



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Regular Meeting

Third Floor Conference Room

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	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	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	Absent	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

2. Invocation: City Attorney Moore –

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NO COMMENTS

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing for CDBG Infrastructure Application FY20-21 – Brian Nolley, CDBG Administration

This is a required public hearing for the FY2020-2021 North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in order to submit application for funding. The city intends to apply for up to \$2 million (up to 100%) of the total project costs) for a sewer project.

The purpose of the City's request is to address old and deteriorated gravity sewer lines that were installed over 40 years ago and have operated beyond the recommended service life. The proposed project includes closed-circuit television (CCTV) and rehabilitation/replacement of up to approximately 5,350 linear feet of 8-12" diameter gravity sewer line. Project areas to be served may include portions of E 5th St, Warwick Mill, Edwards, Middle, Franklin, Idlewood, Laney, and Sessoms streets, in the areas zoned as residential. Final streets/residential areas will depend on degree of sewer line deterioration based on CCTV survey and LMI benefit.

It is recommended that the public hearing be held as required as part of the CDBG-I application package.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Program for the Warwick Mill Road Area Sewer Rehabilitation. The Affidavit of Publication from the Robesonian was submitted by City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh.

Mr. Brian Nolley, Community Development Administrator

General CDBG

- This is a required public hearing for the FY2020-2021 North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program(s) in order to submit application(s) for funding
- The purpose of this public hearing is to allow residents/citizens an opportunity to express views concerning community development priorities, available funds and eligible activities, and review of program compliance prior to the CITY's project specific application to the state administering agencies.
- This federal funding comes from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD)
- CDBG program activities must meet one of the national objectives:
 - o (1) Benefit low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons;
 - o (2) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight;
 - o (3) Address an urgent need
- Eligible locations (non-entitlement communities):
 - o All NC small cities except the 24 entitlement municipalities
 - o All NC counties except Cumberland, Mecklenburg, Union, and Wake
- The State receives approx. \$40-46 million each year for CDBG-ED, CDBG-NR, and CDBG-I funding.
- The CDBG program can fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State has chosen to fund several activities: water and sewer infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and special allocations for disaster (hurricane) recovery and COVID-19.

Available funding in NC FY2020-2021:

A. Economic Development - Administered by NC Dept of Commerce (DOC) Rural Economic Development Division (REDD). Approx.~\$10-12M available annually for projects focused on job retention and creation. Grants are presented by REDD to the NC Rural Infrastructure Authority for approval.

B. Neighborhood Revitalization - Administered by REDD. Approx. ~\$10-12M available annually for projects focused on LMI housing-related activities. Grants are presented by REDD to the NC Rural Infrastructure Authority for approval.

C. Coronavirus - Administered by REDD. Approx. ~\$27M available for projects to help communities respond to and recovery from the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. Projects must meet both urgent need and LMI CDBG national objectives. Grants are presented by REDD to the NC Rural Infrastructure Authority for approval.

D. Disaster Recovery/Mitigation - Administered by NC Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) to handle all funds received for recovery from hurricane disasters.

E. Infrastructure - Administered by NC Dept. of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI). Approx ~\$21-26M available annually for projects focused on water and sewer for LMI residents. Grants are presented by DEQ-DWI to the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) for approval.

Infrastructure Funding (CDBG-I)

- *Lumberton is applying to DWI for CDBG-INFRASTRUCTURE grant funds*

- Approx. \$25.2M is available for FY20 funding. Application deadline is **Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5:00 PM**. This is the only application round for funding.

- Awards in FY20 are contingent upon the State receiving the HUD grant, anticipated after finalization of the State budget. Projects are competitive and should be announced in Spring 2021.
- Applicants can request and receive up to \$2 million over 3 years, consistent with N.C.G.S. 159G and SWIA rules
- Purposes of the CDBG-I program:
 - o Meet local community and housing development needs by improving quality of life for LMI persons by providing a safe, clean environment and clean drinking water through water and sewer infrastructure improvements and service extensions
 - o Must benefit residential areas where at least 51% of beneficiaries are LMI as defined by HUD
 - o Perform activities eligible under federal guidelines and regulations
 - o Minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance as necessary
- Water projects can include (but are not limited to):
 - o Resolving water loss in distribution systems
 - o Extending public water to areas with contaminated wells
 - o Extending water lines to areas with dry wells
 - o Assisting with low water pressure in public water systems
 - o Regionalization of two or more water systems
 - o Rehabilitation or replacement of a water treatment plant
 - Wastewater projects can include (but are not limited to):
 - o Resolving inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pumps stations and manholes
 - o Extending public sewer to areas with failed septic tanks
 - o Rehabilitation of a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulations

Proposed Project

- It is proposed for the City to request up to \$2 million (up to 100% of total project costs) for a sewer project.
- Only residential areas can be served by CDBG funding. Floodway areas can be served if directional drilling is conducted.
- A total of 100% of CDBG-I funds will be used to assist LMI residents. Lumberton has an area-wide LMI percent of 55.88%, above the minimum required 51%. The project area includes two census block groups, one with 70.7% LMI and the other with 47.67% LMI.
- Based on Google Street views and local knowledge of utility customer data, it is likely that the target area LMI is higher. Income surveys were mailed twice to targeted project area residents, made available online. Door-to-door surveys were conducted, as well as phone surveys completed. Residents could complete by mail, phone, online, drop off at City Hall, or face-to-face. Unfortunately, less than the minimum required 75% response rate was achieved. Therefore, the 55.88% LMI will be utilized in the application.
- The purpose of the City's request is to address old and deteriorated gravity sewer lines that were installed over 40 years ago and have operated beyond the recommended service life. The proposed project includes closed-circuit television (CCTV) and rehabilitation / replacement of up to approximately 5,350 linear feet of 8-12" diameter gravity sewer line. Project area streets to be served may include portions of E 5th Street, Warwick Mill, Edwards, Middle, Franklin, Idlewood, Lanye, and Sessoms streets, in the areas zoned as residential. Final streets/residential areas to be served will depend on degree of sewer line deterioration based on CCTV survey and LMI benefit. Correcting known deficiencies in the sewer collection system will reduce inflow & infiltration, lessen excessive influent flow to the City's wastewater system and treatment plant, and reduce likelihood of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and system violations (NOVs) that increase risk to public and environmental health.
- Project activities are identified in the amended Capital Improvements Plan/Asset Management Plan, adopted/amended in September 2018.

- Approximately four (4) maintenance work orders for sewer collapses have been processed by the Public Works Department in the last three (3) years in the vicinity of the project area. This data indicates the need for repair of the sewer system in the targeted area.
- Grant funding includes costs for construction, environmental review, engineering reporting and design, construction administration and observation, legal activities, surveying, and grant administration.
- Post award, the City will contract with an experienced engineer as well as a CDBG Grant Administrator consultant to provide technical assistance throughout the project.

CDBG Performance & Requirements

- Formal public hearings have been held for every CDBG application round to inform residents/citizens of the potential project(s) and obtain feedback.
- *The City of Lumberton has a healthy history of receiving CDBG grants in the past, with no known compliance issues or complaints reported. Examples of previous CDBG projects include infrastructure, housing development, building demolition, economic recovery, and disaster mitigation.*
- If awarded a CDBG grant, plans and policies required by U.S. HUD will be adopted that will govern fiscal management, efficient operation and maintenance, and program compliance, such as:
 - o American with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Plan to address non-discrimination in the treatment of and program access to handicapped/disabled persons.
 - o Fair labor standards in accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Davis-Bacon & Related Acts.
 - o Citizen participation in and access to program information and implementation.
 - o Equal opportunity and procurement through program implementation.
 - o Fair Housing Plan to affirmatively furthering fair housing.
 - o Language Access Plan to provide meaningful access to those with limited English proficiency.
 - o Section 3 Plan to encourage job creation for local low-income persons.
 - o Section 519 provision to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.
 - o Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan to ensure that no displacement / relocation of residents occurs during project implementation without public notification and just compensation.
 - ☐ *The City's current Plan with the FY2017 CDBG-Infrastructure grant is presented as an example. If awarded, the plan will be updated for adoption with other required plans and policies.*
 - ☐ Anti-displacement and relocation is primarily applicable to housing-related projects, however acquisition of public utility easements on private property also triggers the Uniform Relocation Act (URA).
 - ☐ No displacement of residents is anticipated during this infrastructure project; however, water/sewer service may be disrupted at times. Residents will be notified of any disruptions in service during project implementation.
 - ☐ Displacement assistance will be available as needed

Citizen Comments

- Application materials will be available at City of Lumberton City Hall, PO Box 1388, 500 N. Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC 28359-1388, upon request, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. A full application will be available for review after November 23, 2020. Access may be limited due to the coronavirus.
- For additional information or to submit written comments, please contact: Brian Nolley, Community Development Administrator, bnolley@ci.lumberton.nc.us, PO Box 1388, 500 N. Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC 28359-1388; PH: 910-671-3844; TDD: (800) 735-2962 or Relay NC 711.
- Comments should be postmarked no later than **Friday, November 6, 2020** and a written response will be made within 10 business days, where practicable.

Next Steps

- One resolution is associated in submitting the CDBG application for the City delegate authority to persons to complete application documents that do not otherwise require Council action.

- A resolution to adopt an amended Citizen Participation Plan. The amended Plan includes special provisions for emergency situations, such as coronavirus, for 1) public notices from 10 days to 5 days in advance of public hearings, 2) options for virtual attendance, and 3) outreach procedures in lieu of newspaper publications.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact (Community Development Administrator Brian Nolley) at (910-671-3844) or at (PO Box 1388, 500 N Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC 28358) for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con (Community Development Administrator Brian Nolley) al (910-671-3844) o en (PO Box 1388, 500 N Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC 2835) dealojamiento para esta solicitud.

We open the floor for comments and questions about the CDBG program and about the proposed project.

No one appeared to speak.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Chavis and seconded by Councilman Thomas to close the public hearing.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Higley and seconded by Councilman Chavis, Mayor Davis recessed the meeting at 11:26 AM and returned to open session at 11:32 AM.

Mayor Davis presented meeting minutes from the hearing held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the November 4, 2020, public hearing meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Higley, and seconded by Councilman Chavis, both were in favor of.

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

- B. Public Hearing for Economic Incentives for Project Blue Jay – Wayne Horne, City Manager Staff is currently working with the Robeson County Economic Development Office to develop an economic development package for a major industry expansion in Lumberton. The company is proposing a \$9.8M expansion and the hiring of 20 new employees.

This project, if approved by Council, would receive incentives of \$81,802.50 to be provided over three years as a utility and tax credit.

City Council hold the Public Hearing and consider economic development incentives for Project Blue Jay.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing for the purpose of extending economic incentives to an industry for Project Blue Jay. The Affidavit of Publication was submitted by City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

City Manager Horne announced that the name of the industry is Graphic Packaging.

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

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 7, 2020 11:00 AM –

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

V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- A. Acceptance of 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant – Michael McNeill, Police Chief
The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to accept the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$36,000. This grant requires a 50% match for vests purchased by the department to provide critical safety equipment and personal protection for officers.

It is recommended that the Lumberton Police Department be granted permission to accept the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$36,000.00.

Councilman Cantey asked if the match for the grant is in the budget. Chief McNeill stated that it is.

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

- B. Approval to Purchase a 2021 Bucket Truck – Lamar Brayboy, Electric Utilities Director
The Electric Utilities Departments seeks approval to purchase a 2021 Bucket truck from Altec Industries Inc. through the Sourcewell bid contract (national government contract) for the price of \$127,646.00. This truck will replace a 2004 bucket truck. The amount approved in this year's Capital Budget was \$130,000.00. This purchase is \$2,354.00 under budget
The Electric Utilities Department is requesting Council approval of the purchase of a 2021 Bucket truck from Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$127,646.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- C. Adopt a Resolution for Amended Citizen Participation Plan – Brian Nolley, CDBG Administration

The primary purpose of this resolution is to adopt a revised citizen participation plan for the city's CDBG grants to accommodate virtual public hearings. It was also revised to include special provisions in case there is more CDBG Coronavirus money in the future (5-day notice and alternative outreach in lieu of newspapers).

It is recommended that council adopt the revised citizen participation plan to remain in compliance with CDBG guidelines.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- D. Adopt a Resolution CDBG-I Application FY20-21 – Brian Nolley, CDBG Administration

This resolution is required to be adopted to apply for the CDBG-Infrastructure project authorizing the city to apply and those who can execute grant related documents.

It is recommended the council adopt the attached resolution.

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

- E. Beth Hunt, General Manager for CMH Home Inc. annexation request for property located at 6684 NC N 41 HWY – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director

The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a contiguous annexation from Beth Hunt, General Manager for CMH Home Inc. requesting a contiguous annexation of property located at 6684 NC N 41 HWY (Parcel #29010100110).

The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton B-7 (business general commercial/manufactured home sales) therefore a rezoning is not required.

On October 14, 2020 the City Clerk certified the sufficiency of the petition.
Set the date of the public hearing for the December Council Meeting.

The date of the Public Hearing is scheduled for the January 2021 meeting.

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

- F. Chickenfoot Solar LLC. Rezoning petition for a portion of property located on Lovette Road (parcel # 101701006/Deed Book 1985 Page 872). – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director

Chickenfoot Solar LLC has submitted a Rezoning petition for a portion of property located on Lovette Road (parcel # 101701006/Deed Book 1985 Page 872). This request is to allow for the operation of a community or regional utility facility/solar farm (use #17.200) at this location. This property is zoned A (agriculture) and R-20 (residential single family) and this use requires a rezoning to a manufacturing zoning district as well as a Conditional Use Permit (CUP application follows). The applicant is requesting the property be rezoned to M-1, light manufacturing.

This property is located within Area 7 and its recommended future use is Rural, as identified in our Land Use Plan. Furthermore, this property is located within the ETJ.

CPC to review the request, refer the petition to the November Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the interim Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

Councilman Cantey requested that the date of the Planning Board be changed to give him enough time to speak with the resident of South Lumberton. The Planning Board date is set for December 1, 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- G. Chickenfoot Solar LLC. Conditional Use Permit petition for a portion of property located on Lovette Road (parcel # 101701006/Deed Book 1985 Page 872). – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director

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This property is located within Area 7 and its recommended future use is Rural, as identified in our Land Use Plan. Furthermore, this property is located within the ETJ.

If this Conditional Use Permit is granted the applicant must obtain a Land Use Permit from the City of Lumberton's Planning Department prior to development.

CPC to review the request, refer the petition to the November Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the interim Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- H. Asbestos Abatement 3608 Kahn Drive (former Ramada Inn) – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Staff solicited bids for the asbestos abatement for the flooded hotel at 4608 Kahn Drive, generally referred to as the former Ramada Inn. Fortunately the City received eight bids. The low bid came from EMR Services, Inc., at \$116,875, and they have provided all necessary documents and met all other requirements. Staff recommends the contract for this project go to EMR Services, Inc. The bid tabulation and EMR's credential's are attached. Award asbestos abatement contract to EMR Services, Inc.

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

- I. Sale and Donation of Scottish Packing Property – Holt Moore, City Attorney
As Council is aware, the former Scottish Packing Company property was badly flooded during the hurricanes, and staff has tried to help the owner for quite some time with regard to what to do with the property. Thankfully, an agreement has been reached through which the property can hopefully be converted into a park. Several community meetings were held with the help of representatives from NC State as to potential uses for the property. On the attached map, the Conservation Fund has signed a contract to purchase the property shown in red, and Scottish Packing has agreed to donate the property shown in blue to the City. On the second map, the donated section is cross-hatched and the purchased property is shown with vertical stripes. This agenda item is to formalize Council's acceptance of the donated portion of the property.
Accept the property offered for donation by Scottish Packing.

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

- J. Approval of Required Forms from NCDEM for COVID-19 – Holt Moore, City Attorney

The ‘Applicant Disaster Assistance Agreement’ and ‘Designation of Applicant’s Agent and Applicant Assurances for Public Assistance’ are both forms which are required by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management for any disaster. Both forms, completed for the COVID-19 pandemic, are attached. Council’s approval of these is required.

Approve the attached forms for the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

- K. Acceptance of \$250k Environmental Enhancement Grant – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The City has been very fortunate to have received a \$250,000 Environmental Enhancement Grant. This will be used to improve the Scottish Meatpacking property which, as described in another agenda item, will be purchased in part and donated in part for a park. The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize staff to complete all paperwork required to receive the grant. Attached is the letter of award of the grant, and a summary of the project as set forth in the grant application.
Authorize staff to complete all paperwork required in order to receive the \$250k EEG funds.

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

- L. Adopt a Resolution Declaring Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the City and Disposition of Said Property to be Auctioned – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Attached is a Resolution Declaring Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the City and Disposition of Said Property to be auctioned on December 29, 2020, at Lloyd Meekins & Sons Auction Company.
Adopt a resolution declaring the personal property to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing disposition of the property as proposed.

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

- M. Authorize NCDOT Installation of Interstate Lighting from Exit 17 south to Exit 13 – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
City staff has recently been in contact with our NCDOT District Engineer, Chuck Miller, PE regarding the Interstate 95 widening and elevation project. More specifically, the discussion

has centered around the Interstate lighting which is currently owned, operated and maintained by the City of Lumberton. Mr. Miller has asked if the City of Lumberton is still willing to continue this arrangement as most of the lighting will be replaced as part of the I-95 project. Furthermore, staff has inquired about adding additional lighting from Exit 17 (W. 5th St.) south to Exit 13 (I-95 & I-74). Mr. Miller has consulted with the Division office and has concluded that the cost to the City to install this additional lighting would be approximately \$800k. The same ownership, operation and maintenance arrangement would apply. Finally, Mr. Miller has confirmed that payment may be made to NCDOT in 3 annual installments which will commence on the date that construction begins.

Staff recommends that City Council consider the addition of Interstate lighting from Exit 17 south to Exit 13 and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with NCDOT for reimbursement of the \$800k over three fiscal years. It is anticipated that the first annual payment will not become due until 2022.

City Manager Horne stated that he spoke with Arnold West, Chairman of Lumberton's Visitors Bureau and they felt that it is a good idea and are willing to pay \$400,000 over a three-year period. City Manager stated that what they are looking to do is to see if Council is okay with paying the other \$400,000.

Councilman Rising asked how far past Exit 17 does the lighting extend and City Manager Horne stated from Exit 17 to Exit 22 North; however, we are talking about extending down to Exit 13. Councilman Rising asking if the lighting would be updated or use the existing lighting that is already there. City Manager Horne stated that I would think that they would use the existing lighting.

Councilman Cantey asked if this would be \$400K upfront or over three (3) years and City Manager Horne stated over three years.

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

N. Approval of Naming for West Lumberton Resource Center – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

At its October 3, 2018 meeting, City Council voted to name the new West Lumberton Resource Center in honor of former Councilman Leon Mayor. With the construction almost complete, it is time to approve the official naming of the building. Staff recommends the following language:

Councilman Leon Maynor
West Lumberton Resource Center

Approve the naming of the West Lumberton Resource Center in honor of Councilman Leon Maynor.

Councilman Howard asked who suggested the name that was approved and City Manager Horne stated that Ms. Jan Maynor. Councilman Howard expressed that if Council approved it as Councilman Leon Maynor West Lumberton Resource Center after the wife made the suggestion, I feel that we should not change this.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Chavis, Thomas
NAYS:	Howard
ABSTAIN:	Davis

O. Christmas Holiday Schedule – Wayne Horne, City Manager

The City of Lumberton Personnel Ordinance Sec. 16-156 designates the following holidays with pay for city employees;

- 1) Sec. 9 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
 - 2) Sec. 10 Any other day designated as a Christmas Holiday by both the State and the County
 - 3) Sec. 11 Any other day designated by the City Council
- > The State has designated the following days for Christmas holidays, Dec.24th, 25th and the 28th.s
- > The County has approved the following day as a holiday Dec.21st thru the 25th and the 28th.
- > Recommend that Council Christmas approve holiday schedule for City employees.
- Note, additional days will be taken as vacation days or leave without pay.

City Council voted to follow the State schedule and any other days that the employees use will be vacation days or leave without pay.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSENT:	Davis

- P. 3139 : Approve \$4,150 of Community Revitalization Funds for the Toys for Kids Program as follows: P1 - \$250.00 P2 - \$800.00 P3 - \$500.00 P4 - \$500.00 P5 - \$500.00 P6 - \$500.00 P7 - \$500.00 P7 - \$500.00 P5 - \$350.00 P8 - \$350.00 and \$250 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund – John Cantey, Precinct 5
- Councilmen Cantey requests \$500.00 of CRF to be given to the Toys for Kids program if the Lumberton Fire Department or a nonprofit will be carrying out the program for this year.
- Designate \$4,150 of CRF to the Toys for Kids Program as indicated above.

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

- Q. Approve the designation of \$2,000.00 of CRF to the Empty Stocking Fund as follows: P1 - \$400.00 P2 - \$200 P3 - \$250.00 P4 - \$250.00 P5 - \$100.00 P6 - \$150.00 P7 - \$200.00 P8 - \$350.00 and \$100.00 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund – Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilman Rising requests \$400.00 of CRF to be given to the Empty Stocking Fund.
Designate \$2,000.00 to the Empty Stocking Fund - Robesonian as indicated above.

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Rising asked if any other Council members are having complaints about loud trucks and several are having them. Councilman Carroll stated that he has spoken with Chief McNeill and he stated that they need to get the equipment to measure decibels in order to cite this issue.

The City Manager will speak with the Chief about it.

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