



CITY OF LUMBERTON
COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE / CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • JANUARY 10, 2018

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

11:00 AM

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

I. INVOCATION

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce W. Davis	Mayor	Present	
Leroy Rising	Precinct 1	Present	
John Robinson	Precinct 2	Excused	
Burnis Wilkins	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey Jr.	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Leon Maynor	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

II. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Report on 2017 NC Public Power Customer Satisfaction Survey – Linda Oxendine, Public Services Director

As a participant in the 2017 NC Public Power Customer Satisfaction Survey, the City of Lumberton has received a comprehensive report summarizing the city-level findings. This report includes perceptions of our residential and commercial customers, their satisfaction and awareness of the services our electric department provides, and identifies their top expectations of their electric utility. This research can assist with strategic planning including service offerings, investments and communication channels relevant to our customers' needs. Linda Maynor Oxendine, along with P J Rehm from Electricities, would like to go over the results of the survey with Council. A memorandum from Greatblue Research Inc, who conducted the survey, is attached.

No action by Council is necessary. The purpose of this item is just to ensure that Council is aware of the results of the survey, and to allow you to ask any questions you may have.

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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B. Consideration of New Postage Vendor – Linda Oxendine, Public Services Director

The Public Services Department has done considerable research on the topic of changing postage vendors in the interest of better service and less expense. A memo from the Public Services Director is attached, as well as a spreadsheet comparison of vendors. It is believed

that a change will be in the best interest of the City. The proposed contract with SmartBill, the vendor Public Services would like to use, is also attached.

Consider and accept the Public Services Department's recommendation regarding a new postage vendor.

Approved SmartBill as the New Postage Vendor.

RESULT:	REFERRED [7 TO 0]	Next: 1/10/2018 11:00 PM
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem	
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

C. Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Protection – Paul Ivey, Fire Chief

The Fire Department would like to enter into the attached agreement with other volunteer and municipal fire departments in the county. The agreement is designed to provide greater efficiency in the mutual aid arrangements among the departments.

Consider and approve agreement relating to automatic mutual aid.

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MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6	
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

D. 2016 Priority Repairs Contract 1 - Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Repairs Project – Corey Walters, Deputy Public Works Director

On December 19th Public Works received bids for the 2016 Priority Repairs Contract 1-Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation project. We had four bidders on this informal contract bid, Am-Liner East, Inc. at \$421,384.00, Layne Inliner, LLC at \$586,396.00, Prism Contractors & Engineers, Inc. at \$332,134.50, and VacVision Environmental, LLC at \$411,898.50.

Public Works would like to award the contract to Prism Contractors & Engineers, Inc. for \$332,134.50. Funding for this project will be from a loan with partial principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and by the City of Lumberton.

Public Works is requesting Council Authorization to award Prism Contractors & Engineers, Inc. the 2016 Priority Repairs Contract 1-Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation project for \$332,134.50 to be funded by a loan with partial principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and by the City of Lumberton.

RESULT:	REFERRED [7 TO 0]	Next: 1/10/2018 11:00 PM
MOVER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8	
SECONDER:	John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

- E. Engineering Services for 6" Water Main Crossing Lumber River at 5th Street – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Hurricane Matthew damaged a 6" water main that crosses the Lumber River near the 5th Street Bridge. FEMA studied the damage and consented the best way to repair the water main was to replace it. The engineering and construction cost of the project will be reimbursed by FEMA. In December, Public Works request Qualification Statements for engineering services for the project. We received three statements summarized below in the scoring matrix

Firm Total	Technical Approach	Personnel Experience	Firm Experience	Familiarity
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MacConnell 91	23	24	24	20
Wooten Co. 96	24	24	24	24

Awarded to The Wooten Company.

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SECONDER:	John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

- F. Northwest Sewer System Improvements Engineering Services – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

As growth along the I-95 corridor occurs, we are experiencing sewer capacity problems west of I-95. The City received a grant to study the capacity problem in 2015. The Study showed the most feasible solution to the problem is to divert the current sewer flow from the Mayfair and RCC areas across I-95 to the new northeast sewer interceptor. Public Works requested qualification statements for the engineering phase of this project in November. We received 3 qualification statements. Below is the scoring matrix for each statement.

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The Wooten Company prepared the original study and is most familiar with the existing infrastructure and capacity problem. Because of their familiarity, Public Works is recommending we award the engineering services to the Wooten Company. Public Works is requesting Council's approval to award the Northwest Sewer System Improvement Engineering Services to the Wooten Company.

Councilman Howard made comments as to incorporating smaller companies or different companies into the bid process. He understands the relationship that the City has with the Wooten Company but we must think about our smaller companies, if they are qualified.

RESULT:	REFERRED [7 TO 0]	Next: 1/10/2018 11:00 PM
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1	
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8	
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

- G. Cynthia Ann Wilcox Rezoning petition for property located at 306 E. 21st Street. – Brandon Love, Planning Director

Cynthia Ann Wilcox has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located at 306 E. 21st Street (parcel # 3214-01-045-02/Deed Book 1706 Page 496). This request is to rezone the property from R-7, residential single family to B-2, Business community. The applicants intended use of the property is for the operation of a florist (use#3.110).

This property is located within Area 14, as identified in our Land Use Plan. CPC to review the request, refer the petition to Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	REFERRED [7 TO 0]	Next: 1/10/2018 11:00 PM
MOVER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3	
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1	
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

- H. Approve the designation of \$300.00 of CRF for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Cantey requests \$300.00 of CRF for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Designate \$300.00 of CRF in Precinct 5 for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

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- I. Approve the designation of \$300.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to the Robeson County Arts Council – Bruce Davis, Mayor
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- J. Approval of Pride in Lumberton Awards for Fresh Foods - IGA and Lumberton Fire Department – John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Cantey requests that Pride in Lumberton Awards be presented to the Lumberton Fire Department for their outstanding service with the Toys for Kids and Fresh Foods – IGA of Lumberton for their donations to the Community.
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- K. Approval of a new Artwork Design for a City Pin – John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Cantey would like to discuss the purchase of a City pin for special recognition and special events.

That Staff (City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney) design a new City Pin for Council's consideration.

Councilman Cantey stated that he would like to see a City Pin that is dedicated to special recognition and not one that is given out to every citizen.

Councilman Wilkins also stated that he would like to see a pin that represents the Pride in Lumberton and for special recognition and events.

Councilman Maynor stated that he would like to see a pin that is only given for special recognition but his hopes is that we would not change the design to where the tobacco leaf is removed because he remembers how it all came about and that's something that he would not like to see changed.

The motion was for the City Manager and City Clerk to come up with a design for both pins and present and the next CPC.

RESULT:	REFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/10/2018 11:00 PM
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SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas	
EXCUSED:	Robinson	

- L. Adopt a Resolution for Block Grant Agreement for the Terminal Building Replacement – Troy Gammon, Airport Manager

Attached is an agreement we just received from NCDOT, through the Airport, regarding a grant associated with construction of the new airport terminal. A draft resolution to be approved by Council is attached as well. These documents are necessary as part of this process. Staff recommends approving the agreement and passing the resolution for the Terminal Building Replacement Project N. 36237.30.13.1. for Airport improvements. Approve the attached agreement and resolution for the Block Grant Agreement Non Primary Entitlement Funding for the Lumberton Regional Airport.

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MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1	
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7	
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IV. DESIGNATION OF CONSENT/NON-CONSENT ITEMS

V. RECESS

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VI. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Thomas led City Council with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Eshonda Hooper appeared before Council and thanked them for their previous support of the 5th Annual Prayer Luncheon for Dr. Martin Luther Kings, Jr. Day, "Building a Dream." She also invited Council to attend this event held at Knuckles Elementary School on January 28th. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 3:00 pm.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Protection - Fire

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IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. First Public Hearing - CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program – Teresa Johnson, The City has been notified by the NC Department of Commerce Rural Development Division of the availability of up to \$750,000 in CDBG funds for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Priority will be given to communities affected by Hurricane Matthew. Grant award will be made on a competitive basis. Grant applications will be accepted until February 28, 2018.

Recommend City Council conduct the first public hearing which is required during the CDBG planning stages.

Mayor Davis opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization. City Clerk Laney Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the Notice of the Hearing was advertised in The Robesonian.

Teresa Johnson appeared before Council and stated that this public hearing is the first of two required public hearings which is conducted during the planning stage of the CDBG application for Neighborhood Revitalization funds.

She stated that the City has been notified by the NC Department of Commerce Rural Development Division of the availability of up to \$750,000, in CDBG funds for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

The Neighborhood Revitalization category is designed to provide grants to local governments for housing, housing related activities, and public facilities that support activities for low and moderate income persons. The grant is competitive; however, Priority will be given to communities that were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

The City is looking at a scattered site housing application for funds to assist persons affected by Hurricane Matthew. We will use the list of applicants that were not approved for HMGP funds to screen potential owner occupied low & moderate income households. Income surveys will be taken and housing conditions will be evaluated. It is projected that approximately 10-12 households can be assisted.

Since this grant is income based, not all persons will qualify for assistance. The public is notified that the City as a recipient of CDBG funds, has a fair housing plan adopted and in place for its citizens.

She stated that this grant is competitive and no match funds are required. The grant application is due to NC Department of Commerce on February 28, 2018.

The final public hearing will be scheduled for the February 2018 Council meeting.

No one appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

A discussion ensued as to there being a cap on the amount of money that will be allocated for each household. She stated that we can project a budget and State has said \$45K per house. The \$750K includes all aspects of the income which is 80% of the median income level.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Robinson

- B. Conditional Use Permit petition for property located at 2399 Snake Road (parcel # 2901-01-002-01/Deed Book 445 Page 351). – Brandon Love, Planning Director
Snake Solar, LLC has submitted a Conditional Use Permit petition for property located at 2399 Snake Road. This request is to allow for the operation of a commercial solar farm (use #17.200-community or regional utility facility) at this location. This property is zoned M-1 (light manufacturing) and requires a Conditional Use Permit.

A Conditional Use Permit was granted for this use and property on February 8, 2016. However, the permit expired; therefore, they are reapplying.

This property is located within Area 4, as identified in our Land Use Plan.

On December 19, 2017 the Planning Board held the public meeting and recommends that City Council approve the Conditional Use Permit request with the following conditions:

- 1) Install a double vegetative buffer around the property.
- 2) Remain in compliance with a letter submitted to Ar'Triel Kirchner, Deputy Director of Planning & Neighborhood Services from Greg S. Ness Assistant General Council, FLS Energy dated November 13, 2015 (filed with the City of Lumberton's Planning Department) .
- 3) Remain in compliance with the City's lot mowing requirement
- 4) If vegetative buffer dies then it must be replaced with an approved buffer within 60 days or the next planting season.

On December 20, 2017 the Planning Department sent out letters to the adjacent property owners within 150 feet of the petitioned property, notifying them of the Conditional Use Permit request.

On December 20, 2017 a request was sent to Public Works Department to have a sign placed on the property, notifying the adjacent property owners of the Conditional Use Permit request, on or before December 22, 2017.

On December 20, 2017 a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on December 29, 2017 and January 5, 2018.
Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and approve the Conditional Use Permit request.

Mayor Davis opened the Public Hearing on a request for a Conditional Use Permit for property located at 2399 Snake Road. City Clerk Laney Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the Notice of the Hearing was advertised in The Robesonian.

Attorney Mike Fox, 100 N. Greene Street, Greensboro, NC, appeared before Council and stated that this project was approved back in 2016. He stated that there was a hiccup with the pipeline and nothing has changed within the project itself.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Robinson

- C. Full Gospel Tabernacle, Inc. Rezoning petition for property located at 104 Carolina Avenue.
– Brandon Love, Planning Director

Full Gospel Tabernacle, Inc. has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located at 104 Carolina Avenue (parcel #'s 3239-04-011; 3239-04-011-01; 3239-04-012; 3239-04-012-01/Deed Book 1174, Page 415; Deed Book 1174, Page 417; Deed Book 1963, Page 206; Deed Book 1963, Page 206).

This request is to rezone the properties from M-1, light manufacturing and B-4, business general commercial to R-7, residential single family/duplex.

This property is located within Area 6, as identified in our Land Use Plan.

On December 19, 2017 the Planning Board held the public meeting and recommends that City Council approve the rezoning request.

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On December 20, 2017 a request was sent to Public Works Department to have a sign placed on the property, notifying the adjacent property owners of the rezoning request, on or before December 22, 2017.

On December 20, 2017 a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on December 29, 2017 and January 5, 2018.

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

Mayor Davis opened the Public Hearing on a request to rezone property located at 104 Carolina Avenue from M-1, light manufacturing and B-4, business general commercial to R-7, residential single family/duplex. . City Clerk Laney Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the Notice of the Hearing was advertised in The Robesonian.

Mr. Dennis McKoy owns property at 108 5th Street and Carolina Avenue and wants to know if it is part of the commercial property that's being rezoned. Mr. Love showed Mr. McKoy a map of the proposed rezoning and he was satisfied.

Ordinance No. 2018.01.01 is incorporated into these minutes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Robinson

- D. Renee Perry Rezoning petition for property located at 1502 Godwin Avenue. – Brandon Love, Planning Director

At its November meeting, the Planning Board considered a request by Renee Perry to have the property located at 1502 Godwin Ave. rezoned from a combination of M1 and B3 to B7. The purpose of the request was to operate an office-only mobile home sales location (no display or storage of actual mobile homes). The Board unanimously recommended denial of the rezoning. At its December meeting, the City Council also seemed averse to the rezoning but did believe that an ordinance text amendment might be the most appropriate way to handle the request. Ms. Perry consented to having her rezoning request converted into a request for a text amendment to allow this use (mobile homes sale office only, no actual mobile homes on site) by right, in appropriate zones. The Planning Department has drafted changes consistent with Council's discussion for the Planning Board's review and recommendation, and they are attached.

This property is located within Area 15, as identified in our Land Use Plan.

On December 19, 2017 the Planning Board held the second public meeting and recommends that City Council approve this request.

Recommends that City Council continue the public hearing and approve this request.

This is a continued public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Burnis Wilkins, Precinct 3
SECONDER:	John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Robinson

X. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of New Postage Vendor – Council Policy Committee -- Linda Oxendine, Public Services Director

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On December 19th Public Works received bids for the 2016 Priority Repairs Contract 1-Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation project. We had four bidders on this informal contract bid, Am-Liner East, Inc. at \$421,384.00, Layne Inliner, LLC at \$586,396.00, Prism Contractors & Engineers, Inc. at \$332,134.50, and VacVision Environmental, LLC at \$411,898.50.

Public Works would like to award the contract to Prism Contractors & Engineers, Inc. for \$332,134.50. Funding for this project will be from a loan with partial principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and by the City of Lumberton.

Public Works is requesting Council Authorization to award Prism Contractors & Engineers, Inc. the 2016 Priority Repairs Contract 1-Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation project for \$332,134.50 to be funded by a loan with partial principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and by the City of Lumberton.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Leon Maynor, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Wilkins, Higley, Cantey Jr., Howard, Maynor, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis
EXCUSED:	Robinson

XI. ADJOURNMENT