

Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting

101 W. First Street, Lowell, North Carolina 28098

October 8, 2024, 6:00 PM - October 8, 2024, 7:13 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Larry Simonds**, Mayor
- **Scott Bates**, Mayor Pro Temp
- **Shane Robinson**, Councilmember
- **DeWayne Chitwood**, Councilmember
- **Phil Bonham**, Councilmember
- **Travis Smith**, Councilmember

1. General

1A. Call To Order- 6:00 PM

Mayor Simonds called the meeting to order at 6pm. City staff present were Interim City Manager/Planning Director Tyler Cobb, City Attorney John Russell, Police Chief Carl Moore, Asst. Police Chief Jeff Harrison, Finance Director Lisa Nolen, Public Works Director Justin Pearson, Stormwater Administrator Jamie Watkins and City Clerk Cheryl Ramsey. A quorum was determined at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting was videotaped for the public to be uploaded to the YouTube channel afterwards. The agenda and meeting materials were made available prior on the city's website. Members of the public were also present

1B. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Thomas Gillespie gave the Invocation. Mayor Simonds led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked for a moment of silence in remembrance and in support to those affected by Hurricane Helene.

1C. Public Comments

1. Richard Lynch of 613 Whitehead Dr., Lowell, NC – he discussed the request by city staff to hire another employee (noted in September 2024 council meeting). He said he heard about a new software program the city has put into place to help with the process and thinks staff need to get it in place to see if another employee is still necessary. He asked for a thorough review of what current staff is doing in council making this decision. He mentioned that he was told that John Torbett, House of Representative, gave Lowell \$2million to clean up the WWTP. He said Mr. Torbett did not give Lowell \$2million but that it is taxpayers money. He then complained about the WWTP and asked multiple questions of the City Council regarding it that he would like answered before committing to the project of giving it up. He asked where the money is going and why they are not upgrading the plant which he states is in disrepair.

2. Laurie Lynch of 613 Whithead Dr., Lowell, NC – yielded her time to her husband to continue discussing his issues with the WWTP and the city going with Two Rivers. He talked about the 2022-2023 budget and thinks the issues of the WWTP should be tabled until it is thoroughly studied.

1D. Adoption of Agenda for this Meeting

Tyler Cobb noted that the Special Presentation under 3A set for tonight to acknowledge the service of Police officers will be moved to the November council meeting due to the officers helping with the Hurricane Helene damage in Western NC. Mayor Pro Tem Bates made a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda with Section 3A, seconded by Councilmember Robinson. The vote was unanimously in favor.

The item was motioned To Approve by Scott Bates and seconded by Shane Robinson with a passing result 5-0-0-1-0 Recused by Larry Simonds

2. Approval of Minutes

The item was motioned To Approve by DeWayne Chitwood and seconded by Scott Bates with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

2A. Approval of Minutes 09-10-2024

3. Special Presentation

3A. Resolution 09-2024 Acknowledging Service of Police Officers

This will be on the November 12, 2024 City Council agenda.

4. Consent Agenda

4A. Finance Report

4B. Parks and Recreation Report

4C. Planning Report

4D. Public Works Report

4E. Police Report

4F. Stormwater Report

5. Unfinished Business

5A. Utility Bill Clerk Position

Presented by Tyler Cobb. Mr. Cobb discussed the position and stated the full time and part time position options were located in the agenda packet for their review. Councilmember Robinson asked if hiring for this position will affect the current rates and how they will be affected. Mr. Cobb said the money that would have already been budgeted for this fiscal year when considering the pay for the previous City Manager and a Planning Director position was already budgeted for and he is doing both tasks. Councilmember Chitwood asked the Interim City Manager if the money would be allotted when the new City Manager is hired. Mr. Cobb said that funds would have to be reallocated to pay for the new position but that the funds were available.

Councilmember Robinson asked how this would affect the current rates. Mr. Cobb said that has to be reviewed annually. Councilmember Robinson said he needs to know the impact hiring a new person is going to have in order to approve the position. Councilmember Chitwood asked what happened to the part

time position? Mr. Cobb said that is still an option but he is recommending a full time position. Councilmember Robinson mentioned that he was concerned about salaries. He said last year the city paid \$2.1 million in salaries and this year the city is at \$1.9 million. He said the previous year, prior to last year was at \$1.6 million when the reevaluations hit. He said "we are \$300,000 over that budget from two years ago or [fiscal year] 23-22 and that's a huge increase. It is still 20% over where we're at now. We eliminated all of the new positions that were created but yet we're still 20% over. If you pull out just the administration and you take out the Utility [position], we're about 27% over so, for me, right now, you would be hard pressed for me to approve this position."

Councilmember Smith said "staff has asked for this position, the prior manager has asked for it, and they are not going to ask for a position that is not needed. I think we should listed to our staff. I'm all for full-time but Mr. Chitwood said he would only approve part time, and part-time is better than nothing."

Councilmember Chitwood said "I don't have a problem with a part-time, even if we went to 25 hours, because I thought that's what we said, not 20 hours. Part-time is the best I will go right now. Maybe in the months or years to come, we can discuss, but not at this time."

Mayor Simonds talked about the options for the position and the current budget. He said they ultimately have to answer to the people, regarding salaries. He would prefer council to wait until the next budget to decide on the new job to save money. He then asked about the \$400,000 received not too long ago where the city had to do an amendment for and how that is in relation to the budget. Mr. Cobb asked if he was referring to the grant? Councilmember Chitwood asked the mayor to stay on the topic.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve a Part-time position for the Customer Service position in the Utility Billing Department, seconded by Councilmember Chitwood. The vote passed with Mayor Pro Tem Bates and Councilmembers Smith and Chitwood voting yay, and Councilmembers Bonham and Robinson voting nay.

The item was motioned To Approve by Travis Smith and seconded by DeWayne Chitwood with a passing result 3-2-1-0-0 Opposed by Phil Bonham, Shane Robinson Abstained by Larry Simonds
To approve a Part-time position for the Customer Service position in the Utility Billing Department.

5B. Clock and Digital Sign Quote

Presented by Tyler Cobb. He said he got two quotes with one received today and the other in the agenda packet for the digital sign to go in front of City Hall. He said there isn't a designated spot for it at the moment. He said both quotes were about the same and he will send council the second quote after this meeting. He mentioned the quotes for the clock repair is also in the packet. He said he did speak to McAdenville about who they used for repairs and was told that they used the same company that the city received a quote for [see agenda packet]. He asked council how they would like him to proceed.

Councilmember Chitwood said the digital sign is out since we just approved a new position with the [digital] sign at \$24,467. He then asked where would the funds come out of to pay for the clock repair. Mr. Cobb said there is no money set aside. He said he doesn't know how long it has not been working but gave a brief history on it. He said it was donated by a citizen of Lowell in honor of a previous mayor.

Councilmember Smith said it was purchased privately by Betty Petty for a former mayor who died in office. Mayor Simonds said it's good to honor the former mayor. He thought the city could get the digital sign to keep people informed and still honor the former mayor by saving the clock. Councilmember Chitwood

asked the mayor if he saw how much the digital sign was? He, again, said it was \$24k and he couldn't see the city paying for that. Councilmember Smith said he thinks the clock should be fixed, seeing how it was donated to the city. He reminded the mayor that he stated on multiple occasions that the clock needed to be fixed. Mayor Simonds said that was before the price to fix it at \$6000 came up and he believes the clock will need repairs again.

Councilmember Chitwood asked the warranty package on the clock for repair. Mr. Cobb said he will check on that and get back to council. Councilmember Robinson said "as far as your funding goes, if you look back, historically, at your revenues and expenditures, we can't look at it here because we don't have the [fiscal year] 23-24 audit yet. But if you look at the previous year, ending fiscal year 2023, we budgeted \$3.2 million for revenue, but actually brought in \$3.7million. So you have revenue in the General Fund for things. If you look at maybe some of these, it's all going to even out for a balanced budget. Some of your expenditures could be a little more too." Councilmember Chitwood asked if the \$6700 [to repair the clock] could be taken out of the SCIF fund? Councilmember Robinson said it can be taken from the General Fund. Councilmember Chitwood asked why not take it from the SCIF if it is not being used since it is for the building fund. Mr. Cobb said we have the money and can pull from either one [fund] but it is really on how council wants to move forward.

Councilmember Smith said he agrees with Councilmember Chitwood in that a staff position is much more important than a digital sign and would like to see the clock fixed. Mayor Simonds said "we want to get this thing done. It's embarrassing for people to see a broke clock every day and you [to Councilmember Smith] are absolutely right, I have been actively doing that [to get the clock fixed]. What we need now is to bite the bullet and still honor the mayor, all the mayors going forward. It's still going to be a clock there and we have the money to do it for just a one time payment [to get the digital sign]. I think it will be a beautiful idea and the city can be informed." Mayor Pro Tem Bates said "my concern is, with the clock, and I know nobody is going to tell you this, but how many more times is it going to break and we have to pay \$7000 to fix it. I'm not trying to disrespect any of them [former mayors], as far as honoring them, but if it breaks three more times in the next 10 years to keep it up and running..." Councilmember Smith said maybe that is a question for when Tyler gets in touch with the clock people. Mayor Pro Tem Bates said he is not for paying \$7000 every time it breaks and is sure the cost will increase as time goes on. Councilmember Chitwood said he would hate to bite the bullet for \$24k but thinks they should go ahead and get the digital sign, using the SCIF funds. Mayor Simonds thinks it should come from the General Fund because the money is there and the city is not broke. Councilmember Chitwood said in his mind, it makes him feel better [to use the SCIF funds] since that is what it is there for. Mayor Simonds again talked about how the digital sign would be good for the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Bates suggested leaving the clock in place as a memorial and then get the digital sign. Councilmember Smith asked if the State has approved the city to getting a digital sign on the corner? Mr. Cobb said the city doesn't have an actual place to put a digital sign. The quotes were received in the preparation of getting a digital clock if that is councils' wishes. there has been no decision in the placement of the sign. Councilmember Chitwood asked if approval was necessary from the State to put up a sign? Mr. Cobb said the State will not want a sign in the right-of-way blocking any lines of sight, even when on city property. Councilmember Bonham said he thinks "if we go with a digital sign, then the clock needs to come down, put in storage, and then when we develop another piece of property, fix it and put it

on that piece of property. Leaving a clock up that doesn't work...we're going to spend \$24 grand here because you don't want to spend \$6-7000 to fix the clock and leaving a broke clock up is ridiculous."

Mr. Cobb added that if it is decided to get a new City Hall at some point, he will be making sure that the digital sign [if purchased] can be moved to the new location. Councilmember Chitwood said he doesn't mind getting the digital sign but would like to see more quotes, in addition to the two received.

Councilmember Bonham agreed. Councilmember Chitwood agreed with putting the clock in storage. He would like to table the discussion until the December council meeting and asked the Interim City Manager to also look at the potential placement of the digital sign.

6. New Business

6A. Consideration of Budget Amendment #2 - FY 2024-2025

Presented by Lisa Nolen. She said this is to move funds from the Water/Sewer Fund Balance to pay the Grant Administration expenditures incurred to Withers Ravenel for the CDBG-I grant. This amount required to pay is due to the deobligation of funds [see agenda packet]. Councilmember Chitwood asked if this was part of the \$588,000 recently paid to them. Mrs. Nolen said that is a separate grant. Mayor Simonds said this was all done by the prior council and hasn't seen anything that has been beneficial in Withers Ravenel's work other than the attorney telling them the city needed to pay it. He continued to complain about Withers Ravenel and the "lack of work." Councilmember Chitwood said it's contractual and we have no choice but to pay it. He made a motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Under discussion, Mayor Simonds said he thinks this item should be tabled. Councilmember Bonham said "we are under a contract, so we have to pay it."

Mr. Cobb said this dates back to 2018 where the city applied for a \$2million grant, receiving \$1.6 million. He said the city only used \$688,000 of the grant money received and the balance is being turned back over to the State. He said the reason for the amendment to pay Withers Ravenel the \$19k is because we didn't fulfill the obligation for the entire grant and in that contract, if you don't meet the obligation, you have to pay it back. Mayor Simonds asked why wouldn't we use the funds. Mr. Cobb said due to everything going on, we ran out of time to get the necessary bids and ensure the project is totally completed by the due date [December 31, 2025]. He said the city decided to closeout the grant. Mayor Simonds began discussing/questioning the project costs to Withers Ravenel and mentioned other amounts.

Councilmember Chitwood said that the mayor is talking about a totally different project. There was some back and forth between the two and Councilmember Chitwood called a Point of Order. Mayor Simonds continued and John Russell again pointed out that the Point of Order is intended to stop all discussion and address it. There was no second on the Point of Order and Mr. Russell said that a second was not necessary.

The initial vote to approve the amendment was then unanimously passed.

6B. Set Public Hearing to Closeout the FY18 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure Program

The item was motioned To Set by Travis Smith and seconded by Scott Bates with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

To set a public hearing for the closeout of the CDBG-I Grant for November 12, 2024 at 6pm.

6C. Public Hearing for Master Sign Plan

There were no public comments. There was no discussion about the Master Sign Plan from City Council.

The item was motioned To Open the Public Hearing by DeWayne Chitwood and seconded by Scott Bates with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

The item was motioned To Close the Public Hearing by DeWayne Chitwood and seconded by Travis Smith with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

The item was motioned To Approve by Travis Smith and seconded by Scott Bates with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

6D. Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County

Presented by Tyler Cobb. He informed council about the agreement with Gaston County Zoning and Planning Dept. This Interlocal Agreement would allow the County to assist with municipalities to provide site and building plans, subdivision and plat review and services. Councilmember Chitwood asked if the fees noted in the agenda packet will be paid for by the builder. Mr. Cobb said that was correct. Mayor Pro Tem Bates asked if this was an ongoing agreement? Mr. Cobb said this is something new that the county is offering to municipalities. It is a one year agreement that would need to be renewed or cancelled after that time period. He said Lowell would not accrue any cost for this service. There was discussion about who pays the fees. Councilmember Bonham stated that "it was mentioned, according to the schedule [in the agreement] that the county would bill us for the services, then Lowell would in turn bill the developer and it's up to us to collect." Mr. Cobb said "yes, before any plans are reviewed, those fees are paid up front."

Mayor Simonds complained that the citizens would have to pay this up front. Councilmember Smith said "citizens of Lowell do not pay for it but a developer would if they build a home here in Lowell." Mayor Pro Tem Bates asked who does site plan reviews now? Mr. Cobb said he does this. He added that this agreement "would only be used for a big commercial projects that we may need assistance on. I'm trying to do both. This was presented to me and until we can figure, our next steps on the hiring part [for City Manager], this is a way to continue to make sure everything is moving smoothly for the city. Things will not keep getting put on the back burner and the developers and these people are not saying 'well Lowell can't get to us quickly, so we're going to pull out of Lowell and go somewhere else.'" Councilmember Robinson asked if we had to send them to the county. Mr. Cobb said no, it's only if we need them and we may never send the County anything, this is just in case we do need there assistance.

Mayor Simonds said he "doesn't get it, between the city and the county. What if you approve it and they don't want to approve it, then you have back and forth." Multiple councilmembers disagreed and Mr. Cobb said "they [county] are going to review it [plans] from our ordinance, Lowell standards, everything. They are not going to the county's (inaudible), they are going to use our ordinances and our standards to approve. Mayor Simonds mentioned something about a project on Wilkinson Blvd and Mr. Cobb stated he was unsure what the mayor was referring to.

Mayor Pro Tem Bates said "so the developers will be paying the County, if we request the County to assist." Mr. Cobb said yes. Mayor Pro Tem Bates said "they're not using anything related to the County. We're basically bringing somebody in from the outside to do the job." Mr. Cobb said yes. Councilmember Robinson said his understanding is that Lowell still makes the decision and they just review it. Mr. Cobb said "that is correct, they review it, mark it up, and send it back."

The item was motioned To Approve by DeWayne Chitwood and seconded by Scott Bates with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

6E. NCLM Grant

Presented by Justin Pearson. He stated the safety grant is in order to purchase a light tower for the city that will be used by Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and the Police Department for night projects and events, etc. and to be more visible. He said the city would have to pay the full cost up front, then the grant would reimburse or award the city with a maximum of a \$5,000 grant amount. Councilmember Bonham asked if this is a used light tower. Mr. Pearson said this will be a new purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Bates asked if there is a possibility that the money won't get reimbursed? Mr. Pearson said the procedures are to get approval to apply for the grant by NCLM. Once they agree the purchase is beneficial or worthy of the grant requirements, then the city purchases the tower and submits all documentation to NCLM for reimbursement. Councilmember Bonham asked if he could not go through a manufacture's list or if we had to go through rental companies or is there a distributor or wholesaler? Mr. Pearson said he didn't locate any.

Councilmember Chitwood said he liked that the tower will be used by the Police Department for license checks and asked how often will these checks be conducted. He said he "would want a commitment before he approves \$6200 [balance of tower after reimbursement by NCLM] because if you're going to put it in there, it's saying the Police Department is going to use it, let's use it. Obviously it's only one or two officers, sometimes only one person working at night time. We know that you have agreements with other towns and can get them up here, and let's do that. So, I would need a commitment." Councilmember Smith asked Councilmember Chitwood "so, it's already going to be used by Public Works and Parks and Recreation, you still need a commitment from the Police Department to approve it?" Councilmember Chitwood said he'd "prefer a commitment. If you are going to put it in the notes, lets make sure they do it. I'm going to vote for it but want in the minutes or the notes, that it be known, that I would prefer, if we are going to say that [Police Department to use for license checks], then I would prefer it to be used." Mayor Pro Tem Bates asked Mr. Pearson how much it would be to rent a light tower? Mrs. Nolen answered and said a little over \$200 per night. She added that after hours, you can't rent one, when Public Works has to do a water leak repair at night. Councilmember Chitwood said he will make a motion to make the purchase, but in his motion, he would like to see a commitment from the Police Department of at least one or two license checks a month. He again stated if you are going to say you are going to use it, then he wants a commitment to that. Chief Moore said they can commit to doing license checks but didn't know about two a month. Councilmember Chitwood said, at least once a month. Chief Moore said it can also be used for crime scenes etc. Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to go ahead and approve it, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bates.

The item was motioned To Approve by DeWayne Chitwood and seconded by Scott Bates with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

7. Reports / Discussions

7A. City Manager Report

1. Thanked and recognized Andrea Nixon for the successful Fall Festival.
2. Thanked and recognized Public Works staff and Lowell Police Department for their helping out during the hurricane. He also thanked those councilmembers that showed up to help.

3. Thanked the Police Department for helping to collect supplies for hurricane victims as well as Mayor Simonds for his drives to help out the victims.

4. New Public Works building update. He stated he and Justin Pearson have been in contact with a few firms to get some design ideas for the facility. He stated a Master Plan was distributed in 2023 that showed the park and the Public Works facility and asked if council received it. A couple councilmembers acknowledged that they had or recalled having a copy. He said he has been in contact with that firm and have taken away the park aspect of the plan. He said the firm is going to work up some more cost analysis for just doing Public Works.

5. City Manager search. He stated that Cheryl Ramsey has sent out some information to council and asked them to please respond to her on the direction they want to go in.

Councilmember Bonham asked about the Public Works facility. He said "we are not going to use any more dirt but stick to the square footage combination of the Public Works/park, we're just removing the park aspect, correct?" Mr. Cobb said yes. Mayor Simonds asked where that money is going to come from? Mr. Cobb said that is something we will need to talk about in the future, in setting a budget for this project once the quotes for the designs come back to the city.

7B. City Attorney Report

No report.

7C. Mayor and City Council General Discussion

1. Mayor Pro Tem Bates thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their help during the storm. He thanked Andrea Nixon for her work with the events and said she is doing a phenomenal job. He asked Chief Moore what they are operating with regarding the recent storm. Chief Moore said Gaston County Emergency Management Services reached out to all the Chiefs requesting manpower to go up to the mountains for assistance as it was considered a major disaster. He said Lowell sent three officers with the UTV, an officer with Ranlo, NC and one from Dallas, NC went to the Chimney Rock, NC area. He said their assignment is for recovery and to look for missing people. He said as of yesterday, there were 65 known missing people in that area. They took the load of supplies to a drop off location in Concord, NC where they flown into the mountains. They took a 2nd load to the campsite where the officers are and plan on taking another load to Marion, NC.

2. Councilmember Chitwood said he appreciates all the employees, even though he said he gives the Police Department a hard time. He thanked them, Public Works and those in the offices for what they do and knows they are working hard. He said he wished Andrea was in attendance tonight to thank her for her efforts. He said the festival was great.

3. Councilmember Smith thanked Public Works, Police, Andrea and staff for their work.

4. Mayor Simonds said in continuing with our efforts to help people affected by the storm that he would like to have a coat drive on October 26, 2024. He wanted to make a goal to have 1000 coats. He wanted council's approval to have it in the City Hall parking lot. Councilmember Chitwood thought that it should include other items as well, not just coats but also blankets, etc. Mayor Simonds agreed but wanted to emphasize a coat drive. He wants to have it from 7:30am until at least 4pm and wanted council's

permission. Councilmembers Chitwood and Smith said they had no issues with it. There was some brief but inaudible discussion due to multiple people talking at once. Councilmember Bonham asked if it would be better served and more room to have it at Harold Rankin park. Mayor Pro Tem Bates and Councilmember Chitwood agreed. Mayor Simonds said City Hall is more visible when coming off I85 but would agree to whatever council decides. There was more discussion about the time of the event.

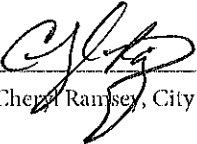
8. Closed Session

9. Adjournment

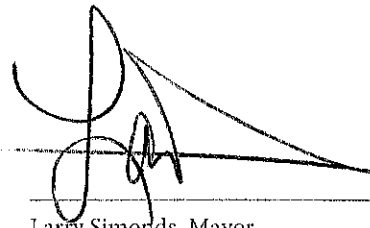
9A. Meeting Adjournment- 7:13 PM

The item was motioned To Adjourn by Scott Bates and seconded by DeWayne Chitwood with a passing result 5-0-1-0-0 Abstained by Larry Simonds

ATTEST:



Cheryl Ramsey, City Clerk



Larry Simonds, Mayor



Resolution for the Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County

Resolution No. 10-24

A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between City of Lowell and Gaston County

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell and Gaston County recognize the importance of collaboration in providing services that enhance the quality of life for their citizens; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-461 authorizes municipalities and counties to enter into interlocal agreements to execute projects and provide services of mutual benefit; and

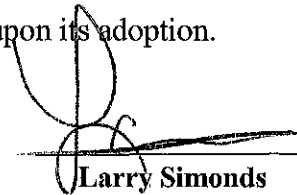
WHEREAS, City of Lowell and Gaston County have negotiated an Interlocal Agreement that outlines their respective responsibilities and commitments related to Site Plan and Plat Review; and

WHEREAS, this agreement fosters cooperation between the parties, promotes efficient use of resources, and serves the best interests of the residents of both City of Lowell and Gaston County;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of City of Lowell.

1. The City Council hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County for Site Plan and Plat Review.
2. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement and take any necessary steps to implement its provisions.
3. The City Clerk is directed to attest to the signatures of the appropriate officials and retain the fully executed agreement in the official records.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 8th day of October 2024



Larry Simonds
Mayor

Attest


Cheryl Ramsey
City Clerk

**City Of Lowell
Budget Amendment #2
Budget Ordinance FY 24-25**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lowell, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

Section 1: To amend the Water & Sewer Fund balance to be changed as follows:

**Water & Sewer Fund:
Fund Balance:**

	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
30-2990-1000 Fund Bal.- Unappropriated	\$19,833.70	

This will result in a decrease of \$19,833.70 in Water & Sewer Fund Bal. – Unappropriated.

Section 2: To amend the Water & Sewer Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

**Water & Sewer Fund:
Expenses:**

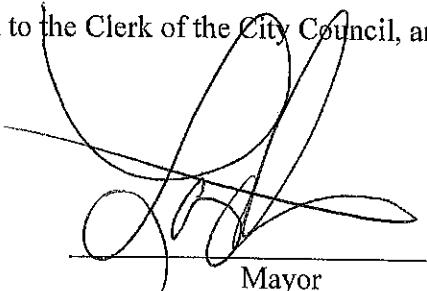
	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
30-8100-0400 Professional Services		\$19,833.70

This amendment will result in an increase of \$19,833.70 in the Water & Sewer appropriations for Professional Services in FY 24-25 from \$22,000.00 to \$41,833.70.

This amendment is to move funds from Fund Balance to pay expenditures.

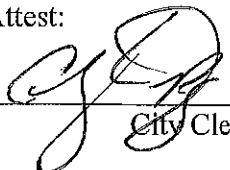
Section 3: Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the City Council, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2024.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk