



AGENDA

CITY OF LENOIR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
905 WEST AVENUE
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
6:00 P.M.



I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Special Recognition: On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons will present Rick Oxford, Plan Administrator with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) with a resolution upon his retirement following 45 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens and community.
- C. Special Recognition: On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons will present a proclamation to Public Services Public Works Director Jon Hogan proclaiming the week of May 18 through May 24, 2025 as "National Public Works Week" throughout the City of Lenoir. The theme for this year is "People, Purpose, Presence," highlighting the vital role of public works professionals in serving their communities.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Conditional Zoning Request; 229 Wilson Street: A public hearing will be held to consider approval of a Conditional Zoning Request by ordinance as submitted by applicant John Ghencian, Eurostar Construction, Inc. for property located at 229 Wilson Street NW, NC PIN #2759088451 to re-zone the subject property to a Conditional Zoning district (CZ-12), to allow for a revised setback to accommodate a new rear property line.

As background information, the subject property consists of two properties, one with newly renovated apartments, and the other with the original hospital building. The applicant's plans for redeveloping the rear of the apartments parcel have changed and future developments would be more manageable if the hospital building were on a separate parcel. The proposed rear setback is 5 feet for both proposed parcels.

Consistency Statement

The proposed Conditional Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan because it entitles the subject property to be used efficiently and as separate development sites. Since minimal demolition is proposed, this zoning ordinance does not change the character of the neighborhood as built, and enables two separate buildings to be legally conforming to applicable zoning and building codes. On the City of Lenoir Future Land Use Map, this area is identified as Existing High Density Residential and does not identify a future land use category. However, this conditional zoning ordinance accommodates future residential development that will not impede on other uses in the B-6 zoning district. 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. The proposed Conditional Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public interest because it relaxes regulation for residential or mixed use construction and makes more efficient use of the City's existing infrastructure investments by providing infill opportunities.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the City Council minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2025 as submitted.
- B. Fireworks Authorization Permit: Approval of an application for a Fireworks Display Permit as submitted by Chris Jacobs, Fire Marshall, City of Lenoir. The date of the display is Saturday, July 5, 2025 beginning at 9:30 p.m. at Lenoir Optimist Park and will be conducted by Skyworks Pyro (JECO Pyrotechnics), Inc. for the City of Lenoir Recreation Department. A certificate of liability insurance has been submitted by Skyworks Pyro (JECO Pyrotechnics), Inc. and has also been verified.
- C. Resolution: Approval of a resolution presented to Rick Oxford, Plan Administrator, WPCOG in honor and recognition of his retirement following 45 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens and community as submitted.
- D. Proclamation; National Public Works Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 18 through May 24, 2025 as “National Public Works Week” throughout the City of Lenoir as submitted.
- E. Location Approval; Rotary Peace Pole at TH Broyhill Park: Staff recommends approval of placing a Rotary Peace Pole at the TH Broyhill Park as requested by Charles Beck, Chairman of the Lenoir Rotary Club. Note: A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages on each of its four or six sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace. The pole will have languages in English, Spanish Vietnamese and Hebrew.*
- F. Capital Project Budget Ordinance; Hospital Avenue Sidewalk Project: Approval of a Capital Project Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$3,469,863.56 for the Hospital Avenue Sidewalk Project as submitted.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

A. Items of Information

- 1. City Council will conduct a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room. An additional Budget Work Session will be held on Thursday, May 29 if necessary.
- 2. City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.
- 3. American Legion Post 29 will host a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 25 beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the stage area downtown.
- 4. The Committee of the Whole will meet on Tuesday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room.
- 5. The Foothills Regional Airport Authority will meet on Wednesday, May 28 at the airport facility.
- 6. The Neon Night Ride will be held on Friday, May 30 from 8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at the Rotary Soccer Complex.

B. Items for Council Action

- 1. FY2025-26 Proposed Budget: City Manager Scott Hildebran will present the FY2025-26 recommended Annual Budget for the City of Lenoir to City Council and further request

that City Council call for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to consider approval of the recommended budget.

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- A. Annual Announcement; Board Appointment/Re-Appointments: Mayor Gibbons will announce a list of individuals to be appointed/re-appointed to the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions for various term lengths. These appointments will be placed on the June 3 City Council Agenda for Council's consideration of approval.

ABC Board (3-Year)

Jerry Brooks (2028)

Foothills Airport Authority (2-Year)

Joe Gibbons (2027)

Lenoir Housing Authority (5-year)

Hunter Greer (2030)

Business Advisory Board (3-Year)

Margaret Forney (2028)

Darrin McKinney (2028)

John Moore (2028)

Sean Williams (2028)

Planning Board/Historic Preservation Commission (3-year)

Curtis Baker (2028)

Sharon Bryant (ETJ) (2028)

Dontrell Parson (2028)

Joey Petrack (2028)

Board of Adjustments (3-year)

Sharon Bryant (ETJ) (2028)

Michael Careccia (Alternate) (2028)

Recreation Advisory Board (4-year)

Applicant Pending (2027)

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James Robertson (2028)

Scott Barnett (2028)

Michael Dineen (2029)

Rick Pierce (2029)

Lenoir Tourism Development Authority (4-year)

Jesse Plaster (2029)

Matthew Underwood (2029)

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

X. ADJOURNMENT



CITY MANAGER
SCOTT E. HILDEBRAN

CITY OF LENOIR
NORTH CAROLINA

MAYOR
JOSEPH L. GIBBONS

CITY COUNCIL
J. T. BEAL
T. H. PERDUE
J. I. PERKINS
R. S. PRESTWOOD
K. R. ROGERS
D. F. STEVENS
C. D. THOMAS

Resolution honoring Rick Oxford

WHEREAS, Rick Oxford served the City of Lenoir from July 18, 1983, to March 15, 1985, as a Housing Specialist in Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Rick joined the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) in 1985 as Community Development Specialist, was promoted to Community Development Administrator in 1986, and now serves as the Housing Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, the WPCOG is a planning agency supported by voluntary membership of 28 county and municipal governments in the Unifour including Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties, and the municipalities of Brookford, Cahaj's Mountain, Catawba, Cedar Rock, Claremont, Connelly Springs, Conover, Drexel, Gamewell, Glen Alpine, Granite Falls, Hickory, Hildebran, Hudson, Lenoir, Long View, Maiden, Morganton, Newton, Rhodhiss, Rutherford College, Sawmills, Taylorsville and Valdese; and

WHEREAS, Rick was instrumental in creating and directing the Unifour Consortium HOME Program with the City of Lenoir being the Lead Entity for the program representing all 28 local government members of the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Rick has helped nearly 3,000 families become first-time homebuyers through the HOME Program's Down Payment Assistance program, he has provided more than \$5 million from the HOME program to 14 different Community Housing Development Organizations that support low-income families, and he has loaned \$6.1 million to multi-family housing developers on 23 different projects that created 1,405 housing units; and

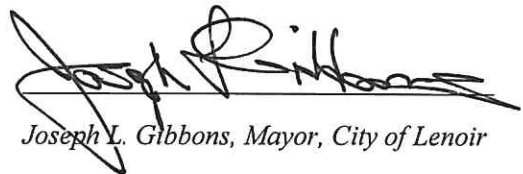
WHEREAS, Rick has leveraged more than \$378 million in investments since the HOME program was first funded and has helped thousands of people and families in the Unifour with housing services; and

WHEREAS, Rick has announced his retirement from WPCOG as of May 31, 2025, ending more than four decades of service to the City of Lenoir, Caldwell County, and the Unifour.

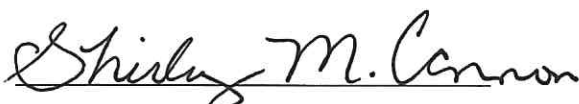
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Lenoir City Council and all of our citizens, do hereby congratulate Rick Oxford on his retirement and thank him for directing the Unifour Consortium HOME Program and providing much need housing assistance to our residents.

THIS, the 20th day of May 2025.

SEAL


Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor, City of Lenoir

ATTEST:



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk





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SCOTT E. HILDEBRAN

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*PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
"People, Purpose, Presence,"*

WHEREAS, Public Works Professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the City of Lenoir and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Lenoir to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby designate the week of May 18 through May 24, 2025, as "*National Public Works Week*" and urge all citizens to join with representatives of governmental agencies and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our Public Works professionals, engineers and administrators and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health and welfare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir to be affixed this the 20th day of May, 2025.

SEAL

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk



CITY OF LENOIR**COUNCIL ACTION FORM: May 20, 2025****I. Agenda Item:**

Public hearing for R4-25, Conditional Zoning Ordinance #12.

Applicant John Ghencian is requesting to re-zone the subject property (229 Wilson Street) to a Conditional Zoning district (CZ-12), to allow for revised setbacks to accommodate a new rear property line. The proposed rear setback is 5' for both proposed parcels.

II. Background Information:

The subject property consists of two properties, one with newly renovated apartments, and the other with the original hospital building. The applicant's plans for redeveloping the rear of the apartments parcel have changed and future developments would be more manageable if the hospital building were on a separate parcel. The applicant is seeking to demolish the connecting corridor between the two buildings and add a property line to create two parcels each with a 5' rear setback.

III. Staff and Planning Board Recommendation:

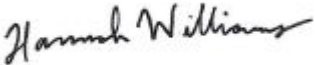
Planning Board recommends approval of the CZ-12 conditional zoning ordinance based on the following consistency statement:

The proposed Conditional Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan because it entitles the subject property to be used efficiently and as separate development sites. Since minimal demolition is proposed, this zoning ordinance does not change the character of the neighborhood as built, and enables two separate buildings to be legally conforming to applicable zoning and building codes. On the City of Lenoir Future Land Use Map, this area is identified as Existing High Density Residential and does not identify a future land use category. However, this conditional zoning ordinance accommodates future residential development will not impede on other uses in the B-6 zoning district. 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. The proposed Conditional Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public interest because it relaxes regulation for residential or mixed use construction and makes more efficient use of the City's existing infrastructure investments by providing infill opportunities.

IV. Reviewed by:

City Attorney: _____

Finance Director: _____

Planning Director:  _____

Staff Report

CONDITIONAL ZONING REQUEST

CASE NUMBER R #4/25



LOCATION MAP/AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH



Subject Property:

229 Wilson St NW



SUMMARY

Owner

EUROSTAR CONSTRUCTION INC

Applicant

John Ghencian

EUROSTAR CONSTRUCTION INC

Location

229 Wilson St NW

NC PIN

2759088451

Project Planner

Hannah Williams, AICP, CZO

Matt Duchan, CZO

Updated May 9, 2025

Applicant's Request:

The applicant is requesting to re-zone the subject property to a Conditional Zoning district (CZ-12), to allow for revised setback to accommodate a new rear property line. The proposed rear setback is 5' for both proposed parcels.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval, with the conditions outlined in the staff report.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Approval of the request based on the consistency statement on page 7.

Public Comment:

Planning Board Meeting: April 28, 2025. Notices were mailed to adjacent property owners on April 16, 2025.

City Council (Public Hearing):

Scheduled for May 20, 2025.

ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS NOTIFIED



NCPIN	Owner 1	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	Site Address
2759180423	MENDOZA RUBEN	1695 SCENIC VIEW LN	MORGANTON	NC		28655 221 WILSON ST
2759182785	DG SUMMIT LLC	PO BOX 25168	WINSTON SALEM	NC		27114 226 WILSON ST
2759088298	PINEDA MARTHA I	212 NEWLAND PL NW	LENOIR	NC		28645 212 NEWLAND ST
2759180752	NEELY SYLVIA T	232 WILSON ST NW	LENOIR	NC		28645 232 WILSON ST
2759180717	HIGHTOWER JOSEPH	PO BOX 2877	LENOIR	NC		28645 234 WILSON ST
2759089860	HIGHTOWER JOSEPH	PO BOX 2877	LENOIR	NC		28645 WILSON ST
2759088715	LENTEX INC	4300 KODIAK LN	LITTLE RIVER	SC		29566 503 HOSPITAL AV
	BURGESS BARBARA					
2759087677	ANN	507 HOSPITAL AVE NW	LENOIR	NC		28645 507 HOSPITAL AV
2759087529	VELASQUEZ JORGE L	511 HOSPITAL AVE	LENOIR	NC		28645 511 HOSPITAL AV
2759086570	OXENTINE SONYA	515 HOSPITAL AVE NW	Lenoir	NC		28645 515 HOSPITAL AV
	BARRERA SELVIN					
2759086432	DANILO LOPEZ	3656 CAMEO LN	LENOIR	NC		28645 517 HOSPITAL AV
2759086243	KNIGHT CARL K	219 NEWLAND PL NW	LENOIR	NC		28645 219 NEWLAND ST
2759087118	GORDON NEREIDA	215 NEWLAND PL NW	Lenoir	NC		28645 215 NEWLAND PL NW
2759087164	BLAKE HALLIE	209 NEWLAND PL NW	LENOIR	NC		28645 213 NEWLAND PL NW
	GUIFARRO ROSMAN					
2759085385	GEOVANNY	221 NEWLAND PL NW	LENOIR	NC		28645 221 NEWLAND ST

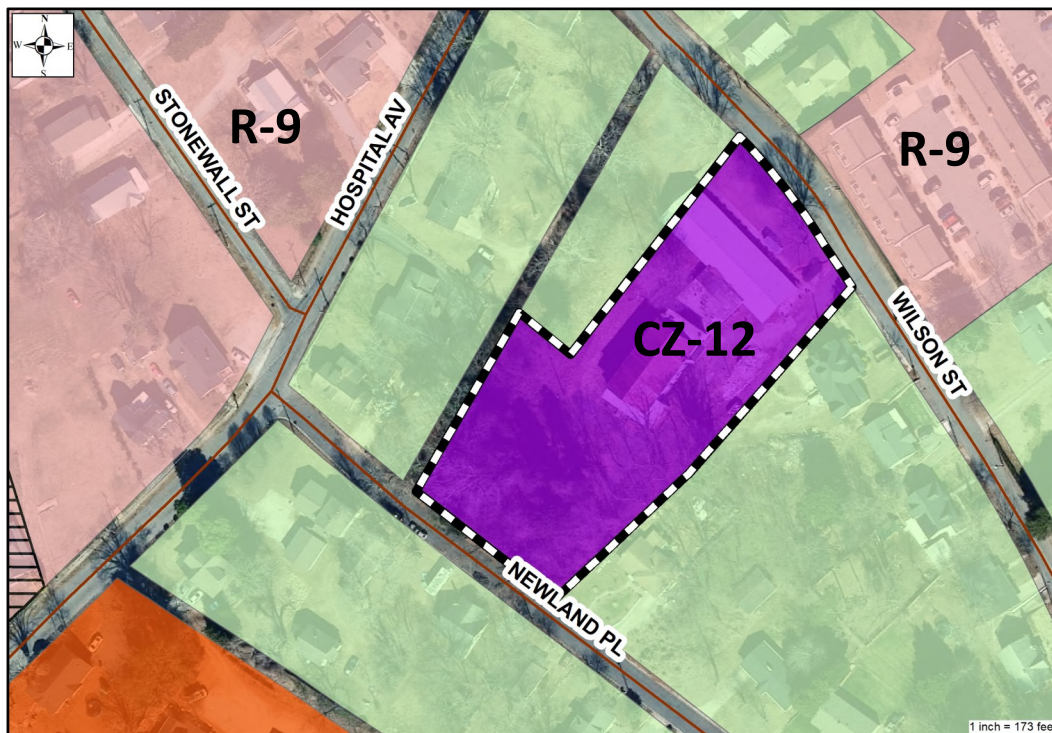
EXISTING ZONING



Subject Property:

Zoned B-6

PROPOSED ZONING



Subject Property:

Proposed CZ-12

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Intent of Conditional Zoning

The City of Lenoir's Zoning Ordinance establishes an official zoning map/atlas for the City of Lenoir. The zoning map may be amended from time to time by the City Council when public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice justifies the amendment. Conditional Zoning is intended for use in unique development scenarios when a development proposal does not fit into a conventional zoning district, but may be desirable and compatible with an area depending on the specific details of the project and its surroundings.

The conditional zoning process gives the City sufficient flexibility to determine whether a specific project on a given site will be compatible with the environment and the Comprehensive Plan. Conditional Zoning is a legislative process requiring the Planning Board to review and make a recommendation to the City Council on the request. Each Conditional Zoning district is adopted as an ordinance and is recorded with the Register of Deeds.

Subject and Surrounding Properties

The 1.5 acre subject property is a through-lot at 229 Wilson St NW with additional frontage on Newland Place. It is zoned B-6 (Transitional Business) and is in the East Harper neighborhood. The original building, built in 1886, was Foothills Sanatorium, and later the first location of Caldwell Memorial Hospital. It is a 3 story masonry building with a building footprint of about 3500 SF. (This original building is referred to on the Concept Plan and in the Ordinance as Building 1.)

Around the 1960s, an extension was added to the front of the building, which was eventually the site of Carolina Oaks Nursing Home. This addition is about 7500 SF. The nursing home closed in 2017 and remained vacant until 2021, when the applicant renovated and converted the front of the building into 7 apartments. (This addition building is referred to on the Concept Plan and in the Ordinance as Building 2.)

Like the subject property, all of Wilson Street and the East Harper neighborhood is zoned B-6. The subject property is across the street from Woodcrest Apartments, a 70 unit apartment complex, but the rest of Wilson Street is largely developed with single-family homes. Wilson Street connects to two minor collector streets to the north and south, Hospital Avenue and Pennton Avenue, resulting in quick access to Downtown Lenoir and the US-321 commercial corridor.

Reason for Request

The applicant is seeking to subdivide the property so that the newly renovated apartments in Building 2 are in a separate and disconnected building from the original hospital building (Building 1) in the rear. The applicant's plans for redeveloping the rear of the parcel have changed and it would be more manageable if the Building 2 was on a separate parcel. The applicant is seeking to demolish the connecting corridor between the Building 1 and Building 2, and to add a property line to create two parcels. Both buildings would have a 5' rear setback.

Zoning Analysis

This Conditional Zoning District seeks to alter the setbacks to a proposed rear property line, from a 10' rear setback to a 5' rear setback. The proposed base zoning district is B-6, which is the current zoning district of the site and the majority of Wilson Street. There are no ad-



Above shows 10' wide area to be demolished to allow for building separation and new rear lot line.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)

ditional permitted uses or design standards included in the request, so all design requirements and permitted uses shall default to the B-6 district. See below for the permitted uses allowed in B-6. The B-6 zoning district has robust design standards for new construction of multifamily, commercial, and institutional uses, requiring pedestrian-scaled and residentially-sensitive considerations. Building materials, roof design, and parking layout are all subject to review. See Sec. 817 in the zoning ordinance for more information on B-6 zoning design standards.

The applicant's proposed rear setback of 5' is appropriate for this site. Since the front apartment building, Building 2, was built as an addition there is no space for the 20' of separation that the existing rear setback would require. However, separating the two buildings would give more flexibility in developing Building 1 into other uses with less impact to Building 2.

B-6 Standards	
Development Standards	Minimum Lot Size—10,000 SF Setbacks Front: 10' Side Yard: 10' Abutting side Street: 25' Minimum Rear Yard: 10'
Summary of Permitted Uses	• Accessory Structure (Cottage, Apartment) • Attached Dwellings (townhomes) • Dwelling, Single Family • Multifamily, Low-density (7.2 dwelling units per acre) • Family Care Facility (up to 6 residences) • Eating and Drinking (no drive-through) • Office • Retail, Neighborhood and Light • Service, Business and Personal • Studio and Specialty School • Veterinarians (no outdoor kennels)

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)

Proposed Conditional Zoning District: CZ-12 Specific Standards

1. **Base Zoning.** Base zoning district is B-6. Any development standards not specifically addressed in the Conditional Zoning Ordinance will default to the B-6 zoning district.
2. **Setbacks.** The rear setback for Building 1 shall be 5 feet. The rear setback for Building 2 shall be 5 feet.
3. **Permitted Uses.** No additional permitted uses.
4. **Design.** No additional design standards.
5. **Lighting.** All lighting shall be fully cut-off and shielded so as to eliminate/minimize light spill-over onto adjacent residential properties.
6. **Access and Parking.**
 - Customers/Residents of the Building 1 will access the site via the existing driveway off Newland Place. Customers/Residences of Building 2 will access the site via Wilson Street.
 - A cross-access agreement between the two properties is required.



CONSISTENCY STATEMENT/STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan/Reasonableness of Amendment

When adopting or rejecting any zoning amendment, City Council must adopt a brief statement describing whether or not the action is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with G.S. 160D-605(a), and must also address the reasonableness of any proposed map amendments. Staff offers the following draft statement on the consistency and reasonableness of the request.

The proposed Conditional Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan because it entitles the subject property to be used efficiently and as separate development sites. Since minimal demolition is proposed, this zoning ordinance does not change the character of the neighborhood as built, and enables two separate buildings to be legally conforming to applicable zoning and building codes. On the City of Lenoir Future Land Use Map, this area is identified as Existing High Density Residential and does not identify a future land use category. However, this conditional zoning ordinance accommodates future residential development will not impede on other uses in the B-6 zoning district. 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. The proposed Conditional Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public interest because it relaxes regulation for residential or mixed use construction and makes more efficient use of the City's existing infrastructure investments by providing infill opportunities.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Board recommends approval of the Conditional Zoning District (CZ-12) based on the above consistency statement as presented at the Planning Board Meeting on April 28th.

SITE PHOTOS

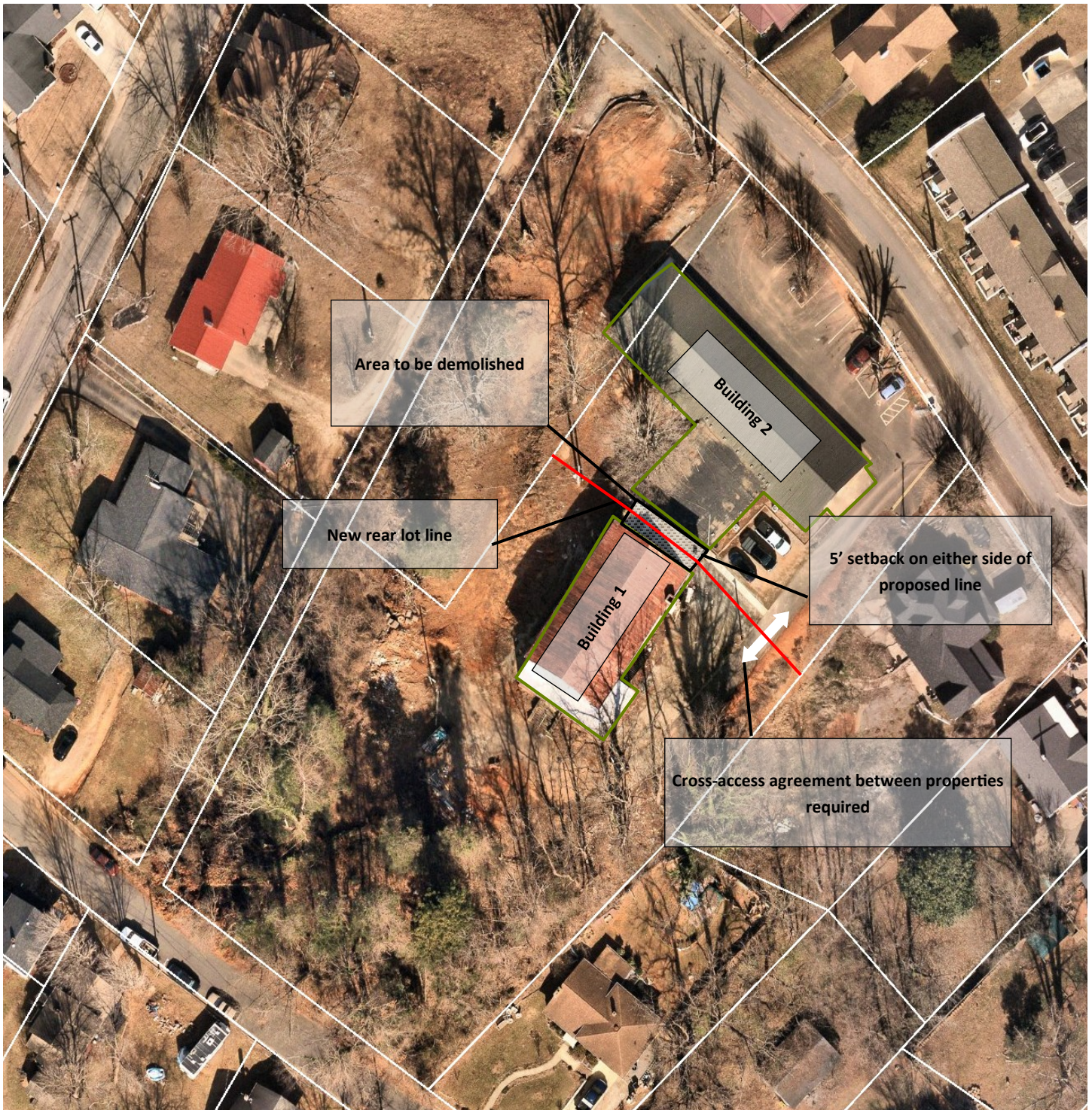
Below: Building 2, view from Wilson Street



Below: Building 1



Above: Building 1 from Newland Place (rear)



**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Mayor Pro-Tem David Stevens, Jonathan Beal, Ike Perkins, Kimmie Rogers, Crissy Thomas, City Manager Scott Hildebran, City Clerk Shirley Cannon and City Attorney Timothy Rohr.

CITY STAFF: In attendance was Finance Director Donna Bean, Fire Chief Norman Staines, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Police Major Andy Wilson, Planning Director Hannah Williams, Parks & Recreation Director Phil Harper, Public Services & Public Works Director Jon Hogan, Public Services Public Utilities Director Jeff Church, Economic Development Main Street Director Brenda Floyd, Director of Special Projects & Grants Jared Wright, and Public Information/Communication Director Joshua Harris.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Todd Perdue and Ralph Prestwood.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep the countries of India and Pakistan in their thoughts and prayers due to the conflict that started this week. Also, Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep the Catholic Cardinals in their thoughts and prayers as they are currently meeting in Rome to elect the successor to Pope Francis, who passed on April 21, 2025.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION; PEACE
OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK:**

- B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons read and presented a proclamation to Police Chief Brent Phelps proclaiming the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025 as "National Peace Officers' Memorial Week." "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" will be observed on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Mayor Gibbons thanked the Police Department for all they do each day to keep our citizens safe.

Chief Phelps thanked City Council for the recognition and reported that 165 officers were killed across the country last year. He stated that 157 were male including 8 female officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The causes of the deceased were auto crashes, gunfire, struck by a vehicle, vehicle pursuit, and vehicle assaults. Additionally, Chief Phelps mentioned the four U.S. Marshals in Charlotte, NC who were ambushed and lost their lives on April 29, 2024 in an attempt to serve a warrant. Chief Phelps stated the average age of the 165 officers that were killed in the United States in 2024 was 44 years and their average tour of duty was 14 years.

Chief Phelps shared that he was proud of the men and women who put their lives on the line on a daily basis for everyone's safety. He also emphasized that the Police Department and City

of Lenoir has truly been blessed by not having any incidents.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, April 15, 2025 as submitted.
- B. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, April 22, 2025 as submitted.
- C. 2025-2029 Sales Tax Reinvestment Agreement: If Council wishes to approve the 2025-2029 Sales Tax Reinvestment Agreement between Caldwell County and the county's municipalities, please authorized adoption of the agreement. (A copy of the agreement is on file in the Finance Department.)
- D. Bid Award; Veterans Paver Project: Following the review of bids submitted, Staff recommends awarding the Pavers Renovation Project bid to Foothills Monument Company for the total sum of \$54,762.75 as submitted. Foothills Monument has worked on several monument projects for the City and in Caldwell County. (A copy of the bid tab is hereby attached to these minutes as reference.)
- E. The City of Lenoir does not currently have utility service lines along Harrisburg Drive from the upper entrance of the Summerhill Development, parcel #NCPIN #2759008291, to property with NCPIN#2748991599. The purchase of the utility easement provides the opportunity for the City to have the ability to expand utility services in the future. (A copy of the recorded utility easement is hereby attached to these minutes as reference.)
- F. Proclamation; Peace Officers' Memorial Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025 as "Peace Officers' Memorial Week" throughout the City of Lenoir. Peace Officers' Memorial Day will be observed on Thursday, May 15, 2025. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby attached to these minutes as reference.)

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Stevens, City Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt items A through F on the Consent Agenda as described above and as recommended.

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A. Items of Information

LENOIR BUSINESS

ADVISORY BOARD:

1. The Lenoir Business Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room.

BLOOM BLAST

- EVENT:**
2. The annual Bloom Blast event will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in downtown Lenoir.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Minutes-City of Lenoir Council Meeting

CITY/COUNTY SERVICES

COMMITTEE:

3. The City/County Services Committee will meet on Monday, May 12 at noon at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY BOARD:

4. The Economic Development Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 8:15 a.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

ABC BOARD:

5. The ABC Board will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD:

6. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will not meet in May. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mulberry Recreation Center.

BUDGET WORK

SESSION:

7. City Council will conduct a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room. An additional work session will be held on Thursday, May 29 if necessary.

B. Items for Council Action

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

INVOICE

Date: April 30, 2025

Invoice # [100]

Foothills Monument

4861 Hickory Blvd

Granite Falls NC 28630

828-396-9700

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tombstonebill@embarqmail.com

LENOIR VA MEMORIAL



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SALESPERSON	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
BILL MORROW	VA MEMORIAL		

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
6	40X30 BRONZE PLAQUES APPROX 30 LETTERS/SPACES EACH 3/8" LETTERS 4 COLUMNS PER PLAQUE	\$6,200.00	\$37,200.00
6	44"X36" GRAY GRANITE BEVELED SLANT FLAT TOP ALL POLISHED	\$2,350.00	\$14,100
4 MONTHS DELIVERY- 50% DEPOSIT AT SIGNING OF CONTRACT - BALANCE DUE AT INSTALLATION QUOTE GOOD TILL JUNE 16 2025			
SUBTOTAL			\$51,300
SALES TAX			\$3,462.75
TOTAL			\$54,762.75

Make all checks payable to FOOTHILLS MONUMENT CO.

Thank you for your business!

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

**SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT
CITY OF LENOIR**

NORTH CAROLINA

CALDWELL COUNTY

THIS RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT, made this the 5th day of May, 2025, by Jade Builders, LLC, hereafter referred to as party of the first part;

TO

CITY OF LENOIR, a municipal corporation of Caldwell County, North Carolina;

WITNESSETH:

THAT for and in consideration of payment by the City of Lenoir to the party of the first part of the sum, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the waiver of water and sanitary sewer tap fees for lots number nine and ten, the party of the first part has this day bargained and sold, and by these presents does bargain, sell, convey, transfer and deliver unto CITY OF LENOIR a right-of-way and permanent easement, including the perpetual right to enter upon the real estate hereinafter referred to, at any time it may see fit, and construct, maintain and repair one or more sanitary sewer lines, water, and storm water control for the purpose of conveying and carrying sanitary sewage, water, and/or storm water runoff over, across, through and under then lands hereinafter referred to, together with the right to excavate and refill ditches and/or trenches for the location of said pipelines, and the further right to remove trees, bushes, undergrowth, and other obstructions interfering with the location, construction and maintenance of said lines.

The lands affected by the grant of this easement and right of way are located in the County of Caldwell, State of North Carolina, and are more particularly described in the following deed or deeds:

Deed to Jade Builders, LLC recorded in Caldwell County Registry in Book 2096, at Page 1092.

The right-of-way and easement hereby granted covers a strip of land twenty-five (25) feet in width, twelve-and-one-half (12 and ½) feet each side of the property line between lots number nine and ten, also being the proposed centerline of the sanitary sewer main, over and across the above referred to lands as specifically shown and described in the attached exhibit dated February 28, 2025, and designated "Public Utility Easement for City of Lenoir" across the property of Jade Builders, LLC. In addition to the foregoing permanent easement, the party of the first part also grants unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns, a temporary construction easement fifty (50) feet in width. This additional temporary construction easement shall exist and continue for and during the construction, laying and completion of any lines by the party of the second part, except at the event that the additional construction easement shall cease and terminate

three (3) years after date of the commencement of the construction. During construction the entire temporary construction easement may be used for any activity essential to construction. After completion of construction or the aforesaid three (3) year period, the easement shall revert and be the permanent easement as set out herein before.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said rights-of-way and easements unto the City of Lenoir, its successors and assigns forever.

Jade Builders, LLC, the party of the first part, does hereby covenant with City of Lenoir, the party of the second part, that the party of the first part will construct no improvements on said permanent easement without first obtaining written permission and approval from the party of the second part; that it is lawfully seized and possessed of the real estate above described; that it has a good and lawful right to convey said real estate and/or grant an easement encumbering said real estate, or any part thereof; that it is free from all encumbrances; and that it will forever warrant and defend the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

As part of the consideration for this grant, the party of the first part does hereby release any and all claims for damages from whatsoever cause incidental to the exercise of the rights herein granted; the party of the first part agrees that more than one line can be placed in said easement at any time or times said City desires to so use said easement for the purposes described herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said party of the first part has executed this easement in the manner required by law, the day and year first written above.

Alan Overcash

Name

Manager

Title

Jade Builders, LLC

Scott Hildebrand

Name

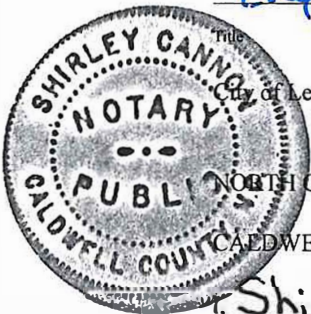
City Manager

Title

City of Lenoir (SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA

CALDWELL COUNTY



I, Shirley Cannon, a Notary Public of the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Scott Hildebrand personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 7th day of May, 2025.

Shirley Cannon

Notary Public

10-27-2029

My Commission Expires:

AT PROPERTY KNOWN AS
#3 TBD WINTER PLACE SW
LOTS 9 & 10, SUMMERHILL SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1
PB 24 PG 82
PARCEL ID #06133A 1 9 & #06133A 1 10
DB 2096 PG 1092
CITY OF LENOIR, CALDWELL COUNTY, NC
FOR: JADE BUILDERS, LLC





PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Week

May 11 – 17, 2025



WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the Lenoir Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of those inside the City of Lenoir; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Lenoir Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Lenoir and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 – May 17, 2025, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens;

FURTHERMORE, I proclaim and call upon all citizens of the City of Lenoir to recognize May 15, 2025, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty. Let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

WITNESS, my hand and seal this the 6th day of May, 2025.

SEAL

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

CITY OF LENOIR
COUNCIL ACTION FORM

I. Agenda Item: We are requesting approval of a Fireworks Authorization Permit for a Fireworks Display at Lenoir Optimist Park located on 701 Mulberry Street SW, Lenoir on July 5, 2025.

II. Background Information: The City of Lenoir Parks and Recreation has requested to have a fireworks display on July 5, 2025 to be located at Lenoir Optimist Park. They have contracted with Skyworks Pyro, Inc. (JECO Pyrotechnics) to do the display.

NCGS 14-410 Manufacture, sale and use of pyrotechnics prohibited; exceptions; license required; sale to persons under the age of 16 prohibited and 14-413 Permits for use at public exhibitions; Effective, February 1, 2010 County Board of Commissioners and/or City County must approve each fireworks display prior to a permit being issued by the Fire Marshal's Office.

Prior to the actual fireworks display all required paperwork, including application, show description with site plan, size of fireworks, licenses and certificate of liability insurance will be reviewed and verified by the City of Lenoir Fire Marshal Chris Jacobs prior to each show.

A Level III Fire Inspector or Probationary Level III Fire Inspector and an Engine company must be on site during each Fireworks Display.

III. Staff Recommendation: Approve the fireworks display on the requested date.

IV. Reviewed By:

City Attorney: _____

City Manager: _____

Fire Chief: Norman S. Staines



Lenoir Fire Department

602 Harper Avenue, N.W.
Lenoir, North Carolina 28645



Fire Marshal
Christopher W. Jacobs
(828) 757-2193
(828) 394-1206 Fax
cjacobs@ci.lenoir.nc.us

Lenoir Fire Department
(828) 757-2190

Ref: Fireworks Display for July 5th, 2025

Date: May 8th, 2024

In the North Carolina law, fireworks displays are required to be approved by the County Board of Commissioners and/or City Council. This change came in effect February 1, 2010, and the approval must be granted prior to a permit being issued by the Fire Marshal's Office. I have attached a copy of General Statute 14-413. I am acquiring copies of one (1) application packet for fireworks display inside the City of Lenoir. The date of the display is July 5th, 2025 and conducted by Skyworks Pyro(JECO Pyrotechnics), Inc. for City of Lenoir Parks & Recreation. The display is located at Lenoir Optimist Park located at 701 Mulberry St SW, Lenoir NC, 28645. The General Statute requires that the County/City ensures proof of insurance prior to providing approval. A copy of the insurance certificate is provided in the packet provided by Skyworks Pyro. I have required that the information be submitted by each applicant that is required by the North Carolina Fire Code and this office will conduct the necessary inspections of these sites prior to the display. I would respectfully request that this fireworks display be placed on the next agenda for consideration by the City Council. It is my understanding that most Counties/Cities are placing these items on the consent agenda once the insurance certificate has been verified (it has). As always, if I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Chris Jacobs
City of Lenoir Fire Marshal
Phone# 828-757-2193
Email: cjacobs@ci.lenoir.nc.us

§ 14-413. Permits for use at public exhibitions.

(a) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Article, the board of county commissioners of any county, or the governing board of a city authorized pursuant to subsection (a1) of this section, may issue permits for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions, such as fairs, carnivals, shows of all descriptions and public celebrations, but only after satisfactory evidence is produced to the effect that said pyrotechnics will be used for the aforementioned purposes and none other. Provided that no such permit shall be required for a public exhibition under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) The exhibition is authorized by The University of North Carolina or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and conducted on lands or in buildings in Orange County owned by The University of North Carolina or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- (2) The exhibition is authorized by the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and conducted on lands or in buildings owned by the State and used by the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.
- (3) The exhibition is authorized by The University of North Carolina or North Carolina State University and conducted on lands or in buildings in Wake County owned by The University of North Carolina or North Carolina State University.

(a1) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Article, a board of county commissioners may authorize the governing body of any city in the county to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of this Article for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions. The board of county commissioners shall adopt a resolution granting the authority to the city, and it shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the board of county commissioners adopting a subsequent resolution withdrawing the authority. If a city lies in more than one county, the board of county commissioners of each county in which the city lies must adopt an authorizing resolution. If any county in which the city lies withdraws the authority of the city to issue permits for the use of pyrotechnics, the authority of the city to issue permits for the use of pyrotechnics will end, and all counties within which the city lies must resume their authority to issue the permits.

(b) For any indoor use of pyrotechnics at a concert or public exhibition, the board of commissioners or the governing body of an authorized city may not issue any permit unless the local fire marshal or the State Fire Marshal (or in the case of The University of North Carolina, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, or North Carolina State University it may not authorize such concert or public exhibition unless the State Fire Marshal) has certified that:

- (1) Adequate fire suppression will be used at the site.
- (2) The structure is safe for the use of such pyrotechnics with the type of fire suppression to be used.
- (3) Adequate egress from the building is available based on the size of the expected crowd.

(c) The requirements of subsection (b) of this section also apply to any city authorized to grant pyrotechnic permits by local act and to the officer delegated the power to grant such permits by local act.

(d) A board of county commissioners or the governing board of a city shall not issue a permit under this section unless the display operator provides proof of insurance in the amount of at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or the minimum amount required under the North Carolina State Building Code pursuant to G.S. 143-138(e), whichever is greater. A board of county commissioners or the governing board of a city may require proof of insurance that exceeds these minimum requirements. (1947, c. 210, s. 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 660, s.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

 DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
 4/1/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER
 Ryder Rosacker McCue & Huston (MGD by Hull & Company)
 509 W Koenig St
 Grand Island NE 68801

CONTACT NAME: Kristy Wolfe
 PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 308-382-2330 FAX (A/C, No): 308-382-7109
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: kwolfe@ryderinsurance.com

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

 NAIC #
 41297

INSURER A: SCOTTSDALE INS CO

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

INSURER F:

INSURED
 JECO Pyrotechnics Inc
 195 Rogers Ridge Rd
 Newland NC 28657

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 469849169

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADEN INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY			CPS 1078576	10/25/2024	10/25/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS & COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 \$
	X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER X POLICY X PRO X LOC						
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
	ANY AUTO ALL OWNED AUTOS HIRED AUTOS SCHEDULED AUTOS NON-OWNED AUTOS						
	UMBRELLA LIAB EXCESS LIAB OCCUR CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A				WC STATUTORY LIMITS BOTH-ER E.I. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.I. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.I. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

Regarding the General Liability coverage, Waiver of Subrogation applies to the entities listed below per attached form CG 24 04 when required by written agreement.

Regarding the General Liability coverage, Blanket Additional Insured applies to the entities listed below per attached form GLS-150s when required by written agreement.

Regarding the General Liability coverage, Primary and Non-Contributory coverage applies to the entities listed below per attached form CG 20 01 when required by written agreement.

date of display: 7/5/2025

display location: 720 Mulberry St SW, Lenoir, NC 28645

additional insured: Mulberry Rec. Center; Caldwell County

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

City of Lenoir
 PO Box 958
 801 West Ave NW
 Lenoir NC 28645

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

CITY OF LENOIR
COUNCIL ACTION FORM

I. Agenda Item:

Rotary Peace Pole

II. Background Information:

This was brought to my attention yesterday from Charles Beck Chairman of the Lenoir Rotary Club if we could place a Rotary Peace Pole at the TH Broyhill Walking Park.

We met there today and looked at what would be the best location for it to be and not disturb anything else.

I think this will be the third Peace Pole installed in Lenoir, one will be installed at the Rotary Soccer complex and the other is located at Caldwell Heritage Museum.

III. Staff Recommendation:

I strongly suggest that council approves this being it's the 95th year of Rotary Club of Lenoir. Plus we need more peace in this world.

IV. Reviewed by:

City Attorney: _____

Finance Director: _____

Parks and Recreation Director: _____

P. Harper



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The Peace Pole Project

We are the founders of the Peace Pole Project which is now a Global Movement
Spreading the universal message May Peace Prevail On Earth™



WHAT IS A PEACE POLE

A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message **May Peace Prevail on Earth** in different languages on each of its four or six sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.

What Is A Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message ***May Peace Prevail On Earth*** in the language of the country where it is placed. It usually displays 3 to 7 additional languages meaningful to the host site.

The message is referred to as an **affirmation of peace** and its placement furthers **Rotary's goal of building a culture of peace throughout the world.**

Peace Poles are intended to inspire unity among people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds. **We recommend a Peace Pole ceremony** to accompany the planting of each pole and **this ceremony can be held annually.** Many prefer the **International Day of Peace, September 21, for such an occasion**

The message ***May Peace Prevail On Earth*** was authored by the late **Masahisa Goi** of Japan after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is now an international message of peace with over **250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world**, dedicated as monuments to peace. We welcome you planting your community Peace Pole and we will put it on our [Rotary Peace Poles Map.](#)

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TH Broyhill Walking Park - Rotary Peace Pole Location



**CITY OF LENOIR
COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

- I. Agenda Item:** Consideration of a Revised Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Hospital Ave Sidewalk Capital Project.
- II. Background Information:** Attached for your consideration is a Revised Capital Project Budget Ordinance to authorize activities for the Hospital Ave Sidewalk Capital Project the City currently has underway. The City Council has previously allocated money in the budget toward this project and the revised budget shows the impact of the bid award, loan change, economic changes and change order.

In May 2017, the Hospital Avenue Sidewalk Project was awarded funding from the Federal Highway Administration/North Carolina Department of Transportation Locally Administered Project Program (LAP). The project was estimated to cost \$1,000,000, with the city receiving \$800,000 in LAP funding and with a required 20% local match of \$200,000. The project consists of construction of sidewalks along Hospital Avenue, connecting Harper Avenue to Blowing Rock Boulevard (U.S. 321). Approximately 950 feet of substandard sidewalk will be replaced and approximately 1,560 feet of new sidewalk will be constructed. Due to the constrained corridor, the sidewalk will be 5ft. wide and located at the back of curb. New curb and gutter will be installed to NCDOT standards. Some grading and installation of new retention walls will be required in some areas due to topography.

Due to NCDOT funding constraints, COVID and various other reasons, the project was delayed. In August, 2023, NCDOT provided a notice to proceed with project cost estimates now totaling \$3,170,000. As such, the City applied for and was awarded new supplemental LAP funds totaling \$2,536,000 and with a required 20% local match of \$634,000.

With the engineering design complete, rights-of-ways acquired, and utilities relocation work underway, the City initiated the bidding of the construction portion of the project.

The construction portion of the project was initially bid in late December 2024 with a bid opening date of January 14, 2025. Unfortunately, no bids were received. Per General Statutes, the project was re-bid with a bid opening date of February 27, 2025. One bid for construction was received from Neill Grading and Construction Company, Inc. for the sum of \$2,594,361. The bid has been reviewed by Wetherill Engineering for completeness and compliance with applicable bidding requirements and a letter of award recommendation is attached.

The new total project cost is \$ \$3,469,863.56 which includes engineering design, rights-of-ways acquisition, utilities relocation, sidewalk construction, and inspection services. It is anticipated there will be cost savings through value engineering which will bring the project back in to budget and the final cost will be approximately \$250,000 less than estimated. To date, the City has transferred \$200,000 to the project, allocated \$234,000 from ARPA funds leaving a remainder of 499,863.56 left to be funded once final costs are determined.

III. Staff Recommendation: Staff requests that City Council adopt the Revised Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Hospital Ave Sidewalk Capital Project.

IV. Reviewed By:

City Attorney:

Finance Director: *Donna Bean*

Public Works/Public Utilities Director:

Planning Director:

Recreation Director:

Capital Project Ordinance for the City of Lenoir

Hospital Avenue Sidewalks (Originally approved June 6th, 2017)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council Members of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: The project authorized activities for the Hospital Avenue Sidewalk Project to include the expenditure of grant and local funds to engineer, design, acquire rights-of-way, relocate utilities, and construction sidewalks on Hospital Avenue using funding through a Locally Administered Project Program from the Federal Highway Administration.

Section 2: The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

Section 3: The following revised amounts are appropriated for the project:

DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL ESTIMATES	CHANGE	CURRENT ESTIMATE
ADMIN AND ENGINEERING	\$133,540.00	\$741,962.56	\$875,502.56
CONSTRUCTION	\$866,460.00	\$1,727,901.00	\$2,594,361.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,469,863.56	\$3,469,863.56

Section 4: The following revised revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL ESTIMATES	CHANGE	CURRENT ESTIMATE
STATE MATCH - 80% - FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FUNDS (BASED ON 11-24 ESTIMATES)	\$800,000.00	\$1,736,000.00	\$2,536,000.00
LOCAL MATCH- 20% + CITY OF LENOIR (BASED ON 11-24 ESTIMATES)	\$200,000.00	\$733,863.56	\$933,863.56
TOTAL FUNDING	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,469,863.56	\$3,469,863.56

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the Project Ordinance.

Section 6: The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3.

Section 7: The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF LENOIR**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §159-12, notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the City of Lenoir for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, has been presented to City Council. The budget is on file in the City Clerk's office and available for public inspection from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The budget is also available online at www.cityoflenoir.com/budget-proposal. City Council will also conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at the City/County Chambers, 905 West Avenue, NW, Lower Level, to receive public comments regarding the proposed budget. Contact the City Clerk's office at (828) 757-2205 for additional information.

**City of Lenoir
Shirley M. Cannon, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk**

Please publish on Thursday, May 23 and Thursday, May 30, 2025.