CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Regular Meeting **Council Chambers** **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	Precinct 1	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

B. Invocation –

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: NO ONE APPEARED TO SPEAK.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. General

1. BakPak Pals - Ms. Dencie Lambdin - Forwarded from the September 4th, 2019, City Council Meeting for Consideration. –

Ms. Dencie Lambdin addressed Council concerning BakPak Pals Program and its source of funding. She stated that monies for this program come from the communities in which the school serves. She stated that information has been given to you with a list of the schools that we serve and as a reminder you have boys and girls out of your community who reaps from this program. CIS raises that money not just from Lumberton Bring to the October 9th, Council Policy Committee meeting.

She stated that even though we going through a consolidation; there is still the need. She stated that she decided to come to Council collectively because we believe that your collective support should be a significant one. She stated that she is not sure how to ask for discretionary funds individually; however, if this is something that you do not want to entertain in open session and I open to your consideration in a Council Policy Committee meeting.

Councilman Rising made a motion, seconded by Councilman Thomas, referring this to the October 4, 2019, Council Policy Committee meeting.

RESULT:	**ANNOUNCED**

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Bharat Kumar L. Patel Rezoning petition for property located on Farmbrook Drive and Hatfield Court – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Bharat Kumar L. Patel has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located on Farmbrook Drive and Hatfield Court (parcel #'s 1003-04-021 and 1003-04-02802/Deed Book 1670 Page 23 and Deed Book 2180 Page 747). This request is to allow for the construction of a four story hotel at this location. This property is zoned B-4 (business general commercial) and this request is to rezone the parcels to B-5, highway services which allows a maximum building height of 60 feet.

This property is located within Area 12 and its recommended future use is high intensity, as identified in our Land Use Plan. Furthermore, this property is located within Council Precinct #1.

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

August 20, 2019 the Planning Board held the public meeting and recommended that City Council deny the rezoning request by a vote of 8-1.

A brief summary of the Planning Board presentations:
Those in opposition to the request were residential property owners primarily on Barker Ten Mile Road, and business owners in the business park surrounding the parcel. They expressed concerns regarding increased drainage they believed the proposed hotel would create. Staff explained that current regulations require that any project retain any increase in stormwater runoff. One person stated that the B5 had already been extended further away from the interstate than was originally intended.

The applicant responded that they are only seeking to go from the 3 floors which would currently be allowed to 4 floors; and that the 4-floor model is generally more upscale. They have obtained a second parcel in the rear to address parking. They stated that have held the front parcel for quite a few years and in that time there has been very little professional/office construction there (so it is not developing as a business park in recent times).

On August 21, 2019 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 21, 2019 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 April 29, 2016.

On August 21, 2019 a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on August 23, 2019 and August 30, 2019

Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and make a decision regarding the rezoning request.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider rezoning property located on Farmbrook Drive and Hatfield Court from B-4, Business General Commercial to B-5, Highway Services to allow for the construction of a four story hotel and allows a maximum building height of 60 feet. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

Mr. Patel passed out a picture of what the hotel would look like and expressed how being located near I-95 Interstate how this project would bring jobs and revenue to the City. Currently, Hampton Inn and Holiday Express are the two latest hotels to be built; however, the City of Lumberton is being out paced with hotels. We want to bring a 4-story, extended stay hotel with a large conference room here.

He stated that at the Planning Board two issues of concern were mention, traffic and flooding. When traffic comes off I-95 and you take that right, we have owned that property for 11 years and we recently acquired the Hatfield property for parking. He stated that the land does not need to be runoff that it is good and have been great during Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. He stated that Anderson Engineering has been hired to do the site plans for stormwater and elevation.

Councilman Rising asked if they would consider just using the first parcel. Mr. Patel stated that yes; it is an option if this action is turned down but we would have to cutout 20 feet or so.

Several people spoke in opposition to the rezoning: Steve Branch who owns the building located at 300 Corporate Drive stated that this hotel would be 400 ft. from residential property and 600 ft. from 302 Barker Ten Mile Road which is his residence. He spoke about the big trucks that already park over there and they don't want to see a hotel from his residence. He stated that Dr. Allen was concerned also because his property is there but he is in the hospital. He stated that this hotel would reduce property value.

Martin Givens, Flo-Tite Valve and Controls, expressed concerns about standing water when there is heavy rain that will cause block drainage. We are against the standing water…Patel organization looks like they will be ok. All water runoff is maintained on site.

Councilman Cantey stated that it sounds as if you have no objections to the hotel just reassurance that the flooding issues are addressed.

Councilman Howard stated that Hurricane Matthew forced us to look at our flooding conditions.

Rene Britt, spoke on behalf of Dr. Allen and passed out photos of the previous flooding conditions. On Dr. Allen's behalf; she voiced concerns about flooding and the big trucks and how this blocks the patience's and private school parking on the Hatfield property. She stated that from Hurricane Florence our concern will be if there will be a buffer. She also stated that Dr. Allen is against the hotel being built on this property.

Preston Britt, 204 Barker Ten Mile Road, is located 400 ft. East of this property. He voiced concerns about traffic congestion and lights. He stated that this block previously was developed as a Commercial Park, Farmbrook and Hatfield is not part of the highway corridor so therefore it does not fall under highway services.

RESULT:	**REFERRED [8 TO 0]**	**Next: 10/14/2019 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1	
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Mayor Pro Tem	
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas	
ABSTAIN:	Davis	

B. Russell Kinlaw, Ernest R. Britt, Sr., and Thomas Ray Lee annexation request for property located at 1390 Linkhaw Road – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The Planning & Neighborhood Services Department received an application for a contiguous annexation from Russell Kinlaw, Ernest R. Britt, Sr., and Thomas Ray Lee requesting a contiguous annexation of property located at 1390 Linkhaw Road (parcel #1009-01-00505A/deed Book 2178 Page 751).
The property is currently zoned City of Lumberton B-4 (Business general commercial) therefore a rezoning is not required.
On August 12, 2019 the Planning Department sent out letters to the adjacent property owners within 150 feet of the petitioned property, notifying them of the annexation request.
On August 12, 2019 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 23, 2019.
On August 12, 2019a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on August 23, 2019 and August 30, 2019
Recommend that City Council hold the public hearing and approve the annexation request.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing to consider a request for contiguous annexation for property located 1309 Linkhaw Road. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Robesonian.

Mr. Ernest Britt, member of the Church, addressed Council and stated that every person that he has worked with has been very professional. He thanked the City for all their help.

No one else appeared and the hearing was closed.

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

V. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Unsafe structure located at 505 S MLK Jr. Drive – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director
The structure located at 505 S. MLK Jr. Drive was inspected by our department an was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on April 24, 2019 in which the owner was not present for the hearing. An order to repair or demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owner had to comply expired on July 1, 2019.
Staff recommends that City Council direct the building inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 505 S. MLK Jr. Drive.

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

B. Unsafe structure located at1903 Lambeth Street – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director

The structure located at 1903 Lambeth Street was inspected by our department an was determined to be unsafe. A notice of Condemnation and Hearing was sent. A hearing was held on June 11, 2019 in which the owner was present for the hearing. An order to repair or demolish the structure was issued. The time in which the owner had to comply expired on August 16, 2019.

Staff recommends that City Council direct the building inspector to demolish and remove the unsafe structure located at 1903 Lambeth Street.

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

C. Engineering Contract for the Rempac Berm Project – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

During the August Meeting, Council selected Catlin Engineers and Scientists of Wilmington to perform the design of the Rempac Berm project. Catlin has presented us with the attached engineering contract for $174,435 which will be paid for by the CDBG funds awarded for the project.

Public Works is requesting Council approval to award Catlin Engineers and Scientists the Rempac Berm design service contract for $174,435.

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

D. Final Change Order for 6" Water Main River Crossing – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

The new 6” Water Main bored across the river is complete. This new water line, funded by FEMA, replaced a water main damaged during in Hurricane Matthew. Attached is a final close out change order from Axel McPherson Construction, Inc. deducting $8,000 from the final contract. The change order removes anticipated work that did not need to be done at the end of the contract. The final construction contract is $93,809, which is reimbursed by FEMA.

Public Works is requesting approval of Change Order 2 from Axel McPherson Construction Inc. deducting $8,000 from the 6” water main river crossing for a final contract price of $93,809 which is reimbursed by FEMA.

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

E. Tanglewood Drainage Project Phase 1 Request to Withdraw Bid – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

On July 25th the city received bids for the construction of Phase 1 of the Tanglewood Drainage Project. At that time, the apparent low bidder was Metcon Construction with a bid of $2,126,144, which was within our budget. After the bid opening, Metcon realized they made a significant error in their bid, as summarized in the attached letter. They have asked to withdraw their bid under the provisions of General Statute 143.129.1. Public Works feels they have provided sufficient documentation and recommends Metcon be allowed to withdraw their bid without forfeiture of their bid bond. At this time we are not asking Council to award the project to the next lowest bidder. We would like to hold the bids for the remainder of the 90 day holding period while we revisit funding opportunities for the project. Public Works is requesting Council approval to allow Metcon to withdraw their bid for the Tanglewood Drainage Project Phase 1 without forfeiture of their bid bond in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143.129.1

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

F. Concrete Crushing at the Saddletree Landfill – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

Public Works has $50,000 in our capital budget to crush concrete debris stored at the Saddletree LCID landfill. Once the concrete is crushed, we use this material in our daily operations instead of purchasing crushed granite from the quarry in Rockingham. We received one bid. Pelton Aggregates Inc submitted a price of $8.50 per ton plus a $3500 mobilization fee to perform this work. We estimate we have 5000 tons of concrete to crush with a final total price to be $46,000.

Public Works is requesting Council Approval to award Pelton Aggregates Inc the concrete crushing contract for $46,000. $23,000 will be paid for from the Water and Sewer Capital Fund and $23,000 from the Street Department Capital Fund.

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

G. Engineering Contract Amendment for 2016 SRF Sewer Rehab Project – Rob Armstrong, Public Works Director

We are in the process of closing out the 2016 SRF funded Sewer Rehab Project which included the Lambeth Street area, Lackey Street and the Ramada Inn Force Main Replacement. Our original contract with the Wooten Company for Construction Administration and Construction was for a 150 day period. Due changes in pipe conditions and weather related delays, the construction time period stretched over 300 days. The Wooten Company is requesting a contract amendment of $18,750 to cover the additional construction administration and construction observation bringing the final contract amount to $93,750. This fee will be covered under the NC Clean Water SRF grant.
Public Works is requesting Council approval of a contract amendment on the 2016 Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Project with the Wooten Company for $18,750 to cover the additional construction administration and construction observation bringing the final contract amount to $93,750. This fee will be covered under the NC Clean Water SRF grant.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John R. Carroll, Precinct 3
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

H. Pizza 22, LLC d/b/a Your Pie Conditional Use Permit petition for property located at 5103 Fayetteville Road Suite A – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
Pizza 22, LLC d/b/a Your Pie Conditional Use Permit petition for property located at 5103 Fayetteville Road Suite A (parcel # 10030102602A/Deed Book 1935 Page 0102).

Pramit V. Patel, managing member of Pizza 22, LLC has submitted a Conditional Use Permit petition for property located at 5103 Fayetteville Road Suite A (parcel # 10030102602A/Deed Book 1935 Page 0102). This request is to allow for the operation of a Restaurant with carry-out/delivery/outdoor dining; with drive-in service; with hours of operation which include the hours of eleven-o'clock pm thru six-o'clock am (Table of Permissible Uses number 8.450) which requires a conditional use permit in the B-5 zoning district.

This property is located within Area 1 and its recommended future use is high intensity, as identified in our Land Use Plan. Furthermore, this property is located within Council Precinct #1.
CPC to review the request, refer the petition to Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

I. Approval of the updated floodplain development ordinance – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a voluntary program, however, it is required that the City updates the floodplain management regulations and maps to continue to obtain assistance from the program. We need Councils approval to begin the process for adopting the updated ordinance.
We ask that you review the proposed ordinance, refer the petition to the September 17, 2019 Planning Board for their review, and authorize the Interim Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	John Cantey, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

J. Authorize the creation of a Mill Street redevelopment district and overlay plan. – ArTriel Kirchner, Planning Director
The planning department, in coordination with the manager's office, is proposing the creation of a Mill Street redevelopment district and overlay plan to assist with the creation of new residential homes and the redevelopment of existing homes.

The objective of the proposed Mill Street redevelopment district and overlay plan is to create an environment conducive to the development and improvement of residential structures within a defined area of East Lumberton. It is intended that these actions will be implemented over time and be coordinated with the needs of existing residents so that undue hardship or displacement is minimized. To the extent certain existing uses of property, if deemed non-compliant with the proposed ordinance, will continue to exist until such time the City undertakes redevelopment activities with respect to said properties. Among the purposes of the ordinance is to ensure the new construction is as consistent with the existing historic appearance and architecture as possible, including but not limited to setbacks.

Also, this ordinance will allow the City to construct homes, in compliance with the plan, for displaced residents following Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, who have received or will receive HMGP buyouts.

Council approved moving forward with this process.

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

K. 1117 Cherokee Street Appeal – Ben Andrews, Inspections Director
The owner of property located at 1117 Cherokee Street, Willie Thomas Stewart Jr. is appealing the building officials decision that was issued on August 19, 2019, to have the building demolished by September 20, 2019.

Staff recommends the City Council here the appeal and make a recommendation on the property located at 1117 Cherokee Street.

Mr. Willie Steward Jr. stated that he met with Mr. Andrews and he has just purchased this property from his father about 6 or 8 months ago. He stated that he did receive the notice and that he is still working on another property that has hit by the hurricane so this property has been on the back burner. He stated that he plans on demolishing the structure that he just ran out of funds. He stated that he intends on tearing it down and selling the lot with the structure.

He stated that control burn has been discussed with the Chief. All procedures have been followed. So, I would like to get with the Chief and do a control burn on this property. I just more time.

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

L. Donation of Lot on Washington Street – Holt Moore, City Attorney
Mrs. Louise Monroe has contacted the city offering to donate a lot which she owns on Washington Street. The lot is vacant but somewhat wooded. Staff would recommend accepting the lot to provide it to one of the non-profits to construct a home for the displaced. It is large enough for a home with a 1,740 sq ft footprint. If it could be worked out, we would prefer to have the lot deeded directly to the non-profit, but we are seeking Council's approval to take title to it if necessary. The tax value is $7,000. It is in the 100 year flood plain so any home would need to be elevated, such as a home recently constructed on Main Street. Attached are: a picture of the lot coming from MLK Drive, a picture of the lot coming from Kenny Biggs Drive, an aerial showing the allowed building footprint, and a map showing the location on Washington Street.
Accept donation of lot for potential use for needed housing.

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

M. Approval of DFI Development Partner for Linwood-McPhail Senior Housing Development – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
Representatives from the NC School of Government's Development Finance Initiative (DFI) will be available to present the slate of private developers which have responded to their request for proposals for the Linwood-McPhail Senior Housing Complex. DFI will explain the criteria for making a selection for the private developer which will work with the City to complete this much needed senior housing development.
DFI will request that City Council select a private developer with which they may partner to construct the Linwood-McPhail senior housing development.

Sarah Odio, DFI, appeared before Council and stated that the history goal is that we want to build 68 affordable senior housing units and that the DFI has released solicitation for private development partners on behalf of

City and along with staff we have conducted due diligence on responses received. Once we review the responses and City Council selects a developer the next step is an agreement for the conveyance of the land and the developer begins pre-development work.

Ms. Odio stated that there were 21 qualified and experienced developers included in outreach and 5 responses:

- Mc Morgan & Associates
- Pendergraph Companies
- Shelter Investments
- Solstice Partners
- Woda Cooper Companies

She stated that the evaluation criteria consisted off:

- Qualifications and experience with 4% LIHTC and federal funding sources
- Demonstrated ability to execute project of similar scale and complexity
- Positive references
- Ability to meet estimate timeline

She stated that the timeline is aggressive but we have a very component City Attorney and along with a great developer we can meet that timeline. Ms. Odio covered the comparison of the developer responses and some had more experience than other with the 4% LIHTC experience and some with no experience in Lumberton; however, we capable of handling each function.

Deputy City Manager Love stated that Administrative Staff has looked at the matrix that was presented and remind you that DFI has given significant weight to the 4% LIHTC and for that reason we have eliminated MC Morgan, Solstice and Shelter Investments.

He stated that they went back and considered other reasons such as management and we know that management is definitely high on the list. He stated that they went to the Secretary of State website to see how long they have been in business and Woda Cooper was established in 2015 and Pendergraph in 1994 and is a solid company. He stated that we also looked at construction and Woda has its own and Pendergraph uses Caliper Construction with both having unlimited capability of building something of this scale.

Deputy City Manager Love stated for these reasons we have selected Pendergraph Companies as the developer for this project

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Leroy Rising, Precinct 1
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Rising, Robinson, Carroll, Higley, Cantey, Howard, Chavis, Thomas
ABSTAIN:	Davis

N. Approval of Agreement with Duke Energy for Construction of Flood Wall at the Bullard Street Electrical Substation - POD #4 – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager

Following the flooding of the Bullard Street electrical substation during Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, Duke Energy-Progress has reached out to the City of Lumberton regarding a joint flood protection project. Duke Energy is proposing to build a flood protection wall around its adjoining substation and is asking the City to participate by also enclosing POD #4. City staff have been meeting and negotiating with Duke Energy over the past several months to ultimately present a plan to City Council.

Staff recommends that City Council authorize an agreement between the City of Lumberton and Duke Energy-Progress to partner in the construction of a flood protection wall around the Bullard Street Substation (POD #4).

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

O. Extension to Downtown Improvement Plan – Brandon Love, Deputy City Manager
Council at a previous meeting approved a temporary extension to the Downtown Improvement Plan to accommodate two façade improvement grant applications, one from Allan Campbell and one from St. Alban's Masonic Lodge. Both of these properties were adjacent to, but not in, the City's Downtown Improvement Area.
Presently, we have a request from the property owner directly behind St. Alban's Masonic Lodge and we are having conversations with the owner of the Wine Shop concerning façade improvements. Since the intent of the grant program is to improve the appearance of downtown; Staff is asking Council to consider extending the Downtown Improvement Plan area as depicted on the attached map.
That Council discuss extending the Downtown Improvement Area and approve the request; if so desired.

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

P. Discussion of Policy No. 225.00 Health Insurance for Retirees and Elected Officials – Wayne Horne, City Manager
Councilman Cantey would like to discuss the above referenced Policy No. 225.00 Health Insurance for Retirees and Elected Officials.
Consider the recommended changes.

After the City Manager explain that the policy could benefit more than one employee; Councilman Cantey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Howard, adding a tier to the current policy whereby people with 15 years up to 19.9 would receive a benefit adding a 75% tier. It carried unanimously.

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

Q. ADA Self-Assessment & Transition Plan – Wayne Horne, City Manager
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to all City building and facilities, including those constructed before and after 1990. As a necessary step to developing an

ADA program, state and local government, public entities or agencies such as NCDOT are required to conduct self-assessments of their buildings and facilities, pedestrian right-of-ways (sidewalks, curb cuts, and curb ramps), services, policies, and practices in accordance with accessibility requirements of the ADA.

The attached report provided a general guideline of the requirements of the report and the issues that will be addressed.
Staff is requesting City Council approval to move forward with RFQ for engineering services for the development of a ADA Self-Assessment & Transition Plan as required by ADA in 28 C.F.R. Section 35.150.

City Manager Horner stated that it would cost $15K - $20K to bring in a consultant which would be the cost associated with the plan.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [8 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Chris Howard, Precinct 6
SECONDER:	John Cantey, Mayor Pro Tem
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 a Community Event – Leroy Rising, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman Rising requests $450.00 of CRF to be given to the Oakridge Homeowner's Association for a community event.
Designate $450.00 of CRF to the Oakridge Homeowner's Association.

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

S. Approve the designation of $200.00 to Breath of Life International Ministries – John Cantey, Precinct 5
Councilman Cantey would like to designate $200.00 of Community Revitalization Funds to Breath of Life International Ministries for a community program (Music Ministry) on September 15, 2019, at Bill Sapp Recreation Center.
Designate $200.00 of CRF to Breath of Life International Ministries for a Music Ministry program on September 15, 2019.

Designated $850.00 of CRF to Breath of Life International Ministries for a Music Ministry program on September 15, 2019 as follows; P1 - $50.00 P2 - $100.00 P3 - $50.00 P4 - $100.00 P5 - $200.00 P6 - $150.00 P7 - $100.00

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

T. Discussions Concerning the Appearance of 5th Street – Eric Chavis, Precinct 7
Councilman Chavis would like to discuss concerns about the appearance on 5th Street.
<< Recommendation >>

Councilman Chavis wanted to talk about the appearance of West Lumberton concerning old buildings and old cars. Please bring to next CPC.

RESULT:	**NOT APPLICABLE**

U. Approve the designation of $200 of CRF to North Mayfair Association – Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
Councilman Thomas would like to designate $200 of CRF to North Mayfair Association.
Designate $200.00 of CRF to North Mayfair Association.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT