



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • OCTOBER 6, 2025

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

11:00 AM

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

I. Call to Order

- A. Invocation – Council Member John Carroll
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Council Member Eric Chavis

II. Proclamation Proclaiming Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Awareness Month - Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

III. Public Comment Period

- A. EC - Christmas Social Donation Request - Mr. Tim Little - , Legal

Mr. Tim Little appeared before Council to present a funding request on behalf of the PSRC Exceptional Children Program and the Kiwanis Club of Robeson-Lumberton in support of their annual Christmas Social, scheduled for December 12, 2025. He explained that this event is designed to celebrate and uplift children with exceptional needs by providing a safe, inclusive, and festive environment tailored to their abilities. Mr. Little noted that they expect to host over 100 children, ranging from kindergarten through sixth grade. He expressed his appreciation to Council for their consideration and support in helping make this year's Christmas Social a fun, joyful, and meaningful experience for these special children.

Funds were donated as follows: P1 - \$200 P2 - \$200 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$150 P5 - \$100 P6 - \$150 P7 - \$200 P8 - \$200 and from the Mayor's discretionary fund- \$200 for a total of \$1,600.00

That City Council approve the designation of \$1,600.00 to the PSRC Exceptional Children's Christmas Social.

IV. Public Hearings

Planning Board Minutes September 16, 2025 - , Planning & Neighborhood Services

B. Request for Sign Ordinance Amendment-Feather Flags - P4 Request - PH - ArTriel
Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would regulate feather flags in the City. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before the Council and stated that the Planning Department has conducted research, looking at various municipalities that regulate feather flags. Based on the research, we have developed a draft ordinance suitable for the City of Lumberton.

The Planning Board held a public meeting on September 16, 2025, and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the ordinance amendment.

Attached is a copy of the ordinance and a list of locations that received violation and/or citation notices regarding the unpermitted display of feather flags. These locations received a letter notifying them of the public hearing's date, time, and location.

Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and approve the ordinance amendment.

Tommy Vickers, 219 Elm appeared before Council and stated that I know that you might think I am here to speak against this action," but I am here to say that I am glad that the City will be regulating the flags. He stated that many have worked hard to make downtown what it is, and I am in favor of regulating the feather flags.

Mr. Anthony Floyd appeared to find out how regulating the flags would apply to food trucks. City Attorney Moore stated that it applies to the piece of property, whether the trucks are on it or not.

Shelly Livermore, owner of Carroll's Pets and Grooming located on Fayetteville Road, spoke in favor of allowing feather flags. She stated that signage for her business had been taken down due to construction. She stated that she was against it; however, a feather flag is the only way to show those driving by that her business is there, and it is still open. She stated that she had a feathered flag up, but she was made to take it down.

Councilman Cantey asked, "About 10 years ago, didn't we have a serious issue with feather flags all down Fayetteville Road in front of car lots and 2nd Street and 5th Streets where we changed the ordinance where they can't do it anymore?"

Director Kirchner replied that it wasn't allowed at that time, and it isn't allowed now either.

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

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 7 Chavis

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- C. Jason Britt Special Use Permit – Old Whiteville Road parcel #2905-01-007 - ETJ-PH - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Jason Britt is requesting a Special Use Permit for a major Subdivision of property located on Old Whiteville Road (parcel # 2905-01-007).

The Planning Board held a public meeting on September 16, 2025, and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the Special Use Permit request.

Staff Recommendation:

Recommends that the City Council hold tonight's public hearing and approve the Special Use Permit request.

- D. Mac Adolf Montilus' request for Conditional Zoning (CZ) Amendment - 2406 N. Roberts Ave. – P3 - PH - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Attorney Moore opened the public hearing to consider the request for the Conditional Zoning (CZ) Amendment located at 2406 N. Roberts Avenue. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that Mac Adolf Montilus' request for Conditional Zoning (CZ) Amendment is for property located at 2406 N. Roberts Avenue (parcel # 32060100701).

Conditional Zoning Amended as follows:

- Restaurant use only (existing);
- No access to Elmhurst Drive (existing).
- Use #3.110 Operations designed to attract and serve customers or clients on the premises;
- Use #3.120 Operations designed to attract little or no customer or client traffic

- other than employees of the entity operating the principal use;
- Use #3.130 Office or clinics of physicians or dentists.

The Planning Board held a public meeting on September 16, 2025, and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the amendment request.

Mac Montilus appeared before the Council and stated that the request is simply to put the building to use. He stated that there are certain elements that can get into it, and it will be destroyed.

Recommend that City Council hold the public hearing and approve the Conditional Zoning Amendment request.

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

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 3 Carroll

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- E. Laura Kinder Rezoning - 304 & 306 S. Rozier Street – P-4 PH - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Attorney Moore opened the public hearing to consider rezoning property located at 304 & 306 S. Rozier Street. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian.**

Laura Kinder is requesting to rezone the property located at 304 & 306 S. Rozier Street, parcel # 3239-02-049, Deed Bk. 01229, Pg. #0859/Map Book: 6 Page: 93. The owner wants to subdivide the property and sell off the home.

The Planning Board held a public meeting on September 16, 2025, and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the rezoning requests.

No one appeared to speak and that hearing was closed.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 3 Carroll

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- F. William Sinclair rezoning - 3170 Elizabethtown Road – P-2 - PH - ArTriel Kirchner,

Planning & Neighborhood Services

Attorney Moore opened the public hearing to consider rezoning property located at 3170 Elizabethtown Road. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in **The Robesonian.**

Planning Director Dr. Kirchner appeared before Council and stated that William Sinclair is requesting to rezone property located at 3170 Elizabethtown Road, parcel # 321103014, Deed Bk. 02134, Pg. #0334, from Agriculture to B-2.

The Planning Board held a public meeting on September 16, 2025, and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the rezoning request.

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

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

Mr. Sinclair appeared before the Council and stated that he plans on using the property for a used car dealership. He stated that the property was a used car dealership through his dad, Purdie Sinclair (Purdies Auto Sales), from 1975 to 2022.

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

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 2 Robinson

SECONDER: Precinct 1 Rising

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes Approval for September 8, 2025, City Council Meeting

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

B. Ratify the Adoption of a Resolution - Declaring a Road Closure for the Christmas Parade - Wayne Horne, City Manager

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- C. Ratify the Reimbursement to Councilman Cantey for Prince Hall Day — - Wayne Horne, City Council

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

VI. Agenda Items

- A. Permission to retire K-9 - Michael McNeill, Police

The Lumberton Police Department requests permission to retire K9 Axel due to his age and inability to perform law enforcement duties. The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to retire Axel and that he be sold to his handler, Officer Garrett Robinson, for one dollar (\$1.00).

That City Council The Lumberton Police Department requests permission to retire K9 Axel due to his age and inability to perform law enforcement duties. The Lumberton Police Department is requesting permission to retire Axel and that he be sold to his handler, Officer Garrett Robinson, for one dollar (\$1.00).

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 3 Carroll

SECONDER: Precinct 1 Rising

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- B. Fire Department Vehicle Purchase - Chris West, Fire

The Lumberton Fire Department was allocated \$45,000 in the 2025 physical year budget to replace a 2004 Ford F250 support truck. The department utilized state contract pricing and would like to request the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Pickup Truck priced at \$42,115.62. The state contract price for Ford (\$44,493.29) and Chevrolet (\$42,617.40) were quoted higher than Dodge pricing.

The Lumberton Fire Department would like to request council approve the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Pickup from Deacon Jones Chrysler of Clinton in the amount of \$42,115.65 from the Capital Equipment code 10-008120-5414.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 3 Carroll

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

C. Water Plant PFAS Study Pilot Amendment No. 1 - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

The city of Lumberton has contracted with CDM Smith for the PFAS study at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The first phase was a records review and data gathering. The second phase of this study is a pilot program where specific filter media types will be tested to evaluate their performance. This amendment to the original scope is to cover that pilot program from phase two.

Public Works recommends council approval of the WTP PFAS Study amendment No.1 scope.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 8 Thomas

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

D. Request from Scotty Thompson to amend the Land Use Ordinance - P5, P6, & P7 - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

The Planning Department received a request from Scotty Thompson, to amend the Land Use ordinance to allow certain single family residential uses within the B-1 (Business Downtown) zoning district and the City of Lumberton Downtown Design Overlay District.

Staff Recommendation:

City Council review the request, refer the petition to the October 21, 2025 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

E. Maria Flores Rezoning 3000 Elizabethtown Rd– P-2 - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Maria Flores is requesting to rezone property located at 3000 Elizabethtown Road (parcel # 321103001) from partially zoned B-2, Business Community and R-6,

Residential-Class-‘A’
Manufactured Homes to B-2, Business Community.

Staff Recommendation:

City Council review the request, refer the petition to the October 21, 2025 Planning Board meeting for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 2 Robinson

SECONDER: Precinct 3 Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- F. LPMO – City of Lumberton – TIP B-5985B – WBS 47749.3.3 – # 1000024155 -
Downtown 5th Street Bridge - Wayne Horne, City Council

Attached for your review is an agreement from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) detailing the costs associated with additional work requested by the City for the
Downtown West 5th Street Bridge project.

As part of this agreement, the scope of work has been expanded to include:

- Widening of the multi-use path on the left-hand side of the bridge
- Installation of upgraded bridge lighting

The total cost of this additional work is \$538,934. In accordance with the agreement, the City’s share is 10%, which amounts to \$53,893. This portion will be funded through Powell Bill Allocations.

This agreement is being presented to Council for consideration and approval.

Staff Recommendation:

That City Council consider the approval of the attached agreement

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 1 Rising

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis,

Owen Thomas
ABSTAIN: None

G. Personnel Board Appointments

- City Manager Wayne Horne, City Manager

Jay Humphrey and Felicia Hunt have submitted their resignations from the Personnel Board after a period of long and dedicated service. Council is now required to appoint replacements. The Personnel Board functions best when its members bring relevant human resource-related experience. In addition, Council has set a goal of maintaining ethnic diversity among members. At present, the Board is represented by one member, Mr. Angus Thompson, who is African-American.

Staff have contacted potential candidates and identified two individuals who have expressed a willingness to serve:

Mr. John Franklin, IVC Manager with Flo-Tite

Mr. Adrian Lowry, Executive Director, Lumberton Housing Authority

Staff believe both candidates are highly qualified and would be excellent additions to the Personnel Board.

Council is requested to consider the appointment of Mr. John Franklin and Mr. Adrian Lowry to the Personnel Board to fill the current vacancies.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 7 Chavis

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

H. Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative - Grant - Wayne Horne, City Manager

The City staff and Lumberton Police Department would like to consult with Paul Smokowki, Executive Director of the NC Youth Violence Center, in submitting an application to the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for a BJA FY 25 Office of Justice Program Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative grant.

Request that Council approve the submission of the BJA FY Office of Justice Program Community-based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative grant application,

and authorize the manager to sign the certification by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant Government (Appendix 1).

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 8 Thomas

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- I. Scholarship Fund Drive - Former Robeson County Attorney Patrick Pait - Council Member John Carroll, City Council

Councilman Carroll is requesting the allocation of \$200 in Community Revitalization Funds (CRF) to support the newly launched Patrick Pait Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is being established by the family and friends of the late Patrick Pait, who served as Robeson County Attorney from 2014 until his passing in 2018 following a traffic collision. The scholarship will be offered through Lumberton Senior High School in his honor.

Councilman Carroll also invites additional contributions from other Council members to further support this fund.

Approve the designation as follows: p1 - \$200 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$50 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$200 P8 - \$200 and from the Mayor's discretionary fund \$200 for a total of \$1,300.00.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 3 Carroll

SECONDER: Precinct 1 Rising

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- J. P5 - Request CRF to Cromartie Temple of Praise for an Appreciation Service - John Cantey, City Council

Councilman Cantey requests \$200 of CRF to be given to Cromartie Temple of Praise for the 34th Pastoral Appreciation Service.

Approve the designation as follows:; P1 - \$50 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$50 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$200 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$100 P8 - \$50 and \$100 from the Mayor's discretionary fund for a total of \$800.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- K. P5 - Request for CRF for Sandy Grove Baptist Church Men Ministry - John Cantey, City Council

Councilman Cantey requests \$150 of Community Revitalization Funds for Sandy Grove Baptist Church for the 1st Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle show sponsored by the Men's Ministry.

Approve the designation as follows: P1 - \$50 P2 - \$50 P3 - \$50 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$150 P6 - \$50 P7 - \$50 P8 - \$50 and from the Mayor's discretionary fund \$250 for a total of \$750.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- L. P5 - Request for CRF for a Community Event - John Cantey, City Council

Councilman Cantey requested \$300 for a Community Event on October 11, 2025. The event is the Save our Landmark and Community History business to be held at the business location of Kash n Karry.

Approve the designation as follows: P5 - \$300 and P6 - \$150 for a total of \$450.00.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- M. Approval of a \$150 allocation from Precinct 5's Community Revitalization Funds to the Dynamic Divas Majorettes

- John Cantey, City Council

Councilman John Cantey is requesting a \$150 allocation from Precinct 5's Community Revitalization Funds to support the Dynamic Divas Majorettes team. Funds will be used to help defray the cost of uniforms for the at-risk-youth for competitions and performances. As stated before, their involvement in structured extracurricular activities supports crime prevention and promotes community pride by keeping

participants active and off the streets.

Approve the designation as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$150 P3 - \$150 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$150 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$150 P8 - \$150 and from the Mayor's discretionary fund \$100 for a total of \$1,100.00.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- N. Christmas Show Sponsorship — Carolina Civic Center - Councilman Owen Thomas, City Council

Attached is a letter from the producers of the Christmas Show, sponsored by the Carolina Civic Center, seeking support for this year's production of the *14th Annual Robeson County Christmas Show*. The producers are reaching out to community partners and local businesses to secure financial backing for this SMASH seasonal tradition.

As a valued supporter, the City of Lumberton would stand alongside other community-minded individuals and organizations who recognize the vital role of the arts in enriching Robeson County. Your partnership helps sustain the magic of live entertainment while making a lasting cultural impact. Sponsorship opportunities also come with special benefits, including complimentary tickets to the show and recognition in the event program.

This production has become a cherished Christmas tradition at the Carolina Civic Center & Historic Theater. With the right support in advertising and marketing, it will continue to thrive—bringing fresh energy to our historic downtown, attracting visitors, and shining a positive spotlight on the City of Lumberton.

We respectfully ask Council to consider sponsoring this year's show. Your contribution would not only help sustain this beloved holiday tradition, but also advance the growth of quality entertainment and cultural enrichment throughout Robeson County. As the Civic Center grows as a regional cultural arts hub, partnerships with sponsors and donors remain essential to its continued success.

On behalf of the Carolina Civic Center, thank you for considering this request for sponsorship.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 8 Thomas

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- O. Robeson Road Runners Annual Turkey Trot 5K - Sponsorship - Councilman Owen Thomas, City Council

Councilman Thomas received a request from The Robeson Road Runners, who are excited to announce our Annual Turkey Trot 5K, taking place on Thanksgiving Day, and we would be honored to have your support as a sponsor.

This cherished community event brings together families, runners, and walkers of all ages for a fun, healthy way to start the holiday—and this year, we’re aiming to make it bigger and better than ever.

They are seeking \$250 sponsorships from local businesses to help us cover the cost of participant shirts. In appreciation for your generous support, your company logo will be prominently featured on the back of the official race shirts worn by all participants. Additionally, your business will be included in our event promotions on social media, helping you reach a wide and engaged local audience. All proceeds from sponsorships go directly to purchasing shirts, ensuring every participant receives a quality keepsake to commemorate the race.

Councilman Thomas designates \$250 of Community Revitalization Funds for this cause.

Approve the designation as follows: P1 -- \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$50 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$100 and P8 - \$100 for a total of \$700.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 8 Thomas

SECONDER: Precinct 7 Chavis

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- P. Exploration Station — Fund the Need Request - , City Council

Mr. Tim Little appeared before City Council on behalf of Kiwanis Robeson-Lumberton, requesting support in the form of funding for our upcoming PSRC Self-Contained Exceptional Children's Christmas Social, scheduled for December 12th, 2025. This heartwarming annual event is designed to celebrate and uplift children with exceptional needs in our community by providing a safe, inclusive, and festive environment tailored specifically to their abilities and exceptionalities. This year, we are expecting to serve over 100 children ranging from Kindergarten to sixth grade, each of whom will enjoy a festive lunch, participate in holiday-themed crafts and sensory-friendly activities, and receive a special Christmas gift from Santa. We are seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$1,000 to help cover essential event costs.

This event brings joy, connection, and inclusion to children who often face unique challenges throughout the year. It offers children an opportunity to celebrate the season in a supportive space where they can express themselves freely and feel truly valued. Thank you so much for considering our request. With your help, we can make this Christmas social a fun, joyful, and meaningful day for some truly special kids in our community.

Approve the designation as follows: P1 - \$200 P2 - \$200 P3 - \$200 P4 - \$150 P5 - \$100 P6 - \$150 P7 - \$200 P8 - \$200 and from the Mayor's discretionary fund \$200 for a total of \$1,600.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 1 Rising

SECONDER: Precinct 3 Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- Q. Sponsorship — National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Mayor Bruce W. Davis, City Council

Mayor Davis would like to purchase a full-page advertisement in support of the Annual Freedom Fundraiser Banquet, scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The event will take place in the dining hall of Sandy Grove Baptist Church, located at 1601 MLK Jr. Drive. This banquet supports a meaningful cause, as the organization continues its advocacy against discrimination, racial violence, and injustice. The sponsorship letter is attached for your review.

Approve the designation as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$100 P8 - \$100 and from the Mayor's discretionary fund \$100 for a total of \$800.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey

SECONDER: Precinct 3 Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

- R. Adopt a Resolution Designating DCM Love as the Primary Agent - Brandon Love, City Manager

Deputy City Manager Brandon Love appeared before the Council and stated that the attached Resolution is a requirement from the NC Division of Emergency Management to appoint the Deputy City Manager as the Applicant Agent for HMGP.

Recommend that City Council appoint the Deputy City Manager as the Applicant Agent for HMGP.

RESULT: Passed (6 TO 0)

MOVER: Precinct 1 Rising

SECONDER: Precinct 3 - Mayor Pro Team Carroll

AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, John Cantey, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

ABSTAIN: None

VII. Closed Session - In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss economic incentives

VIII. Adjournment

[MIN_SIGNATURES]

Fund the Need: Exploration Station Exhibit Updates

Current: Fire Truck



- Worn and well loved
- Chipping paint
- Limited interactive play

Needed: New
Interactive Fire Truck

Fund the Need:

\$1,320



Super Fire Engine

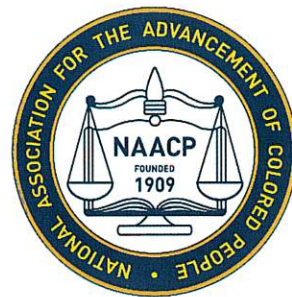


NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Unified Robeson Chapter

PO Box 3419

Lumberton, North Carolina 28359



September 2025

Dear Potential Sponsor:

NAACP was founded in 1909 to fight for the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of Black Americans. The organization uses advocacy, litigation, and lobbying to combat discrimination, racial violence, and injustice, and it has been instrumental in significant civil rights victories that ended legal segregation in public schools.

The primary purpose of the Unified Robeson Chapter of the NAACP is to serve as a major fundraiser to support the organization's work in fighting for civil rights and racial justice, while also celebrating achievements, recognizing community leaders and awarding scholarships. For that reason, the Unified Robeson Chapter of the NAACP will host its ***Annual Freedom Fundraiser Banquet*** on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 4 pm. This wonderful event will be held in the dining hall at Sandy Grove Baptist Church located at 1601 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Lumberton, NC.

We are seeking donations from businesses and individuals to participate in our program souvenir booklet. Your contribution can advertise your business to many participants and supporters. The price for an ad in our program souvenir book are as follows:

Full Page - \$100

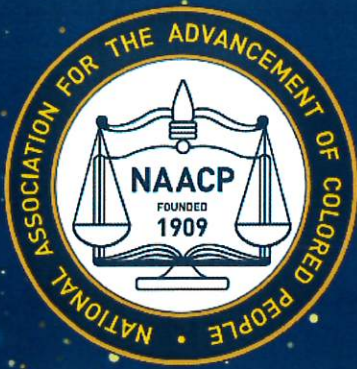
½ Page - \$50

¼ Page - \$25

Patrons: \$24 or less

Monies for ads are due by **October 11, 2025**, along with your ads, which should be given to a Finance Committee member (Sandra Humphrey 910-374-9271, Betty Powell 919-272-3340, or Lois Baker 910-674-3109). Your generous support of our effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your contribution and we look forward to seeing you at our Fundraiser Banquet on November 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
NAACP Fundraiser Committee



Save The Date

*Faith, Freedom
& Unity:*

"Together We Rise"

FREEDOM FUNDRAISER BANQUET

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF OUR
ANNUAL FREEDOM FUNDRAISER BANQUET
SPONSORED BY THE UNIFIED ROBESON BRANCH
OF THE NAACP

SANDY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY

8

4:00 PM

2025

**RESOLUTION
DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT**

North Carolina Division of Emergency Management

Organization Name (hereafter named Organization) City of Lumberton	Disaster Number: 4827
Applicant's State Cognizant Agency for Single Audit purposes (If Cognizant Agency is not assigned, please indicate): not assigned	

Applicant's Fiscal Year (FY) Start
2025 Month: July Day: 01

Applicant's Federal Employer's Identification Number
56 - 6001274

Applicant's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Number
37 - 155 -

PRIMARY AGENT	SECONDARY AGENT
Agent's Name Brandon Love	Agent's Name Wayne Horne
Organization City of Lumberton	Organization City of Lumberton
Official Position Deputy City Manager	Official Position City Manager
Mailing Address PO Box 1388	Mailing Address PO Box 1388
City ,State, Zip Lumberton, NC 28359	City ,State, Zip Lumberton, NC 28359
Daytime Telephone (910) 671-3805	Daytime Telephone (910) 671-3804
Facsimile Number	Facsimile Number
Pager or Cellular Number (910) 733-6049	Pager or Cellular Number (910) 374-4683

BE IT RESOLVED BY the governing body of the Organization (a public entity duly organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina) that the above-named Primary and Secondary Agents are hereby authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of the Organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or as otherwise available. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named agents are authorized to represent and act for the Organization in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by the grant agreements and the assurances printed on the reverse side hereof. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the above-named agents are authorized to act severally. PASSED AND APPROVED this day of , 20 .

GOVERNING BODY	CERTIFYING OFFICIAL
Name and Title	Name Bruce Davis
Name and Title	Official Position Mayor
Name and Title	Daytime Telephone (910) 272-1346

CERTIFICATION

I, Bruce Davis, (Name) duly appointed and Mayor (Title) of the Governing Body, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Governing Body of City of Lumberton (Organization) on the 06 day of October, 2025.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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APPLICANT ASSURANCES

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the FEMA regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements including OMB's Circulars No. A-95 and A-102, and FMC 74-4, as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this Federally assisted project. Also, the Applicant gives assurance and certifies with respect to and as a condition for the grant that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct the proposed facilities; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
2. It will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order 11988, relating to Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, relating to Protection of Wetlands.
3. It will have sufficient funds available to meet the non-Federal share of the cost for construction projects. Sufficient funds will be available when construction is completed to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facility for the purpose constructed.
4. It will not enter into a construction contract(s) for the project or undertake other activities until the conditions of the grant program(s) have been met.
5. It will provide and maintain competent and adequate architectural engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to insure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications; that it will furnish progress reports and such other information as the Federal grantor agency may need.
6. It will operate and maintain the facility in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by the applicable Federal, State and local agencies for the maintenance and operation of such facilities.
7. It will give the grantor agency and the Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
8. It will require the facility to be designed to comply with the "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by the Physically Handicapped," Number A117.1-1961, as modified (41 CFR 101-17-7031). The applicant will be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.
9. It will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification from the approving Federal agency that funds have been approved and will see that work on the project will be prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence.
10. It will not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests in the site and facilities during the period of Federal interest or while the Government holds bonds, whichever is the longer.
11. It agrees to comply with Section 311, P.L. 93-288 and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 83-352) and in accordance with Title VI of the Act, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. If any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
12. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
13. It will comply with the requirements of Title II and Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of Federal and Federally assisted programs.
14. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Federal grantor agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements approved in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, P.L. 93-288 as amended, and applicable Federal Regulations.
15. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act which limit the political activity of employees.
16. It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, as they apply to hospital and educational institution employees of State and local governments.
17. (To the best of his/her knowledge and belief) the disaster relief work described on each Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Project Application for which Federal Financial assistance is requested is eligible in accordance with the criteria contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206, and applicable FEMA Handbooks.
18. The emergency or disaster relief work therein described for which Federal Assistance is requested hereunder does not or will not duplicate benefits received for the same loss from another source.
19. It will (1) provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements and rights-of-way necessary for accomplishments of the approved work; (2) hold and save the United States free from damages due to the approved work or Federal funding.
20. This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, reimbursements, advances, contracts, property, discounts of other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Applicant by FEMA, that such Federal Financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear on the reverse as authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the applicant.
21. It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234, 87 Stat. 975, approved December 31, 1973. Section 102(a) requires, on and after March 2, 1975, the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that has been identified by the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.
22. It will comply with the insurance requirements of Section 314, PL 93-288, to obtain and maintain any other insurance as may be reasonable, adequate, and necessary to protect against further loss to any property which was replaced, restored, repaired, or constructed with this assistance.
23. It will defer funding of any projects involving flexible funding until FEMA makes a favorable environmental clearance, if this is required.
24. It will assist the Federal grantor agency in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 470), Executive Order 11593, and the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.) by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
25. It will, for any repairs or construction financed herewith, comply with applicable standards of safety, decency and sanitation and in conformity with applicable codes, specifications and standards; and, will evaluate the natural hazards in areas in which the proceeds of the grant or loan are to be used and take appropriate action to mitigate such hazards, including safe land use and construction practices.

STATE ASSURANCES

The State agrees to take any necessary action within State capabilities to require compliance with these assurances and agreements by the applicant or to assume responsibility to the Federal government for any deficiencies not resolved to the satisfaction of the Regional Director.