



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JANUARY 12, 2026

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

11:00 AM

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

I. Call to Order

- A. Invocation – City Attorney Holt Moore

- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman Thomas

II. Retirees' Recognition -

Mayor Davis recognized the following retirees' and thanked them for their dedicated service. Garrett Robinson, Leon E. Godwin and Elton Britt. Mayor Davis wished them the best in their retirement.

- A. Retirees:
 - Elton D. Britt — 20 Years of Service as Waste Water Plant Operator I
 - Bryan C. Conner — 31 Years of Service as W/S Pump Mechanic IV
 - Leon E. Godwin — 12 Years of Service as Motor Equipment Operator IV
 - Beverly J. McCallum — 16 Years of Service as Customer Service Clerk — Police Department
 - Ken M. Oxendine — 20 Years of Service as Wastewater Plant Operator IV
 - Garrett Robinson — 20 Years of Service as Police Corporal - , City Manager

III. Public Comment Period -

- A. Mr. Eric Freeman — Executive Vice President — Robeson Community College
Update on the Baseball/Softball Program — , City Manager

Mr. Freeman updated Council on their plans for the softball field and the schedule of games. He was asked about the \$24 million gift that Robeson Community College received. Mr. Freeman stated that they have not made any decisions on what the gift would be used for. The suggestion was made that maybe some of that gift could be to build a sporting complex.

IV. Public Hearings

Planning Board Minutes 11/18/25 - , Planning & Neighborhood Services

- B. Steve Stone rezoning W. Carthage Rd.- ETJ - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the public hearing to consider amending the land use ordinance by rezoning property located on West Carthage Road from B-2 (Business Community to R-20 (Residential single family) to develop a residential subdivision.

City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the hearing was advertised in the Robesonian.

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before City Council and stated that Steve Stone is requesting to rezone property located on West Carthage Road, parcel #10080100808/deed book 2255 pg. 132, to develop a residential subdivision.

The Planning Department is asking Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the rezoning request.

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

- C. Steve Stone, major subdivision Special Use Permit (SUP) W. Carthage Rd -ETJ - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the public hearing to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit for property located on West Carthage Road to develop a residential subdivision. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the hearing was advertised in the Robesonian.

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before City Council and stated that Steve Stone is requesting a Special Use Permit for property located on West Carthage Road, parcel #10080100808/deed book 2255 pg. 132, to develop a residential subdivision.

The Planning Department is asking Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the rezoning request.

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

- D. **Scotty Mark Thompson Special Use permit - 206 E. 5th Street. P5** - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

City Attorney Holt Moore opened the public hearing to consider the issuance of a Special Use Permit for property located 206 E. 5th Street. The proposed use is a single family residence. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the hearing was advertised in the Robesonian.

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before City Council and stated that Scotty

Mark Thompson is requesting a Special Use permit for property located at 206 E. 5th Street, parcel #323302012/deed book 2841 pg. 128, to use as a single family residence.

The Planning Department is asking Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the Special Use Permit.

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

V. Consent Agenda

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- A. Ratify the Hiring of Hickman Construction — Repairs to Cave-Ins on Roberts Avenue - Wayne Horne, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that the existing sewer collection system on Rosewood Drive, from Walnut Street to Highland Ave needs to be replaced. About two years ago, Public Works replaced the sewer collection system on Highland Ave. The sewer collection system in this neighborhood is an old concrete pipe sewer that is experiencing cave-ins and blockages. In order to replace the sewer, Public Works crews will need to replace and relocate an existing asbestos cement water line that is in conflict with the sewer pipe. While Public Works crews can replace the water main, we are requesting Council hire Hickman Utilities to construct the sewer replacement and also install a new storm drain system while the road is being cut open. The proposal from Hickman Utilities to provide labor and equipment to replace the sewer and install the stormwater system is \$114,835.00. We would like to add this to the ongoing list of Hickman Utility projects. The agreement with Hickman Utilities is for labor and equipment only. Public Works will provide the approximately \$200,000 of pipe and material out of our material inventory. The stormwater component is the project that Council initiated a study for on Rosewood Drive. After the utility work has been completed, Public Works will resurface the entire street using Powell Bill funds.

- B. Ratify \$280 of CRF for the 2nd Street Cruising Event in Precinct 4. - Karen Higley, City Council
- C. Ratify the Lumberton Police Department — Request to Apply for a Grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership - , Police
- D. Ratify the Designation of \$750 of Community Revitalization Funds to the Unity for the Community Event. - Wayne Horne, City Council

- E. Ratify the Designation of CRF to Lumberton Police Department Annual Christmas Party - Wayne Horne, City Council
- F. Ratify the Adoption of a Resolution No. 2025.11.01 Declaring Personal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposition of said Property at Public Auction - Wayne Horne, Legal
- G. Ratify the Designation of \$1,250 of CRF to the NFL Flag Football 8U All-Star Team - Wayne Horne, City Council
- H. Ratification of Poll — Lumberton High School Cheerleading Team CRF Designation of \$500 - Wayne Horne, City Council
- I. Ratification of Poll — West Lumberton Floodgate Project - Soil Testing at a Cost of \$12,000 - Brandon Love, City Manager
- J. Ratify the designation of \$400.00 of CRF to Walnut Cove in Precinct 1
- K. Ratify the Designation of \$300 for the Christmas Tree Lighting Event - John Cantey, City Council
- L. Ratify the Adoption of a Resolution - Declaring a Road Closure for the 2026 Rumba on the Lumber Festival - Wayne Horne, City Manager
- M. Approve the Designation of \$400.00 to Colors of Life for a Christmas Dinner - John Carroll, City Council

VI. Agenda Items

- A. Rosewood Drive Sewer Replacement and Storm Drain Improvements - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that the existing sewer collection system on Rosewood Drive, from Walnut Street to Highland Ave needs to be replaced. About two years ago, Public Works replaced the sewer collection system on Highland Ave. The sewer collection system in this neighborhood is an old concrete pipe sewer that is experiencing cave-ins and blockages. In order to

replace the sewer, Public Works crews will need to replace and relocate an existing asbestos cement water line that is in conflict with the sewer pipe. While Public Works crews can replace the water main, we are requesting Council hire Hickman Utilities to construct the sewer replacement and also install a new storm drain system while the road is being cut open. The proposal from Hickman Utilities to provide labor and equipment to replace the sewer and install the stormwater system is \$114,835.00. We would like to add this to the ongoing list of Hickman Utility projects. The agreement with Hickman Utilities is for labor and equipment only. Public Works will provide the approximately \$200,000 of pipe and material out of our material inventory. The stormwater component is the project that Council initiated a study for on Rosewood Drive. After the utility work has been completed, Public Works will resurface the entire street using Powell Bill funds.

Public Works is requesting Council approval of the Rosewood Drive agreement with Hickman Utilities for \$114,835 to be paid for out of the water and sewer capital reserve fund.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 3 Carroll

SECONDER: Precinct 4' Higley

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

B. Water Plant Transfer Pump - Rob Armstrong, Corey Walters, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that this is a revised quote for rebuilding transfer pump #2 for the Water Treatment Plant. It was removed several months ago after being quoted \$47,000. Staff had originally budgeted \$75,000 for this last budget year but revised the amount once the quote came back at \$47,000. Now that Charles Underwood is going through the pump they have determined that the bowl assembly is too far gone to rebuild and will need to be replaced. The revised quote is \$82,545.62.

Staff recommends council approval of the revised quote to repair Transfer Pump #2 from the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$82,545.62 with the difference in cost (\$35,545.62) being made through the water and sewer capital reserve fund.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 4' Higley

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

C. Water Plant Turbidimeter - Rob Armstrong, Corey Walters, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that the Lumberton Water Treatment Plant (WTP) relies on a variety of meters and sensors to keep the plant in compliance with standards set by NC DEQ. One of these meters is a turbidimeter. The current one used by the plant has begun to have issues and cannot be repaired. Staff put the spare unit into service and has received a quote to replace the spare unit. These units need to be "like type" equipment so that different reagents and other supplies work with all the units. Staff has received a quote of \$5,939.00 from Hach for a TU5200 Turbidimeter.

Staff recommends council approval of the purchase of a Hach TU5200 Turbidimeter for \$5,939.00 with funds being made available from 60-00-7120-3520.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

D. WWTP Generator Purchase - Rob Armstrong, Corey Walters, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that the Lumberton Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) main backup generator is a 30+ year-old model that has been unreliable since the events of Hurricane Matthew. Staff have been working to find ways to replace this generator since that time. Over the last few years, staff have worked with congressional representative David Rouzer's office to secure a \$1,000,000 grant towards the cost of this project.

In August 2025, Public Works received a quote from Gregory Poole Power Systems (CAT) for a replacement cost of \$1,395,000.00 through Sourcewell. This project would replace the existing 900kW generator with 3 paired 500kW generators to better meet the needs of the WWTP in its current configuration.

Public Works recommends council approval of the purchase of 3 paired 500kW generators from Gregory Poole Power Systems through Sourcewell (092222-CAT) in the amount of \$1,395,000.00. Funding for this would be recommended to be \$1,000,000 in direct appropriations via congressional representative David Rouzer and the balance of \$395,000.00 paid from the water and sewer capital reserve fund.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: None

SECONDER: Precinct 5 Cantey

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

E. NC HWY 41 Water Main Bore and Extension - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that the new KC Apartments being constructed off of Elizabethtown Road and Pruitt Street (Across from Walmart Neighborhood Market) needs additional fire flow, more than the City's current water pipe system can offer. A plan has been developed to extend a new 8" water main under NC HWY 41 to provide additional flow to the apartments and also to enhance the City's existing water distribution system in the community on the south side of Elizabethtown Road. Hickman Utilities has provided the City a cost of \$41,800 to install the bore and extend the water main. The developer, MC Morgan & Associates, Inc., has agreed to pay the City for these improvements. The City will provide approximately 200 linear feet of 8" water pipe from our inventory to supplement the extension.

Public Works is requesting Council to approve the agreement with Hickman Utilities to bore an 8" water main under NC HWY 41 and extend approximately 200 feet down Pruitt Street for \$41,800 to be paid for by funds provided by MC Morgan and Associates, Inc.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 2 Robinson

SECONDER: Precinct 3 Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

F. Asset Inventory Assessment and Water System Mapping Grant - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that the City was awarded a \$150,000 Asset Inventory Grant (AIA) from NCDEQ earlier in 2025. The purpose of the grant is to continue mapping the City's Raw Water piping system, update the Asset Management Plan and update the 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan for water system operations. Council appropriated a \$7,500 match to the grant. Public Works received one response, from the Wooten Company, to our advertised Request for Qualifications.

Public Works is recommending Council select the Wooten Company as the project engineer for the AIA Raw Water Mapping Project. Public Works will negotiate a

scope and fee for the services and bring these back to Council for approval in February.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 8 Thomas

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

G. Engineering Agreement No 1 for Linkhaw Culvert Project - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that attached is Engineering Agreement Amendment No 1 with the Wooten Company for the Linkhaw Road Railroad Culvert Project. The amendment is for Construction Observation, Construction Management and Grant Management to be paid for out of the local match appropriated by Council.

Public Works is requesting Council approval of Amendment No 1 with the Wooten Company to jet Linkhaw Road Culvert Improvement Project Engineering Agreement for \$62,600 to be paid for from the designated local match for the project.

Questions were asked as to the major inlets and outlets that are under construction; what about lane closures? Director Armstrong stated that there will be because of the DOT projects. Council asked about the R/R projects if the spurlike is not active.

Director Armstrong anticipates that it will take less than a year.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 3 Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

H. Local Match for the Linkhaw Road Culvert Project - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Public Works Director Rob Armstrong appeared before Council and stated that Public Works has a total project budget of just over \$1.1M for the Linkhaw Railroad Culvert Project. The City received a \$747,800 North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Grant. We are responsible to provide a \$400,302.44 local match of non-federal funds. We are using the \$250,000

Golden Leaf Grant to make up part of this match. Also, we have \$19,652.44 of in-kind

work (relocating & replacing a utility pole). This leaves us \$130,650 that we need to allocate to the project from City funds. There is no designated capital funds available in the stormwater fund, so Public Works is requesting this match be provided from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

Staff Recommendation:

Public Works is requesting \$130,650 be allocated from the water and sewer capital reserve fund to be used for the local match required on the North Carolina Department of Environment grant awarded to the Liknhaw Road Culvert Improvement Project.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 2 Robinson

SECONDER: Precinct 3 Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

I. Lumbee Land Development contiguous annexation-ETJ - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that Bradley Locklear with Lumbee Land Development is requesting a contiguous annexation of property located on Elizabethtown Road (parcel #'s 101202001 & 10120200101, Deed Bk. 2362, Pg. #175/Map Book: 31 Page: 6, tracks 3 & 4).

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and the Planning Department recommends City Council set the date of the public hearing for their February 2026 meeting.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 2 Robinson

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- J. John Culbreth contiguous annexation Hornets Rd. ETJ - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that John Culbreth is requesting a contiguous annexation of property located on Hornets Rd. being parcel #101002012 and Deed Book 2206 Page 779.

The City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and the Planning Department recommends City Council set the date of the public hearing for their February 2026 meeting.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 2 Robinson

SECONDER: Precinct 5 Cantey

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- K. Regina Fairfax rezoning for 934 Warwick Mill Road. - ETJ - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that Regina Fairfax is requesting to rezone property located at 934 Warwick Mill Road, parcel # 290301030/deed book 595 pg. 667.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Council review the request, refer the petition to the January 20, 2026 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT: (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 4` Higley

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- L. Request to Develop a Food Truck Park Ordinance - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that the Planning Department received a request from Stuart McNeill to amend the Land Use ordinance

to create a standalone ordinance allowing food truck parks within the City's jurisdiction. I've researched several ordinances and created a draft I believe is suitable for the City of Lumberton.

Staff Recommendation:

Council review the request, refer the petition to the January 20, 2026, Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 7 Chavis

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- M. Helmi A Al-khateeb rezoning for 2906 OLIVE DR. – P-7 - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that Helmi A Al-khateeb is requesting to rezone property located at 2906 Olive Drive, parcel # 321801008 & 321801008/deed 2545 pg 211.

Council review the request, refer the petition to the January 20, 2026, Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 7 Chavis

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

N. Annual Robeson County Black Caucus - John Cantey, City Council

Councilmen Cantey and Douglas would like to designate \$150 each to the Annual Robeson County Black Caucus Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Church service on January 19th, 2026 at the Sandy Grove Baptist Church. Service will begin at 12 noon.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the designations of CRF as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$150 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$150 P5 - \$150 P6 - \$150 P7 - \$150 and P8 - \$150 for a total of \$1,100.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 1 Rising

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

O. Annual MLK Jr. Parade - John Cantey, City Council

Councilmen Cantey and Douglas would like to designate \$75 each to the Annual MLK Jr. Parade. This event will be held on January 31, 2026, at 12 noon at the WH Knuckles Elementary School.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the designations as follows: P1 - \$75 P2 - \$75 P3 - \$75 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$125 P6 - \$125 P7 - \$75 and P8 - \$75 for a total of \$675.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 6 Douglas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

P. 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule - Wayne Horne, City Manager

Pursuant to NCGS 160A-71, Council shall fix the time and place for its regular meetings. Failure to do so would result in a statutory default schedule of 10:00 am on the first Monday of each month, as well as requiring additional notice and restrictions for meetings at any other time. The attached schedule principally follows the pattern of the Council meeting on the second Monday. Exceptions may be necessary for holidays, particularly Independence Day and Veterans' Day and conflicts. Also included in the schedule are agenda deadlines, which are recommended being on the Thursday prior to any meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Consider the attached schedule, adjust for any conflicts, and adopt a final schedule.

Councilman Carroll stated that he had done some research and there are several municipalities that are still holding evening meetings. He named a few and suggested that the Council may not be considering the public fully with this schedule. However, he stated that he likes the 11:00 a.m. meetings, but I want to make sure that we are considering the public.

After a discussion ensued, it was decided that this matter should be taken up at the upcoming workshop.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 7 Chavis

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

Q. Special Council Meeting - Wayne Horne, City Manager

In accordance with N.C. General Statutes § 160A-20, a public hearing is required when submitting an application to the Local Government Commission for the financing of Phase III of the Pennington Athletic Complex. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for citizen input regarding the proposed financing. One of the statutory requirements is that notice of the public hearing be advertised at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for citizen input regarding the proposed financing.

Staff Recommendation:

Set a public hearing for January 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in reference to Pennington Athletic Complex.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 8 Thomas

SECONDER: Precinct 2 Robinson

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- R. Consideration of Remote Meetings for Special-called and Emergency Meetings - Holt Moore, City Attorney

Staff is recommending that the following language be placed into the Policy Manual as a Procedural Rule effective immediately:

Council may elect to hold a special called or emergency meeting virtually by Zoom.

The decision to hold the meeting virtually shall be determined when the meeting is originally

scheduled. Any necessary details, including any in-person components of the remote meeting, will be included in the advertisements and postings for the meeting. This would allow Council to avoid traveling to City Hall for meetings that may only last 15 minutes, such as that anticipated later this month. We would envision allowing the public to be physically present should a hearing be involved.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve change.

RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 1 Rising

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- S. Unagendaed - Renaming Section of Dunn Road - for Dobbs Oxendine - Eric Chavis, City Council

Councilman Eric Chavis stated that he had been approached by members of Mr. Dobbs' Oxendine family seeking to rename a portion of Dunn Road after him. Councilman Chavis stated that Mr. Dobbs has done a lot for the community and the portion of Dunn Road that they are requesting to rename has no houses on it, and it is the length of a block.

It was the consensus of Council and this request be approved.

RESULT: Passed (7 TO 1)

MOVER: Precinct 7 Chavis

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, Alfred Douglas,
Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

VII. Adjournment

[MIN_SIGNATURES]