



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • MARCH 19, 2019

Special Meeting

Third Floor Conference Room

8:30 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

1. Invocation: City Attorney Moore –

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Formal Application - Robeson Food Project – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The City of Lumberton is preparing an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Economic Development. The application will request \$400,000 in CDBG funds.

The City intends to perform asbestos abatement, demolition and removal of a pre-existing 72,200 square foot motel and restaurant which were inundated by flood waters and were seriously damaged by both Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence. Robeson Food will redevelop the vacated site, located at 3608 Kahn Drive, by constructing three restaurants, Schlotzsky's, Cinnabon and Moe's Southwest Grill. The company plans to invest \$2.6 million into the project for site redevelopment, equipment and construction.

The project will result in the creation of 16 new full time jobs with at least 60% of the jobs going to persons of low and moderate income.

That Council hold the Public Hearing to obtain citizens input into the identification of economic needs and desired economic development activities and that the input from the Hearing be incorporated into the City's consideration and submission of a CDBG application to the Department of Commerce.

City Manager Horne stated that the pre-application has been submitted to Commerce but now after the 2nd hearing a full application will be submitted.

Councilman Cantey asked what if it doesn't come to fruition, what happens? City Attorney Moore stated that we would have a Deed of Trust and that the State maybe first in line; however, we would tie into the State to get our funds back.

Councilman Rising stated that people are concerned about the building that it has become a nuisance.

No one appeared to speak.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas, Carroll, Chavis
ABSTAIN:	Davis

2. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Formal Application - Rempac Foam Project – Holt Moore, City Attorney

The City of Lumberton is preparing an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Economic Development. The application will request \$1,100.00 in CDBG funds.

The City intends to construct a protective berm around the Rempac facility including flood gate protected access and internal dewatering capabilities. The company located on Starlite Drive has been seriously damaged by Hurricane Matthew and, again by Hurricane Florence, suffering millions of dollars of damage to the property, the building, inventory and machinery, and has had to consider relocation out of state. In order to stay in production in Lumberton, immediate steps must be taken to assure the safety of the business from catastrophic rain events. The project will result in the retention of approximately 122 full time jobs with at least 60% of the jobs being held by persons of low and moderate income. That Council hold the Public Hearing to obtain citizens input into the identification of economic needs and desired economic development activities and that the input from the Hearing be incorporated into the City's consideration and submission of a CDBG application to the Department of Commerce.

No one appeared to speak.

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MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Thomas, Carroll, Chavis
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III. ADJOURNMENT

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