

Kinston City Council



MINUTES September 21, 2021

Minutes

Kinston City Council

City Hall · 207 East King Street

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Work Session at 5:30 pm · Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

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Mayor Don Hardy called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

If a Councilmember wishes to revise the agenda, the Motion to add or delete an item will be entertained prior to Adoption of the Agenda.

Councilmember Hardy made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Aiken, and upon a unanimous vote [5-4], the agenda was adopted.

Ms. Barwick announced that Ms. Solomon will be with us on zoom tonight. Her parents were diagnosed with COVID last week and her father was taken to the hospital today. She wants to be here with us, and as soon as she can get them settled in she should be with us shortly.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Kinston Community Health Center Presentation of the Option for the Shirt Factory Site Sarah Arney

Sarah Arney, Community Development Planner shared that this was a continuation from a previously discussed item regarding the interest of the Kinston Community Health Center in the expansion of their operations. Ms. Arney introduced Ms. Anna Kinsey of Kinston Community Health Center.

Anna Kinsey, Community Outreach Director thanked everyone for allowing her this opportunity to come and present information on the center. Ms. Kinsey introduced Lisa Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Brandy Harrell, Director of Behavioral Health who were accompanying her tonight. She related the mission of the center is to provide quality and accessible health care to the people of our community regardless of their ability to pay. Ms. Kinsey shared that the center started as a conversation by a few members of the community (Isaac Pope, Rev. Pate, the hospital, Dr. Junius Rose, and Sol and Pearl Schecter) regarding the need for dental and medical care for pregnant women. The center started with a one-room dental clinic. The clinic was incorporated in 1994, and at that time the medical, pediatric, and OB-GYN services were offered to the community. In 2005 the Outreach Department came into fruition and in 2019 the center started a partnership with the Lenoir County school system

to provide services to grade school children. An iconic moment was having Dr. Brandy Harrell and the Behavior Health Department incorporated. Ms. Kinsey related that this year in July funds enabled them to release a mobile unit for Lenoir County and other counties for those living in the rural areas and unable to come to the center to receive care. She shared that there are 116 employees (clinical and support staff) and gave the breakdown from September to date of the number of patients (9,332) served. They have delivered a total of 23,600 patient visits through the time. The 9,332 patients represent over 7,000 from the general population with 1,557 of that number being pediatric patients. Ms. Kinsey related that their patients' classifications were represented by 38% being uninsured (slide-fee discount program), 34% is Medicaid, 10% is Medicare, 4.5% is dually eligible (covered by Medicare and Medicaid), and 17% is commercial. She reiterated that they are here tonight because their goal is to expand. They are at max capacity in a building a little over 23,00 sq ft and if they can expand to 45,000 sq ft at the location that is on the table, their services would be able to expand. With the expansion, they can look at installing a diabetic center, a radiology department, an in-house pharmacy, and increase their patient numbers. The site could be used as a training site for staff, health education for the community, and increase the number of jobs available. Ms. Kinsey shared that they have received support from the City Council and the County Commissioners. She gave some reasons to stay invested in the center as 1) continued delivery of care to constituents, 2) continue to address the social determinates of health, 3) demonstrate how local collaboration across the systems, alignment of programs and focus on equity and health outcomes can work, and 4) provide an opportunity for expansion of services and an opportunity for job increases.

Lisa Wallace, CEO shared that she has been CEO for a year, but had worked in Kinston for 35 years with 33 years at the hospital. Ms. Wallace explained that the presentation by Marcia Perritt and Sarah Odeo (sic) was delightful, and the board embraced it. They reached out to Vita Capital for funds-seeking assistance. They will help with new market tax credits, and government-guaranteed loans (80% no default). Ms. Wallace noted that they have a \$1,000,000 grant from the government provided for Florence issues, which could be used for a new building. They are also working with Sarah and Marcia on a business plan. They are searching for a project manager as well.

Councilmember Swinson asked if there would be pharmacy techs employed and if the customers would be able to get their prescriptions filled there. Ms. Wallace answered that there would. He also asked if they served all of Lenoir County and Ms. Wallace said they did.

Councilmember Aiken shared that Mr. Robert Brown was also a part of the initial start of the center and the idea started at St. Augustus AME Zion Church. Mr. Aiken asked what percentage of the usage was for non-citizens. Ms. Kinsey answered that she could not answer that because they did not ask for their background and they provided services to anyone that needed them. He asked if their goal was to raise over \$10 mil and the property has been vacant for about 15 years. He stated he was not against the center, but with the cost to tear the

building down and the cleanup, giving the property to a non-profit would not allow the citizens to reap any property tax and the balance would be the value they give to the community. Mr. Aiken asked if they would be keeping the old building, could there be a swap. Ms. Wallace stated anything received from the old building would have to go toward the debt they had.

Councilmember Hardy spoke on the present parking issues and asked if the site would provide adequate parking. Ms. Wallace shared that there were sketches for 144 parking spaces there.

Mayor Hardy thanked them for being able to help people in the community and for their presentation.

2. Consider a Special Revenue Ordinance Allocation for American Rescue Plan Act Funds Project (C2908) ----- Donna Goodson

Donna Goodson, Finance Director reviewed that on July 20, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was approved by the Council and also accepted funding of \$6.387 mil of which \$3.193 mil has been received. At the time the Special Revenue Project was established, and funds were allocated to the CSLRF Expenditure line item. Ms. Goodson stated on August 3, 2021, the Council approved \$830,000 of the first \$3.193 mil to be allocated to provide premium pay and the associated required taxes and benefits to the qualifying essential workers for retrospective premium pay. She noted two other purposes that the funds can be used for that she will bring to the Council’s attention. They are 1) support public health expenditures by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts and medical expenses, including isolation and quarantine expenditures. The City has estimated \$180,000 for potential isolation and quarantine salary expenditures plus related benefits attributed to current and future isolations and quarantine protocols, and 2) to provide government services (General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Parks and Recreational Services) due to the extent of the reduction in revenues COVID-19 pandemic. The GFOA has provided a template to municipalities to assist in calculating the reduction in revenue. The City of Kinston’s reduction is estimated at \$1,532,834 and the recommendation is that \$180,000 be allocated for the isolation and quarantine salaries and benefits, and \$1,532,834 be allocated for reduction of revenue for government services. Once this is approved she would return later to discuss specific ways to use the \$1.5 mil.

Councilmember Hardy started the discussion regarding clarification between premium pay money and the isolation and quarantine money.

Councilmember Aiken asked if there was any of the ARPA money for small businesses. Ms. Goodson stated there was \$650,000 that was not yet allocated but suggested studying the final ruling to make sure we are giving them the right information. Mr. Aiken asked for clarification as to whether this was an employee reimbursement. Ms. Goodson stated this was for those that have had or come in contact with COVID-19 and are/were unable to come to

work; this would help pay for their sick leave. Councilmember Suggs asked if this was reimbursement for time already used or going forward. Ms. Goodson said this was going forward for those that have to follow quarantine protocols. This will help ease the burden and not use the General Funds. Ms. Suggs asked if people that have not been vaccinated will receive these benefits. Ms. Goodson stated the National League of Cities and the League of Municipalities are having conferences, taking those questions, and looking at the legalities on a municipal side of what we can/cannot do. Ms. Suggs stated we do need to revisit the breakdown of what these expenditures are; what are the possibilities of some expenditures because there may be things that they would like to consider as well. Ms. Goodson said there are guidelines that a listing can be put together on how they can be used. If there is any granting, she suggested we use other venues that already have those parameters in place. Ms. Barwick stated that they had talked about the General Fund this past budget year that we were unable to fund capital needs and wanted to bring those back to the Council. Also, the infrastructure needs with sewer and gave an example of the DOT looking to pave Vernon Avenue and the sewer work has to be done before. They are trying to do things with a method and make sure they are allowable. As they feel good about the ideas, they will bring them back with cost estimates to approve individually. Ms. Goodson shared that she understood the \$1.5 mil of the reduction revenue will be able to be used for some of the capital to provide our services that we were not able to do due to COVID. Mayor Hardy stated he had been in discussions regarding the use of funding for small businesses and hope to use some of the funds from H.U.D.

**3. Consider Amendment of a Capital Project Ordinance for the Lawrence Heights Waterline Replacement Project W9120 ----- Donna Goodson
(THIS ITEM WAS LISTED AS AN ADOPTION BUT WAS AN AMENDMENT)**

Donna Goodson, Finance Director stated the fund was established in January 2021 for the replacement of cast iron and galvanized water mains in the Lawrence Heights neighborhood. The project was funded with a 0% loan from the State Revolving Loan Fund and a grant from the State Reserve Project Grant. On September 7, 2021, the Council approved a tentative award for the project with a total cost of \$1,231,556 with a difference of \$311,531 to be funded with a transfer from the Water Capital Reserve Fund.

4. Consider a Capital Project Amendment–W9116 FY16-FY21 Water Projects ----- Donna Goodson

Donna Goodson, Finance Director noted that in June 2016 a fund was established to maintain small water and sewer projects that will extend beyond a fiscal year to be completed within the 2016–2021-time allowance. The projects were funded with the transfer from the Water Capital Reserve Fund as well as other funding sources. It has been determined from the Public Services Department that certain projects appropriated in prior years have not been expended and the monies qualify to be appropriated back to the Water Capital Reserve Fund

for future projects, as necessary. The amendment closes and removes Water Well #14 Reactivation Cost and Lawrence Heights Waterline Replacement and transfers the money back to the Capital Reserve Fund.

5. FY 20-21 Quarter 4 Budget Status ----- Donna Goodson

Donna Goodson, Finance Director stated that this is the interim financial report that reflects the 12 months for FY 20-21 before the final audit report. It represents activity from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Combining all the funds, the City has received \$88,689, 000 in revenue and expended approximately \$87,401,000. The internal service funds have not been presented. She shared that the General Fund derives 84% of its revenue from Property Taxes, Local Government Sales Tax, and State Shared Revenue/Franchise Tax.

6. NC Retirement Systems Division Letter ----- Donna Goodson

Donna Goodson, Finance Director related that during the 2014 General Assembly the General Assembly required the Local Government Retirement System to report any employee’s compensation that has significantly increased late in his/her career that creates unforeseen liabilities for the Local Government Retirement System. The legislation applies to members who retire on or after July 1 with an average final compensation of \$100,000 or higher. Per the legislation, the State Treasurers Office is to report monthly to each employer a list of those members for whom the employer may be required to make an additional employer contribution should the member elect to retire within the following 12 months. The chief financial officer is required to provide a copy of the report to the governing body. This is to satisfy the requirement.

7. Consider Partial Funding Request by Lenoir County to Support Smithfield Way Gravity Sewer Extension Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$76,517.95 -----Rhonda Barwick

Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager stated she had a letter from Michael James, County Manager requesting the City participate in the cost for the 18-inch gravity sewer main along Smithfield Way from Parrott Dickerson Road, to Enterprise Boulevard. The County began in 2017 and in 2019 received a grant from the Department of Commerce for the work. Our Engineering Department with Mr. Miller helped administer the grant and worked with the contractor. They are near the end and have encountered some changes. The change orders will exceed the amount of the grant. The worst-case scenario is \$153,035.90. There are five change orders with two already approved by the County. The last three are concerning delays and changes with the railroad company regarding flagging and have snowballed into issues with them helping. Withers Ravenel is working with the contractors to minimize these issues and the County met today and has agreed to pool half of the funds out of their ARP funding and in the letter Mr. James asked if the City would consider participating in this project

financially and providing the \$76,000 that the Mayor mentioned. Ms. Barwick stated that hopefully, it will be less than that, as that is what the engineers are working for; working with the contractors to make it a smaller amount. She said she wanted to make the Council aware of it and get your concurrence that they would participate in the cost so that the contractors would not have to leave the site, which would incur a mobilization. Mayor Hardy thanked Ms. Barwick.

Councilmember Suggs asked if this would be able to come out of the ARP funds and if this was the max amount. Ms. Barwick said it would and that would be the max amount. She also stated that due to the timing issue, she wanted the council to be prepared because she would not be able to come back with a different number.

Councilmember Swinson asked what the contingency fee was on the project. Mr. Miller said that the contingency was about \$16,000, but the first couple of change orders used most of that pretty quickly. He stated that they are seeing price increases and issues surrounding the virus as well. Councilmember Aiken related that we need to lock in the contractors and any loss that comes in, they should consume some of that cost. Ms. Barwick noted that they do hold them to it as much as we can, but as a utility company ourselves, you do not always foresee some of the things that can come up. The railroad company changed its fees, and the flagging was a huge deal. These are some things that the engineering company is talking to them about to try to foster an agreement between the two groups. Mr. Swinson said that the railroad will do that and referred to the same problem happening with Spirit of raising fees. Councilmember Hardy stated that this is seen constantly and if we know this is a routine thing that happens, we need to increase so it does not come back and bite us.

Mayor Hardy thanked everyone.

The meeting was recessed at 6:20 pm.

RECESS UNTIL 7:00 REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Don Hardy reconvened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Ms. Barwick announced that Mayor Pro Tem Solomon is with us on zoom tonight. Her parents were diagnosed with COVID last week and her father was taken to the hospital today. She wants to be here with us, and MIS is working on a way that she can be with us, and we hear her votes.

NOTE: Ms. Solomon logged into the meeting remotely at 6:05 pm but without audio and video.

Councilmember Antonio Hardy delivered the prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers’ Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Sammy Aiken, Antonio Hardy, Kristal Suggs, Robbie Swinson, and Mayor Pro Tem Solomon.

Present Also: Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager and James Cauley, City Attorney.

CITIZEN COMMENT
Citizens must sign in prior to the start of the meeting if they wish to address the City Council.
Citizens should state their name and address prior to beginning their comments and may speak up to a maximum of 3 minutes.
Citizens seeking assistance or asking questions will be contacted by a member of the Governing Body or by appropriate City Staff.

1. Geraldine Barbour, 2749 Forest Drive, Kinston, NC. Ms. Barbour stated she was here on behalf of the African American Heritage Commission Kinston/Lenoir County North Carolina, Inc. She shared information regarding the upcoming ceremony for the unveiling of their first historic marker on Saturday, September 25th at 4:00 pm. Ms. Barbour explained that before the 1980s it was difficult for people of color to travel because there were no places to stay, to eat, or to buy gas and have cars fixed. Mr. Victor H. Green listed safe accommodations in the Green Book and the AAHC will honor four businesses from our area referenced in the Green Book. They are The Bluebird Tavern, Dove’s Service Station, Mark’s Tourist Home, and Phillip’s Grill; all located in the vicinity of South Queen Street. Two of the locations are still standing today and are Dove’s Service Station and Mark’s Tourist Home. She invited everyone to join them at 4:00 pm in the four hundred block of South Queen Street and stated that after the unveiling ceremony, there will be music from Bill Myers and Dick Knight in the Music Trail Park at 5:30 pm. The concert is supported in part by the Grassroots Grant Funds to the Community Council for the Arts from the North Carolina Arts Council.

2. Lillie S. Williams, 1107 Lynn Drive, Kinston, NC. Ms. Williams is CEO and owner of Perfecting Destiny Coaching Services. She invited the community to the first Stop, Drop, and Live Suicide Prevention Awareness Day to help save the lives of teens in crisis. She gave the NC Stated Center for Health Statistics of suicide being the second leading cause of death in youth from 10-17 years old with one out of ten college students having considered ending their lives. At the event there will be mental health advocates, suicide therapists, and suicide survivors. Ms. Williams shared the meaning of Stop Drop and Live—**Stop** and reflect; **Drop** the method of the intentions, and **Live** and seek help. The event will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 1-4 pm at Pearson Park.

MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 ----- Debra Thompson

Councilmember Suggs made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Hardy, and upon a unanimous vote [4-0], the minutes for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, were approved.

NOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Solomon was not available due to technical issues.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**1. Proposal for Grant for Museum of Business & Technology -----Arnold Newkirk**

Arnold Newkirk introduced himself and his background in the military and his GIS employment history. He has been living in Kinston for the past three years and also introduced his partner, Mr. Dave Simms.

Mr. Newkirk shared that Lenoir Community College has the first drone curriculum in North Carolina. He also stated that agriculture is the largest industry in North Carolina at \$90 billion. Mr. Newkirk stated that sensors and drone technology with emerging technology are at the forefront. He referenced ARPA funds and the Build Back Better Regional Challenge by President Biden that has money for cities like ours for about \$25-75 million. He shared that he has spoken with Dr. Black regarding building a precision technology agriculture center here in Kinston. He also spoke with Phillip Winslow at Caswell Center and noted NC State having research farms here but wondered what was being done for the City of Kinston. Mr. Newkirk stated he wanted to see the city be the leading institution of technology. He asked the Council to review the proposal that he has given them regarding the Museum of Business & Technology project. He also asked everyone to reach out and he will answer any questions they may have. Councilmember Hardy asked for the contact information and Mr. Newkirk can be reached at www.mb2p.com, arnoldasl@me.com, and the phone number is 571-275-2293. Mayor Hardy thanked Mr. Newkirk for his presentation.

**2. Consider Proclamation for Stop Drop & Live Suicide Prevention Awareness Day -----
Mayor Don Hardy**

Mayor Hardy read the proclamation and proclaimed Saturday, September 25, 2021, as Stop Drop and Live Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in Kinston. The proclamation was presented to Ms. Williams of Perfecting Destiny Coaching Services.

3. Consider Proclamation Recognizing Public Power Week ----- Steve Miller

Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager read the proclamation and Mayor Hardy proclaimed October 4-10, 2021, as Public Power Week.

Councilmember Aiken asked if this was separate from our energy conservation. Ms. Barwick said that we celebrate Public Power Week, and usually have activities. One of which is the energy fair.

Steve Miller, Assistant Public Services Director discussed the value of having an electric system here in Kinston. We have electric staff to take care of us. If we did not have that staff, we would be relying on Duke Energy. Mr. Miller introduced Derek Browning, Electric Line Supervisor who has been with us for seven years. When the electric division is fully staffed there are twenty-two people in the division. They take care of nine substations, with two points of delivery, 26 miles of transmission line, 450 miles of distribution line, 14,000 poles; all of that is to serve the 12,000 customers we have. Mr. Miller said that he applauded Derek and his co-workers and that the proclamation and this week is well-deserved. Mayor Hardy thanked Mr. Browning and the team for their work and remarked about the excellent

response time they provide. Ms. Barwick shared that there was only a few staff here, but that was out of respect for COVID protocols. Photos were taken of Mr. Browning with the Council.

Soni Hawkins, Information Resource Specialist shared that there will be a virtual energy fair this year due to COVID. It will be on our Facebook page and other social media. There will be videos, energy kits given away, and encouraged everyone to visit the Facebook page, Kinston Public Services for details on how to win the kits. She stated it will be Tuesday, October 5th before everything is posted on social media.

4. Consider Proclamation recognizing Customer Service Week ----- Steve Miller

Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager read the proclamation and Mayor Hardy proclaimed October 4-8, 2021, as Customer Service Week.

Steve Miller, Assistant Public Services Director thanked the Mayor and noted that these two weeks coincide, and it all speaks to the staff in Public Services. Customer service speaks to any employee that the City has, and we provide the service that the people recognize the quality of life in the City of Kinston. Tonight, he is paying particular attention to the staff the customers that pay bills come in to get assistance with issues they may have with their accounts. Mr. Miller introduced Jared Ratz, Customer Service Supervisor located in City Hall. Mayor Hardy gave kudos to Customer Service and thanked Mr. Ratz and his team for their daily assistance to our customers. He addressed the tedious job of getting the CDBG-CV Grant of \$200,000 processed. Photos were taken of Mr. Ratz with the Council.

INFORMATION AND UPDATES

1. African American Heritage Commission–Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony ----- Chief Spencer

Jenee Spencer, Interim Police Chief stated that Ms. Barbour related the history of the information what the unveiling would be about, and she wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the upcoming event. It will be Saturday, September 25th at 4:00 pm in the 400 block of South Queen Street and at 5:30 pm the concert at the music park will begin.

2. Vaccination Event at Jack Rountree Apartments----- Sarah Arney

Sarah Arney, Community Development Planner announced that they were having their next vaccination event on Monday, September 27th from 3-6 pm at Jack Rountree Apartments. This will be COVID-19 testing as well as vaccinations available. Pfizer doses will be available for students twelve and up. All the vaccines will be provided, and take-home food boxes will be given away, a free food truck will be there, and there are gift cards for those getting their vaccinations. If you are unable to attend the event, these events will continue throughout the rest of the year. You can call the Lenoir County Health Department at 252-526-4202, Extension 4281 to schedule an appointment. For any questions on this event or other events, please call the Planning Department at 252-939-3271.

Councilmember Aiken asked for clarity on whether all the vaccines would be available. Ms. Arney stated they would be, but they will prioritize the Pfizer vaccine for any students that come first.

CONSENT AGENDA
 All items listed below are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which case the item will be moved to the end of the Action Agenda.

1. Consider a Special Revenue Ordinance Allocation for American Rescue Plan Act Funds Project (C2908) ----- Donna Goodson
2. Consider Amendment of a Capital Project Ordinance for the Lawrence Heights Waterline Replacement Project W9120----- Donna Goodson
 (THIS ITEM WAS LISTED AS AN ADOPTION BUT WAS AN AMENDMENT)

**ORDINANCE FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE
 LAWRENCE HEIGHTS WATERLINE REPLACEMENT
 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (W9120)**

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021 a fund was established for the replacement of 9,000 linear feet of a mixture of cast iron and galvanized water mains in the Lawrence Heights neighborhood to help alleviate inflow and infiltration and exfiltration issues to provide adequate drinking-water systems to the citizens of Kinston which includes repairing, upgrading and maintaining the infrastructure that is a contiguous part of its drinking-water system , and

WHEREAS, this project was funded with a zero percent loan obtained from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF), and a grant from the State Reserve Project Grant (SRF), in the amount of \$925,025 , and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, City Council approved the tentative award for the project at a total cost of \$1,231,556, with the difference of \$311,531 to be funded a Transfer from the Water Capital Reserve Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kinston, North Carolina that the following capital project budget ordinance is adopted as follows:

Lawrence Heights Waterline Replacement Project (W9120)

| | <u>Current Budget</u> | <u>Amended Budget</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues: | | | |
| SRF Loan Proceeds | \$ 460,013.00 | \$ 460,013.00 | \$ - |
| SRF Grant Proceeds | 460,013.00 | 460,013.00 | |
| Transfer from Water Fund | 16,100.46 | 16,100.46 | - |
| Transfer from Water Capital Reserve Fund | - | 311,531.00 | 311,531.00 |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 936,126.46</u> | <u>\$ 1,247,657.46</u> | <u>\$ 311,531.00</u> |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| Water Construction Expenses | \$ 920,026.00 | \$ 1,231,557.00 | \$ 311,531.00 |
| Loan Closing Costs | 16,100.46 | 16,100.46 | - |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$ 936,126.46</u> | <u>\$ 1,247,657.46</u> | <u>\$ 311,531.00</u> |

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2021

**3. Consider a Capital Project Amendment–W9116 FY16-FY21 Water Projects -----
Donna Goodson**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
FY16-FY21 WATER PROJECTS (W9116)**

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2016 a fund was established to maintain small water/sewer projects that will extend beyond a single fiscal year and will be completed within the FY2016 - FY2021 time allowance, and

WHEREAS, these projects were funded with a transfer from the Water Capital Reserve Fund as well as other funding sources as approved for the scope of work the projects entail, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain projects appropriated in prior years have not been expended and the monies qualify to be appropriated back to the Water Capital Reserve Fund for future projects as necessary.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kinston, North Carolina that the following Capital Project Budget Ordinance Amendment is adopted as follows:

| FY16-FY21 Water Projects | Current Budget | Amended Budget | Increase (Decrease) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Revenues: | | | |
| Transfer from Water Fund | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ - |
| Total Revenues | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ 670,000.00 | - |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| Water-Well #14 Reactivation Cost | \$ 90,000.00 | \$ - | \$ (90,000.00) |
| Lawrence Hts Water Line Replacement | 190,000.00 | - | (190,000.00) |
| 2020 Sewer Improvements | 390,000.00 | 390,000.00 | - |
| Transfer to Water Capital Reserve Fund | - | 280,000.00 | 280,000.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ - |

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2021

4. Consider Partial Funding Request by Lenoir County to Support Smithfield Way Gravity Sewer Extension Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$76,517.95---Rhonda Barwick

Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Suggs and upon a unanimous vote of [4-0], items 1-4 of the consent agenda were approved.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

There was no report from the City Manager.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no report from the City Attorney.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Hardy asked Ms. Barwick to review the water and sewer projects that have been completed. Ms. Barwick stated there were several projects, and shared that before the revitalization of Queen Street (\$6-8 mil) this project was completed, the Greenmead water line replacement project (\$1.2 mil) is currently being worked on, and we are gearing up for the Lawrence Heights water and sewer line replacement project (over \$4 mil), with \$2 mil in grants, She stated she was sure she had missed some projects going on, but we talked tonight about the Smithfield Way Gravity sewer project with Lenoir County, and we have done other projects at the Industrial Park. We are gearing up in the future to improve the sewer lines under Vernon Avenue. Mr. Hardy thanked Ms. Barwick and she pointed out that the improvements mentioned are paid by ratepayers (water and sewer monthly bills) and not taxpayers. Mr. Hardy thanked the staff for the work they do.

Councilmember Aiken gave accolades to the organizers of the 9/11 memorial. Mr. Aiken also gave condolences to the Croom family and asked anyone that knows anything about the incident to please contact the police department or call Crime Stoppers at 252-523-4444.

Mayor Hardy thanked law enforcement for going beyond and asked the parents to know where their children are at night as the parents can be held accountable.

Mayor Hardy shared that he had conversations today about the infrastructure and was seeking additional funding for our critical needs here. He also asked anyone that needed a job to please call him.

Councilmember Suggs stated she had the opportunity to attend the Church in the Street festivities, hosted by Elders Tyshaun and Dayna Wilson, and wanted to give them a shout-out. The Police and Fire Departments were invited, and different real-life skits were incorporated. Coming on the heels of the comments being made about our community and youth, for the next event he hosts she will do all she can to make sure everyone is aware of it. There was so much information presented in the skits that so many people missed that could have been used.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aiken made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Suggs and upon a unanimous vote of [4-0], the Kinston City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm..

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Thompson, City Clerk