

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Ike Perkins, Todd Perdue, Ralph Prestwood, Kimmie Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem David Stevens, City Manager Scott Hildebran, City Clerk Shirley Cannon and City Attorney Timothy Rohr.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Jonathan Beal and Crissy Thomas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was opened by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance as led by Mayor Gibbons.

**SYMPATHY EXTENDED;
FAMILY OF GREENSBORO
SERGEANT PHILLIP NIX:**

- B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep the family of Greensboro Police Sergeant Phillip Dale Nix who was killed at a Sheetz gas station.

**CONDOLENCES: FAMILIES OF
SYLVIA GREENE AND MARTHA WILSON:**

- C. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep the families of Sylvia Greene and Martha Wilson in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mayor Gibbons stated Sylvia Greene was an artist, historian and storyteller who was well known and loved throughout the community. Ms. Greene contributed much to the community and as listed in her obituary, she was also instrumental in having a monument placed at the historic William Lenoir Middle School later known as the Freedman Cultural Center. Ms. Greene will be greatly missed by her family, friends and community.

Mayor Gibbons stated Martha Wilson, spouse of Attorney Hugh Wilson passed away on Tuesday, December 26. Mrs. Wilson was well loved and respected by everyone and a dedicated and faithful member of First Baptist Church for many years. Mrs. Wilson also previously volunteered for several local organizations. Mrs. Wilson will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the community.

**COMMENDED; CITY
STAFF:**

- D. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons commended Kaylynn Horn, Economic Development Director and Matthew Anthony, Downtown Event Coordinator along with other City departments for the great job everyone did in decorating the downtown area for the holidays. Mayor Gibbons said downtown looked like a winter wonderland and noted he continues to receive compliments from local citizens.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONDITIONAL ZONING REQUEST; 2035 WALT ARNEY ROAD:

- A. A public hearing was held to consider a Conditional Zoning District (CZ-10) as requested by Edward Earl Booker for property located at 2035 Walt Arney Road, NCPIN#2758204978 subject to the following special conditions (1-7) as listed below and as based on the consistency statement also listed below. Staff recommends City Council adopt the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Gibbons opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Conditional Zoning request.

Hannah Williams, Planning Director, was sworn in by the City Clerk.

Director Williams reviewed the history of the property and also went over the seven (7) special conditions listed below. Director Williams explained the Conditional Zoning Ordinance basically amended a Special Use District (SUD) approved in May 1997 to allow for an expansion of an existing commercial machinery business. The City no longer uses SUDs as a zoning tool, so amending SUDs require a full conversion/rezoning to conditional zoning. The applicant is seeking to build a second building on the lot for storage purposes and he will be the only employee. The CZ ordinance will allow for light manufacturing, boutique/artisan manufacturing, and general office uses. The ordinance also takes lighting, parking, buffering, and signage into consideration. She reviewed the special conditions as follows:

1. Concept Plan. Subject to any modifications expressly contained in the text of this ordinance, development and maintenance of the Property must be consistent with the concept plan attached to this ordinance as Exhibit "B" (hereinafter the "Concept Plan"). In the event of a conflict between the text of this ordinance and the Concept Plan, the text of this ordinance shall control. References in this ordinance to lots, parcels, buildings, phases, and other development features refer to such features as identified on the Concept Plan.
2. Variances. Zoning variances to the standards of the default zoning district not modified by this ordinance may be approved pursuant to the procedures set forth in Appendix A, Article XIII, Section 1312.1 of the Lenoir City Code.
3. Modification. The special conditions specific to the CZ-10 zoning district may only be modified by application for a zoning map amendment following the procedures outlined in Appendix A, Article VIII, Section 820 of the Lenoir City Code.
4. Permitted/Special Uses. All uses permitted within the R-9 zoning district, as well as offices, and manufacturing (boutique/artisan and light). Heavy manufacturing is not permitted by this ordinance.
5. Design. Design standards laid out for industrial districts shall apply, as well as the following conditions:
 - a. All commercial and industrial activity shall take place within the buildings.
 - b. Outdoor storage, truck parking, garbage collection, and loading/unloading shall not be visible from abutting streets. All of the following in addition to HVAC/utility equipment and other similar functions shall be incorporated into the overall design of the building. Non-enclosed areas shall be permanently defined and screened, as well as conform to materials and colors on the building.

- c. All lighting shall be fully cut-off and shielded so as to eliminate light spill-over onto adjacent residential properties.
 - d. Six parking spaces are required, located to the side and rear of the buildings as shown on the concept plan.
6. Buffer. The tree line along the rear property boundary shall remain and landscaping must be replaced if damaged. The buffer in front of the proposed secondary building shall consist of evergreen trees screening away from the adjacent single-family home (known as 2025 Walt Arney Rd). The buffer must meet the following specification:
Trees and shrubs used in a buffer strip shall be species which reach a height of six feet within two years. A combination of two or more species may be permitted, provided that at least 50% of the trees will reach six feet within two years and such trees will be evenly distributed along the buffer strip. Any change of ownership or occupancy does not negate the requirements of this section.
7. Signage. This site is permitted the following signs with an approved zoning permit.
- a. One monument sign not to exceed 32 SF copy area and 6 feet in height.
 - b. Building mounted wall signage up to 8 SF.
 - c. Electronic message boards are prohibited.

(A copy of the recorded ordinance is hereby incorporated into these minutes. Refer to pages 8-10.)

In addition, Director Williams clarified for Council that any future owners of the property would also have to adhere to the seven (7) conditions as listed above and as described in the ordinance. She further clarified there were no changes to operations for storage users.

Director Williams reported Staff and the Planning Board supports this conditional zoning request with the conditions as presented.

There being no further public participation, Mayor Gibbons closed the public hearing and asked Council for action.

Mayor Gibbons read the Consistency Statement as follows:

The proposed Conditional Zoning District is consistent with the land use policy concepts in the Comprehensive Plan that call for industrial development in appropriate areas and increased requirements for landscaping in new developments. Generally, requiring landscaping incentivizes both the desire for a property to look more aesthetically appealing, but also ensuring that the character of the property does not interrupt the pre-existing residential and cultural contexts previously developed in the area. On the City of Lenoir Future Land Use Map, this area calls for high-density residential wherein there are several single-family neighborhoods as well as a few mobile home parks. This use, in the grand scheme of all properties in this area of Lenoir, does not hardly affect the intended uses that were bound for this parcel and surrounding parcels. It would be challenging to put multi-family/high-density homes on this property given its size, but additionally it is surrounded by uses that are consistent with the future land use map including a park to the east of the property.

Councilmember Prestwood inquired about the requirements for parking. Director Williams explained customers will access the site via the existing driveway off of Walt Arney road. Six (6) parking spaces are required located to the rear and sides of the buildings as shown on the submitted concept plan.

There being no further public participation, Mayor Gibbons closed the public hearing and asked Council for action.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Stevens, Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt the ordinance for the Conditional Zoning petition for property located at 2035 Walt Arney Road subject to the seven conditions as listed in the ordinance and as based on the consistency statement as read and as presented.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 5, 2023 as submitted.
- B. Minutes: Approval of the closed session minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, December 5, 2023 as reviewed by the City Attorney, City Council and the City Manager.
- C. Resolution, Division of Water Infrastructure: Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution accepting the grant offer from the Division of Water Infrastructure in the amount of \$248,640.00 and making the applicable assurances contained therein. (A copy of the resolution is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. (Refer to page 11.)
- D. Resolution & Symbol; Public Works & Engineering: Staff recommends City Council adopt the Resolution to designate Public Works and Engineering as First Responders as well as the symbol created and approved by the American Public Works Association in 2017. The symbol will be used by City of Lenoir Public Works Professionals to mark vehicles, equipment (tags and decals) and facilities (PWFR) identifying them as Public Works First Responders as submitted. (A copy of the resolution and symbol are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. (Refer to pages 12-14.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perdue, Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt items (A through D) on the Consent Agenda as described above and as recommended by City Staff.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

COMMENTS REGARDING 2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE:

- A. Ms. Lynette Ramsey, Waycross Drive, addressed City Council regarding the float themed Krampus in the Christmas parade. She submitted several pages of names on a petition to the City Clerk of individuals that were opposed to the Krampus float being in the parade. Their statement on the petition read – we petition the City Council to review, change and or amend guidelines that are more in alignment to our community values and theme of this Christ related Christmas parade.

Ms. Ramsey stated she didn't attend the parade, but viewed comments on social media and spoke with citizens. Ms. Ramsey remarked that Krampus represents a demon transition who projects terrific punishment on children and referred to a child being chained in a cage while riding on the float. She stated individuals walking with the float were scaring children by going up to them asking them if they had been good.

In addition, Ms. Ramsey stated she has spoken with members of the City and was told by someone that if Hamas wanted to be in the parade they would allow it. Ms. Ramsey stated parents should have a choice as to what floats are in the parade and reminded Council they

run the City and encouraged them to put guidelines in place for next year's parade as it is a fun, focal part of the holiday.

Adam Hartley spoke on behalf of Wolf Moon Salt Cave and several of the downtown businesses that he said have faced backlash from the parade and have been falsely accused of having sponsored the Krampus float on social media. Mr. Hartley emphasized the float was not affiliated with any of the downtown businesses. He reported there was also some property damage that occurred. Mr. Hartley disputed people chasing kids and said they were only handing out candy. Mr. Hartley said the parade should be open to everyone and the City should represent all of us.

Nicole Flanigan stated she is a Lenoir resident but did not want to give her address due to a recent threat. Ms. Flanigan pointed out there were many diverse groups that live in Lenoir and they should have representation in the parade. She stated everyone needs to feel like they have a place here.

Next, City Attorney Timothy Rohr read the following prepared statement on behalf of the City of Lenoir and City Council as follows:

City Council, the Mayor, and Staff appreciate your concerns about the Christmas parade and its participants. However, the City, as we know, is a governmental entity. As such, it is bound by the United States Constitution, including the First Amendment. In particular, Congress, and through the Fourteenth Amendment the states and thus the City, cannot limit your freedom of speech. The First Amendment is part of the reason you get to come before the council and express your concerns. The City also cannot establish a religion or prohibit people from exercising or expressing their own religious beliefs. Government must accommodate all religions and cannot be hostile toward any.

So, since the City of Lenoir organizes and sets up the Christmas parade each year, it must allow, with only limited exceptions, participation by whatever group, person, or organization that wants to participate. That includes Christian religious organizations and churches, non-Christian religious organizations, non-religious organizations, and organizations that are explicitly anti-religious. And, again with only limited exceptions, the City must allow those groups that participate to express whatever message they wish to express through their floats.

Cynthia Hicks, Lenoir resident, addressed Council and stated the Christmas parade should be a family, friendly event where parents do not have to worry about bringing their young children to. Ms. Hicks remarked guidelines should be put in place for the protection of young children and reiterated it should be a family, friendly event for generations to come.

City Attorney Rohr advised City Council that they could put certain limited guidelines in place for the parade if they chose to do so.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked everyone for coming.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITYMANAGER

A. Items of Information

JANUARY

- CALENDAR:** 1. The calendar for the month of January was provided to City Council listing various meetings and events.

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS

- TREE PICKUP:** 2. Curbside Christmas tree pickup began on Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 5.

CITY/COUNTY SERVICES

- COMMITTEE:** 3. The City/County Services Committee will meet on Monday, January 8 at noon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

4. The Economic Development Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 8:15 a.m.

- ABC BOARD:** 5. The ABC Board will meet on Thursday, January 11 at 2:00 p.m.

LENOIR BUSINESS

ADVISORY BOARD:

6. The Lenoir Business Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSING:

7. City offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

- LEAF PICKUP:** 8. City staff are in the second round of picking up leaves which have to be bagged and placed behind the curb. Leaf pickup will continue through January.

B. Items for Council Action

BID AWARD; LENOIR VEHICULAR

WAYFINDING PROJECT:

1. Staff recommends approval to award the contract for the Lenoir Vehicular Wayfinding Project to Rite Lite Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$414,960.00 (Unit Price Maj. \$7.619.00 Min. \$7,404.00) as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Rite Lite Signs, Inc. is a national sign and architectural features company based out of Concord, NC. They are a North Carolina Licensed Contractor with a portfolio of similar wayfinding projects in cities such as the City of Monroe, NC, Town of Strasburg, Virginia and City of Murray, Kentucky as referenced in their bid package.

A copy of the bid tab is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. (Refer to page 15.)

As background information, City Manager Hildebran stated the City contracted with Destination by Design to provide design, bid administration, and construction oversight for this project. He stated the City applied for and was awarded a grant from the Appalachian Regional Grant (ARC) in the amount of \$250,000.00 with a local contribution of \$292,500.00 for an overall project cost of \$514,500.00. Funds provided by the Lenoir Tourism Development Authority (LTDA) and ARPA funds will be utilized to provide the local funding match.

The project was advertised for public bid on October 24, 2023 with a public bid opening on scheduled for December 6, 2023. Two bids were received and the project was rebid on December 12 with a public bid opening scheduled on December 19. Two bids were procured and opened. Rite Lite Signs, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$414,960.00.

Councilmember Perkins along with Mayor Gibbons and City Councilmembers thanked Event Coordinator Matthew Anthony and Economic Development Director Kaylynn Horn for all of their hard work regarding this project and commented on how great the sign looks.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perkins, Council voted 5 to 0 to award the low bid of \$414,960.00 to Rite Lite Signs, Inc. for the City of Lenoir's Vehicular Wayfinding (Sign) project as presented and as recommended by City Staff.

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

Fee \$26.00



Caldwell County North Carolina
Wayne L. Rash, Register of Deeds

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LENOIR,
NORTH CAROLINA, DESIGNATING CERTAIN LAND
GENERALLY LOCATED OFF WALT ARNEY ROAD, SOUTH
OF SOUTHWEST BLVD, NORTH OF SWANSON ROAD, AND
COMPRISED OF 1.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS
CONDITIONAL ZONING DISTRICT #10 (CZ-10) ON THE
CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS; DIRECTING AMENDMENT
OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Whereas, at its regularly scheduled meetings of November 27, 2023, the Lenoir Planning Board considered zoning application case number CZ-10, requesting the Conditional Zoning district designation, for approximately 1.23 acres of land, described by the legal description attached to this ordinance as **Exhibit "A"** (hereinafter the "Property"); and

Whereas, the property was approved as a Special Use District (SUD) in 1997 (SUD 5-97), and under S.L.2019-111(2)(b), any SUD that was valid and in effect on January 1, 2021 was automatically deemed to now be a Conditional Zoning district; and

Whereas, the SUD 5-97 approved the property to be used as a cabinet shop within a masonry building, and has been used for other light manufacturing uses in the years since, despite its base R-9 residential zone, and

Whereas, the current owner's business is successful and growing, necessitating an additional storage building, and

Whereas, based upon the evidence presented to the Lenoir Planning Board, including the information and analysis contained in the staff report for application case number R 2-23 and subject to certain conditions, the Lenoir Planning Board recommended that the Lenoir City Council approve said conditional zoning application and adopt an ordinance in accordance therewith; and

Whereas, the Lenoir Planning Board has found that approval of the application is consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, the Lenoir City Council hereby finds that this ordinance is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Conditional Zoning designation as established by Appendix A, Article V, Section 502, Lenoir City Code; and

Whereas, the Lenoir City Council hereby finds and declares that this ordinance and these amendments are in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ZONING. After due notice and public hearing, and pursuant to Appendix A, Article XIV of the Lenoir City Code, and other relevant portions of the Lenoir City Code, the zoning designation for the Property is hereby changed from the R-9/CZ-L district to Conditional Zoning district on the City's Official Zoning Map (to be denoted as "CZ-10"), as depicted in Exhibit "B" to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. OTHER DEVELOPMENT LAWS. Except as expressly provided otherwise by this ordinance, the CZ-10 zoning district remains subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to exempt the Property from the lawful authority or jurisdiction of any federal, state, or local agency.

SECTION 3. DEFAULT ZONING DISTRICT. Except as expressly provided otherwise by this ordinance, the Property shall be governed by the land development regulations of the R-9 Multi Family zoning district.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL CONDITIONS. The Conditional Zoning district for the Property is subject to the following special conditions:

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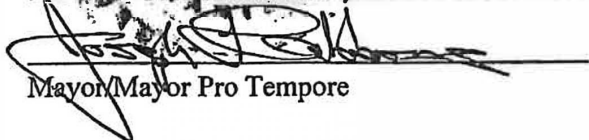
SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance takes effect upon adoption.

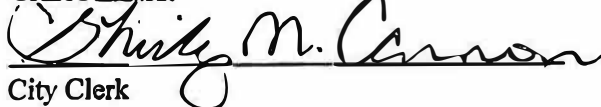
DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, by the City Clerk of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, the 21st and 28th days of December, 2023.

DONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND ENACTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, at a regular meeting, this 2nd day of January, 2024.

BY THE MAYOR/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY OF LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA:


Mayor/Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA:


City Clerk

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CITY MANAGER
SCOTT E. HILDEBRAN

CITY OF LENOIR
NORTH CAROLINA

MAYOR
JOSEPH L. GIBBONS

CITY COUNCIL
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C. D. THOMAS

RESOLUTION BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LENOIR NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, was established in Session Law (S.L.) 2021-180 to assist eligible units of local government with meeting their drinking water and/or wastewater and/or stormwater infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered LASII ARPA funding in the amount of \$248,640.00 to perform the work detailed in the submitted application, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lenoir intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LENOIR:

That the City of Lenoir does hereby accept the ARPA grant offer of 248,640.00; and

That the City of Lenoir does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any *Conditions* or *Assurances* contained in the *Funding Offer and Acceptance* (award offer) will be adhered to; has substantially complied, or will substantially comply, with all federal, State of North Carolina (State), and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project; and to federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto; and

That Scott Hildebran – City Manager and Donna Bean – Finance Director, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the 2nd Day of January 2024 at the City County Chambers in Lenoir, North Carolina.

SEAL

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. Gibbons".

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Shirley M. Cannon".

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk





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Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING AS FIRST RESPONDERS AS FEDERALLY MANDATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018, the American Public Works Association announced the Association's adoption of a national Public Works First Responder symbol. The symbol is to be used throughout North America to recognize public works professionals' federally mandated role as first responders; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, in 2003, in which a public works response to emergencies and disasters is recognized as an absolute necessity, and the federal government is directed to include public works in all planning and response effort; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works First Responder symbol uses familiar colors – orange, black, and white – and a design reminiscent of road construction, signs, safety cones, and orange construction barrels. The Public Works First Responder symbol is expected to increase recognition of public works as first responders throughout North America; and

WHEREAS, Lenoir City Council believes to best provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, it is appropriate to recognize our employees that put the citizens of the City of Lenoir before themselves in time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, City of Lenoir Employees in multiple departments involved in Disaster Response and Recovery have demonstrated their skills and commitment throughout the years and most recently during the snow events of 2022, the storms of 2019, micro-bursts of 2018 and assisting the Town of Granite Falls with cleanup and recovery after the tornado of 2017, as well as numerous emergency road closures and fire suppression assistance in coordination with the Police Department and Fire Department.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY LENOIR CITY COUNCIL, that the employees of the divisions of Public Works, Streets and Traffic, Sanitation, Engineering, Vehicle Services, Building Maintenance and Cemeteries and Grounds are recognized as First Responders and encourage businesses, organizations, community groups, and citizens to extend the many gratuitous offers and benefits provided to First Responders of our community.

This Resolution will become effective upon approval by City Council.

Adopted this 2nd day of January, 2024.

SEAL



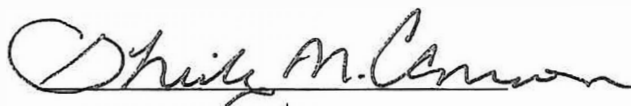
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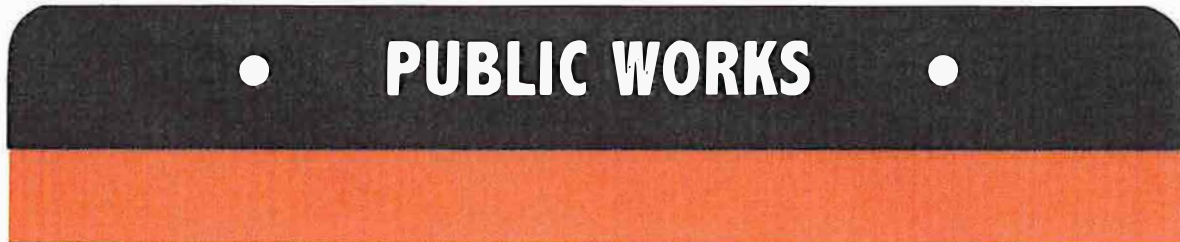
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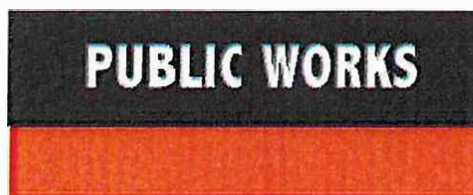

Timothy J. Rohr, City Attorney

ATTEST:


Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk



Vehicle Tag



Decal for Hard Hats/ Vehicle Windshields

BID TABULATION

Date: 12/19/2023



Owner: City of Lenoir, NC
Project Title: Lenoir Wayfinding Signage

BIDDERS (Name GC):	Rite Lite	Signs Etc *		
Rank:	1	2		
BID ITEMS:				
Base Bid	\$414,960.00	\$560,110.00		

Add Alternates:				
Alternate Sub-total:				

(Base Bid + Alternates)				
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Unit Prices				Qtys used to calculate base bids
Major Wayfinding Sign	\$7,619.00	\$10,645.00		36
Minor Wayfinding Sign	\$7,404.00	\$9,310.00		19

Explanation of Rejected Bidder(s):

* Signs Etc. shows a total of \$569,420 on their bid form using a total of 36 major & 20 minor signs. The bid totals above account for 19 minor signs per the drawings.

I certify that this is a true tabulation of bids received.



Case Neal

Destination by Design Studios, PLLC