



CITY OF LUMBERTON
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Regular Meeting

Third Floor Conference Room

11:00 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce W. Davis	Mayor	Present	
Leroy Rising	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Precinct 5	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Brandon Love	Deputy City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Aug 11, 2021 11:00 AM –

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

B. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 10, 2021 11:00 AM –

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

C. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 7, 2021 11:00 AM –

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

A. *Annette Wallwork*

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

August 2021 Planning Board Minutes - For Council Information – Brian Nolley, Deputy Planning Director

The Planning Board met on August 24, 2021 and held a public meeting for the following:

- Guillermo Baily Bail: Request a rezoning of parcel #101201021 from R-20 to R-6.
- Downtown Design Overlay District (DDO).
- Approval of I74/I95 Industrial Park Overlay District Ordinance.
- Application of Industrial Park Overlay District Ordinance.
- Proposed Rezoning of Portion of Industrial Park to M2.
- Special Use Permit Application – Industrial Park subdivision.
- Special Use Permit Request – Robeson County Community Art Guild, Inc.

RESULT:	NOT APPLICABLE
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A. Public Hearing CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program – Brian Nolley, Deputy Planning Director

The City has been notified by the NC Department of Commerce Rural Development Division of the availability of up to \$750,000 in CDBG funds for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The Neighborhood Revitalization category is designed to provide grants to local governments for housing, housing related activities, and public facilities that support activities for low and moderate income persons.

This public hearing is the first of two required public hearings which is conducted during the planning stage of the CDBG application for Neighborhood Revitalization funds. This public hearing serves to gather input from citizens on Lumberton's use of CDBG funds. The 2nd required public hearing will be held in October and the application for the program will be due to NC Dept. of Commerce RDD on October 14th, 2021

We recommend holding today's public hearing as part of the application process.

Mayor Davis opened a public hearing for the purpose of gathering input from citizens on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Lumberton's use of Community Development Block Grant funds. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh showed that the Affidavit of Publication was advertised in the Robesonian.

No one appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

The next public hearing date is set for October 6, 2021.

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

B. Guillermo Baily Bail rezoning property located off Baxter Rd. parcel #101201021 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Guillermo Baily Bail is requesting a rezoning for property located off Baxter Rd being parcel #101201021. This request is to allow the applicant to place a manufactured home on the land as a residence. This property is currently zoned R-20 (residential single-family) and the applicant is requesting to rezone the property to R-6 (residential class A manufactured home).

The Planning Board held the public meeting on August 24, 2021 and unanimously, recommends City Council approve the Rezoning request.

The Planning Board asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the rezoning request.

Mayor Davis opened a public hearing to consider rezoning property located off Baxter Road. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh showed that the Affidavit of Publication was advertised in the Robesonian.

No one appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

C. The Robeson County Community Art Guild Special Use Permit - 109 W. 9th St. – Brian Nolley, Deputy Planning Director

The Robeson County Community Art Guild is requesting a special use permit to open and operate an art guild. The property is located at 109 W. 9th St. Deed book 2295, pg. 25-26. Parcel number 323202020. This request is to allow for the operation of an art guild that will hold meetings and classes, lunch and learn sessions, art exhibitions, special events for the community and house a gift shop. This property is currently zoned B3 (office/residential) and to operate an art gallery and related uses, a special use permit is required.

The Planning Board asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the Special Use Permit request with the following conditions:

- 1) The hours of operation are from 8:00 am – 11:00 pm Monday thru Sunday.
- 2) The Art Guild will utilize its agreement with the county to use the adjacent farmer's market parking lot for parking.

Mayor Davis opened the hearing seeking the issuance of a Special Use Permit to open and operate an art guild. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

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Ms. Nila Chamberlain, Mr. Jim Tripp and Mr. Richard Monroe appeared on behalf of the Art Guild.

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

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

D. Petition for Annexation of Several Parcels Within I95 / I74 Industrial Park – Holt Moore, City Attorney

The entire I95 / I74 Industrial Park is currently outside the City limits, with the exception of the parcel with our electrical substation on it, and a section of Emery Road which connects the eastern entrance of the Park to that parcel. Staff is bringing a number of other parcels to you which are ready to be annexed into the City. Three of these are City-owned, and two are privately owned (though we have those two under option). The petition has a map of each tract for which there is a petition to be annexed, and the legal description. At the very back of the packet is a map of all of the property to be annexed. Verified surveys will be tendered before the annexation is sent to the State.

That the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the Petition and that Council hold the public hearing to consider annexing of said parcels.

City Attorney Moore stated that all public hearings specifically items IV. C thru Item IV. H., we would like to have continued until the next City Council meeting. He stated that items IV. I. Project Mt. St. Helen and IV> J. Development Agreement that we would go ahead and hold the public hearings. City Council continued the public hearing until October 6, 2021.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4	
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

E. Proposed Rezoning of Portion of Industrial Park to M2 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Please find herewith an application by staff to rezone a portion of the I95 / I74 Industrial Park to M2, along with a memorandum and a map of the proposed area to be rezoned, and other supplementary materials.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on August 24, 2021 and unanimously, recommends City Council approve the request.

The Planning Board asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the request.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4	
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

- F. Approval of I74 / I95 Industrial Park Overlay District Ordinance – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Please find attached the proposed I74 / I95 Industrial Park Overlay District Ordinance, and a memorandum describing said ordinance.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on August 24, 2021 and unanimously, recommends City Council approve the request.

The Planning Board asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the request.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4	
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

- G. Application of Industrial Park Overlay Ordinance to Portion of Park – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Assuming the Council approves and enacts the I95 / I74 Industrial Park Overlay District Ordinance, the second step, which can be taken later in the same meeting, is to apply that ordinance to the desired section of the park (that which has been annexed into the City). The map showing the portions of the park to which the Overlay is to be applied is attached to this item.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on August 24, 2021 and unanimously recommends City Council approve the request.

The Planning Board asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the request.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4	
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

- H. Special Use Permit Application - Industrial Park subdivision, infrastructure – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The City Code requires a special use permit application for any major subdivision. The creation of a new road system within the I95 / I74 Industrial Park, and the combining of parcels and dividing of others on the Elkay site triggers this requirement for the Park. The

permit is also required for the planned installation of infrastructure to and within the Park. Staff is therefore making this application in order that the Park can move forward. The application and related materials is attached.

The Planning Board held the public meeting on August 24, 2021 and unanimously, recommends City Council approve the request.
The Planning Board asks City Council to hold today's public hearing and approve the request.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 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	

- I. Incentives for Project Mt. St. Helen. – Wayne Horne, City Manager
City Staff is working with Robeson County Economic Development office to help locate Project Mt. St. Helen Distribution Center to the Lumberton/Robeson County I-95/I-74 Distribution Park.

This project with Council approval qualifies for incentives under Lumberton Economic Development Policy.

The project parameters include; 1) Investment in real property of \$28,250,000 by the investor 2) Investment of \$5,500,000 in personal property (machinery and equipment) 3) This project will create 20 new jobs and retain 26 existing jobs.

That City Council hold the public hearing and consider approving the schedule of incentives for the Mt. St. Helen Project.

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

- J. PH - Development Agreement & Restrictive Covenants – Holt Moore, City Attorney
City Staff is working with Robeson County Economic Development office to help locate Project Mt. St. Helen Distribution Center to the Lumberton/Robeson County I-95/I-74 Distribution Park.

Attached is the proposed Development Agreement between SFG Lumberton NC LLC (SFG) to and the City of Lumberton. The development agreement would (1) subject properties with the following Robeson County Parcel I.D.'s and street addresses to the development agreement; 02070201701, 020702017, 020702018 and 020702016 and (2) the development uses proposed by the development agreement on these properties are the uses permitted by the City's Manufacturing 2 Zoning District, the City's I-95/I-74 Industrial Park Overlay

District, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions imposed by the City within the I-95/I-74 Industrial Park and more specifically a distribution center.

The proposed development agreement and Covenant, Conditions and Restrictions are attached for your review.

That City Council hold the public hearing and consider approving the Development Agreement with SFG.

Mayor Davis opened the hearing to consider the adoption of a Development Agreement between SFG Lumberton NC LLC and the City of Lumberton. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh presented the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

No one appeared to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Jordan Bowley annexation request for property located at 102 Arbor Lane – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

Analysis: The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for annexation from Jordan Bowley, requesting a contiguous annexation of property located at 102 Arbor Lane (Parcel #100205052/ Deed Book: 2280 Page: 613). The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton R-20 (Residential single family) therefore a rezoning is not required.

On September 8, 2021, the City Clerk certified the sufficiency of the petition and City Council set the date of the public hearing.

Recommend that City Council hold today's public hearing and approve the annexation request.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 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	

- B. Final plat Approval for Amberdale Subdivision lots 47-52 & 59-61 – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

B.G. French requests approval of the final major subdivision plat for Amberdale Subdivision lots 47-52 & 59-61. All of the infrastructure improvements have been completed, so no security bond is required.

Staff recommends that Council approve the attached subdivision plat and authorize the City

Manager to sign and record the attached plat.

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

C. Approval of Airport Grant Local Match Funding - Runway 23 – Gary Lewis, Airport Manager

This is a request from the Airport for approval of the Grant funding for the Partial Parallel Taxiway and Turnaround Runway 23 Construction Project. The State will provide \$4,501,745 (90%) of the total costs of \$5,002,045. The City and County will contribute \$250,150 each (5% each) totaling \$500,300 (10% total). These funds need to be budgeted for to cover local match of the Grant. See attachment for cost breakdown and layout.

Approve airport agreement and attached budget amendment.

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

D. Water Plant High Service Pump Valve #5 – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Over the past 4 years Public Works has been working towards updating and upgrading the High Service pumps and valves that supply system pressure to the water distribution system for the City. One of the remaining items on this list is to replace the flow control valve on Pump #5 from a Willamette valve to a Cla-val. The older Willamette valves are no longer being manufactured and parts are no longer available for them.

Public Works budgeted \$60,000.00 for this project in the capital improvements for the current budget year.

Public Works has been working Charles R. Underwood, Inc. (CRU) in this replacement project thus far and they are the sole source supplier for the Cla-Val valves. This project has been quoted by CRU for \$64,306.75

Public Works recommends council approve the quote from CRU in the amount of \$64,306.75 with the funds coming from the capital codes of 60-00-8220-5960 (\$60,000.00) and 60-00-8220-5960 (\$4,306.75) from the Pulsator Blowers Project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

E. Water Plant East Filter Media Replacement – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

The City of Lumberton Water Treatment Plant has 2 sets of filter quads, East and West. The plant has been operating on the West side only since late 2016. The East filters have been down since then due to issues with operation quality from worn out filter media. Earlier this year Public Works had the existing filter media removed from this set of filters in order to evaluate the condition of the filters and make repairs as needed. We are now prepared to move forward with the filter media replacement, a job that requires specialized equipment and procedures to be followed using AWWA standards.

Public Works has reached out to Kemp Inc. of Sherrills Ford, NC for this task. This has been quoted as a turn key installation with filter media provided by the contractor for a total price of \$223,950.00. Kemp Inc. specializes in this line of work and has recently provided the same services to Robeson County for its filters.

Public Works recommends council approve Kemp Inc, of Sherrills Ford, NC for the job of re-installing the East filter media at the WTP in the amount of \$223,950.00. With funds coming from the capital codes of 60-00-8220-5960 (\$200,000.00 East Filter Media), 60-00-8220-5960 (\$19,000.00 Pulsator Blowers), and 60-00-8329-5560 (\$4,950.00 Incubator).

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

F. Floodgate Environmental Agreement with Timmons Group – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

In August, City Council selected the Timmons Group based on their qualifications to conduct the required Environmental Assessment for the Floodgate Project. The Timmons Group has submitted the attached Cost Proposal and Letter of Agreement. Their fee for the Assessment will be \$19,900.

Public Works is requesting Council approval of the Agreement with the Timmons Group for \$19,900 to conduct the Floodgate Environmental Assessment which will be reimbursed by funds from NCORR.

Finance is requesting Council approval of increasing budget account numbers 60-00-3830-3660 and 60-00-8331-5861 by \$19,900.

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

G. 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:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

- H. Approve the designation of \$850.00 of CRF for a Community Event (Octoberfest) in Precinct 2 – Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2
Councilwoman Robinson requests \$850 of CRF for a community event (Octoberfest) in Precinct 2.
Approve \$850 of CRF in Precinct 2.

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

- I. Easement Relating to Bridge Near Southeastern Fitness Center – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Mr. N. A. Martin is the co-owner of a piece of property that abuts the UNC Health Southeastern Fitness Center property. There is a bridge at the southeastern corner of the property, and Mr. Martin would like to provide an easement for pedestrian and golf cart use over a portion of his property to the bridge, and also to have a light installed for security. The City has been involved in the construction and/or maintenance of this bridge due to its use by citizens.
Allow staff to work out the details of an easement over the above-described property to the bridge in question, and to provide a security light at the bridge.

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

- J. Re-naming Parkview Activity Center after the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd – Chris Howard, Precinct 6
Councilmen Howard & Cantey are asking that Council consider re-naming the Parkview Activity Center in South Lumberton after the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd who was the Pastor of Sandy Grove Baptist Church for many years. As we all know, Rev. Byrd made a great impact in the South Lumberton Community as he served Sandy Grove and the citizens of this community for 18 years. Perhaps it could read as so:

T. Shedrick Byrd Center
Pastor, Sandy Grove Baptist Church

Adopt a Resolution re-naming the Parkview Activity Center in honor of the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Melissa Robinson, Precinct 2	
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

- K. Re-naming Inman Street to Shedrick Drive after the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd – Chris Howard, Precinct 6

Councilmen Howard & Cantey are asking that Council consider re-naming Inman Street located directly off of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive down to Lee Circle in honor of the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd to Shedrick Drive. If Council approve the re-naming of Parkview Activity Center in South Lumberton after the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd, it would be fitting to rename the street Shedrick Drive.

Adopt a Ordinance re-naming Inman Street down to Lee Circle in honor of the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd to Shedrick Drive.

Bring back to Council for cost.

RESULT:	TABLED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 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	

- L. Approve the designation of \$250 of CRF to Robeson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers – Holt Moore, City Attorney

Councilman Thomas requests to designate \$250 of CRF to the Robeson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers for a Medicine Wheel Garden on the Lumberton Agricultural Fair Grounds. The garden will be modeled after Native American Medicine Wheel Gardens to include 4 quadrants each with specific herb plantings that have been used for medicinal purposes for centuries. They will have a sign that includes a QR code allowing visitors to discover what is planted and how these herbs can be used. They would like to have a concrete intersecting path through the center of the garden which will cost \$2500.

Mr. Lutz, President of the RC Extension is asking each of the City Council members as well as the County Commissioners to please donate to the Robeson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from their discretionary fund to help us defray the cost of the concrete work. They will have a banner listing all of our sponsors in the vicinity of this project and would very much like to add your name

Approve the designation of \$250 to the Robeson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers as stated above.

P1 - \$150 P2 - \$150 P3 - \$150 P4 - \$150 P7 - \$150 P8 - 250 & Mayor's Discretionary Fund - \$250 for a total of \$1,250.00.

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

M. Renaming of Parkview Activity Center & Renaming of Inman Street – Wayne Horne, City Manager

The City Council received a request for renaming of Inman Street, Parkview Activity Center for the Late Reverend T. Shedrick Byrd and the South Lumberton Resource Center for the Late Councilman Dr. Robert Len Jones from Councilman Chris Howard, Precinct 6. City Council referred the request to Staff to allow time for property owners to be notified and for input from the Recreation Commission.

The following information is provided for Council's consideration:

1. Map of Inman Street with residents and property owners.
2. Notification letter to property owners.
3. Recreation Commission letter
4. Parkview Lease Agreement
5. Letters from French Family
6. Information letter renaming street from Emergency Services.

Recommend that Council review the information that is provided and instruct Staff on how to proceed.

RESULT:	REFERRED [8 TO 0]	Next: 10/6/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7	
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Precinct 5	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

N. PER for Water Treatment Plant Lagoon Improvements – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

The City has received a 519,750 low interest loan from the North Carolina Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program to remove the sludge for the water plant backwash lagoon and to make improvements to the lagoon. The improvements will allow us to more efficiently manage the sludge in the future. Our first design milestone, a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) must be submitted SRF by November 2021. Because of the quick deadline, we are proposing to use The Wooten Company to put together the PER because they gathered much of the required information for the SRF loan application. In lieu of issuing an RFQ for this service, we are proposing to contract directly with the Wooten Company for \$15,000 to produce the required PER.

Public Works is requesting Council approval of the attached professional services agreement with the Wooten Company for \$15,000 to be paid for using North Carolina Drinking Water State Revolving Loan funds to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report for the 2021 Water Treatment Plant Sludge Removal and Lagoon Modification Project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

O. Award Contract for ADA Transition Plan – Holt Moore, City Attorney

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and American with Disabilities Act of 1990 require a self-evaluation by all local governments of all of their rights-of-way and public facilities to ensure compliance with the ADA. The task of ensuring compliance by local governments has been delegated to NCDOT, and they have been working with the City towards our development of an ADA Transition Plan. We have advertised for bids from contractors in this field, and have received two bids. We will have an evaluation matrix and a recommended selection ready for your meeting on September 8, 2021. The funds for the development of the Plan are in the current budget.

Review recommendation of staff and award contract for ADA Transition Plan development.

City Attorney Moore stated that the lowest bid received is in the amount of \$75,650 and we are asking Council to accept the bid amount.

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

P. Authorize Staff to Procure for Engineering Services for the Industrial Park Elevated Water Tank – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

In an effort to move forward expeditiously with the industrial park infrastructure improvements, staff is requesting City Council authorization to procure for engineering services related to the design of the 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank. The anticipated delivery of this unit is expected to take from 8-10 months, therefore moving forward with the design is pertinent at this time. The estimated cost of the water tank is in the neighborhood of \$2.5 million, with a majority of the funding being supplied by the RIA grant.

City Council to authorize the procurement of engineering services for the elevated water tank for the industrial park. The anticipated contract amount should be in the range of 8-10% of the final construction cost and will be paid for by American Rescue Plan funds.

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

Q. Approval of Incentives for Vaccinations – Wayne Horne, City Manager

Staff previously discussed with Council at the August meeting, the concerns of employees not taking the vaccine for COVID-19; Staff prepared for Council consideration the following options as incentives for getting the vaccine. The options being presented at this time are:

- 1) \$200 Bonus
- 2) \$100 Bonus
- 3) \$100 Bonus and a day off; or
- 4) A day off

That Council consider the options and direct Staff on how to proceed.

City Manager Horne stated that there is roughly 40% of the employees vaccinated. We have several different incentives presented and we are asking Council to consider the options and

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

City Manager Horne stated that we have the matter of redistricting and we used the Lumber River Council of Governments to handle this the last time. With the relationship that we presently have with LRCOG and the City would receive a substantial discount if we use COG to handle. Staff would recommend that we take the advantage and hire LRCOG to perform the City's like to know the consensus of Council as to who you would like to handle this matter. The agreement would be at a cost of approximately \$6,000.

The consensus of Council is to remain with LRCOG.

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