CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● SEPTEMBER 9, 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	Late	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Brandon Love	Deputy City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

B. Invocation: City Attorney Holt Moore –

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jun 3, 2020 11:00 AM –

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

B. City Council - Regular Meeting - Aug 5, 2020 11:00 AM –

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NO COMMENTS SUBMITTED

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Moss Neck Trust rezoning petition for property located off of Hornets Rd – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director
Moss Neck Trust (owned by John C & Anne B. Culbreth) has submitted a rezoning petition for property located off of Hornets Rd (parcel # 1010-02-012 & portion of 1012-01-011). This request is to rezone the parcels from 'A' Agriculture to R-6, Residential (Class 'A' Mobile Home).

This property is located within Area 3 of our Land Use Plan, and its recommended future use is low intensity. Furthermore, this property is located within the ETJ.

Recommend that the Planning Board hold tonight's public meeting, entertain public comment, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding this matter.

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

On August 25, 2020 the Planning Board held the public meeting and recommends that City Council deny the rezoning request based on the following reason(s):

1) The development will not be in harmony with the neighboring properties.

On August 26, 2020 the Planning Department sent out letters to the adjacent property owners within 150 feet of the petitioned property, notifying them of the rezoning request.

On August 26, 2020 a request was sent to Public Works Department to have a sign placed on the property, notifying the adjacent property owners of the rezoning request, on or before August 28, 2020.

On August 26, 2020 a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on August 29th, 2020 and September 5, 2020.
Recommends that City Council hold today's public hearing; as with prior rezonings, under the new COVID-related statutes, the vote will need to be held at a later time (at least 24 hours after the hearing).

Mayor Davis opened the public to consider rezoning property located off of Hornets Road from ‘A’ Agriculture to R-6, Residential (Class ‘A’ Mobile Home). City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

City Attorney Moore explained that as with prior rezonings, under the new COVID-19 related statues, the vote will need to be held at a later time (at least 24 hours after the hearing). He stated that the process for comments is handled by written submission only; however, counsel is available if there are questions. All of the documents have been submitted to Mayor and Council as well as the video that was provided by the applicant.

City Attorney Moore stated that we need to do a brief rollcall to make sure that Council is agreeable that all documents and video are admitted as evidence. You would be confirming those documents and that you are aware of all the uses that are allowed under the R-6 zoning district because it was included in the packet. All of Council acknowledged by means of rollcall that the evidence was received and they are aware of all that uses that fall within the R-6 zoning district.

City Attorney Moore asked Ms. Kirchner to speak to the Land Use Plan as to whether it would be consistent or inconsistent to our land use Plan. According to the Land Use Plan, the portion of the parcel, located on the West side of Hornets Rd, is located within the low-intensity development area. Low intensity allows for 4-6 dwelling units per acre or in this case, 89 – 134 units. The parcel located on the East side of Hornets Rd is located within the medium intensity development area. Medium intensity allows for up to 10 dwelling units per acre or, in this case, a maximum of 203 units.

Taking into consideration the minimum lot size for the R-6 zoning district, the minimum lot size is 7,000 sq. ft. With a total of 32.56 acres, they can accommodate for 203 lots.

Furthermore, the current zone of Agriculture allows for a minimum lot size of almost an acre, 40,000 square feet.

Mr. Neville stated that he does have Mr. Culbreth; his client sitting beside him who is one of the representative of the Moss Neck Trust and to address your question; no, we do not propose a mobile home park. We don't believe that is allowable in R-6 district. But what we do propose is a plan that allows for Class A manufactured homes as your ordinance identifies as Class A mobile home. We are proposing no more than 4 lots per acre which is a minimum of 8,000 sq. ft. per lot. We are committing to a brick foundation. The exterior siding will be consistent with that of stick built housing. There are no tongues present all of that is gone. My clients intend to build affordable homes for people who need a place to stay and call their own.

If you have any other questions or you feel that I haven't explained it well enough, please just ask me.

City Attorney Moore stated that if there are conditions that they would be binding upon the rezoning. It sounds that you are willing to amend the request to remain as R-6 that would allow all the uses in R-6 to include Class A manufactured home which we generally refer to as double-wide mobile homes. That you would also add a condition that no lot less than 8,000 sq. ft. by means of Parallel Conditional Use. City Attorney Moore asked is this an accurate assessment of what you are willing to commit to. Mr. Neville stated yes; however, we disagree with the connotation of double-wide because we believe that Class A is much more than what the public refers to as double-wide but we and my client is sitting right here agree to a minimum of 8,000 sq. ft.

Attorney Moore stated as a recap that you are committing to R-6 uses with minimum of 8,000 sq. ft. lot. Under the Class A Manufactured Home once they are brought onto a lot and assembled that are not considered real estate property and the purchaser is authorized then to qualify for a mortgage. I just wanted to clarify it's not a trailer park but a subdivision were people can obtain a mortgage. Councilman Cantey asked what would be the price point. Mr. Neville replied $129k to 179k.

Councilman Rising stated that he has studied that information and he is not against any Class A mobile type home. My concern with the entire development is the drainage on one side the ETJ and the other side of Pennington Park. We have a drainage problem already and all of the drainage would come through Precinct 2 and primarily Precinct 1. We have drainage from Ivey's Branch, Meadow Branch, Pool Cat Swamp and 5-Mile Branch. Our precinct have experienced quite a bit of flooding during the hurricane events because the railroad that was built a 100 years ago has undersized pipes and getting the railroad to make the pipes larger has already become a problem for the City. It has become a problem already for the Precincts, the Oaks Subdivision, Linkhaw Road and the area around the Pizza Hut.

Councilman Rising stated that when you create a subdivision; you put infrastructure in there, streets and more rooftops and more impervious areas were the drainage will run off faster and when we experience flashfloods and in catastrophic events such as hurricanes we will experience more flooding that could possible inundate Precinct1 and possibly Precinct 2. Councilman Rising stated that I do not know the engineer but I do know Don Paschal1 and he does a great job; but taking all these things into consideration I get more calls about drainage than I do anything else in my area. I would think that if this is to move forward there would be more extensive consideration of impoundment areas and retention ponds. He stated that R-6 is 6,000 sq. ft. and this would reduce setback lines and all this needs to be taken into consideration.

Councilman Cantey stated that he felt as if that issue was addressed previously, especially since the applicant has stated that he is agreeable to R-6 with stated conditions of 8,000 sq. ft. We are at a point where we can't build home in East or North Lumberton but I can recall in the past years that we have approved other subdivision expansion and growth in Precinct 1 by other developers or the Oaks because I know that the City is working on the drainage. I just hate to see that we have 130 families who really need homes.

Councilman Rising reiterated the point that he is not opposed to the development but he feels that something like an R-11 zoning district would be better suited. I am just one vote but I can tell you the entire City has been concerned about the water or drainage. So we got to take that into consideration when we start rezoning and making it denser. He talked about the drainage in the City as well as the ETJ. The concerns about the railroad from the City to St. Pauls and with I-95 starting a project and the junction in which all the drainage pipes connect. He expressed that there definitely has to be some discussion as to the drainage of this project and in the City.

Mr. Neville stated that he asked that all documentation that was presented at the Planning Board be included in the packet for Council in which he did not see (Pages 36-45 Engineer's Report). Mr. Neville stated that they hired Mr. Paschall to do a study and show us any concerns that you may have with drainage in this project. Mr. Neville stated that Mr. Paschall concluded the following "Therefore, based upon the discussion regarding storm water capacity issues above, it is reasonable and responsible to state that the design of a storm water retention system which limits storm run-off to pre-development conditions to serve the Moss Neck Trust property will in no means add any additional burden to or take away any future capacity of Ivey's Branch as it now currently stands." We have only had the report of one engineer to address the storm water issue and that report concludes that the Moss Neck project will not cause a negative impact on drainage. So, certainly these are issues that should and will be addressed if you were to approve the rezoning application. Mr. Neville stated that he does not pretend to be an engineer that why they hired one. So, I encourage you to read the engineer's report if you haven't already because the question is, what additional storm water drainage is caused by the development. Where the area drains is not going to be changed. Initially there were questions as to where the water would drain and Mr. Paschall answers that question in his report.

Councilwoman Robinson asked that by changing the rezoning to an R-11 would the drainage be lesser. Mr. Neville stated that Mr. Paschall letter does not address R-6, R-11 or any specific zoning district. Mr. Neville stated that the question is above his pay grade and he cannot testify to what impact R-11 would have on drainage any more than R-15 or R-6. This subdivision will not impact or increase the storm water runoff.

Mayor Davis stated to Mr. Neville that what you are saying no water is going to run off or that it is going to be held on ground but I don't see anything on here to indicate that. Mr. Neville replied that there is no plan submitted that this is a straight up rezoning. What we have committed to 8,000 sq. ft. minimum and you do the math the projection is way less homes than what the zoning provides for. I have never said that there will be no storm water runoff. Our engineer has provided a letter stating that it will not negatively impact the current system, not to say that there is no runoff period. And the ideal of a retention pond or impoundment all come in the subdivision approval process. At his point there is no plan submitted but the City would require that a plan be submitted and we are not at that point.

Councilman Rising stated that in addressing the R-6 to R-11, it appears that if you have more impervious areas the larger lot has more yard and has a situation that more water can be absorbed naturally, but if you have less yard and more density then more water would runoff. Now, I did read in Mr. Paschall letter and he did a good job and he's talking about the City's current system which is already strained in several areas of the City. I state again that I am not against this project but the plan in this packet does not allow for any possible impoundment on site that would control the water before it came into the City. That's what I am concerned about and the packet that was delivered to us does not outline any place that there might be an impoundment on site or somewhere to control the water especially in catastrophic events that would come into the City. Councilman Rising is concerned about the impact that the project may have on the City's drainage system

City Attorney Moore stated that according to the latest statutes from the School of Government; Council cannot vote because an additional 24 hour period is allowed for additional written comments to come in. Council was polled and a motion made by Councilman Howard and seconded by Councilman Thomas setting the meeting date for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. to wrap up the public hearing concerning Moss Neck Trust Rezoning Request. It carried unanimously.

RESULT:	**CONTINUED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 9/16/2020 11:00 AM**
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6	
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of _Console Project____________ – Bill French, Emergency Services Director
Both the Fire Department and Police Department and working on Viper 800 MHz radio projects. In order to facilitate their project, Motorola MCC-7500 dispatch consoles are the preferred console for 800 MHz radio projects. The biggest reason is that instead of having to have a radio for every talk group, the MCC-7500 can go direct to the 800 MHz Viper core via fiber to pick up needed talk groups. This project is 100% funded by my local 911 Fund, a fund that is separate from any city monies. I would normally include this on my capital requests, but it came too late to include it. The total cost of the project is $272,439.90, of which $173,198.38 is 911 Fund eligible. That left $99,241.52. I applied for and was awarded a grant from the 911 Board for the remaining $99,241.52.
I request approval of the console project and acceptance of the grant

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

B. Engineer Selection for the Raw Water Intake Flood Mitigation Project – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works will be receiving qualification statements for engineering services for the Raw Water Intake Flood Mitigation Project on Monday, August 31st. This project is funded by a $550,000 North Carolina Golden Leaf Foundation grant and will raise the existing raw water pumps, controls and generator safety above the Hurricane Florence river crest elevation. Scoring of the qualification statements and the recommended engineering firm will be presented to Council at the September Council Meeting
<< Recommendation >>

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

C. Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Maintenance – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works has $75, 000 allocated in the Capital Budget to replace a control valve on a high service pump and add to isolation valves on high service pumps at the water plant. This is a specialty maintenance and installation project so we asked Charles R Underwood, Inc. to give us a proposal for the work since they were familiar with our plant layout and operations. The total price for the work is $69,878. Attached are itemized proposals for each task.
Public Works is requesting Council approval to contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc. to replace a control valve and add two isolation valves at the water plant high service pumps for a total price of $69,878 to be paid for from the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund 60-00-822-5960

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

D. Adopt a Resolution to Accept the NC State Revolving Loan for the 2018 Priority Sewer Repairs – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
In 2019 the City was awarded a $1,000,000 loan and grant from the North Carolina State Revolving Fund for the 2018 Priority Sewer Repairs which focuses on sewer rehabilitation in the Sunset Heights and Godwin Heights neighborhoods. Construction is about to begin on the project. Public Works is asking Council to adopt the attached resolution, officially accepting the SRF funding, which is 50% low interest loan and 50% grant.
Public Works is requesting Council to adopt the resolution accepting the North Carolina State Revolving Fund Loan and Grant for the 2018 Priority Sewer Repair Project.

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

E. B.G. French annexation request for property located in Amberdale Subdivision Section 3 Part 3, lots # 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70. – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director
The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a contiguous annexation from B.G. French requesting a contiguous annexation of property located in Amberdale Subdivision Section 3 Part 3, lots #65, 66, 67, 68, 69, & 70 (Parcel #1004-02-080).

The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton B-3 (Office Residential) therefore a rezoning is not required.
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 October 2020 meeting.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 10/7/2020 11:00 AM**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem	
SECONDER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

F. Michael and Billie Gray, rezoning for property located at 810 Barker Ten Mile Road (ETJ). (parcel # 0816-01-003/Deed Book 2207 Page 547). – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director
The Planning Department has received an application from Michael and Billie Gray, for rezoning property located at 810 Barker Ten Mile Road (ETJ). This request is to rezone the parcel from R-20, residential single-family and 'A', agriculture to R-3 residential multifamily for the retention of the single-family home and the addition of a duplex (multifamily use).

This property is located within Area 2 and its recommended future use is low intensity, as identified in our Land Use Plan. Furthermore, this property is located within the ETJ.

If this rezoning 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 Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Interim Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 10/7/2020 11:00 AM**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem	
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

G. Financing Software – Alisha Armstrong, Finance Director
The Finance Department obtained quotes for financing software for $405,000 for 5 and 7 years.

	5 years	7 years
Truist	1.68%	1.84%
First Bank	1.98%	1.98%
United Bank	3.65%	4.45%
Lumbee Bank	No Quote	

Recommend that Council award the financing of the software to Truist at 1.68% for 5 years and approve the attached resolution.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [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

H. Release of Easement - Amberdale Sec 3 Part 3 – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Attached are some self-explanatory letters and maps regarding this issue. Mr. French has requested that we release a drainage easement on Lot 47 in Amberdale Section 3 Part 3, and Public Works' only concern was that an easement between lots 45 and 46 be recorded which has been done. So we believe it is appropriate for Council to release the drainage easement shown on Lot 47.
Release easement as requested on Lot 47, Amberdale Section 3, Part 3.

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

I. Approve Contract with TylerTech – Holt Moore, City Attorney
As I think Council is aware, staff has engaged in an extensive search for a new provider for our comprehensive software, which covers everything from billing, to taxes, to payroll, etc. We have simply been unable to resolve the longstanding problems with our existing provider. The vendor staff is recommending is TylerTech. Those who use the program most extensively are convinced from their research that this will be the best fit for Lumberton. The company has been vetted through a bidding process by Electricities, so a formal bid process is not needed here (though staff has thoroughly considered other vendors). We would request that Council approve the attached contract, delegating to staff the ability to work out any remaining minor details or changes, and also subject to the City being approved for financing which will be needed for the new software. The relevant staff will be available at the meeting for questions.
Approve contract with TylerTech with conditions described above.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

J. Presentation re: Angel Monument - Anne Marie Teague – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Mrs. Marilyn Teague of Lumberton has spent considerable time and effort into the development of a beautiful angel monument in honor of her daughter Anne Marie who was killed in a tragic auto accident. The monument will be in the Teague plot in Meadowbrook Cemetery. Given that it will be larger in scope than the average features in the cemetery staff thought Council would like to hear about it from Mrs. Teague who will be at the

meeting to discuss. The first attachment is a picture of a similar monument, and the second are the most specific plans for this actual monument
This is essentially just an information item.

RESULT:	**NOT APPLICABLE**

K. Approve Use of Eminent Domain – Holt Moore, City Attorney
In the course of working on the Tanglewood Drainage Project, staff has unfortunately reached a stalemate with the owners of 809 W. 23rd Street. A temporary construction easement across this property is necessary for the project to move forward, and staff and the City's consultants have been unable to come to terms with the owner as to this easement. An appraisal is attached, and offers in excess of this appraisal figure have been made and rejected. Structures in the yard will need to be removed and this is part of the conflict and the reason for an unusual high appraisal for a temporary easement. The City has no further options but to file a condemnation action in Court to move forward and staff seeks a resolution to that effect be approved by Council. The property owner will have immediate access to the funds based upon the appraisal which will be deposited once the action is filed in Court. The Court would have to decide whether any further funds are owed to the owners for the easement.
Authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution of condemnation for the temporary easement needed at 809 W. 23rd Street.

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

L. Declare as Surplus - Lot on Larry Street – Holt Moore, City Attorney
The City owns the lot shown on the attached map and picture through tax foreclosure. The picture was taken from Larry Street and the lot is directly behind the white storage building in the picture. The location of the parcel is also shown on the attached maps. The parcel appears to be landlocked in terms of public access and would be of no use except to the owner of the surrounding tract. They have tentatively negotiated a sale price of $5k, which I believe is their top offer. We have $6k invested in the property but currently with the City owning it no taxes are being paid and selling it will get it back on the tax rolls.
Staff recommends declaring the property surplus and allowing staff to hold a sealed bid sale of the property with a $5k minimum bid.
Declare the subject property surplus and allow staff to hold sealed bid sale.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

M. Approval of Change Orders #2 & #3 - West Lumberton Resource Center – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

M & E Construction Inc. has submitted two change orders totaling $17,816.60 for adjustments to the storefront doors, additional telecommunications conduits at our request and the lengthening of a retaining wall, also at the City's request. Funding for these change orders shall be provided by the project contingency which was set by City Council at 5% (~$50,000).

Staff recommends that City Council approve change order #2 in the amount of $7,290.04 and change order #3 in the amount of $10,526.56 for the West Lumberton Resource Center project.

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

N. Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Blade, Columbus & Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

In order to maintain eligibility for FEMA funding in the event of a disaster, counties and municipalities are required to adopt a hazard mitigation plan and then update this plan every five years. Lumberton has been a part of the Robeson County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the past five years. However, the NC Department of Emergency Management has now encouraged regionalization of hazard mitigation plans. Thus, Bladen, Columbus and Robeson Counties have agreed to combine their plans into one regional document. Lumberton will now be a part of this regional hazard mitigation plan. The current document has been adopted by Robeson County and approved by NC Emergency Management. Before it may be sent to FEMA for final approval, all included municipalities must also adopt the plan as well. The Bladen, Columbus and Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is approximately 940 pages long, with references to Lumberton scattered throughout. For this reason, a copy is not attached in MinuteTraq but is available for viewing at City Hall.

Staff's recommendation is that City Council adopt the Bladen, Columbus and Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan by approving the attached resolution of support.

Councilman Cantey asked the Deputy City Manager when the major funding come down does the majority come to the County they disperse? Deputy City Manager Love stated yes in order to be eligible.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas

O. Main Street Advisory Board Presentation – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
Back in October 2019; City Council appointed the Main Street Advisory Board to serve as an advisory committee to City Council for the purposes of facilitating the implementation of the Comprehensive Downtown Master Plan and the 4-point Main Street approach.
The Main Street Advisory Board would like to present Council with a brief overview of its vision for downtown that will maintain the historic architecture through means of revitalization while increasing economic growth and stability.

Deputy City Manager Love Introduced the President of the Main Street Advisory Board; M Deputy City Manager introduced the Main Street Advisory Board President to City Council and stated that they would like to present Council with an overview of its vision for downtown.

Please see the attached presentation for all comments that were made. Mayor Davis thanked the Board for their work.

Main Street Lumberton's mission is to serve its citizens and businesses through the efforts of a dedicated Downtown Revitalization Organization that

- Nurtures partnerships
- Advocates for preservation
- Energizes investors to strengthen Downtown Lumberton

Downtown is the historic centerpiece of the Lumberton community, serving as a focal point for cultural arts, entertainment, tourism, finance, retail and governmental operations in the City. The Main Street vision is to maintain and protect the historic architectural character and appearance of downtown with strategic investments in public infrastructure to support private investment in partnership with the City of Lumberton's ongoing downtown revitalization efforts.

Main Street Lumberton strives to do this through the following Committee structure and volunteers:

- **Advisory** – Dencie Lambdin, Chair; Rhonda Williamson, Scott Bigelow, Janell Carroll, Richard Sceiford, Sharon Smith, Chris Howard, Council Liaison, Connie Russ-Wallwork, City Staff

- **Promotion** – Cheryl Page, Chair; Maureen Metzger, Kat Littleturtle, Tim Little, Angela Sumner

- **Design** – Chris Locklear, Chair; Joy McGugan, Rob Redfearn, Brandon Love, Rob Armstrong, Ben Andrews, City Staff

- **Economic Vitality** – David Zeitz, Chair; Don Metzger, Sr., Do Metzger, Jr., Wanda Sayer, Steve Branch, Dick Page

RESULT:	**NOT APPLICABLE**

P. Approve the designation $250.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Carolina Pines for Pine Straw for Pinedale Blvd – Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Rising requests $250.00 of Community Revitalization Funds for beautification/pine straw used on the North end of the median of Pinedale Blvd**.**
Recommend that Council designate $250.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Carolina Pines for beautiful/pine straw used on North end of the median of Pinedale Blvd in care of Ms. Lynda Nealy.

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

Q. 3086 : Approve the designation of $1,250.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Southern Sapphires Dance Company in Precinct 1 – Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Rising requests $200.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to Southern Sapphires Dance Company for support as they compete across NC against other dance companies.
Designate $200.00 of CRF to the Southern Sapphires Dance Company.

A total of $1,250 is given to the Souther Sapphires Dance Company as follows:

P1 - $200.00
P2 - $100.00
P3 - $150.00
P4 - $200.00
P5 - $100.00
P6 - $100.00
P7 - $100.00
P8 - $200.00
Mayor - $100

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

R. Approve the designation of $450.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Oakridge Homeowners' Association for the Fall Festival – Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Rising is requesting $450.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to be given to the Oakridge Homeowners’ Association for its Fall Festival.
Designate $450.00 to Oakridge Homeowners' Association for its Fall Festival.

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

S. 3102 : Approve the Designation of $1,400.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to U.N.I.T.E. Education Foundation, Inc., for Virtual Learning Kits – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas requests $500 of CRF to be given to the U.N.I.T.E. Education Foundation, Inc., for the purchase of Virtual Learning kits.
Designate $500.00 of CRF in Precinct 8 to U.N.I.T.E. Education Foundation, Inc., for Virtual Learning Kits.

A total of $1,400 of CRF is approved for U.N.I.T.E. Education Foundation, Inc. as follows:

P1 - $200.00
P2 - $100.00
P3 - $200.00
P4 - $200.00
P7 - $200.00
P8 - $500.00

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

T. Unsafe Structure at 3608 Kahn Drive – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director
The structure located at 3608 Kahn Drive was inspected by our department and was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent . A hearing was held on June 15, 2020, which the owners were present at the hearing. An order to demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owners had to comply expired on August 15, 2020.
Staff recommends the City Council direct the building inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 3608 Kahn Drive.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

U. Adopt a Resolution to Apply for a AIA grant for water system mapping – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director
Public Works is requesting Council to adopt the attached resolution to apply for a $150,000 Asset Inventory Assessment grant to start mapping the City's water system. We did this over several phases for the sewer system a few years ago. The City's match is $7,500 which

would be funded thru the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.
Public Works is requesting Council to adopt the attached resolution to apply for a $150,000 Asset Inventory Assessment grant to start mapping the City's water system.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
SECONDER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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