AM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Leroy Rising, Precinct 1                                          |                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Owen Thomas, Precinct 8                                           |                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |                                |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |                                |

- F. Jona-Rae Locklear is requesting a rezoning of 2300 N. Pine St. from B-2 (business community) to B-4 (general commercial). – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director  
Analysis: Jona-Rae Locklear is requesting a rezoning of parcel #321401012, deed book 2165, pg. 93 located at 2300 N. Pine St. from B-2 (business community) to B-4 (general commercial). The applicant is requesting a rezoning to operate a mental health treatment facility - Locklear's Behavioral Health Services, PLLC.  
CPC review the request, refer the petition to the May 16th, 2023 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>REFERRED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          | <b>Next: 5/16/2023 6:00 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John R. Carroll, Precinct 3                                       |                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Owen Thomas, Precinct 8                                           |                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |                                |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |                                |

- G. Appointment to ABC Board – Holt Moore, City Attorney  
ABC Board Member Lillian Hardin is stepping down after many years of dutiful service. Alexis Jacobs has been suggested as a replacement. Ms. Jacobs is an agent with Farm Bureau and has been involved in the community with such organizations as Kiwanis. If Council approves Ms. Jacobs to the Board, staff will prepare an appropriate Proclamation or other recognition for Ms. Hardin given her long tenure.  
Consider appointment of Ms. Jacobs to ABC Board.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Eric Chavis, Precinct 7                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Owen Thomas, Precinct 8                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- H. Continuation of NC Rebuild Buyout Program – Holt Moore, City Attorney  
In 2020, Council approved the attached agreement with NCORR's NC Rebuild Division to buy flooded out properties. The program was largely halted by COVID. NC Rebuild is

ready to re-activate the program, and since this may involve new and/or different properties than those listed in 2020, (which new list is available from the Legal Dept), staff is bringing this matter back for Council to approve the continuation of the program going forward as to any properties which NC Rebuild may approve, and for this approval to take the form of an ordinance if it is deemed necessary to do so by the State.

Approve the continuation of the NC Rebuild Buyout program, to include an ordinance to that effect if such is required, and to include whichever properties are approved by NC Rebuild going forward.

Councilman Cantey asked if they have opened up to take new application or are they picking up where they left off. Ms. Canady they are not up-to-date on our funding. They will payout part of the agreement and will be acquiring the vacant lots and listings for new individuals.

Councilwoman Higley stated that she is asking that they do not drag the homes out. She has a lady in her precinct and it's been four years and just moved into her new home. Councilman Cantey stated that they have lost 114 elderly members of their community. This is all acquisition; has nothing to do with rebuild. She stated that we will acquire and they pay for everything else.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John R. Carroll, Precinct 3                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- I. Approval of Downtown Master Plan Consultant – 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. Main Street Lumberton envisions the master planning process to encompass roughly 12-18 months and spread over two fiscal years. Phase-II would be expected in next year's budget and be roughly the same amount (\$50,000). On January 28<sup>th</sup> staff advertised a public Request for Qualifications for a Comprehensive Downtown Master Plan and received four responses. Staff and Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board evaluations of the RFQ submissions are attached. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Downtown Master Plan Selection Committee asked Council for additional time to interview the top two consultants and bring a recommendation back to Council at a later date. City Staff and Main Street Lumberton Advisory Board interviewed Benchmark Planning (04/14) and ESP & Associates (05/02). City Staff will bring a recommendation to City Council at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.*

Awarded to Benchmark Planning.

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

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

The City Staff has started preparation of the FY 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Budget requests along with the City Manager's recommendations.

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- K. Consider and Approve one of the Following Dates as the FY 2023-2024 Municipal Budget Workshop – Wayne Horne, City Manager

As part of the annual budget process; the following dates are being presented for Council's consideration for the Budget Workshop. The Budget hearing is tentatively set for June 7, 2023.

It is recommended that City Council consider the following dates for the Annual Budget Workshop:

Tuesday, May 23rd  
Wednesday May 24th or  
Thursday, May 26th

or any other date that maybe considered by Council. The Workshop would start at 9:30 am.

The City Council budget workshop will be held on May 24, 2023, beginning at 9:30 at Lumberton Municipal Airport.

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

- L. Approve the designation of \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Oakridge Homeowners' Association for the Spring Festival – Leroy Rising, Precinct 1  
Councilman Rising is requesting \$500.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to the Oakridge Homeowners' Association for its Spring Festival.  
Designate \$500.00 to Oakridge Homeowners' Association for its Spring Festival. Make check payable to: Suzanne Abbott, 1306 Oakridge Boulevard.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Leroy Rising, Precinct 1                                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Owen Thomas, Precinct 8                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- M. Approve the designation of \$100.00 of CRF to UNITE Education Youth Success Banquet – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey would like to designate \$100.00 to U.N.I.T.E Education Youth Success Banquet. *The mission of the organization is to combat poverty and build community through educational experiences. U.N.I.T.E has incorporated programs empowering Robesonians' of all ages, race and economic background to fight poverty by gaining knowledge through **academic, economic, cultural, art and health** education.*

*The focus of the organization is on the youth but they understand that empowering the whole family structure will have the greatest impact on their lives.*

*They offer or have offered tutoring, leadership workshops, given out homeless care packages, given out virtual learning kits, hosted paint parties, hosted summer camp, hosted Juneteenth events, started an AAU track team, ran a Young Chef's Academy and preparing to host a Youth Success Banquet event all while partnering and supporting many other community organizations.*

*The impact is broad and people like you make organizations like these possible.*

Approve the designation of \$100.00 of CRF from Precinct 5 to U.N.I.T.E. Education Youth Success Banquet.

A total of \$800.00 of Community Revitalization Funds were given as follows:

P1 - \$100  
P2 - \$100  
P3 - \$100  
P4 - \$100  
P5 - \$100  
P6 - \$100  
P7 - \$100  
P8 - \$100

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- N. Approve the designation of \$225.00 of CRF to the Lumberton Jr. High Quizbowl Team – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey would like to designate \$225.00 of CRF to the Lumberton Jr. High Quizbowl Team. This team is an academic team. They compete against other schools to see who becomes the

victor. The team placed 1st in our district, 2nd in our region and 11th in our state. The funds will be used for travel and lodging.

Approve the designation of \$225.00 from Precinct 5 to the Lumberton Jr. High Quizbowl Team.

A total of \$1525 of Community Revitalization Funds were contributed as follows:

P1 - \$150  
P2 - \$100  
P3 - \$200  
P4 - \$100  
P5 - \$325  
P6 - \$350  
P7 - \$200  
P8 - \$100

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- O. Approve the designation of \$200 of CRF to Zetas Blue & White Scholarship Program – John Cantey, Precinct 5

Councilman Cantey would like to donate \$200 of CRF to the Zetas Blue & White Scholarship Program that will benefit several students in their quest to enrich their lives through Education. The program is May 6, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. located at Lumberton Jr. High School, 82 Marion Road.

Approve the designation of \$200 to the Zetas Blue & White Scholarship Program.

A total of \$300 were contributed as follows:

P5 - \$200  
P6 - \$100

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

- P. Approve the De-obligation of \$1705 of CRF in Precinct 4 – Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Councilwoman Higley is requesting that \$1705 be de-obligated from code 10-00-4313-2125 (Community Watch) to Code 10-00-4935-6904 (Unobligated Funds).  
Deobligate \$1705 from code 10-00-4313-2125 to Code 10-00-4935-6904 Unobligated Funds.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Karen Higley, Mayor Pro Tem                                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John R. Carroll, Precinct 3                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

**Q. Approve the De-obligation of Funds and Designation of Funds in Precinct 5 – John Cantey, Precinct 5**

Councilman Cantey is requesting the de-obligation of \$600 from Code 10-00-4930-6905 (Housing Rehab) and \$250 from Code 10-00-4930-9015 (Handicap Ramp) for a total of \$850 of obligated funds to 10-00-4935-6905 (Unobligated Funds). Also, he would like to obligate \$100 from 10-00-4935-6905 (Unobligated funds) to Code 10-00-4313-2125 (Community Watch).

Approve the De-obligation of \$850 to Code 10-00-4935-6905 and obligate \$100 from code 10-00-4935-6905 to 4313-2125 in Precinct 5.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John Cantey, Precinct 5                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Chris Howard, Precinct 6                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Davis                                                             |

**VI. CLOSED SESSION: TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY TO PRESEVE ATTORNEY-CLEANT PRIVILEGE.**

City Attorney Moore explained to Council that the new Risk Manager have been charged with health violations concerning 1094 and 1095 that are associated with W-2s that the City must send to the IRS. The previous Risk Manager Ms. Bullock tried to take this on and it ended up in Tax Court. In order to reach a settlement of the fine in the US Tax Court, I am asking that Council use an attorney to assist us. He stated that there is someone in Fayetteville, Attorney Nicole Corley with Murray, Craven & Corley Law Firm.

It was the consensus of Council to retain a consultant on the tax matters.

ABC Board/Any City Board

It was the consensus of Council to replace members on any board that any member who does not reside within the City limits when term expires.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned.