

**CITY OF NEW BERN
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JUNE 28, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COURTROOM
300 POLLOCK STREET**

- 1. Meeting opened by Mayor Dana E. Outlaw. Prayer by Alderman Best. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Roll Call.**

Present: Mayor Dana Outlaw, Alderman Sabrina Bengel, Alderwoman Jameesha Harris, Alderman Robert Aster, Alderman Barbara Best, and Alderman Jeffrey Odham. Absent: Alderman Johnnie Ray Kinsey. A quorum was present.

Also Present: Foster Hughes, City Manager; Marvin Williams, Assistant City Manager; Michael Scott Davis, City Attorney; and Brenda Blanco, City Clerk.

Consent Agenda

- 3. Consider Adopting a Resolution to Close Specific Streets for MumFest 2022.**

Lynne Harakal, Executive Director of Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corp., requested several street closures to accommodate the 2022 MumFest event slated for October 7-9, 2022. The streets to be closed from 5:00 p.m. on October 7th until 11 p.m. on October 9th are the 200-400 blocks of Broad Street, 200-300 blocks of East Front Street, 200-300 blocks of Middle Street, 300 block of Craven Street, and the 300-400 blocks of Pollock Street. In addition, she requested the 200-300 blocks of Craven Street and 200 block of Pollock Street have restricted vehicular access from 6 a.m. on October 8th until 7 p.m. on October 9th. Swiss Bear also requested use of the city-owned lots known as the "Talbots Lot" located at 304 and 308 South Front Street from 8 a.m. on October 7th until 8 p.m. on October 9th and the City-owned parking lot on the corner of Craven and Pollock Streets from 5:30 p.m. on October 7th until 11 p.m. on October 9th.

- 4. Consider Adopting a Resolution to Close Specific Streets for Religious Community Services' 40th Anniversary Block Party.**

Candice Parker with Religious Community Services ("RCS") requested to close the 800-1000 blocks of George Street to vehicular traffic on August 13, 2022 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. for RCS' 40th birthday block party. The event will not be rescheduled if there is inclement weather.

5. Consider Adopting a Resolution to Close the 500 Block of Roundtree Street for Colorfest.

Derrick Bryant, event organizer for Colorfest, requested the closure of the 500 block of Roundtree Street from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 23, 2022.

6. Approve Minutes.

Minutes from the May 24, 2022 closed session and June 14, 2022 regular meeting were provided for review and approval.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to approve Items 3-6 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman Best. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

7. Update From Architect on Stanley White Recreation Center.

Ken Mayer, Vice President, and Mayowa Alabi, Principal Architect with CPL Architecture Engineering and Planning, provided an update on the Stanley White Recreation Center project. Due to today's market, the cost of the original plan has increased to \$13.9 million. To scale the project back to the original estimate of \$12.1 million, Mr. Alabi showed plans for a new option that would reduce the size of the facility from 35,094 square feet to 28,437 square feet and eliminate the second floor.

Mayor Outlaw expressed a desire to stay the course, and he felt time was of the essence with respect to securing firm costs. Aldermen Bengel agreed, but stated she would like to see firm estimates. She was concerned about losing the pedestrian and bike path to Henderson Park, which would be eliminated in the one-story option, as she felt the connection to Henderson Park was one of the more important features that needed to be retained. She suggested keeping the design footprint of the new building, but possibly delaying some of the interior amenities. Alderman Bengel asked about the possibility of bidding both plans, and Mr. Hughes explained that was not feasible. Alderwoman Harris agreed with moving forward with the original plan. Alderman Odham asked about the potential of contacting FEMA to advise the amount they allowed is no longer enough to cover the cost of the facility. In response, Mr. Hughes noted this was a fixed-cost project. Mayor Outlaw asked about the possibility mitigating some of the retention ponds, and a discussion ensued about the ponds and installing safeguarding features around them.

Upon inquiry from Alderman Aster, Mr. Alabi confirmed a generator was included in the project at an estimate of \$200,000. Alderman Aster asked for information to be forwarded to the City Manager so the City seek funding options for the generator.

The plans will be put out for bid in December, and the actual cost of the project will not be known until bids are received. Mr. Alabi detailed the process from the schematic design to the end design to FEMA review and bid.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to move forward with what was previously voted on with this project so as to solidify direction to move forward with this plan at 35,094 square feet, seconded by Alderman Bengel. Prior to the vote, Alderman Odham questioned why the original plan did not include a laundry room, but the smaller plan did. Mr. Hughes explained a laundry room would have to be included since the amenities in the original facility must be incorporated into the new facility. The kiln room in the original facility, however, had not been used in many years and had served as a storage room for possibly 8-10 years. Alderman Odham noted an additional \$2 million in cost means a total increase of \$6 million from the original plan. He expressed concern with making a decision at this meeting and the impact of such financial decisions for the next Board. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried 5-1 with Alderman Odham voting against it.

8. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the CAMA Land Use Plan Update.

The Planning and Zoning Board held a work session on March 1, 2022 to begin updating the land use plan. The Planning and Zoning Board held a special meeting on June 17th to review and discuss the draft plan. Matt Schelly, Interim Director of Development Services, provided a history of the update. Scott Lagueux, Vice President and Director of Waterfront Planning with the consulting firm of Moffatt & Nichol, provided highlights and the objective of the plan. The primary objective was to update the plan, make it compliant with Chapter 160D, and look at three key focus areas of growth. The land use plan generally is a foundational piece for strategic or other plans.

Mayor Outlaw opened the public hearing, but no one came forward to speak. Alderman Bengel made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Alderman Bengel made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the CAMA Land Use Plan Update, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

9. Consider Adopting a Resolution Ratifying the Action to Rename Hospital Drive as Ray Leggett Way.

During a closed session at the June 14, 2022 meeting, the Board took action to rename Hospital Drive as Ray Leggett Way. This action was requested by the Board of Commissioners for Carolina East Health System and the Board of Directors for CarolinaEast Medical Center to honor Ray Leggett for his service as President and Chief Executive Officer of the CarolinaEast Health System. The proposed resolution will ratify the action taken on June 14th. Alderman Odham expressed appreciation for the Board supporting this action.

Alderman Odham made a motion to adopt a resolution ratifying the action to rename Hospital Drive as Ray Leggett Way, seconded by Alderman Aster. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

10. Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the Sale of 1703 Wilmington Street.

After receiving an offer of \$3,000 from Ashley Boyd to purchase 1703 Wilmington Street, the Board adopted a resolution on May 24, 2022 to initiate the upset bid process. The bid was advertised, but no upset bids were received. The vacant 0.09-acre parcel has a tax value of \$6,000 and was acquired by the City in 2008. The bidder owns the adjacent property at 1705 Wilmington Street and is seeking to expand her greenspace.

Alderman Bengel made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the sale of 1703 Wilmington Street, seconded by Alderman Aster. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

11. Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the Sale of 2200 Grace Avenue.

After receiving an offer of \$10,600 from Kenny Muse for the purchase of 2200 Grace Avenue, the Board adopted a resolution on May 24, 2022 to initiate the upset bid process. The bid was advertised, but no upset bids were received. The 0.22-acre vacant parcel has a tax value of \$20,000 and was donated to the City in 1992. The bidder has spoken with staff in Development Services about his plans for the property and has expressed a desire to pursue the process.

Alderman Bengel expressed concern that the property is in a commercial corridor and the bid may not be sufficient considering the property's location. She was concerned the bidder may sell the property for \$100,000, and she wanted to make sure the City is maximizing what it receives from the sale of property. Mr. Schelly pointed out the property is zoned residential, and its triangular shape will limit the development potential.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the sale of 2200 Grace Avenue, seconded by Alderman Odham. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

12. Consider Adopting a Resolution to Initiate the Upset Bid Process for 2107 Pearson Street.

Davis McKinley Properties, LLC made an offer to purchase 2107 Pearson Street for \$3,750, which is 50% of the tax value. The vacant 0.23-acre parcel has a tax value of \$7,500 and was acquired by the City and County in 2019 through tax foreclosure. Taxes, costs, interest, and penalties due at that time were \$3,189.32 to the County and \$1,651.74 to the City. If the property is sold for the initial bid, the County is estimated to receive \$2,572.58 and the City \$1,177.42 from the proceeds.

The City will also receive reimbursement for the cost to advertise the bid. The bidder has spoken with staff in Development Services and is satisfied the property is suitable for his plans.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to adopt a resolution to initiate the upset bid process for 2107 Pearson Street, seconded by Alderman Best. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

13. Consider Adopting a Resolution to Initiate the Upset Bid Process for 803 Pavie Avenue.

Susan Barber made an offer to purchase 803 Pavie Avenue for \$2,000, which is 50% of the tax value. The vacant 0.09-acre parcel has a tax value of \$4,000 and was acquired by the City and County in 2017 through tax foreclosure. Taxes, costs, interest, and penalties due at that time were \$2,335.74 to the County and \$1,956.01 to the City. If the property is sold for the initial bid, it is estimated the County will receive \$1,472.26 and the City will receive \$527.74 from the proceeds. The City will also receive reimbursement for the cost to advertise the bid. This property is in the boundary of the Redevelopment Commission. Mrs. Barber made a presentation before the Commission at its May 11, 2022 meeting, and the Commission unanimously approved a recommendation that the Board initiate the upset bid process.

Alderman Best made a motion to adopt a resolution to initiate the upset bid process for 803 Pavie Avenue, seconded by Alderman Bengel. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

14. Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with Craven County for a Portion of Tax Parcel ID 8-006-384 for Use by George Street Senior Center.

The City previously leased to Craven County a portion of property that is adjacent to 811 George Street and utilized by the George Street Senior Center. The most recent lease was approved in July 2018 for a period of two years with an automatic renewal for three successive one-year terms. Craven County requested to terminate that lease and enter into a new 10-year lease effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2032 at a rate of \$1 per year. Alderman Odham questioned whether it was in the best interest of the City to extend the lease for 10 years at a rate of \$1 annually. Mr. Davis explained the County made improvements to the adjacent Senior Center, and this lease is for an outparcel that includes a gazebo. The City has maintained ownership of the outparcel because it is contiguous to the tennis courts, and at some future time the City may have need for it.

(Alderman Best momentarily stepped out of the room at 7:15 p.m., returning at 7:19 p.m. after discussion of the lease.)

Alderman Bengel made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Craven County for a portion of Tax Parcel ID 8-006-384, which is just the little space to the left, for

use by the George Street Senior Center, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

15. Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with State Employees Credit Union for the ATM in the Parking Lot at 302 Craven Street.

The State Employee's Credit Union ("SECU") has requested renewal of the lease agreement for the ATM currently located in the City's parking lot at 302 Craven Street. This ATM provides a needed service for those who live and work in the downtown area. The proposed lease term is for a period of 12 months beginning July 1, 2022, at a rate of \$225.00 a month.

Alderman Aster asked when the lease rate was last increased, and Alderman Bengel replied it had been that rate forever and she had questioned in the past whether the lease should be bid out. She stated the ATM provides service for tourists and citizens, not just those who live and work downtown. When the ATM was first installed, the SECU did not charge fees to users. However, it does now. Noting the intent to increase parking rates and in hopes the City may be able to collect more rent, Alderman Odham suggested other banks be allowed an opportunity to bid on the space. Mr. Davis confirmed if the lease is not renewed, it will become a month-to-month lease.

Alderman Odham made a motion to table Item 15 until the first meeting in September, seconded by Alderman Best. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

16. Consider Adopting a Resolution Accepting American Rescue Plan Earmark Funds from NC Department of Environmental Quality.

As previously announced, the City was appropriated \$230,000 in American Rescue Plan funding from the NC Department of Environmental Quality. The funding will be used for the implementation of the Northwest Interceptor Rehabilitation – Phase II project. To formally accept the grant, the City must adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Funding Offer and Acceptance form.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting American Rescue Plan earmark funds from the NC Department of Environmental Quality, seconded by Alderman Best. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

17. Consider Adopting the Final Budget Ordinance Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

A final budget ordinance is adopted annually to revise the current year's budget to ensure that all projected expenditures have sufficient budget and to realign the revenues to equal the appropriations. Kim Ostrom, Director of Finance, explained some of the realignments cover salary and solid waste adjustments, and the amendment will also address some of the audit findings. The net amount taken from the General Fund balance is \$2,782,388. The 2017 Roadway Improvement

Fund showed a deficit of \$2,214,130, which was due to a failure to finance the project. Alderman Odham questioned why not finance the project now, and Mrs. Ostrom responded she could look into that. He also asked what impact the transfer would have on fund balance, and Mrs. Ostrom was unsure, although she did not think it would be that much. Noting the approach of hurricane season, Alderman Odham expressed concern about lowering the fund balance. Alderman Aster inquired as to the status of FEMA reimbursements, and Mrs. Ostrom stated there was currently close to \$3 million in pending reimbursements.

Alderman Bengel made a motion to adopt the final budget ordinance amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

18. Discussion of ARP Funds and Consider a Motion to Divide Funds Among the Six Wards.

The City was awarded and received \$6,704,351 in American Rescue Plan ("ARP") funds. After much discussion at the May 24, 2022, a suggestion was made to split the allocation of funds among the six wards with each ward given the opportunity to identify the projects on which they desire to spend their allotment. A breakdown of those funds was provided and reviewed by Mrs. Ostrom, along with a list of the proposed projects.

After receiving questions from Alderwoman Harris, Mr. Davis explained until the funding is spent, a future Board could change any action taken by this Board to allocate the funding. Even after motions are made to allot the funding for specific uses, the Board will also need to approve the expenditures.

Alderman Best felt the allocation of \$350,000 for the McCotter House should be divided among all six wards, not just three. Although the Norfolk Southern culvert is physically located in Ward 5, she did not want to utilize Ward 5's allocation for that project since the culvert serves Derby Park (Ward 4). Once the Norfolk Southern culvert is removed from her list of items, her intent is to utilize the remaining \$500,725 for a North Hills and Simmons Street stormwater project. Mr. Hughes noted the Board previously voted to approve the \$400,000 project for the Norfolk Southern culvert. Mr. Davis explained the options are for the Board to entertain a motion to change its previous action, or stormwater could be viewed from the perspective of the ward it serves versus the location of the specific stormwater structure. Thus, you would think of which ward benefits from the structure instead of where the structure sits. If the structure helps both wards, then a possibility is to split the cost.

A discussion ensued about the division of the ARP funds and the action already taken by the Board to appropriate \$2 million for stormwater and \$350,000 for the McCotter House. Alderman Bengel stated she was not aware the \$2 million in stormwater projects would be divided among the wards, as stormwater benefits the entire City. It was her impression the \$2 million would be taken "off the top" with

the balance divided among the 6 wards and with Wards 1, 2 and 5 equally sharing the \$350,000 allocation.

Aldерwoman Harris made a motion to adopt the ARP funds that are listed on the chart to be divided up between 6 wards, seconded by Alderman Odham. Alderman Bengel felt the motion should be amended to include the removal of \$400,000 until the Norfolk Southern culvert could be figured out. Mr. Davis suggested the funds be divided among all wards and the two aldermen could figure out the division of the \$400,000 amongst their wards' budgeted amounts. Aldерwoman Harris amended her motion to remove the \$400,000 so Wards 4 and 5 can further discuss the funding of that project. Alderman Odham pointed out there is now an approved project with no way to pay for it. Aldерwoman Harris' amended motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Odham then asked if the Board could agree for the \$2 million to be spent on stormwater improvements regardless of ward, that the balance of \$4,704,352 be divided among the six wards, and staff rank nonpolitically which stormwater projects should be pursued for the \$2 million.

If the \$2 million is taken off the top, Mrs. Ostrom announced the amount remaining for each ward is \$784,000. Mr. Hughes noted staff had not yet done any work on the Norfolk Southern project, although design work had begun on the other stormwater projects. The Norfolk Southern project could be tabled if the Board desires. Alderman Aster suggested removing the Norfolk Southern culvert from Ward 5's list of projects and add the \$400,000 funding back to that ward's allocation.

Aldерwoman Harris made a new amended motion to allocate funds for each ward minusing the \$400,000 and putting it back into Ward 5's allocation so it (the balance) equals \$500,725, seconded by Alderman Odham. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Hughes pointed out that staff has not vetted the pricing for some of the projects and could provide an update on the pricing at the next meeting. The crosswalk at the intersection of Broad and Middle Streets is estimated to cost \$130,000. Alderman Odham asked about the cost difference for a crosswalk versus a fully signalized stoplight. Alderman Bengel stated she was informed a light would cost \$200,000 or more. Alderman Odham noted another ward may be willing to pay the difference for the light, as he felt that was the best decision. Alderman Bengel said she agreed, but pointed out there could be traffic issues with a light at four back-to-back intersections.

Considering pricing is not available for all projects, Mr. Davis questioned if it would be easier to have a chart with pricing at the next meeting.

Aldерwoman Harris made a motion that her available funds would go to "that project" (Pembroke sidewalks) and anything left over needs to go to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Alderman Bengel. Mr. Hughes clarified that Aldерwoman Harris currently has \$500,725 in available funding, and she was allocating up to that amount for the sidewalk project, with residual funds allocated

to the Redevelopment Commission. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Alderman Odham reviewed the project list compiled by him and Alderman-elect Brinson: installation of a cemetery shelter at New Bern Memorial Cemetery, infrastructure improvements at Union Point Park for electrical services and drainage that did not get funded in this year's budget, fill in the areas of gaps in sidewalks that have already been installed in Ward 6, and improve or replace any neighborhood signs as needed. After these projects, Ward 6 should still have a considerable amount of money left to fund other citywide projects. Alderman Odham asked for staff to provide at the next meeting a list of a la carte options for improvements to Union Point Park, such as playground equipment. Alderman Odham then made a motion to provide staff with direction to provide an estimate for funding the projects he identified, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Davis clarified that Alderman Odham was only seeking direction.

Alderman Best made a motion to designate \$500,725 to set up a project fund to address stormwater in the North Hills and Simmons Street area. Alderwoman Harris noted a project fund could not be set up until there was discussion and knowledge as to what would happen with the \$400,000. Alderman Bengel suggested the motion be to set up the stormwater project fund utilizing any remaining funds that Alderman Best may have. Alderman Best stated she wanted all her funding to go to stormwater, as the project would surpass her allocated funds. Alderman Best then gave direction by stating that was where she wanted her money to go.

Alderman Aster stated he could not give direction now, as he was having discussions with Police and Fire. He was, however, waiting on pricing from Public Works for the purchase of four electronic speed limit signs for the Evans Mill and Old Airport Road area. Mr. Williams said pricing for six signs had been obtained at a cost of just over \$22,000. The six signs were proposed for the Old Airport Road area and National Avenue. Alderman Bengel stated the two additional signs for National Avenue could be added to her list. Alderman Aster said he also wanted to pursue a Police substation in the area of Thurman Road, but was still working out those details.

19. Appointment(s).

Mayor Outlaw made a motion to reappoint Tripp Eure to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Mr. Eure's term will run from July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Mayor Outlaw made a motion to appoint Brad Jefferson to the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Alderman Odham. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Mr. Jefferson will fill the seat previously held by Anne Schout and will serve a term of three years from July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Alderman Bengel made a motion to appoint Mollie Bales to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Ms. Bales will fill the seat previously held by Ellen Sheridan, and her term will expire on June 30, 2025.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to appoint Tyron Brown to the Police Civil Service Board, seconded by Alderman Bengel. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Mr. Brown will fill the seat previously held by Kevin Rock and will serve a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Alderman Aster made a motion to appoint Tim Thompson to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Harris. The motion carried unanimously 6-0. Mr. Thompson will serve the seat previously held by Peggy Broadway and will serve a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

20. Attorney's Report.

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

21. City Manager's Report.

- Mr. Hughes reported on the Tisdale House, noting 110 calls had been received, 50 individuals toured the house, and 6 or 7 proposals were received. The Historic Preservation Foundation is vetting the proposals and will likely make a presentation at the July or August meeting.
- Plans were announced for the annual July 4th celebration.
- Parks and Recreation has finished the basketball court at Henderson Park, and pictures were displayed. An open house will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

22. New Business.

Mayor Outlaw

When he was in Washington DC for the recent Mayor's Summit, the Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina, pulled up a picture of the Tisdale house and wanted to know about it. That shows word had spread.

Alderman Odham

Noting the City had partnered with the Housing Authority to work with FEMA on condemning the Trent Court buildings, a status report was requested. Mr. Hughes provided an update and reported on the April 28, 2022 meeting with HUD. There is conflicting information from FEMA and HUD. FEMA is the entity providing the funds for the project. The City will have to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO"). An email was received earlier today that SHPO has rejected the current MOU because the Housing Authority will not have enough detail about what they will do with the Trent Court property. The ball is in the Housing Authority's court, and they are working to figure out what they will do with that development, per Mr. Hughes.

(At 8:23 p.m., Alderwoman Harris announced there was an issue with the live feed. Viewers are having a hard time hearing.)

Alderman Bengel suggested Tiffany Askew, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, make a presentation before the Governing Board. She also suggested Mr. Hughes speak with Ms. Askew to get some answers. Alderwoman Harris asked if the City could pull back from the MOU. Mr. Davis said while the City could walk away at any time, he was fearful that would further delay the project. During discussion of the matter, Alderwoman Harris confirmed with Mr. Davis and pointed out that the Authority could be dismantled and placed under the City, which would give the City more ability to make things happen. A future Board could then reinstate the Housing Authority.

Alderman Odham wished his wife a happy 20th anniversary, noting their anniversary would be the following day.

Alderman Best

Appreciation was expressed for the trap installed by Sound Rivers in the Duffyfield canal. The trap is working and collecting trash.

Pastor Robert Johnson lost his brother last Friday. Condolences were expressed to his family.

A list was requested of all State ARP funds for which the City has applied. Mr. Hughes said a list would be provided to the Board.

Alderwoman Harris

Thanks to staff for all their work and for those who helped with Juneteenth.

The registration period for voting is open until 5 p.m. on July 1st. Same day registration is offered during early voting which runs from July 7th – 23rd. The election will take place on July 26th and includes a runoff for the Mayor, Ward 1 and Ward 2.

Alderman Bengel

In approximately 2011 or 2012, the Board voted in favor of the creation of Heritage Park, which was to be located where the elevator is now being built. The park was to celebrate all the families that settled North Carolina. Now that the elevator is being constructed, the site will move to the greenspace by the parking lot. The Board expressed consent with the change in location.

The James Davis plaque that was located by the Degraffenreid bust will be put in the side bed along with a storyboard. Mr. Davis was a printer and operated the first printing press in North Carolina. This project will probably be funded through private money.

23. Closed Session.

A closed session was not needed.

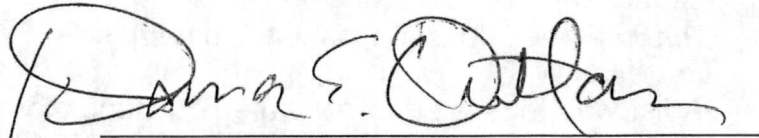
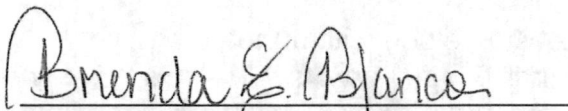
24. Adjourn.

Alderwoman Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Aster. The motion carried unanimously 6-0, time being 8:33 p.m.

The attached documents are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

NOTE: For additional details and information on the Board of Aldermen meetings, please visit the City of New Bern's website at www.newbernnc.gov. Video and audio recordings of the meeting have been archived.

Minutes approved: July 12, 2022


Dana E. Outlaw, Mayor
Brenda E. Blanco, City Clerk