

Kinston City Council



MINUTES January 18, 2022

Minutes

Kinston City Council
City Hall · 207 East King Street
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Hardy called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Councilmembers' Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Sammy Aiken, Chris J. Suggs, Robert Swinson, Felicia Solomon, and Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Hardy.

Present Also: Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager and Tim Carraway, Attorney.

Absent: Mayor Don Hardy.

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 Suggs requested to add to the items for discussion item # 9 for solicitation of professional services for our City Manager search and Councilmember Solomon asked to add item # 10 regarding the MLK corridor.

Councilmember Aiken made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Suggs and upon a roll call vote (Mayor Pro Tem Hardy, Councilmembers Suggs, Solomon, Swinson, and Aiken – Yes) [5-0], with the addition of discussion item # 9 regarding solicitation of professional services for the City Manager search and item # 10 regarding the MLK corridor the agenda was adopted.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Capital Project Ordinance for Electric Vehicle Charging Station ----- Donna Goodson

Donna Goodson, Finance Director stated this was an ordinance to establish a Capital Project Fund for the electric vehicle charging station. The City has been awarded a grant by the NC Department of the Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality for the VW-DC Fast Program for the installation of a rapid charging station. The station is to be installed on the 100 block of North Herritage Street, adjacent to the existing charging station across from the Farmer's Market. The total cost of the expenditure is \$85,133 will be funded with a State Grant that has been awarded in the amount of \$71,344, and the remaining will be a transfer from the Electric Capital Reserve Fund.

Councilmember Swinson asked for clarification on the numbers given because they were different from those in the agenda packet. Ms. Goodson explained the overage stated was rounded up to prevent possible insufficient funds in the line item. Mr. Swinson also asked if these would be a fast-charging station or long. Ms. Goodson deferred the question to Mr. Steve Miller, and he stated this is the fastest charging station that they make today. They go from 0 percent energy to full charge in two hours and noted that the stations already at the Community Center, downtown, and at the stadium take four hours for a full charge.

2. First Quarter Review----- Donna Goodson

Donna Goodson, Finance Director presented the interim financial report summary for the first quarter of the FY 2021 (period ending September 30th) which is 25% of the year complete. The total revenue is recognized at \$22.9 million and the expenditures in our major funds are \$21.7 million. Ms. Goodson also referred to the breakdown of what made up the revenues of each of the major funds and expenditures that is contained in the agenda packet. She related that in the packet were details of the operating revenues from the General Fund and the expenditures in the General Fund by organization compared to the total budget for the fiscal year.

3. Bid Award for the purchase of an Excavator ----- Steve Miller

Steve Miller, Public Services Assistant Director stated in the current fiscal year they budgeted \$340,000 to replace the one full-sized excavator that we have in the city. The machine is used specifically for doing deep projects (sewer replacements) and occasionally for stormwater that our backhoes cannot reach. This machine will replace the 2007 model we have had for 15 years. It is within the amount budgeted this year.

Councilmember Aiken asked if there were other bids or did we just go with the State. Mr. Miller responded that the equipment purchases like this are typically gotten off joint purchasing agreements. This agreement is a State contract; they will bid this type of contract and then cities and municipalities can use the pricing that they get through their contract and not have to bid themselves.

4. Unified Development Ordinance Updates ----- Sarah Arney

Sarah Arney, Community Development Planner shared a presentation on the updates to the Unified Development Ordinance by General Statute 160D. Ms. Arney stated the Unified Development Ordinance was an organized set of ordinances dealing specifically with the zoning and development of the City and the authority of various works and staff that oversee it. She shared that it has general regulations of administrative and legislative authority and is what the Planning Board or the City Council is allowed to do, kinds of permits, and decisions that we can make. The UDO also includes the development review process, zoning districts

(with permitted uses), supplemental regulations (additional regulations), non-conforming situations (updated zoning that includes items not currently compliant). Non-conforming situations are allowed to exist as long as they exist continuously. Performance standards and the appendix of definitions are addressed, Ms. Arney referred everyone to the document submitted in the packet and explained that Chapter 160D of the NC General Statutes consolidates current City and County enabling statutes for development and regulations. It reorders some language and makes clarifying amendments to be incorporated into local development regulations. She identified the individual changes to Articles 1-9 and Appendix A that are being required by the State and they are excerpts noting the changes from the full 400-page UDO document and could be found on the planning page of the City's website. The items were Articles 1-9 covering the following:

1. Purpose and Applicability
2. General Regulations
3. Administrative/Legislative Authority
4. Legislative/Quasi-Judicial Procedures
5. Development Review Process
6. Zoning Districts
7. Supplemental Regulations
8. Nonconforming Situations
9. Performance Standards (Parts I-XII)

Appendix A referenced additions and changes to definitions for the following sections:

- Short Title
- Authority
- Applicability
- Severability
- Violation of UDO Regulations
- Effective Dates

Ms. Arney indicated that there would be more changes and definitions added before the document was finalized. The final UDO changes will be presented to the Council on February 15th.

NOTE: Ms. Arney lost audio from 6:12 pm – 6:16 pm.

5. Duke Energy Small Business Grant Awardees ----- Sarah Arney

Sarah Arney, Community Development Planner announced that the Downtown Kinston Revitalization Grant that was provided to them by the Duke Energy Foundation selected those eligible to apply. Ms. Arney thanked the selection committee that was made up of volunteers from the Downtown Kinston Revitalization Economic Vitality and Design Committees and volunteers. She shared that there were 21 applications from businesses that were within the City limits that were looking for either reimbursement for funds that were expended during COVID that were COVID related or for new projects that would help them be successful in the face of enduring public health restrictions.

The awardees were:

- Art 105 Studio
- Chamber of Commerce
- Cheri La Mode
- GI Joe’s Military History Museum
- Gone Juice
- Greater Kinston Credit Union
- Kinston Community Council for the Arts
- Joseph Dixon Rountree American Legion Post #43
- Lovick’s Café
- Queen Street Deli

Ms. Arney encouraged everyone to check out the Downtown Kinston Revitalization’s social media, where they will be presenting the awardees with certificates of their awards. A viewing will also bring awareness to the businesses in downtown and the City of Kinston for the work that they are doing, continuing to be open during COVID, and taking steps to be successful even during our continuing cautions and restrictions.

6. Upcoming Planning Events ----- Sarah Arney

Sarah Arney, Community Development Planner shared updates regarding the COVID-19 testing and vaccinations at Holloway Center on Monday-Friday from 10 am-5 pm. She stated folks can walk in or pre-register at www.starmed.care to schedule an appointment. You can come in for rapid or PCR tests. Ms. Arney asked anyone that may want additional information to please call her at 252-939-3271. She thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and announced that they have opened today their second location for testing and vaccinations at Fairfield Recreation Center on Monday-Thursday from 10 am-5 pm and on Friday from 10 am-4 pm at this site. There is the same availability of testing and vaccinations as well as making an appointment through www.starmed.care.

Ms. Arney related that this is the final week to apply for Kinston 101. The application closes on January 21st. She explained that Kinston 101 is a ten-week course for anyone interested in seeing City operations. There are various tours of City facilities (wastewater treatment plant, fire station, Parks and Recreation), do a mock city budget, and meet some of the City Council members. The first date is February 10th, and you can apply at tinyurl.com/Kinston101apply or get a paper application from City Hall. She shared that Keegan Huynh is supporting Kinston 101 this session and is looking forward to him being an active facilitator.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy thanked Ms. Arney for the work being done with the vaccinations and asked the public to go out and get vaccinated. He encouraged everyone to continue to practice the 3 W's.

Councilmember Suggs agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Hardy and also thanked Ms. Arney and StarMed for their partnership with the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy thanked Councilmember Suggs for his/Kinston Teens' continued support of the program and the hard work to make sure the sites have the necessary tools to be functional.

7. Reserve Police Program ----- Jenee Spencer

Major Keith Goyette, Kinston Police Department explained that the Reserve Officer Program was to help with the staffing issues in the department and for assistance with other events. The program is made up of former officers (retirees or officers who left that are in good standing). They have all had training (14 weeks) with the agency and will serve in the same capacity as other officers. The officers will work at least 24 hours within six months. He stated they are looking to kick this program off in the next two to four weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy thanked Major Goyette and Chief Spencer for developing this program and stated he thought it would be a vital tool to our city.

Councilmember Solomon asked what the definition of good standing was. Major Goyette shared that it was somebody who has retired or left our agency to work elsewhere, is certified through Training and Standards, and left us in good service. He stated they are not looking to fill these positions with officers from other agencies. They are past Kinston Police Department officers and have done 14 weeks of our field training. They know and have served Kinston and have a good understanding of our agency and our citizens. Ms. Barwick shared that it is similar to the Sentinel Program, however, these officers are certified to do other tasks. Major Goyette said they are State certified; they have to keep their training up to date, have to be in good standing. We are using one of the vacant positions to help fund the program. There are about four or five officers now lined up to fill these positions. Ms. Solomon asked if they were serving for special events or other tasks. Major Goyette stated it

was not specifically for special events, but staffing issues; to fill the void of short staffing. Councilmember Suggs thanked Major Goyette for the presentation of the new program and stated he felt that it was a good temporary solution to the staffing shortage. He shared that he hoped that with the support of the Council, they could find a permanent solution to the challenge.

Note: Councilmember Solomon left the meeting at 6:46 pm with audio/video difficulties and returned at 6:52 pm.

8. Interlocal Resolution ----- Rhonda Barwick

Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager shared that the Council previously entered into an interlocal agreement with Lenoir County to provide planning services, as we have a vacant Planning Director position. The agreement began July 26th and ended December 31st. Ms. Barwick stated that the County has allowed us to continue the program, but the agreement requires that the Council pass a resolution to extend it for the next six months and the resolution to formally extend the agreement was before them.

Councilmember Aiken stated that he was concerned that the amount of money we are paying to share the planner, he asked are we getting any bang for our buck. He stated that we have to do a rapid search for a City Manager and a Planner and asked if in the interim will we have to maintain the contract. Ms. Barwick stated that she has not asked that specific question of Mr. James, but he would hopefully prorate the contract. She added that it would take several months to get someone in place so that they could be up to speed. As far as being beneficial, the \$4,000 per month is funded from the Planning Director's budgeted funds to cover it. We are getting a similar exchange for dollars and the work that we are getting; Adam has been very responsive at any time he has been called.

Councilmember Suggs stated he was supportive of continuing the interlocal resolution with the County. He stated that he hoped and felt it would be in the best interest if the Planning Director search was initiated. It was briefly initiated and was stopped. He felt that this is a key position we could hire for in the meantime. Between the Council and the Interim City Manager he felt we can begin the process of finding a new Planner. Mayor Pro Tem Hardy concurred. Councilmember Swinson stated that this has normally been a position that the Manager would fill. He brought it before the Council previously that he felt since the Planner has to work with the Manager, the Manager needed to be involved in the hiring process. He shared that he would be more comfortable waiting and let the new Manager make that move on that situation. Mr. Suggs stated that time is of the essence, and felt that we could move forward with the hiring. He said it was up to the Council to be strategic in how we go about both the processes. Mayor Pro Tem Hardy relayed that Councilmember Solomon said she felt we should fill the Manager position first.. Mr. Suggs asked everyone to consider that soon we will have another key position that works closely with the Planning Director that must be

filled, it would be best for the Planning Director to hire for that position. So that needs to be considered in terms of timelines. He stated with the experience of the Council and the staff members, he felt we could conduct the Planning Director search. Mr. Hardy and Mr. Aiken concurred with Mr. Suggs. Mr. Aiken stated that the size of our city and the pay, would make it a very competitive search, and felt we needed to move forward. Councilmember Swinson stated this was not on the agenda at this time for discussion and in the essence of time, he would like to finish the Interlocal Agreement discussion and would return to this discussion later in the evening.

**9. Solicitation for Professional Services in City Manager Search-----Councilmember Suggs
(THIS ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

Councilmember Suggs shared that there were four proposals from search firms given to the Council by the City Attorney and would like to decide the firm they wished to select.

**10. MLK Corridor ----- Councilmember Felecia Solomon
(THIS ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

Councilmember Solomon shared that there was another fatality on MLK and expressed the need for additional lighting along the MLK corridor. There are also concerns regarding the speed and asked if DOT could assist with funding. She stated she felt that we have to do something. Ms. Solomon asked the community to assist in sharing any information regarding the accident if they may have. Mayor Pro Tem Hardy stated there was a need that should be addressed. Ms. Barwick stated that Steve Miller has reached out to DOT to see if we can access some of their safety funds and to get their expertise on what may be the best way to handle the risks on that state-maintained highway.

Mr. Miller stated that DOT said they are willing and interested in looking into this to see what could be done to improve the safety issues along that corridor for pedestrians. They will consider the instances that have occurred recently and the accidents that have involved pedestrians. He stated they have not given a timeline for putting this together, but will review the information (State Trooper and City mobile data) to see what the incidents have in common and make sure everything is addressed. Councilmember Swinson asked if DOT would be using their Spot Safety money and Mr. Miller stated that it was the funding about which they are talking.

Councilmember Aiken shared that many of those crossings were occurring around the Lunch Box with some of those trying to cross in an impaired condition. He suggested DOT look at a walking overpass. Mayor Pro Tem Hardy encouraged the citizens to wear light clothing. Councilmember Solomon stressed that she did not want us to find ourselves blaming the victims. She reiterated the need to address the lighting and speed in that area. Councilmember Suggs stated that the darkness of the corridor is a major concern and asked if

there were any solutions within our purview in terms of lighting and speed in the meantime. He thought placing a speed sign on the corridor to encourage traffic to slow down, in addition to lighting would be a more immediate temporary solution. Ms. Barwick stated that the lighting there meets the City’s ordinance for lighting on a thoroughfare of that size. The perception is that the lighting at the roundabout is so well lit, and after leaving there you return to the requirements of the ordinance. You have a mix of housing and businesses, and some areas are more lit than others. She stated they are considering if they could make an exception; is that something the DOT thinks would help the issue. Also, they are looking at speed limits, flashing lights (pedestrian caution) with DOT to ensure the right thing is done and they get the most bang for their efforts.

RECESS UNTIL 7:00 REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy recessed the meeting at 7:10 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Hardy called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm

Councilmembers’ Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Sammy Aiken, Councilmember Felicia Solomon, Councilmember Chris J. Suggs, Councilmember Robert Swinson, and Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Hardy.

Present Also: Rhonda Barwick, Interim City Manager and Tim Carraway, Attorney.

Absent: Mayor Don Hardy.

Councilmember Chris J. Suggs delivered the prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy announced that Mayor Hardy is out of town working on more opportunities and funding for the city.

CITIZEN COMMENT
THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON CITIZEN COMMENTS.
CITIZEN COMMENT FORM MAY BE REACHED BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW:
<http://ci.kinston.us/Forms Center/City-Clerk-Forms-11/Citizens-Comments-106>

There were no Citizens Comments submitted.

MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 ----- Debra Thompson

Councilmember Aiken made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Swinson and upon a roll call vote (Councilmembers Suggs, Solomon, Aiken, Swinson, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardy – Yes) of [5-0], the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of the Downtown Kinston Revitalization Board

Ms. Robyn Godfrey, Chair of the Downtown Kinston Revitalization Board thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hardy and the councilmembers for everything they do to support Downtown Kinston Revitalization (formerly known as the Pride of Kinston). On behalf of the Kinston Revitalization Board, Ms. Godfrey invited the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, all City Council members, and Department Heads to Downtown Kinston Revitalization Business After Hours. It will be held on Thursday, at 327 N. Queen Street at 5:30 pm. She stated she was hoping to see them there because there were some exciting new things to share.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy thanked Ms. Godfrey for joining the meeting and extending the invitation. Councilmember Solomon stated that the timing is perfect. At the last meeting, Mr. Steele shared the highlights of the Christmas festivities, and everyone gave high praise to the work that the board is doing along with Leon. Thursday is great timing for the Business After Hours and everyone looks forward to seeing some of the faces behind the magic.

Leon Steele, Executive Director shared that the organization is volunteer-driven, and they could not do what they do without everyone’s support in whatever way they can. He shared that as a non-profit they operate with a Board, and he could not do what he does without them as well. Mr. Steele stated there were a lot of gears to this, and he was grateful for their support.

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 Adoption of an Ordinance to Establish the Capital Project Fund for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station VW-DC Fast Program Grant (E9135)----- Donna Goodson**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL PROJECT
FUND FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
STATION VW-DC FAST PROGRAM GRANT (E9135)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kinston desires to provide contemporary and reliable infrastructure for its citizens, businesses and visitors in an environmentally, technologically and fiscally responsible manner, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide the first rapid public electric vehicle charging stations within the City to keep on pace with the growing electric transportation movement, and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Air Quality VW-DC Fast Program program for the installation of a Chargepoint CPE 250 Rapid Charging Station, on the 100 block of North Herritage Street, adjacent to the existing charging station across from the Farmer’s Market, and

WHEREAS, this project will be partially funded by the NCDEQ with the remainder of the project cost funded from a transfer from the Electric Capital Reserve Fund to help the City of Kinston further improve amenities in our downtown tourism area to assist residents and visitors to the city save money, provide environmental benefits and encourage energy independence.

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

Electric Vehicle Charging Station VW-DC Fast Program Grant (E9135)

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| Revenues: | |
| State Grants | \$ 71,344.00 |
| Transfer from Electric Capital Reserve Fund | \$ 13,789.00 |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 85,133.00</u> |
| Expenditures: | |
| Capital Outlay-Electrical | \$ 85,133.00 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$ 85,133.00</u> |

Adopted this 18th day of January, 2022

2. Consider Approval of a Bid Award to Gregory Poole in the amount of \$340,000 for the Purchase of a Caterpillar 320 Excavator----- Steve Miller

3. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Interlocal Agreement with Lenoir County ----- Rhonda Barwick

Councilmember Aiken asked for advisement on Mayor Pro Tem Hardy voting while presiding and was advised by Tim Carraway that Mayor Pro Tem Hardy was eligible to vote.

Councilmember Suggs requested to add two items to the agenda for discussion and action: 1) solicitation of a recruitment firm for the City Manager search, and 2) recruitment of the Planning Director. Both items will be added to the Action Agenda.

Councilmember Solomon asked if a definitive answer was given regarding placing a caution light on MLK. Ms. Barwick stated they have contacted DOT, and DOT requested information from Steve Miller of statistics and information. They will come back with their evaluation of

what they think the best steps are. Ms. Solomon asked if it was possible to place the sign out tomorrow. Ms. Barwick shared that it is a DOT road, and DOT would have to approve all traffic control devices. She stated that they can add additional lighting and feels it is something that DOT will allow at our cost if the Council chooses.

Councilmember Suggs made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Solomon and upon a roll call vote (Councilmembers Solomon, Suggs, Swinson, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardy – Yes; Councilmember Aiken - No) of [4-1], the Consent Agenda items 1-3 were approved.

ACTION AGENDA

(BOTH ITEMS WERE ADDED TO THE AGENDA)

1. Consider Finalizing Selection of Firm for City Manager Search ----- Chris J. Suggs

Councilmember Swinson stated there were four firms – Mercer-\$18,000, Robertson-\$13,500, Slavin-\$15,580, and TillyBaker-\$24,500. TillyBaker is out of Virginia, but Mercer and Roberson have people from North Carolina. He stated he was looking at the price and asked what the difference was in comparison of TillyBaker to the others for their search.

Councilmember Suggs shared his observation of all the firms. He stated that BakerTilly attracted him because they had a more modern approach, and they were committed to diversity and equity in their searches too. He felt those were some of the values that we want to look for in the City of Kinston.

Councilmember Solomon stated she was attracted to BakerTilly as well, in part because of their aggressiveness. We speak of the importance of diversity and inclusion and in continuing to move forward we would like for that to funnel down to our Directors, and they can funnel it down to the staff. Councilmember Aiken agreed with BakerTilly as well.

Councilmember Swinson asked if there was a possibility to have a zoom meeting with the vendors. Mr. Carraway stated it would be possible but would need to be at a future meeting. Councilmember Suggs stated he was opposed to prolonging this any further since they were sent the proposals on November 11, 2021. He felt that the proposals were detailed and had given enough information to allow them to make an informed decision. He felt that considering the urgency around the other key positions to be filled in other departments if this is prolonged, they would be prolonged as well.

Councilmember Suggs made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Solomon and upon a roll call vote of (Councilmembers Solomon, Aiken, Swinson, Mayor Pro Tem Hardy, and Councilmember Suggs – Yes) [5-0], BakerTilly was selected as the search and recruitment firm for the City Manager search.

2. Consider Advertising for Planning Director ----- Chris J. Suggs

Councilmember Suggs stated that he is supportive of moving forward on the Planning Director position being filled.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy expressed that coming in as a new manager is difficult to not have your team. He stated he understood that it is important to fill these positions, but felt that it should be considered that a new manager coming in may not be in a welcoming relationship. Mr. Suggs said not only will the City Manager be working with the Planning Director but also with seven Department Heads. He did not feel that was the sole justification for delaying it.

Councilmember Swinson made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hardy and upon a roll call vote (Councilmembers Aiken, Swinson, Solomon, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardy – Yes and Councilmember Suggs - No) of [4-1], to table this until the next Manager is in position and hires for this position was approved.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

There was no City Manager’s Report.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

There was no City Attorney’s Report.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Aiken shared that there were citizen concerns regarding the Council Meetings being held via Zoom. He stated that he explained that it was a measure to try to lessen the chances of infection.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy stated the TDA has moved the office to the Visitors Center and updated the Council on some of the things they are doing. Those noted were the CCA Grant, the Barbecue Fest, the Freedom Classic, the Tri-Level Tennis Tournament, and the Iron Man Race. He shared that they were important to the Council because that was “Heads in Beds” and would bring revenue to the City. He wanted them to know that the TDA is busy. He lastly thanked all the staff.

Councilmember Solomon stated she did not want the Council to get comfortable with failing to give thought and consideration to the voices of every member of the Council. She stated they have to be intentional that when decisions are made they have meaningful conversation and dialogue.

Councilmember Suggs shouted out Ms. Barwick and Ms. Goodson for adding the financial update to the meeting agenda and he looked forward to the quarterly reports. It helps the Council and also the community. He shared that Kinston Teens would host a vaccination event on Sunday from 2-5 pm at Martin C. Freeman Recreation Center. Mr. Suggs thanked Corey and Parks and Rec., Mr. Ingram at Martin C. Freeman for allowing them to use that space.

Councilmember Solomon asked Ms. Goodson to make the Council aware of the different professional development, training, and certifications. She would also like a ballpark figure of the amount spent on those items. Ms. Barwick explained that in each budget there was a dollar amount and a justification sheet of what they are being spent on. Ms. Solomon wanted to know what was spent in the first six months. Ms. Goodson stated she would put something together.

Councilmember Aiken clarified that the Mayor was in Washington, DC attending the Council of Mayors convention. He also applauded Mayor Pro Tem for presiding over tonight's meeting.

NOTE: Councilmember Swinson left the meeting at 7:49 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Solomon made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Aiken and upon a roll call vote (Councilmembers Suggs, Aiken, Solomon, and Mayor Pro Tem Hardy) of [4-0], the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debra Thompson, City Clerk