CITY OF MONROE - GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
300 W. CROWELL STREET, MONROE, NC 28112
Thursday, November 3, 2022 - 4:00 PM

AGENDA
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1. Minutes of General Services Committee Meeting of August 4, 2022

2. Request to Pursue Additional Real Propery Adjacent to Energy Services

3. Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fees Schedule to Add Rates for Implementation of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) Lighting Through Attrition

4. Capital Project Budget Ordinance Establishing Work Management System Project for Energy Services and Water Resources

5. Historic Highway Marker Request for Support

Other Items

CITY OF MONROE
GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall Conference Room
300 W. Crowell Street
Monroe, NC 28112
August 4, 2022 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Committee Member Lynn Keziah (Chairman), Committee Member Mayor Pro Tem Gary Anderson, Committee Member Julie Thompson

Absent: None

Staff: Brian Borne, City Manager; Lisa Strickland, Finance Director; Amy Austin, Accounting Analyst IV; Bethany Hawver, Revenue Manager; Peter Cevallos, Airport Manager; Brian Reedy, Human Resources Manager; Alvina Nyako Safety & Risk Coordinator; Ryan Jones, Parks and Recreation Director; Sarah McAllister, Director of Engineering; Angela Duncan, Senior Budget Analyst

Visitor(s): None

The General Services Committee met in the City Hall Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2022. A quorum was present. Chairman Lynn Keziah presided.

Item 1. General Services Committee Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2022.
The minutes from the July 7, 2022 General Services Committee meeting were presented for the Committee's approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Anderson moved to approve the Minutes of the General Services Committee Meeting of July 7, 2022.

Committee Member Julie Thompson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 2. Annual Settlement of Tax Collector for Tax Year 2021.
General Services Committee is requested to consider a full settlement for all taxes for collection made for the preceding tax / fiscal year 2021-2022.

N.C.G.S. 105-373(a) states the tax collector shall make full settlement with the governing body of the taxing unit for all taxes in hand for collection for the preceding fiscal year. The settlement, together with the action of the governing body with respect thereto, shall be entered in full upon the minutes of the governing body.

Attached is the "Annual Settlement of Tax Collector for 2021". This settlement shows the collection rate at 99.34 percent.

Company

	Tax		Value
2021 Tax Scroll	21,940,077		4,355,666,818
2021 Certifications	424,117		84,401,357
2021 Discoveries	333,208		44,943,332
Total Taxes Billed	22,697,402		4,485,011,507
Less 2021 Releases	-148,744		-26,257,938
2021 Adjustments	2,041		
2021 Tax Levy	22,550,699		4,458,753,569
Total Taxes Collected	22,402,414		4,446,017,381
Taxes to be Collected	148,285		
Total 2021 Levy	22,550,699		
Percent Collected: %	99.34%		
2021 MSD Tax	52,608		23,199,374
2021 MSD Certifications	7,435		3,051,055
2021 Discoveries	86		0
Total Taxes Billed	60,128		26,250,429
Less MSD 2021 Releases	-30		-10,790
2021 MSD Adjustments	-9		
2021 MSD Tax Levy	60,089		26,239,639
2021 MSD Collected	59,046		
MSD Tax to be Collected	1,043		
Total 2021 MSD Levy	60,089		
Percent Collected: %	98.26%		
Taxes released for 2021 under $5.00 total amount is $1,460.31.			

City of Monroe Tax Collection History		
	General City of Monroe	Monroe Downtown MSD
2021	99.34%	98.26%
2020	99.33%	99.83%
2019	99.11%	99.25%
2018	99.14%	99.23%
2017	99.02%	99.10%
2016	98.76%	99.23%
2015	98.53%	99.85%
2014	97.91%	98.42%
2013	96.07%	95.43%
2012	98.05%	95.24%
2011	98.07%	95.30%

City Staff recommends that General Services Committee recommend approval of the tax settlement as outlined herein and that the settlement be entered in full into the minutes of the Council meeting.

No action necessary.

Item 3. Budget Amendment to Correct Monroe-Union County Economic Development Commission Funding.

Staff requests the City Council approval of a budget amendment to correct the funding amount and classification for the annual contribution to the Monroe-Union County Economic Development Commission (MUCEDC).

Staff originally budgeted $318,000 for this interlocal agreement with MUCEDC. The amount was inadvertently not updated when the final interlocal agreement was approved on October 12, 2021. This budget amendment is to correct the funding level to the new approved amount of $495,000 and to correct the classification of the funding. The classification was previously considered a "Transfer to Other Funds", but since MUCEDC is no longer a City division, this will be classified as an "Economic and Physical Development" expense.

Staff requests a favorable recommendation from the General Service Committee for City Council approval of a budget amendment to correct the funding amount and classification for MUCEDC.

Committee Member Thompson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 4. Budget Amendment for Automated External Defibrillators and First Aid Kits for Monroe Country Club Golf Course Pro Shop, Monroe Country Club Ballroom and Customer Service.

Staff is requesting that the General Services Committee approve an amendment in the budget for safety equipment and materials for the Pro Shop, Ballroom and Customer Service for the amount of $7,370. The Water Treatment Plant (Old Camden Rd) will also need safety equipment and materials, but they are able to cover the costs of these items in their current operating budget.

With the recent incident occurring at the Monroe Aquatic Fitness Center, it was imperative that all City facilities were inspected to ensure that there are proper safety equipment and materials in place and employees trained if an emergency were to occurred.

The Federal Cardiac Arrest Survival Act was created to increase awareness of the importance of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)/First Aid Kits and to encourage their placement, availability and use in government buildings. We want to ensure that City facilities are in compliance with North Carolina State laws, OSHA guidelines, and the American Heart Association's Public Access Defibrillation Programs that outlines the acquisition, use, training, and maintenance of AEDs.

Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) programs and policies work to ensure that AEDs are immediately available for use by lay bystanders when and where they are needed.

Per the inspection, the following locations are still in need of AED and First Aid Kits:

Location/Site	Description	Pricing
Pro Shop	ZOLL Plus Automatic, AED	$1,886
	Deluxe AED Cabinet w/Alarm	$340
	4 shelf - FA Kit	$341
	Maintenance	$10
Ballroom	ZOLL Plus Automatic, AED	$1,886
	Deluxe AED Cabinet w/Alarm	$340
	4 shelf - FA Kit	$341
Customer Service		
	ZOLL Plus Automatic, AED	$1,886
	Deluxe AED Cabinet w/Alarm	$340
Water Treatment Plant (Old Camden Rd)		
	ZOLL Plus Automatic, AED	$1,886
	Deluxe AED Cabinet w/Alarm	$340
	4 shelf - FA Ki	$341
	Maintenance	$10
	TOTAL	$9,947

*Water Treatment Plant is able to cover their costs from their current operating budget.

Staff recommends a favorable recommendation from the Committee for approval of the attached budget amendment for safety equipment and materials for fiscal year 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Committee Member Thompson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 5. Budget Ordinance for Catawba Lands Conservancy Settlement Funds for Bearskin Greenway Phase III.

The Parks and Recreation Department plans to acquire permanent easement interest in approximately .74

acres and 1.06 acres respectively of riparian buffer along Bearskin Creek as part of the Bearskin Creek Greenway Phase 3 project. On April 6, 2022 the Board of Directors for the Catawba Lands Conservancy approved disbursement of funds of up to $53,000.00 to the Parks and Recreation Department in order to support transaction costs associated with the Bearskin Creek Greenway Phase 3 project and requests a budget ordinance.

On April 21, 2015, the Yadkin Riverkeeper, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, filed a petition for a contested case hearing in the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings challenging the North Carolina Department of Environment Quality, Division of Water Resources issuance of a permit to NCDOT related to the bypass project. The Yadkin Riverkeeper and NCDOT were also parties to a case entitled Clean Air Carolina v. NCDOT. Yadkin Riverkeeper and NCDOT met in a mediated settlement conference on July 16, 2015 and entered into a settlement agreement, dated July 31, 2015, that provided for payment by NCDOT to the Catawba Lands Conservancy. The Catawba Lands Conservancy agreed to hold the settlement proceeds and use such funds for transaction-related costs for riparian buffer acquisition and/or mitigation projects for the purpose of providing perpetual preservation, enhancement, conservation, restoration, or maintenance of conservation values of the subject land, located in the Yadkin Pee Dee River Basin which includes a portion of Bearskin Creek between Don Griffin Park and Creft Park, as well as, a portion of property in proximity to Bearskin Creek located between Don Griffin Park and Belk Tonawanda Park as shown in exhibit B of the memorandum of understanding. The Bearskin Creek Greenway Phase 3 project has been determined by the Yadkin River Keeper and the Catawba Lands Conservancy as a project that meets the requirements associated with the utilization of settlement proceeds in the amount of $53,000.00. An appropriate account exists within the budget allocated for Greenway Construction Projects. Funds can be appropriated to this project, PR1602

Staff requests that the General Services Committee recommend Council's approval to accept funds approved for use by the Catawba Lands Conservancy in the amount of $53,000.00 to assist in the acquisition of easements related to the Bearskin Creek Greenway Phase 3 project and to approve a budget ordinance. Funds can be appropriated to current Greenway Construction Project PR1602 in the amount of $53,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Committee member Thompson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 6. Resolution Approving Amended Lease of City Property Located at Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport to Charlotte-Monroe Hangar 1, LLC and Granting Authorization to City Manager to Execute Documents.

Staff is requesting the General Services Committee recommend City Council approve an amendment to the lease agreement with Charlotte-Monroe Hangar 1, LLC, which increases the tenant's leasehold by 7,060 square feet and increases their annual lease payment by $3,001.

In November 2021, City Council approved the lease with Charlotte Monroe Hangar 1, LLC for a hangar site in the Corporate Hangar Area so they can construct a 15,000 sq. ft. aircraft storage hangar. Staff initially determined a parcel size of 200 feet by 100 feet size, or 30,000 square feet, to adequately place the proposed hangar (this property size would allow a 25-foot buffer around the entire building). Based on the total cost that has been invested and the size of the property, staff has calculated required payback rate of approximately $0.42 per square foot, per year, an annual lease rate of $12,764, with a lease term thirty years, with two renewals of five (5) years. The client agreed to the lease rate and terms, and signed the lease.

Per the terms in the lease agreement, Charlotte Monroe Hangar 1, LLC presented the Airport staff with their hangar site plans for approval. The proposed hangar is designed to be 18,500 sq. ft., and includes over 3,000 sq. ft. of office space. Hangar door height is proposed 27 feet, and the office space will be two stories. The lessee is also proposing a total of 11 parking spots and a circular drive on the landside of the hangar. Due to the hangar bay size, building code will require fire suppression, and the hangar floor surface will be graded

and drained to prevent water or fuel from remaining on the floor; the floor drains will discharge through an oil separator.

Due to the hangar's increase in size and complexity, the leasehold has increased from 30,000 square feet to 37,060 square feet, an increase of nearly 25%, to properly accommodate the hangar. As more property is occupied, the annual lease payment will also increase, from $12,764 to $15,765; an increase of the same. All other items in the lease agreement remain the same.

At their June 13 meeting, the Airport Commission voted unanimously approving the proposed hangar plan, and recommend that the lease amendment increasing the leasehold and annual lease revenue be sent to City Council for their approval. Public notice was given for this request on July 9.

The General Services Committee, Airport Commission and Staff are requesting that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the Lease Amendment with Charlotte Monroe Hangar 1, LLC, increasing the size of leasehold by 7,060 sq. ft. and increasing the annual lease payment by $3,001; and authorizing the City Manager to sign the lease amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Committee member Thompson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 7. Budget Ordinance to Close Capital Projects.

A budget ordinance is necessary to amend the fiscal year 2023 budget in order to close various projects.

Many capital projects have been completed and are ready to be closed. Funding that is remaining in the following projects as unspent, netted against any project overruns, can be transferred back to fund balance in the corresponding fund. Projects are as follows:

- AP1703 – Apron Rehabilitation $571
- GB1904 – Emergency Traffic Signals Fire Stations $4,089
- GB2002 – Fire Station #4 Access Road $491
- GB2003 – Belk Tonawanda Phase 1-A (Parking Lot) $2,038
- MP2102 – Downtown Monroe Pedlet Program $3,701
- NG1702 – LNG Peak Shaving Plant $358,761
- NG1903 – Edward's Wood Products Line Extension $166,217
- RD1801 – Concord Avenue Sidewalk $701,461
- WR1643 – Water/Sewer Inventory Assessment Program $11,415
- WR2028 – Upgrade of WTP Carbon Feed $2,493

The project for Concord Avenue Sidewalk was originally funded from Powell Bill funds. The remainder of unspent funding in this project will be returned to the restricted portion of fund balance for Powell Bill Reserves. Also, the project for Apron Rehabilitation was originally funded from the formal assignment for airport grant acceptance. The remainder of unspent funding in this project will be returned to the formal assignment in the City's general fund.

Staff recommends that the General Services Committee forward to full Council the recommendation for approval of the proposed budget ordinance to close projects for Fiscal Year 2023.

Committee Member Thompson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 8. Budget Amendment for Unspent Appropriations.
A budget amendment is necessary to the fiscal year 2023 budget in order to re-appropriate incomplete items from fiscal year 2022. Details are outlined below.

It is necessary to re-appropriate items that have been approved, but are not complete at the end of the fiscal year. The nature of these items is projects that are only partially complete, grants that have not been spent in their entirety and unspent drug seizure money. Incomplete items from fiscal year 2022 are as follows:

General Fund:

$26,172	Water & Sewer Connection Fee Assistance – program approved by Council to assist low income families with utility connection fees
15,850	Down payment Assistance – program approved by Council to assist low income families with house purchase
1,888	Youth Programs - Police (Donations)
48,360	State Equitable Sharing – Money received from seizures – restricted to law enforcement expenditures.
11,694	Explorer Program - Police (Donations)
1,428	Youth Programs – Fire (Donations)
500	Senior Center Grant
2,000	Tennis Association Grant
1,000	Recreation Center Beautification Grant
995	Tree donation to be used in planting
$109,887	Total General Fund

Downtown Monroe Fund:

$2,000	Donation for Bench
44,980	Façade Grants
19,177	Downtown Incentive Program
$66,157	

Police Department Forfeiture Fund:

$234,869	U S Justice - Federal Equitable Sharing– Money received from seizures – restricted to law enforcement expenditures.
982	U S Treasury – Federal Equitable Sharing– Money received from seizures – restricted to law enforcement expenditures.
$235,851	

Staff requests General Services Committee recommendation of approval of the proposed budget amendment for appropriation of unspent items for Fiscal Year 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Committee member Thompson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 9. Budget Amendment for Legal Settlement.

Staff requests the General Services Committee recommend to City Council approval of a budget amendment in the amount of $50,000.00 to provide funding for a legal settlement of claims made by Monroe Police Department Officers against the City and the City Council.

On September 9 and 10, 2021, former Councilmember Angelia Nikole James was involved in a series of incidents with members of the Monroe Police Department. During the incidents, former Councilmember James interacted with Jacob Aycoth, Ragan Broome, Nicholas Brummer, William Bolen, and Adam Craig (collectively "Police Personnel") of the Monroe Police Department. The interactions led to the Police Personnel retaining counsel and pursuing claims against the City, and members of the City Council, including former Councilmember James.

During a closed session held on June 14, 2022, City Council authorized settling the claims the Police Personnel had against the City, and members of the City Council who served on September 9, 2022 as well as currently. The settlement of claims for former Mayor Kilgore, current Mayor Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Councilmembers Gordon, Keziah, Kerr and Thompson, and former Councilmembers Anthony and McGee, would include claims made against those current and former Councilmembers names above in their representative and individual capacities. For former Councilmember James, the settlement would extend to only claims made in her representative capacity as a Councilmember from September 9, 2021 until her removal on April 7, 2022.

The settlement will, in exchange for a release of claims against the City, and current and former Councilmembers (except for individual claims against former Councilmember James), have the City pay a total of $50,000.00 to the Police Personnel and to the firm of Leitner, Bragg & Griffin. Of the $50,000.00 in Settlement Proceeds, the funds will be distributed as follows:

- $12,000.00 to Jacob Aycoth
- $9,000.00 to William Bolen
- $7,500.00 to Nicholas Brummer
- $6,000.00 to Ragan Broome
- $4,500.00 to Adam Craig
- $11,000.00 to Leitner, Bragg & Griffin

The Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims ("Release") was agreed upon by the Police Personnel's counsel and the Office of the City Attorney. The Release was signed by the Police Personnel on July 18, 2022 and by the Mayor on behalf of the City on July 20, 2022. A copy of the Release is attached.

In order for the City to distribute the Settlement Funds, City Council will need to approve the attached Budget Amendment. Staff asks that the General Services Committee recommend BA-2022-28 for approval by the Council at its August 9, 2022 meeting.

Staff recommends that the General Services Committee recommend approval of Budget Amendment BA-2022-28 to provide funding for a legal settlement.

Committee Member Thompson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Item 10. Bid Award for Sunset Park Pavilion.

Staff requests general service to recommend City Council awarding the contract for the purchase and installation of a park pavilion and amenities for the Sunset Park renovation project in the amount of $158,243.95.

City council approved funding for the renovation of Sunset Park included as a FY23 Capital Improvement project. A portion of that project includes a park pavilion and picnic tables as new amenities relative Sunset Park renovation project.

Estimate was provided by the vendor, D. Sherman Design Group through the purchasing co-op HGAC Contract PR11-20 in the amount of $158,243.95.

In accordance with Section 34.01-G of the City of Monroe Code of Ordinances, City Council is required to authorize all purchases exceeding $100,000.

Staff recommends that the General Services Committee recommend City Council awards the contract to D. Sherman Design Group and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents to execute this contract.

Committee Member Thompson moved to approve and forward to City Council for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Committee Member Thompson

NAYS: None

Other:

None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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Committee Chairman, Lynn Keziah

STAFF REPORT

TO: General Services Committee

VIA: Brian J. Borne, City Manager

DATE: November 3, 2022

FROM: Robert Miller, Director of Energy Services

PREPARED BY: Robert Miller, Director of Energy Services

SUBJECT: Energy Services Property – Additional Land

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff will update the General Services Committee on an opportunity to pursue additional land adjacent to the Energy Services property.

REVIEW

Staff will provide the objectives, potential land available, and next steps.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the General Services Committee consent to Energy Services pursuing the additional adjacent land.

Attachment: 2022-11-03 – GS – Energy Services Additional Property.ppt

City of Monroe Energy Services

ENERGY SERVICES

PURSUE ADDITIONAL LAND OPPORTUNITY

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
November 3, 2022

Agenda

- Objectives
- Site
- Potential Land Acquisitions
- Next Steps

Objectives

Energy Services seeks permission from the City of Monroe General Services Committee to pursue negotiations for the purchase of land adjacent to the Energy Services property.

Acquisition of the property would:

- Improve the construction of the new warehouse
- Improve the construction costs for a secondary entrance/exit
- Increase the storage capacity for materials
- Improve security capabilities of the site
- Provide potential training facilities for employees

Site

CREEKRIDGE DR
Bearskin Creek
N
1 inch = 175 feet
2109 Walkup Ave
09150232
11.1 Acres
2201 Walkup Ave
09150233
09149061A
29.1 Acres
RICHARDSON ST
STEELE ST
TURNER ST
BASS CREEK CT
WALKUP AVE
ALDA DR
Sutton Park
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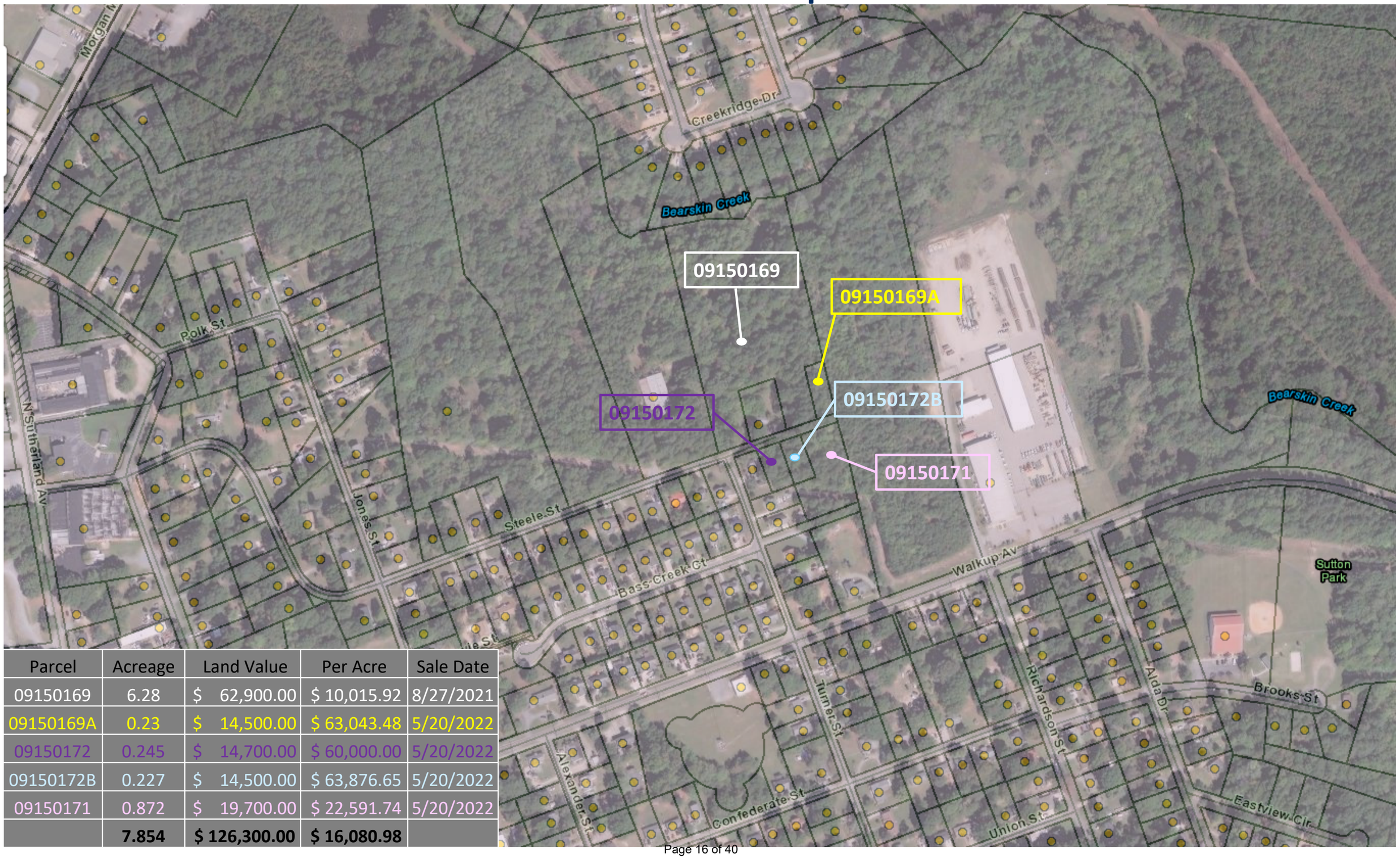
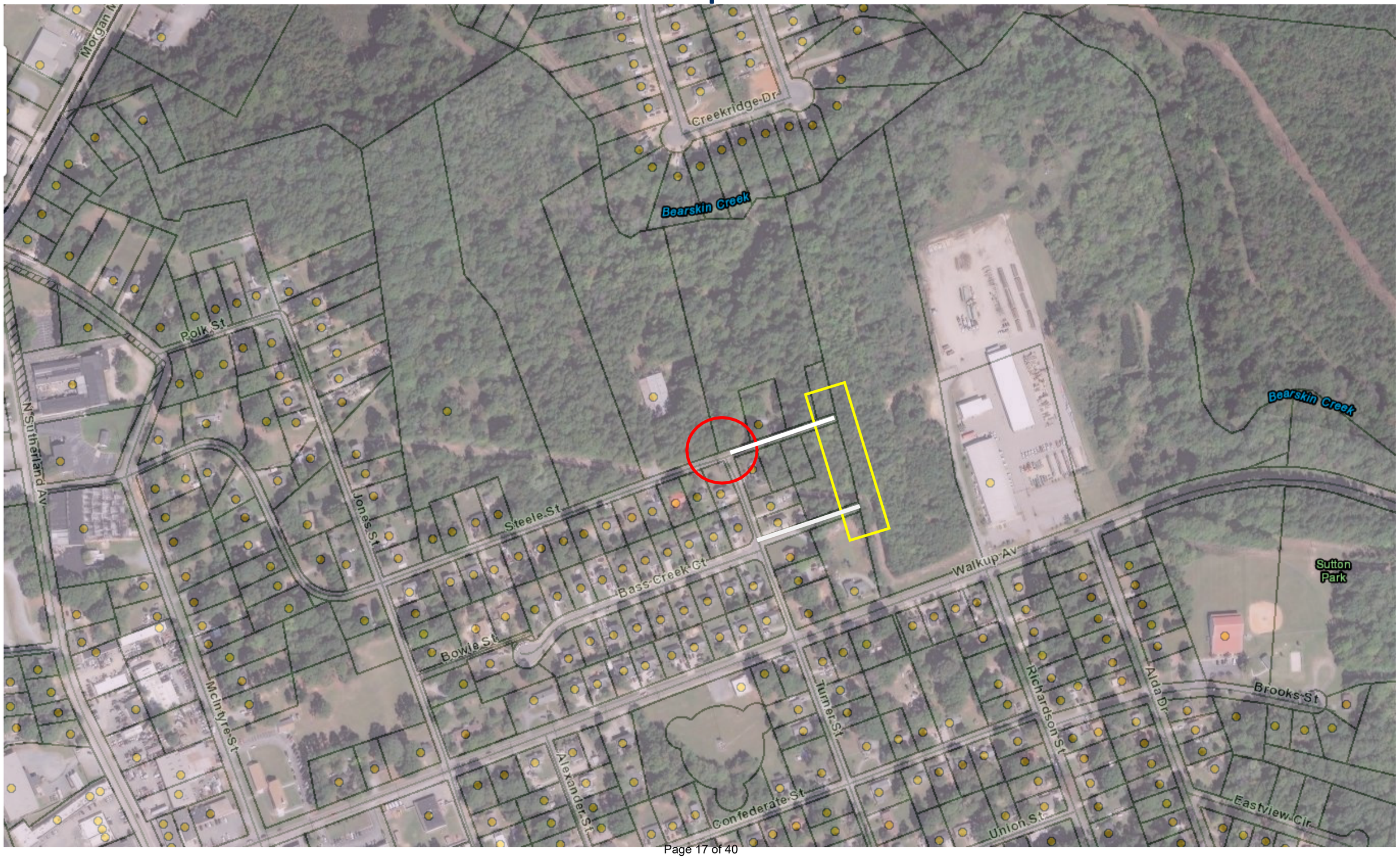
Potential Land Acquisitions



Parcel	Acreage	Land Value	Per Acre	Sale Date
09150169	6.28	$ 62,900.00	$ 10,015.92	8/27/2021
09150169A	0.23	$ 14,500.00	$ 63,043.48	5/20/2022
09150172	0.245	$ 14,700.00	$ 60,000.00	5/20/2022
09150172B	0.227	$ 14,500.00	$ 63,876.65	5/20/2022
09150171	0.872	$ 19,700.00	$ 22,591.74	5/20/2022
	7.854	**$ 126,300.00**	**$ 16,080.98**	

Areas of Improvement



Next Steps

- Pursue negotiations
- Agreement to Terms
  - Property Survey
  - Property Environmental Assessment
- Return to City Council for Approval

Funds are currently available in Fund Balance

STAFF REPORT

TO: General Services Committee

VIA: Brian J. Borne, City Manager

DATE: November 3, 2022

FROM: Robert Miller, Director of Energy Services

PREPARED BY: Robert Miller, Director of Energy Services

SUBJECT: Ordinance to Amend Electric Rate Fee Schedule for Lighting Service

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff requests that the General Services consider approval of Ordinance O-2022-69.

REVIEW

Staff is requesting consideration of Ordinance O-2022-69 to amend the Electric Rate Fee Schedule for lighting equipment and services provided by the City of Monroe. The updated fee schedule includes rates for the implementation of Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting through attrition. The fee schedule continues to provide rates for existing legacy Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH), and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights that remain in operation, and provides rates for the LED replacements once these lights fail.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the General Services Committee consider a recommendation to Council to accept Ordinance O-2022-69. Staff requests that this item is placed on the City Council consent agenda.

Attachment:
Ordinance O-2022-69
Fee Schedule - Lighting
Lighting Cross Reference Sheet

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY OF MONROE
FEES SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
O-2022-69

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE THAT THE CITY OF MONROE FEES SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amend **CHAPTER VI. ELECTRIC, ARTICLE B. ELECTRIC RATES** as follows:

LEGACY CUSTOMER LIGHTING SERVICE – SCHEDULE LL

AVAILABILITY. This schedule is available only to existing lighting customers. Service under the Legacy Customer Lighting Service will only be provided to facilities constructed in conformance with the City's specification, prior to November 9, 2022.

TYPE OF SERVICE. Legacy lighting units are being replaced by a new industry standard, Light Emitting Diodes (LED). LED lights are more energy efficient, brighter and more durable than legacy lights. Effective November 9, 2022, LED lights are the new standard of lighting for the City of Monroe. Legacy lighting units such as Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH) and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) legacy lights are no longer available for new installations. Existing legacy lighting accounts are still serviced; however, any legacy lighting units which need to be replaced shall be replaced with LED units.

Service under this schedule includes installation, maintenance, and electric energy. Illumination shall be from dusk to dawn. Initial installation includes the lighting unit, one pole, and one span of overhead secondary from an existing pole line. (Additional spans of secondary, poles, pole grounds, etc., must be paid by the consumer at actual cost of installation or at the monthly rate designated.) All items of material and equipment used to make the installation remain the property of the City.

Legacy Units*	Description: Power/ Illumination/Energy	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Area Light			
High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPS)	100 Watts/9,500 Lumens/47 kWh	A04	$13.55
	250 Watts/27,500 Lumens/104 kWh	A03	$19.35
	250 Watts/27,500 Lumens/104 kWh – Mongoose Light	A18	$28.46

Legacy Units*	Description: Power/ Illumination/Energy	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
	400 Watts Decorative/156 kWh	A15	$34.37
Metal Halide Decorative Fixture (MH)	400 Watts/36,000 Lumens/156 kWh	A12	$34.37
	400 Watts/50,000 Lumens/156 kWh – Mongoose Light	A19	$34.37
	1,000 Watts/107,800 Lumens/250 kWh	A13	$74.72
	100 Watts/9,500 Lumens/47 kWh	A17	$17.65
Semi-enclosed Luminaire with Mercury Lamp	175 Watts/7,200 Lumens		$13.66
Enclosed Luminaire with Mercury Lamp	175 Watts/7,200 Lumens/82 kWh		$14.60
	400 Watts/21,000 Lumens		$19.52
	1500 Watts		$75.78
LED Fixture	213 Watts Input/17,679 Lumens/ 83 kWh	A16	$37.25
Flood Light			
High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPS)	250 Watts/27,500 Lumens/104 kWh	A10	$28.46
	400 Watts/50,000 Lumens/156 kWh	A11	$34.37
Metal Halide (MH)	400 Watts/34,000 Lumens/180 kWh	A08	$34.37
	1,000 Watts/107,800 Lumens/250 kWh	A06	$74.72

**Legacy Lighting Units Such as Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH) and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) are no longer available for new installations. Existing legacy lighting accounts are still serviced; however, any legacy lighting units which need to be replaced shall be replaced with LED units.*

Pole Material	Description: Size and features	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Steel	Standard	FCS	$21.79
Aluminum	Black Smoother Fluted Finish/14 ft.	FCA	$16.75
Fiberglass	Decorative/Over 20 ft.	FCF	$8.41

Pole Material	Description: Size and features	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Fiberglass	Decorative/20 ft. and under	FCU	$4.80
Wood	Standard/Up to 35 ft.	FCW	No Charge

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER LIGHTING SERVICE – SCHEDULE RL

AVAILABILITY. This schedule is available only to any individual Residential consumer. Service will only be provided to facilities constructed in conformance with the City's specifications.

TYPE OF SERVICE. Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights are the new standard of lighting for the City of Monroe. LED lights are more energy efficient, brighter and more durable than legacy lights. See table below for specific LED units available. Service includes installation, maintenance, and electric energy. Illumination shall be from dusk to dawn. Initial installation includes the lighting unit, one pole, and one span of overhead secondary from an existing pole line. (Additional spans of secondary, poles, pole grounds, etc., must be paid by the consumer at actual cost of installation or at the monthly rate designated.) All items of material and equipment used to make the installation remain the property of the City.

MONTHLY RATE

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Unit	Description: Power/ Illumination/Energy	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Area Light	50 Watts/6,485 Lumens/18.3 kWh	A25	$13.55
Flood Light	180 Watts/25,883 Lumens/65.7 kWh	A31	$28.46

Pole Material	Description: Size and features	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Wood	Standard/Up to 35 ft.		No Charge

**Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH) and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) legacy lights are no longer available for new installations. Existing legacy lighting accounts are still serviced; however, any legacy lighting units which need to be replaced shall be replaced with LED units.*

SALES TAX. Current North Carolina utilities sales tax shall be added to the above charges.

PURCHASED POWER ADJUSTMENT. The current Purchased Power Adjustment Rate Rider PP-1 shall apply to all service provided under this schedule.

SERVICE REGULATIONS. The applicable provisions of the current Service Regulations are made a part of this Schedule.

Effective for service as determined by meter readings on and after November 9, 2022.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER LIGHTING SERVICE – SCHEDULE CIL

AVAILABILITY. This schedule is available only to any individual Commercial/Industrial consumer. Service will only be provided to facilities constructed in conformance with the City's specifications.

TYPE OF SERVICE. See below for specific units. Service includes installation, maintenance, and electrical energy. Illumination shall be from dusk to dawn. Initial installation includes the lighting unit, one pole and one span of overhead secondary from an existing pole line. (Additional spans of secondary, poles, pole grounds, etc., must be paid by the consumer at actual cost of installation or at the monthly rate designated.)

All items of material and equipment used to make the installation remain the property of the City.

MONTHLY RATE

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Unit	Description: Power / Illumination / Energy	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Area Light	50 Watts/6,485 Lumens/18.3 kWh	A25	$13.55
Flood Light	180 Watts/25,883 Lumen/65.7 kWh	A31	$28.46
	322 Watts/46,802 Lumen/117.5 kWh	A26	$74.72
Parking/Street Lights	234 Watts/30,161 Lumens/85.4 kWh	A32	$34.37
	200 Watts/28,896 Lumens/73.0 kWh	A36	$37.25
	94 Watts/11664 Lumens/34.3 kWh	A23	$19.35
	40 Watts/5,541 Lumens/14.6 kWh	A24	$13.55
	234 Watts/30,616 Lumens/85.4 kWh	A39	$34.37
	151 Watts/19,667 Lumens/55.1 kWh	A38	$28.46
Decorative Light	54 Watts/6,559 Lumens/19.7 kWh	A37	$17.65
Decorative Light*	80 Watts/9,210 Lumens/29.2 kWh	A40	$17.15

**Only available for City of Monroe Downtown area and other Facilities.*

Pole Material	Description: Size and features	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Aluminum*	Black Smart Trac Pole, Anchor based/17 ft.	FCB	$28.82
Aluminum*	Black Smart Trac Pole, Embedded/ 17 ft.	FCE	$19.04
Steel	Standard	FCS	$21.79
Aluminum	Black Smoother Fluted Finish/14 ft.	FCA	$16.75
Fiberglass	Decorative/Over 20 ft.	FCF	$8.41
Fiberglass	Decorative/20 ft. and under	FCU	$4.80
Wood	Standard/Up to 35 ft.	FCW	No Charge

**Only available for City of Monroe Downtown area and other Facilities.*

SALES TAX. Current North Carolina utilities sales tax shall be added to the above charges.

PURCHASED POWER ADJUSTMENT. The current Purchased Power Adjustment Rate Rider PP-1 shall apply to all service provided under this schedule.

SERVICE REGULATIONS. The applicable provisions of the current Service Regulations are made a part of this Schedule.

Effective for service as determined by meter readings on and after November 9, 2022.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective November 9, 2022.

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2022.

Attest:

Marion L. Holloway, Jr., Mayor

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk

SECURITY LIGHT RATE SHEET

LED LIGHT SELECTION

RATE	DESCRIPTION	WATTAGE	LUMEN	KWH	TYPE	CHARGE	Legacy Light
A23	ARCHEON SMALL	94	11,664	34.3	LED	$19.35	A03
A24	ARCHEON NANO	40	5,541	14.6	LED	$13.55	A04
A25	CARETAKER	50	6,485	18.3	LED	$13.55	A04
A26	LARGE FLOOD	322	46,802	117.5	LED	$74.72	A06
A31	FLOOD	180	25,833	65.7	LED	$28.46	A08, A10, A11
A32	PARKING LOT LIGHT	234	30,161	85.4	LED	$34.37	A12, A13, A15
A36	ARCHEON LARGE	200	28,896	73.0	LED	$37.25	A16
A37	BLACK POST TOP	54	6,559	19.7	LED	$17.65	A17
A38	TILTED ROADWAY	151	19,667	55.1	LED	$28.46	A18
A39	LARGE TILTED ROADWAY	234	30,616	85.4	LED	$34.37	A19
A40*	COOPER BLACK ARC-080	80	9,210	29.2	LED	$17.15	N/A
FCB*	BLACK SMART TRAC POLE, ANCHOR BASED / 17'					$19.04	
FCE*	BLACK SMART TRAC POLE, EMBEDDED / 17’					$28.82	

*Only available for City of Monroe Downtown area and other Facilities

CURRENT LIGHT SLECTION

RATE	DESCRIPTION	WATTAGE	LUMEN	KWH	TYPE	CHARGE	Replacement light
A03	COBRA HEAD STREET LT	250	27,500	104	HPS	$19.35	A23
A04	COBRA, NEMA, AMER REV	100	9,500	47.0	HPS	$13.55	A24
A06	FLOOD LIGHT FIXTURE	1000	107,800	250	MH	$74.72	A26
A08	FLOOD LIGHT FIXTURE	400	34,000	180.0	MH	$34.37	A31
A10	FLOOD LIGHT FIXTURE	250	27,500	104	HPS	$28.46	A31
A11	FLOOD LIGHT FIXTURE	400	50,000	156.0	HPS	$34.37	A31
A12	AVL/KAD SHOEBOX LT	400	36,000	156	MH	$34.37	A32
A13	AVL LIGHT FIXTURE	1000	107,800	250.0	MH	$74.72	A32
A15	MIRROSTAR LIGHT FIX	400	36,000	156	HPS	$34.37	A32
A16	LED AUTOBAHN FIXTURE	268	36,329	83.0	LED	$37.25	A36
A17	TUCSON LIGHT FIXTURE	100	9,500	47	MH	$17.65	A37
A18	MONGOOSE LIGHT FIXTURE	250	27,500	104.0	HPS	$28.46	A38
A19	MONGOOSE LIGHT FIXTURE	400	50,000	156	MH	$34.37	A39
FCS	STEEL POLE					$21.79	
FCA	14' ALUMINIUM POLE					$16.75	
FCF	FIBERGLASS OVER 20'					$8.41	
FCU	FIBERGLASS UNDER 20'					$4.80	
FCW	WOOD POLE / UP TO 35'					No Charge	

MERCURY VAPOR LIGHTS (NO LONGER AVAILABLE)

RATE	DESCRIPTION	WATTAGE	LUMEN	KWH	TYPE	CHARGE	Replacement light
A01	SEMI-ENCLOSED	175	7,200	82	MV	$13.66	A24
A01B	S2 SPLIT BTWN 2 CUST	175	7,200	41.0	MV	$6.83	A24
A01C	S3 SPLIT BTWN 3 CUST	175	7,200	27.34	MV	$4.55	A24
A01D	S4 SPLIT BTWN 4 CUST	175	7,200	20.5	MV	$3.42	A24
A02	ENCLOSED	175	7,200	82	MV	$14.60	A24
TB	TELEPHONE BOOTH					$8.57	

CHAPTER VI. ELECTRIC

ARTICLE A. ELECTRIC SERVICE FEES

Section 1. Underground Electric Service Charges - Service Installed by City of Monroe.

New Residential Service	No Charge
Convert Existing Residential Overhead	Estimated Cost
New Commercial Service	No Charge
Convert Existing Commercial Overhead	Estimated Cost*

*Charge for this type of service will be the actual labor equipment and materials cost to the City of Monroe. Special consideration will be given to waive charges if determined that converting existing service will benefit the City of Monroe.

ARTICLE B. ELECTRIC RATES

LEGACY CUSTOMER LIGHTING SERVICE – SCHEDULE LL

AVAILABILITY. This schedule is available only to existing lighting customers. Service under the Legacy Customer Lighting Service will only be provided to facilities constructed in conformance with the City's specification, prior to November 9th 2022.

TYPE OF SERVICE. Legacy lighting units are being replaced by a new industry standard, Light Emitting Diodes (LED). LED lights are more energy efficient, brighter and more durable than legacy lights. Effective November 9th 2022, LED lights are the new standard of lighting for the City of Monroe. Legacy lighting units such as Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH) and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) legacy lights are no longer available for new installations. Existing legacy lighting accounts are still serviced; however, any legacy lighting units which need to be replaced shall be replaced with LED units.

Service under this schedule includes installation, maintenance, and electric energy. Illumination shall be from dusk to dawn. Initial installation includes the lighting unit, one pole, and one span of overhead secondary from an existing pole line. (Additional spans of secondary, poles, pole grounds, etc., must be paid by the consumer at actual cost of installation or at the monthly rate designated.) All items of material and equipment used to make the installation remain the property of the City.

Legacy Units*	Description: Power / Illumination / Energy	Rate Code	MONTHLY CHARGE
Area Light			
High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPS)	100 Watt/9,500 Lumen/47 kWh	A04	$13.55
	250 Watt/27,500 Lumen/104 kWh	A03	$19.35
	250 Watt/27,500 Lumen/104 kWh – Mongoose Light	A18	$28.46
	400 Watt Decorative/156 kWh	A15	$34.37
Metal Halide Decorative Fixture (MH)	400 Watt/36,000 Lumen/156 kWh	A12	$34.37
	400 Watt/50,000 Lumen/156 kWh – Mongoose Light	A19	$34.37
	1,000 Watt/107,800 Lumen/250 kWh	A13	$74.72
	100 Watt/9,500 Lumen/47 kWh	A17	$17.65

Semi-enclosed Luminaire with Mercury Lamp	175 Watt/7,200 Lumen		$13.66
Enclosed Luminaire with Mercury Lamp	175 Watt/7,200 Lumen/82 kWh		$14.60
	400 Watt/21,000 Lumen		$19.52
	1500 Watt		$75.78
LED Fixture	213 Watt Input/17,679 Lumen/83 kWh	A16	$37.25
Flood Light			
High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPS)	250 Watt/27,500 Lumen/104 kWh	A10	$28.46
	400 Watt/50,000 Lumen/156 kWh	A11	$34.37
Metal Halide (MH)	400 Watt/34,000 Lumen/180 kWh	A08	$34.37
	1,000 Watt/107,800 Lumen/250 kWh	A06	$74.72

**Legacy Lighting Units Such as Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH) and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) are no longer available for new installations. Existing legacy lighting accounts are still serviced; however, any legacy lighting units which need to be replaced shall be replaced with LED units.*

Pole Material	**Description: Size and features**	**Rate Code**	**MONTHLY CHARGE**
Steel	Standard	FCS	$21.79
Aluminum	Black Smoother Fluted Finish / 14 ft	FCA	$16.75
Fiberglass	Decorative / Over 20 ft.	FCF	$8.41
Fiberglass	Decorative / 20 ft. and under	FCU	$4.80
Wood	Standard / Up to 35 ft.	FCW	No Charge

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER LIGHTING SERVICE – SCHEDULE RL

AVAILABILITY. This schedule is available only to any individual Residential consumer. Service will only be provided to facilities constructed in conformance with the City's specifications.

TYPE OF SERVICE. Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights are the new standard of lighting for the City of Monroe. LED lights are more energy efficient, brighter and more durable than legacy lights. See table below for specific LED units available. Service includes installation, maintenance, and electric energy. Illumination shall be from dusk to dawn. Initial installation includes the lighting unit, one pole, and one span of overhead secondary from an existing pole line. (Additional spans of secondary, poles, pole grounds, etc., must be paid by the consumer at actual cost of installation or at the monthly rate designated.) All items of material and equipment used to make the installation remain the property of the City.

MONTHLY RATE.

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Unit	**Description: Power / Illumination / Energy**	**Rate Code**	**MONTHLY CHARGE**
Area Light	50 Watts/6,485 Lumen/18.3 kWh	*A25*	*$13.55*
Flood Light	180 Watts/25,883 Lumen/65.7 kWh	*A31*	*$28.46*

Pole Material	**Description: Size and features**	**Rate Code**	**MONTHLY CHARGE**
Wood	Standard / Up to 35 ft.		No Charge

**Mercury Vapor (MV), Metal Halide (MH) and High Pressure Sodium (HPS) legacy lights are no longer available for new installations. Existing legacy lighting accounts are still serviced; however, any legacy lighting units which need to be replaced shall be replaced with LED units.*

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PURCHASED POWER ADJUSTMENT. The current Purchased Power Adjustment Rate Rider PP-1 shall apply to all service provided under this schedule.

SERVICE REGULATIONS. The applicable provisions of the current Service Regulations are made a part of this Schedule.

Effective for service as determined by meter readings on and after November 9, 2022.

STAFF REPORT

TO: General Services Committee

VIA: Brian J. Borne, City Manager

DATE: November 3, 2022

FROM: Robert Miller, Director of Energy Services
Scott Clark, Director of Water Resources

PREPARED BY: Robert Miller, Director of Energy Services
Scott Clark, Director of Water Resources

SUBJECT: Budget Ordinance for Work Management System

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff requests that the General Services consider approval of Budget Ordinance BO-2022-18 to establish a work management system project.

REVIEW

Staff is requesting consideration of Budget Ordinance BO-2022-18 to create a combined capital project for Electric, Natural Gas, and Water Resources in order to establish a work management system project. This capital project will fund the purchase of a work management software and consulting services to configure the software to work in conjunction with the City's current financial software (MUNIS). The software will be used to efficiently process and track operations, maintenance, asset management, and compliance work.

Budget Ordinance BO-2022-18 will appropriate $350,000 from the electric fund balance, $350,000 from the natural gas fund balance and $100,000 from the water/sewer fund balance and transfer the amounts to one combined project account in the electric capital project fund to be called Work Management System Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the General Services Committee consider a recommendation to Council to adopt Budget Ordinance BO-2022-18. Staff requests that this item is placed on the City Council consent agenda.

Attachment:
Budget Ordinance BO-2022-18

CITY OF MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE
WORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT
BO-2022-18

WHEREAS, the City is working toward an electronic system that will efficiently process and track operations, maintenance, asset management and system compliance; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to purchase work management software that will work in conjunction with the City's new financial software (MUNIS) and utilize a consultant to configure the setup; and

WHEREAS, a budget appropriation from the Water/Sewer Fund, the Electric Fund and the Natural Gas Fund is requested to provide funding for this work management system project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Monroe appropriates the following funding to the Work Management System project EL2303:

Water/Sewer Fund	
Revenue:	
Appropriation of Fund Balance	$100,000
Expense:	
Transfer to Electric Capital Projects Fund	$100,000
Electric Fund:	
Revenue:	
Appropriation of Fund Balance	$350,000
Expense:	
Transfer to Electric Capital Projects Fund	$350,000
Natural Gas Fund:	
Revenue:	
Appropriation of Fund Balance	$350,000
Expense:	
Transfer to Electric Capital Projects Fund	$350,000
Electric Capital Project Fund:	
Revenue:	
Transfer from Water/Sewer Fund	$100,000
Transfer from Electric Fund	$350,000
Transfer from Natural Gas Fund	$350,000
Expense:	
Work Management System Project	$800,000

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2022.

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Marion L. Holloway, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk

STAFF REPORT

TO: General Services Committee

VIA: Brian J. Borne, City Manager

DATE: November 3, 2022

FROM: Brian J. Borne, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Brian J. Borne, City Manager

SUBJECT: Historic Highway Marker Request for Support

SUMMARY STATEMENT

A Few Good Men, Inc. and the Union County NAACP support submitting an application for a Historic Highway Marker to the NC Highway Historical Marker Program for consideration.

REVIEW

The Highway Historical Marker would commemorate Robert Franklin Williams for being a civil rights leader, activist, and champion of armed self-defense for African Americans. Mr. Williams was born and lived in Monroe for many years. He served in the US Army and Marine Corp., acted as President of the Monroe chapter of the NAACP, engaged in public debate with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. about non-violence and lived in political exile in China and, initially, Cuba, where he broadcast Radio Free Dixie to the American South. His organization of Monroe's African American community in resisting racial oppression, along with his pointed critiques of American imperialism and racism, inspired a radical younger generation of African American activists and leaders.

Final wording for the marker will be determined by the state. The proposed location is at the intersection of US 74/601 W Roosevelt Blvd and Boyte St in Monroe on the southeast corner in front of Pizza Hut. The marker will not be located on City property. A letter of support from the Mayor is requested to go with an application for the historical marker. A letter of support from A Few Good Men, Inc. and the Union County NAACP are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests City Council approve a letter of support from the Mayor to accompany the application for a historical highway marker.

Attachment(s):
NC Highway Historical Marker application
Historical Essay on Robert Williams
Letter of Support from A Few Good Men
Letter of Support from Monroe NAACP

Application for North Carolina Highway Historical Marker

A. Subject of proposed marker and (rough) proposed inscription:
Robert Franklin Williams

Civil rights activists, advocate for arm self-defense and Monroe NAACP President.
Broadcast "Radio Free Dixie" from exile in Cuba. Home ½ Mile S.

B. Site to be marked (such as home, birthplace, grave, event site):
Home

C. Proposed location of marker on numbered, state-maintained highway: (Be specific. Please provide street address or closest intersection. Note whether the site lies within the corporate limits of a city or town. An attached map of the location would be useful.)

Intersection of US 74/601 W Roosevelt Blvd and Boyte St in Monroe, on the southeast corner in front of Pizza Hut.

D. Distance and direction from the proposed location to the site to be marked: (for example, 100
yards S.E.)
.6 miles

E. Historical essay (use this space to help us understand the subject and the context, you may also
write a proposed marker text):

Attached, in Google Drive folder – "Robert Franklin Williams Historical Marker Essay"

F. Bibliography: (primary and secondary sources)

-Included in Google Drive folder, in sub-folders labeled "Primary Documents" and "Secondary Sources"

G. SUBMITTED BY:
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Chapel Hill, NC
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Date: 10/19/2022

Historical Essay on Robert Williams
Written for the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Program Application

Robert Franklin Williams, civil rights leader, activist, and champion of armed self-defense for African Americans, was born and lived for many years in Monroe, NC. In his storied life, Williams served in the U.S. Army and Marine Corp, acted as President of the Monroe, NC chapter of the NAACP, engaged in public debate with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. about non-violence, and lived in political exile in China and, initially, Cuba, where he broadcast Radio Free Dixie to the American south. His organization of Monroe's African American community in resisting racial oppression, along with his pointed critiques of American imperialism and racism, inspired a radical younger generation of African American activists and leaders.

Williams was born and raised in Monroe, NC, where he learned the significant role violence played in the town's system of racial control. After working at a Detroit auto assembly plant and serving in two branches of the military, Williams returned to Monroe in the mid-1950s and established himself as an advocate for equal rights for African American citizens. As President of the Monroe chapter of the NAACP, Williams recruited many working class people to the organization. In 1958, he gained notoriety by widely publicizing the Monroe "Kissing Case." This event was sparked when a young white girl kissed two African American boys, aged 7 and 9, on their cheeks during a game. Stories appeared in newspapers around the world about how Monroe authorities jailed and convicted the boys for molestation, then sentenced them to a juvenile reform school. Williams chaired the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice which pressured North Carolina Governor Luther Hodges to free and pardon the boys in 1959.

Williams was a notably outspoken advocate for the right of African Americans to defend themselves against racist violence by owning guns and organizing local defense networks, a practice deeply rooted in many African American communities but rarely discussed publicly. Williams' approach to civil rights organizing was heterodox. He employed non-violent tactics in the "wade-ins" he organized in 1957 to integrate a municipal swimming pool. However, violence by white supremacists, Williams believed, required deterrence by people willing to "meet violence with violence.[1]" Williams chartered a chapter of the National Rifle Association and organized a local self-defense network. "The Guard," comprised mainly of military veterans, protected prominent African American citizens in Monroe and defended neighborhoods against Ku Klux Klan terrorism and violence.

In 1961, Freedom Riders came to Monroe to protest racial segregation. Williams embraced the Freedom Riders but was ambivalent about their non-violent tactics. Local white supremacists menaced and attacked many Freedom Riders. In the ensuing chaos, Williams and other Guard members defended their neighborhood from marauding whites. During the height of tensions, a white couple accidentally drove into the Winchester Ave. neighborhood and were surrounded by angry residents who viewed them as intruders. Williams brought the couple into his home to protect them. This act was used by the FBI as basis for a kidnapping charge against Williams.

[1] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHw5OfsP7-M 6:10 mark

Hearing that he would be arrested, Williams, along with his family, secretly left town. With the help of friends, they made their way to New York, then to Canada, and onto Cuba, where he lived in exile for several years. The Cuban government allowed Williams access to a powerful radio transmitter. Williams, with his wife Mabel, broadcast to the American south “Radio Free Dixie” which featured music, news, and Williams’ harsh critiques of American racism and imperialism. Williams and his family continued their exile in China and Tanzania before returning to the United States in 1969. He was arrested upon reentry to the US but was never prosecuted.

Robert F. Williams died in 1996. Rosa Parks eulogized Williams at his funeral in Monroe. Her praise of his efforts in fighting for Black equality revealed dynamics within the Civil Rights movement often excluded from mainstream histories, which highlight the non-violence of Dr. King. A younger and more radical generation of black leaders like Stokely Carmichael and Huey P. Newton were inspired by Williams. His life and career spotlight the significant role armed self-defense has always played in the Black freedom struggle.

Ormand Moore
Instructor of Humanities, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

To: North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Committee

From: A Few Good Men, Inc.

Subject : Highway Marker/ Robert Franklin Williams

This is to support the request to place a Highway Marker on highway 74 in honor of Robert Franklin Williams , a Civil Right Activist from Monroe, NC. Robert Williams was the local President of the NAACP and led many challenges in the fight for integration in Monroe NC.

Our community was excited when we informed them that we developed a partnership with Ormand Moore to apply for the Historical Highway Marker. It will bring immense pride to the organization, community, and the City of Monroe if the application is approved.

Thank you in advance.

Union County NAACP
Unit 5416
P.O. BOX 3264
Wingate, NC 28174

Website: https://ucnaacp.com **Phone:** 1.704.324.0031 **Email:** unioncountynaacp@gmail.com

October 17, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

The Union County NAACP fully supports a road mark sign for Mr. Robert Williams. We ask that this honor be bestowed upon Mr. Williams who served as a former Union County NAACP President. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. The NAACP is dedicated to eliminating educational inequalities that plague the educational systems in the United States and the Union County Chapter is working diligently to do the same here in Union County.

During his time serving as President, Mr. Williams embodied the mission of the Union County NAACP because he cared about Union County. The placement of this sign in the heart of the area he loved so much and worked so hard for is an excellent example of honoring those that give back. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Service,

Sabriya Mutize
Sabriya Mutize, Secretary

Nathel Hailey
Mr. Nathel Hailey, President

Enclosure:

Mission Statement

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of minority citizens of the United States. Eliminating racial prejudice, racial hatred and racial discrimination.