

**TOWN OF LONG VIEW
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2020**

The Town of Long View Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chambers of Long View Town Hall on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Due to social distancing guidelines regarding COVID-19, the meeting was held over Zoom software and attendees were both physically present and electronically present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Physically): The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Marla Thompson, Mayor Pro Tempore/ Alderman Randall Mays, Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Alderman Dallas Tester, and Alderman Thurman VanHorn.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Electronically): The following member of the Board participated electronically: none.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (Physically): The following members of staff were present throughout the entire meeting: Town Administrator David Draughn, Town Clerk Stephanie Watson, and Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Jr.

In order to maintain social distancing due to COVID-19, other staff members physically joined the meeting only when called to speak. They were as follows: Finance Director James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Police Chief TJ Bates, Public Works Chris Eckard, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, and Sergeant/Community Policing Eddie Marlowe.

OTHERS PRESENT (Electronically): Harriet Fulbright, Kong Thao, and others were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to approve the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, and May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn

NOES: None

NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

Town Administrator David Draughn stated that included with the Board's agenda packet is a copy of the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. The budget has been prepared consistent with the Board of

Aldermen's direction following the March 2020 budget retreat. The budget is balanced and prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Budget and Fiscal Control Act, presenting all identified revenues and expenditures estimates.

The General Fund Spending Program for the next fiscal year will be \$3,562,126.00. There is no property tax increase included. Garbage rates, since the Town's last discussion about the budget, has decreased from \$12.21 to \$12.08. The goal is to keep the rate at what the Town is being billed for. The contract is based on actual cost and an actual recycling formula. The recycling formula changed, and the Town received a decrease. The numbers reflect the decrease. This was better than anticipated.

The Utility Fund Spending Program for the next fiscal year will be \$2,050,600.00. This includes a 3% increase in from the City of Hickory. The State and Federal Share Proceeds Fund will be \$7,000 for next fiscal year. The Powell Bill Fund will \$144,203. The Seniors Day Out Fund will be \$8,000.

The total spending program for the next fiscal year will be \$5,771,929.

Alderman Mays stated that the current situation is very hard to predict but Mr. Draughn and Mr. Cozart did a very good job.

Mr. Draughn stated that they did the best that they could and of course, Department Heads helped with understanding the situation the Town is in. Mr. Cozart has been remarkable with his assistance.

Alderman Mays stated that the Board and the Town will come back and look at the situation at about mid-year and adjust if possible. Mr. Draughn stated that Alderman Mays was correct.

Alderman Mays asked if the delays in utility bill payments were taken into consideration when predicting the budget. Mr. Draughn said that they were.

Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to open the public hearing for the proposed 2020-2021 budget. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

There being no comments from the public, motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Dallas Tester to close the public hearing. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

Town Administrator David Draughn stated that due to the new law in place due to the pandemic, the Town must allow public comments up to 24 hours after the closing of the public hearing. The Board will have to wait to adopt the budget until the June 22, 2020 meeting.

TOWN OF LONG VIEW BUDGET ORDINANCE

Section I. Appropriations. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 according to the following schedules:

SCHEDULE A (GENERAL FUND)

Governing Board	\$	27,763.00
Administration	\$	467,302.00
Town Complex	\$	95,000.00
Planning & Development	\$	109,186.00
Police Department	\$	1,120,115.00
Fire Department	\$	614,867.00
Street Department	\$	760,338.00
Recreation Department	\$	83,254.00
Risk Management	\$	10,000.00
Medical Center	\$	18,000.00
Garage-General Fund	\$	135,000.00
General Fund Debt Service	\$	121,301.00
Total General Fund	\$	<u>3,562,126.00</u>

SCHEDULE B (UTILITY FUND)

Utility Department	\$	820,559.00
Sewer Plant	\$	502,000.00
Water Distribution	\$	440,155.00
Garage-Utility Fund	\$	124,000.00
Utility Fund Debt Service	\$	163,886.00
Total Utility Fund	\$	<u>2,050,600.00</u>

SCHEDULE C (STATE AND FEDERAL SHARED PROCEEDS)

Federal Disbursements	\$	2,000.00
State Disbursements	\$	5,000.00
Total Federal and State Shared Proceeds	\$	<u>7,000.00</u>

TOWN OF LONG VIEW BUDGET ORDINANCE

Section II. Estimated Revenues. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the current information.

SCHEDULE A (GENERAL FUND)

Local Taxes and Revenue	\$ 2,045,200.00
County and State Revenue	\$ 1,516,926.00
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 3,562,126.00</u>

SCHEDULE B (UTILITY FUND)

Local Revenue	\$ 14,500.00
Water and Sewer Charges	\$ 1,950,100.00
Water and Sewer Taps	\$ 5,000.00
Late Charges and Reconnect Fees	\$ 73,500.00
Revenue from County and State	\$ 7,500.00
Total Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,050,600.00</u>

SCHEDULE C (STATE AND FEDERAL SHARED PROCEEDS)

Federal Proceeds	\$ 2,000.00
State Proceeds	\$ 5,000.00
Total State and Federal Shared Proceeds	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

SCHEDULE D (POWELL BILL FUND)

Local Revenue	\$ 6,000.00
Powell Bill Revenue	\$ 138,203.00
Total Powell Bill Fund	<u>\$ 144,203.00</u>

SCHEDULE E (SENIOR DAY OUT)

Senior Day Out Revenue	\$ 8,000.00
Total Senior Day Out Fund	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Total Fiscal Operating Budget	<u>\$ 5,771,929.00</u>

SECTION III. Taxes. The following rates of tax on each hundred dollars \$100.00 valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes of January 1, 2020 for the purpose of calculation. These calculations were based on the tax rate \$0.57 cents per \$100.00 of valuation of taxable property.

SECTION IV. Utilities. See attached fee schedule.

SECTION V. Capital Outlays. Capital Outlays are set forth herein and are described on the schedule below.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM
FY 2020-2021
FUND 10

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>OUTLAY</u>
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NO CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS
IN BUDGET.

\$ -

Total Capital Outlay Program

\$ -

UTILITY DEPARTMENT
Water Taps*

FEE SCHEDULE

3/4" Inside Town Limits \$1,000.00
 3/4" Outside Town Limits \$1,500.00

1"-2" Taps Cost of Materials
 Over 2" Tap Materials + Contractor Cost

Sewer Taps* 4" Inside Town Limits \$1,000.00
 4" Outside Town Limits \$1,500.00

Over 4" Materials + Contractor Cost

*Tap financing is available for home owners.
 (3/4" tap only)

Inside Town Limits \$200/down
 option 1 \$75/month for 12 months
 option 2 \$55/month for 18 months
 Outside Town Limits \$400.00/down
 option 1 \$105.00/month for 12 months
 option 2 \$75/month for 18 months

Utility Deposits \$125.00
 Late Fees \$15.00
 Reconnect Fees \$35.00
 Returned Check Fees \$25.00
 Cut/Broken Lock Fees \$25.00

Water Rates

Inside Corporate Limits
 0-3000 gallons \$21.27
 Over 3,000 gallons \$2.45/1000 gallons

Outside Corporate Limits
 0-3000 gallons \$42.53
 Over 3,000 gallons \$4.90/1000 gallons

Sewer Rates

Inside Corporate Limits

0-3000 gallons

\$22.27

Over 3000 gallons

\$2.39/1000 gallons

Outside Corporate Limits

0-3000 gallons

\$44.54

Over 3000 gallons

\$4.77/1000 gallons

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Garbage Collection

\$12.08/monthly

Box Truck rental

\$75.00/load

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Copy of accident report

\$3.00

Parking Tickets

\$15.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

False Alarms(30-day period)

\$200 per offense after first 2

Haz-Mat Incident

Man-hours, cost of supplies

Stand-by Services

per engine

\$200.00

per ladder truck

\$250.00

per support truck

\$100.00

supplies & materials

Cost + 15%

personnel

\$20 per hour per man

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Permits	single family residential	\$20.00
	multi-family residential	\$50.00
	commercial	\$50.00
Certificate of Occupancy		\$20.00
Sign Permits	36 sq ft or less	\$20.00
	37 sq ft or more	\$30.00
Re-Zoning Applications		\$200.00
Variance Applications		\$200.00
Special User Permits		\$200.00
Annexation Petitions		\$200.00
Special Benefit Permits		\$20.00
Appeal Petitions		\$200.00
Floodplain Development		\$200.00
Home Occupation		\$20.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Demolition	Cost plus \$62.00
Code Enforcement Violations	\$50/day
Grass Cutting/Clearing	Cost plus \$62.00

ADMINISTRATION

Property Tax Rate	.57 per \$100 Valuation
Copies	.10/page
Faxes	.25/page
Leaf Bags	\$2.68

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Center Rental	Not for Profit & Civic Clubs	\$200.00
	Government Organization	\$0.00
	Inside Town Limits	\$200.00
	Outside Town Limits	\$500.00
	Full Time Employees	\$100.00
Recreation Center Security Deposit	Not for Profit & Civic Clubs	\$300.00
	Government Organization	\$0.00
	Inside Town Limits	\$300.00
	Outside Town Limits	\$500.00
	Full Time Employees	\$0.00
Recreation Center Field Rental	Half-Day Grounds (Upper)	\$10.00
	Full Day Grounds (Upper)	\$20.00
	Half-Day Grounds (Lower)	\$10.00
	Full Day Grounds (Lower)	\$20.00

TOWN OF LONG VIEW

2020-2021 WATER AND SEWER RATES

EFFECTIVE FOR BILLS DATED JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

INSIDE LONG VIEW TOWN LIMITS

WATER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$21.27
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$2.45 per 1,000 Gallons

SEWER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$22.27
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$2.39 per 1,000 Gallons

GARBAGE & RECYCLING	\$12.08
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OUTSIDE LONG VIEW TOWN LIMITS

WATER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$42.53
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$4.90 per 1,000 Gallons

SEWER RATE	0 - 3,000 Gallons	\$44.54
	Over 3,000 Gallons	\$4.77 per 1,000 Gallons

***** SEWER IS BILLED BASED ON WATER CONSUMPTION*****

THE BILLS ARE MAILED ON THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH AND ARE DUE BY THE 15TH. IF NOT PAID BY THE 15TH, A \$15.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED ON THE 16TH. IF STILL NOT PAID BY THE 25TH, SERVICE WILL BE DISCONNECTED ON THE 26TH AND A \$35.00 FEE WILL BE ADDED.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A DROP BOX IS AVAILABLE AT THE DRIVE-UP WINDOW.

WE ALSO OFFER BANK DRAFT SERVICES. WE CHARGE A \$25.00 RETURNED CHECK FEE FOR ANY RETURNED ITEMS.

NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS IN OFFICE WITH APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE – TOWN PLANNER CHARLES MULLIS

Town Planner Charles Mullis presented Long View Zoning Ordinance 05-20 for the Board's consideration. This ordinance is in regard to indoor flea markets. The potential amendment would allow for indoor flea markets to be a permitted use in the ED (Economic Development) Zoning District.

The Planning Board has reviewed this and requests that the Board of Aldermen consider this with regards to the new requirement under General Statute 166A-19.24 (e).

On April 29, 2020, the Planning Department received a letter from Mr. Kong Thao. He is looking to purchase the building at 343 23rd St SW and would like to convert it into an indoor flea market. He is the one that has requested that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to allow indoor flea markets to be a permitted use in the ED Zoning District.

The property has been vacant for several years now.

The property is approximately five acres in size.

The property is zoned ED and the property to the immediate North and South of the property is zoned ED. The properties to the East and West are zoned R-4.

Mr. Mullis briefly went over how to read the Schedule of Permitted and Permissible Uses by District Table. Indoor flea markets are permitted on the table under "Zoning Administrators Approval as Provided in Article 7". They are permitted in the C-4 and C-5 zoning districts. The proposal is to place the same approval in the ED zoning district.

Outdoor flea markets will continue to be prohibited throughout the Town.

Mr. Mullis briefly discussed what is considered under Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE 7

SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

7.1 Introduction

The regulations in this Article shall apply generally or in groups of districts as indicated, unless district regulations or regulations for particular uses specifically provide to the contrary. They qualify or supplement other regulations appearing in this Ordinance. The regulations applying generally to the Town, such as Buffer requirements, are in the front section of the ordinance. The performance standards applying to specific uses listed in Table 5-1, such as Ham Radio Antennas, follow the general regulations.

7.16 Flea Markets, Indoor

Each vendor must show necessary permits including Federal Tax ID number and one (1) parking space for each vendor to provide for employee parking.

Mr. Mullis explained why the property could not be rezoned to either C-4 or C-5 zoning district.

There is no C-4 zoning anywhere near the property so changing it to C-4 zoning would be considered spot zoning which is illegal in North Carolina per the general statutes.

Mr. Mullis read the definition of the C-5 District.

C-5 District - Mixed Used in Specified Existing Areas

The Commercial (C)-5 District is established to provide for a wide variety of retail, service, manufacturing and warehousing activities in areas where past land development practices have produced a mixed pattern of land uses and irregular lotting. It is the intent of the ordinance that the C-5 District shall not normally be extended or new areas of C-5 zoning established.

He explained that under the current regulations, rezoning the property to C-4 or C-5 was not an option. Changing the approval for an ED district was the only way to potentially be approved.

Mr. Kong has submitted his plans for use and a drawn vendor layout of the proposed inside of the building. **(See information included below)**

Mr. Mullis stated that for the building, a fire and environmental health inspection would be required before the building would be allowed to open.

Mr. Kong included his new parking layout in his plans. In the front would be the new parking area with a vegetative barrier between the parking area and the street. **(See information included below for the parking layout)**

Mr. Mullis read the Zoning Consistency Statement and the Planning Board Analysis of Zoning Text Amendment No. 05-20. **(See information below)**

Mr. Mullis stated that while it was not required, the Planning Department sent a notice to adjacent property owners about the proposed zoning text amendment.

Alderman Dallas Tester stated that he noticed that the hours were 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. He asked if Mr. Mullis anticipated issues with Long View Baptist Church being so close. He asked if loud music or other matters would be an issue.

Mr. Mullis stated that it should not be an issue. Everything regarding the flea market will be contained indoors. Vendors will load and unload behind the building. Other than vendor loading, the only thing outside is customer parking. He did not feel that there would be a problem.

Alderman Tester asked Mr. Mullis how much he felt the traffic count would go up in that area. Mr. Mullis stated that he would have to see the proposal on how many vendors the building would have before he could take an educated guess at the amount of traffic.

Alderman Mays stated that he was concerned with 23rd Street being a major thoroughfare for the Town's Police and Fire Department. That is the route the Police and Fire Department go on to get to the South side of Town. The increased traffic flow presents a problem for him because of that.

Alderman Gary Lingerfelt stated that the customers will be going up the street and parking in the parking lot. They will not be parking in the street.

Mr. Mullis stated that there will be no parking on the street.

Alderman Lingerfelt asked how many parking spaces would be there. Mr. Mullis stated that he had not yet totaled those parking spaces. The ordinance states that there must be three parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of ground floor area of the building.

Mr. Draughn stated that there were approximately fifty spaces by looking at the drawing. Mr. Mullis stated that there could be more spaces as that has not been finalized yet. It will be finalized before they are issued their certificate of occupancy.

Alderman Tester stated that he did not feel it would be a problem but he was curious as to how much the traffic would go up.

Mr. Mullis stated that the street is in good condition. It is a good wide street. It is maintained by the Town. There is curbing and gutter on one side of the street. Synthetics has a facility on that road down by Highway 70. The church is on the road and has some traffic. There are also a few houses on that road.

Alderman Mays stated that if the Board were to give the approval of "Z" usage in the ED district for indoor flea markets, all requests would still have to come before the Planning Director for approval and to know under what conditions it may be approved.

Mr. Mullis stated that Alderman Mays was correct. All parking requirements will have to be met. The building will have to pass several inspections before anything can happen.

Alderman Mays stated that if passed, it would be an allowable usage as long as it meets the requirements set forth.

Mr. Mullis stated that if the Board were to approve this text amendment, everywhere that there is an ED zoning district will be eligible for having an indoor flea market.

Aldermen Tester asked how long the Town has allowed indoor flea markets. Mr. Mullis stated that they have been allowed since the Zoning Ordinance was last adopted in 1995 but the Town has never had a request for one until now.

April 29, 2020

Attn: Charles T. Mullis
Planning and Code Enforcement
Town of Long View

I, Kong Thao is looking to purchase the building 343 23rd St. SW. and would like to convert into an indoor flea market type business inside the building. I would like to request the Longview Board of Alderman to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow an indoor flea market as a permitted principal use in the ED Zoning District.

Sincerely,



Kong Thao



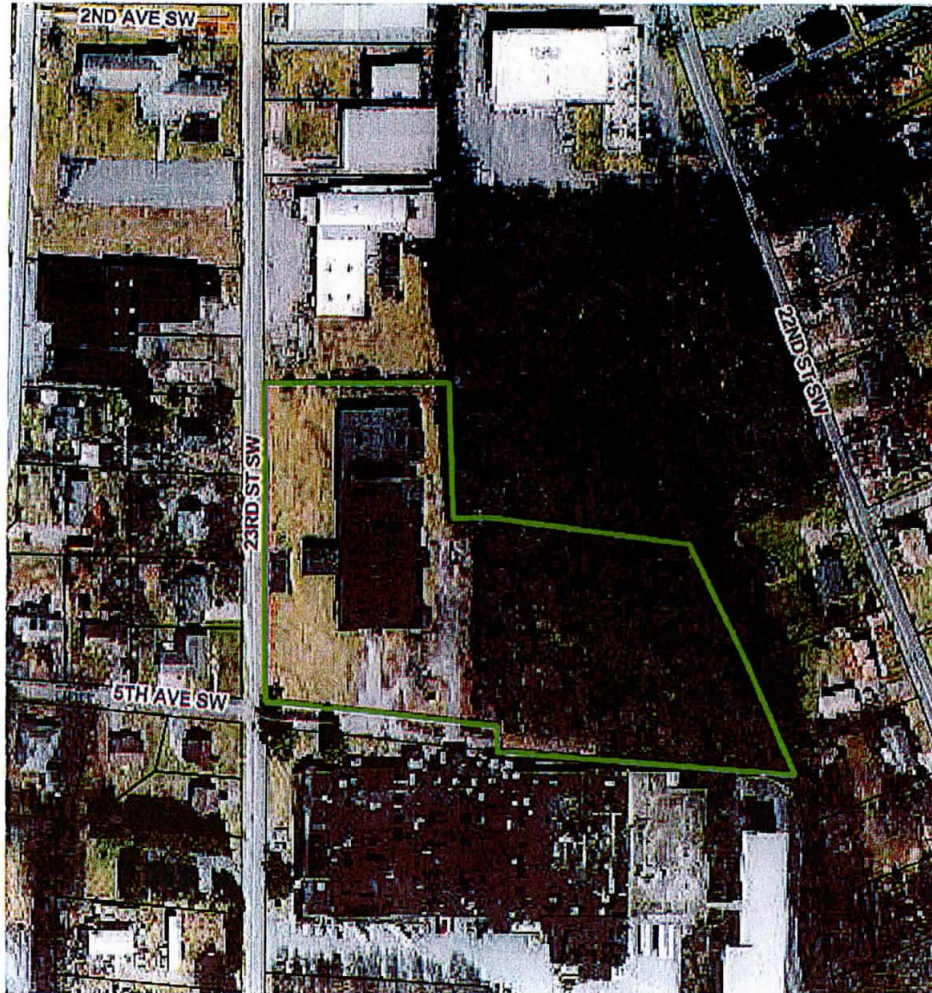




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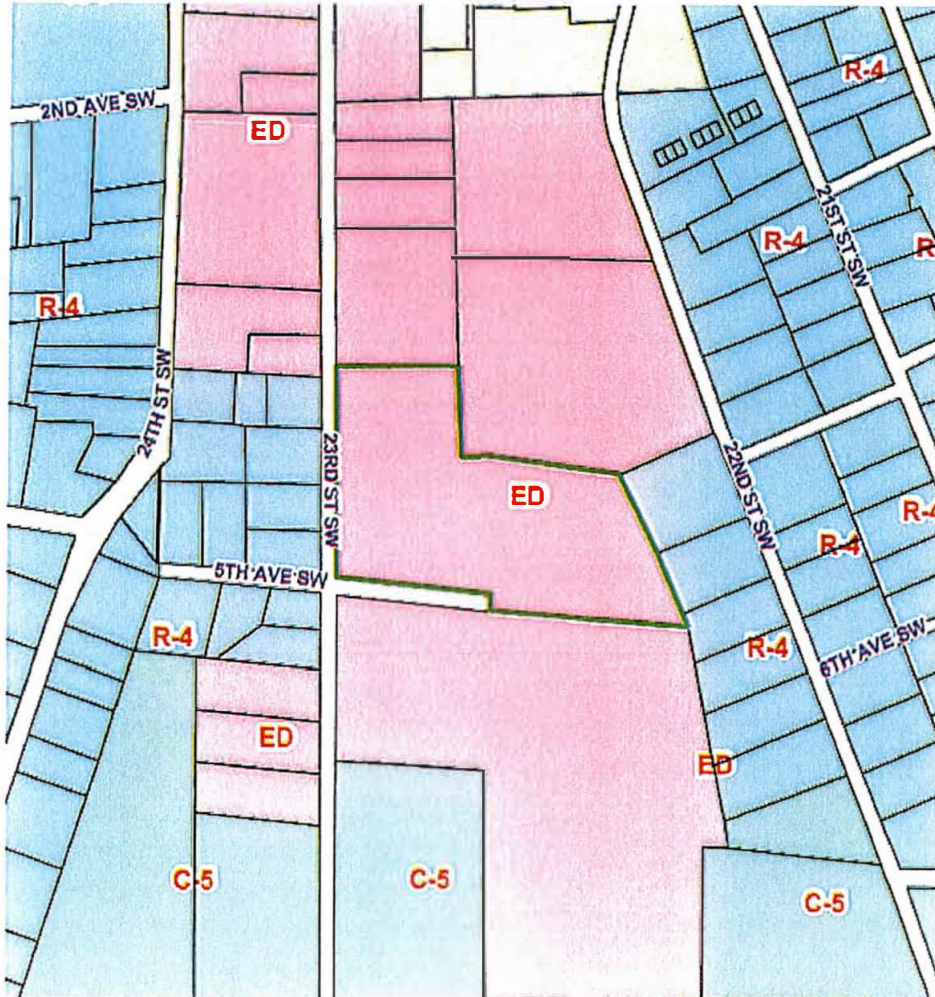
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TABLE 5-1

SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED AND PERMISSIBLE USES BY DISTRICT

- X = Permitted Principal Uses
 Y = Permitted Accessory Uses
 A = Special Use Approved by Board of Aldermen
 B = Special Use Approved by Board of Adjustment
 Z = Zoning Administrators Approval as Provided in Article 7.
 Blank = Prohibited Use
- (1) Five or more non-residents
 (2) Maximum number of residents is 12
 (3) Subdivision regulations approval procedures must be followed.
 (4) Only for uses permitted in the district.
 (5) When catering to industrial clients
 (6) Excluding the open storage of wrecked cars
 (7) Accessory Use to a hospital district
 (8) As a replacement for existing Class AA, Class or B Manufactured Homes on individual lots or as a replacement for a non-conforming dwelling in Commercial, Industrial or Economic Development districts.
 (9) In existing mobile home parks (See Definitions) as a replacement for existing Class A or B Manufactured Homes

MISCELLANEOUS										
Use	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	OI-1	C-3	C-4	C-5	ED	I
Armories							X	X	X	X
Bakeries (wholesale)						X	X	X		
Construction Trailers	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
Customary Accessory Uses - See Accessory Uses (Customary)										
Electrical Equipment Sales							X	X	X	X
Equipment, Rental							X	X	X	X
Firing Range, Outdoor										
Flea Markets, Indoor							Z	Z	Z	
Flea Markets, Outdoor										
Heating and Refrigeration Shops								X	X	X
Industrial Supplies and Equipment								X	X	X
Kennel										
Livestock Sale Barns										
Lumbervard										
Membership Organizations				X	X	X	X			
Music Studios							X	X		
Oil and Gasoline Bulk Storage								X		X



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KXT International Market

As you notice, the building 343 23rd. St. SW. has been vacant for awhile now. I would like to convert the building into an indoor market for the Asian community, Hispanic community, and other ethnicity community to come and lease out vendor space to sell their products.

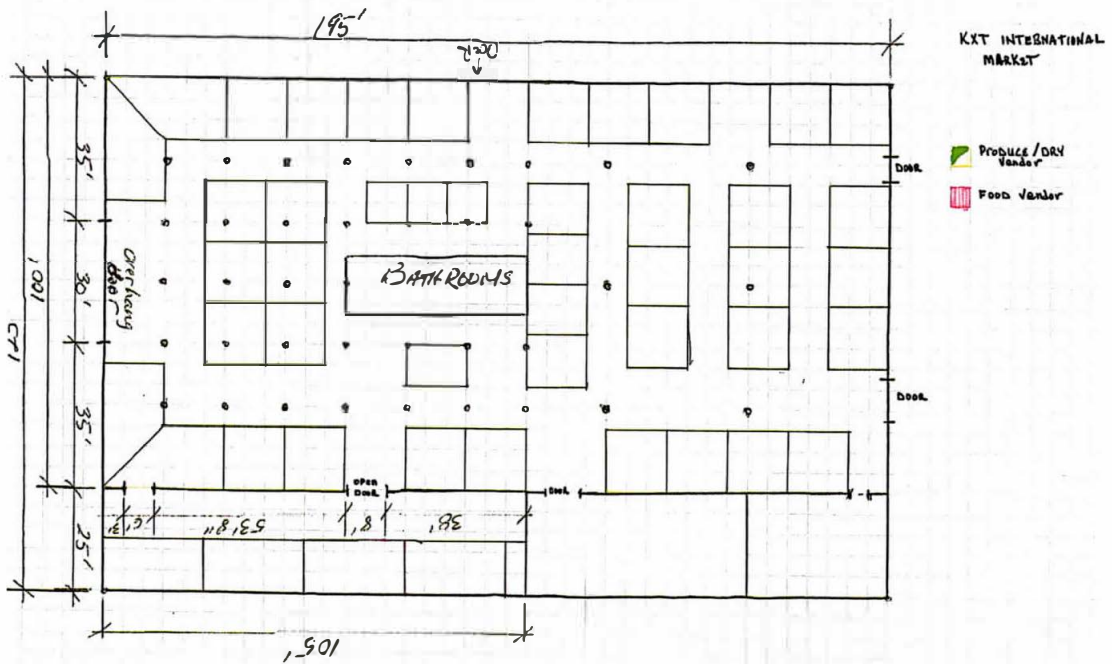
Purpose of the building:

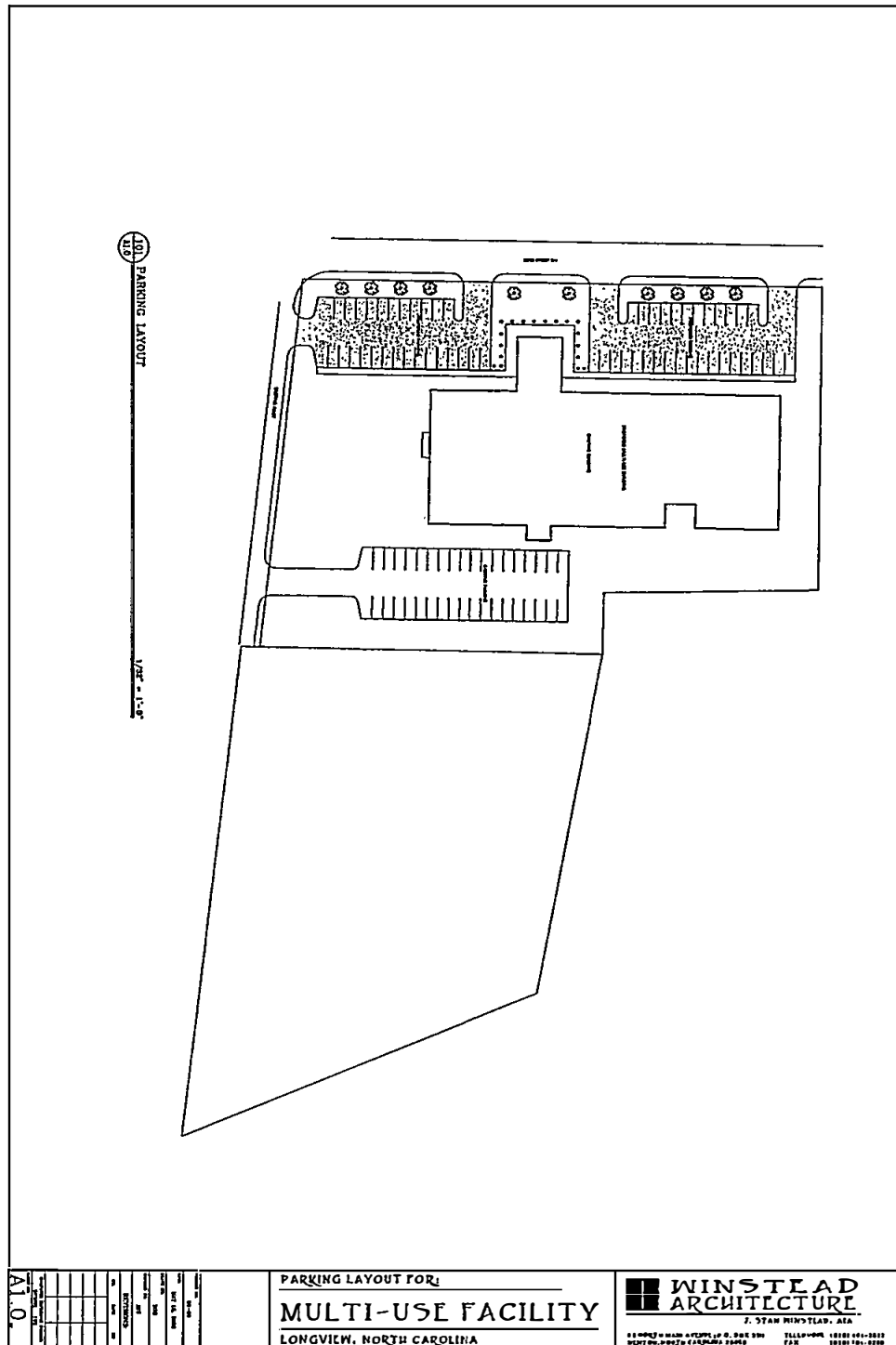
- 1) Provide vendor space for client to sell their products
 - Culture Clothing
 - Fruit
 - Vegetables
 - Hot food
 - Cold food
 - Drinks
- 2) Provide event hall for people to celebrate
 - Graduation
 - Wedding
 - Retirement
- 3) Donate the event hall for the youth community in the surrounding area to come and do fund raiser, group support, and other activities.
- 4) Hours of operation:
 - Vendors = Sunday – Saturday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - Event Hall = By the hours.
- 5) As owner, I will not allow any littering or selling products outside of the building. There will be a dumpster out in the back of the building for garbage.

With this indoor market locate in the city of Longview, NC it is the central location in Hickory, Newton, Conover, Claremont, Morganton, and Statesville for the Asian community, Hispanic community, and other ethnicity community come shop and get together for events.

With this business in Longview, NC it will bring jobs to the community and to the city of Longview. With the event hall located inside the building along with the indoor market we will have the Longview officer provide security to the building.

Attached is a layout of the vendor space that we will provide to the vendor like produce section, dried goods and food court sections. Also, attached is a propose parking space for customers and vendors to park.







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Memorandum

To: Mayor Thompson and Board of Aldermen

From: Charles Mullis, Planner *CM*

Date: June 8, 2020

Subject: Zoning Consistency Statement

North Carolina General Statute 160A-387 states the following: "The Planning Board shall prepare or shall review and comment upon a proposed zoning ordinance amendment and shall make a written recommendation regarding the adoption of the ordinance amendment to the city council."

The following statement is the written recommendation from the Town of Long View Planning Board to the Board of Aldermen regarding the permitted use of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District.



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Planning Board Analysis of Zoning Text Amendment No. 05-20

June 8, 2020

The Town of Long View Planning Board at a regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, 2020, discussed amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding the permitted use of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District. After much thought and deliberation, the Planning Board adopted by a unanimous vote, to approve the use of an indoor flea market in the ED Zoning District.

Conclusion: The Town of Long View Planning Board believes the permitted use of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District is consistent with other permitted uses of a similar nature and that this newly permitted use will continue to protect and preserve the peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Long View.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley Lowman", written over a horizontal line.

Shirley Lowman, Chairman, Planning Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Mullis", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Mullis, Town Planner



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ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS TO KONG THAO'S ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT PETITION

Robert B. Smith
326 23rd St. SW Unit A
Hickory, NC 28602

Virgina Mejia
326 23rd St. SW Unit B
Hickory, NC 28602

Larry & Denise Powell
338 23rd St. SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Harriet W. Fulbright
350 23rd St. SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Maximum Investments, LLC
1547 US Hwy 70 SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Richard & Susan Armstrong
2227 1st Ave. SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Longview Baptist Church
205 24th St. SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Synthetics of NC
P.O. Box 2141
Hickory, NC 28603

Long View Yarns
P.O. Box 477
Hickory, NC 28603

I certify that the above listed property owners were notified by first class mail regarding the zoning ordinance text amendment petition submitted by Kong Thao which proposes to allow for an indoor flea market to be a permitted use in the ED(Economic Development Zoning District).

Charles T. Mullis, Town Planner

TOWN OF LONG VIEW

Ordinance No. 05-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF LONG VIEW ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Long View has received a request to amend Article 5, Section 5.6, Table 5-1 of the Long View Zoning Ordinance with regards to the allowance of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance amendment has been provided through advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the question of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance has been held by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Town of Long View has recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Long View that:

Section 1. Table 5-1 of the Town of Long View Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to allow for the permitted use of indoor flea markets in the ED Zoning District with Zoning Administrators Approval as Provided in Article 7 which reads as follows:

TABLE 5-1

SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED AND PERMISSIBLE USES BY DISTRICT

X = Permitted Principal Uses	(1) Five or more non-residents
Y = Permitted Accessory Uses	(2) Maximum number of residents is 12
A = Special Use Approved by Board of Aldermen	(3) Subdivision regulations approval procedures must be followed.
B = Special Use Approved by Board of Adjustment	(4) Only for uses permitted in the district.
Z = Zoning Administrators Approval as Provided in Article 7.	(5) When catering to industrial clients
Blank = Prohibited Use	(6) Excluding the open storage of wrecked cars
	(7) Accessory Use to a hospital district
	(8) As a replacement for existing Class AA, Class or B Manufactured Homes on individual lots or as a replacement for a non-conforming dwelling in Commercial, Industrial or Economic Development districts.
	(9) In existing mobile home parks (See Definitions) as a replacement for existing Class A or B Manufactured Homes

MISCELLANEOUS										
Use	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	Ol-1	C-3	C-4	C-5	ED	I
Armories							X	X	X	X
Bakeries (wholesale)						X	X	X		
Construction Trailers	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
Customary Accessory Uses - See Accessory Uses (Customary)										
Electrical Equipment Sales							X	X	X	X
Equipment, Rental							X	X	X	X
Firing Range, Outdoor										
Flea Markets, Indoor							Z	Z	Z	
Flea Markets, Outdoor										
Heating and Refrigeration Shops								X	X	X
Industrial Supplies and Equipment								X	X	X
Kennel										
Livestock Sale Barns										
Lumberyard										
Membership Organizations				X	X	X	X			
Music Studios							X	X		
Oil and Gasoline Bulk Storage								X		X

Dated the 8th day of June 2020.

Marla Thompson, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Stephanie Watson, Town Clerk

Jimmy R. Summerlin Jr., Town Attorney

Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to open the public hearing to discuss the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

Mayor Marla Thompson read the written comments received by the public in regard to this matter.

(Submitted Written Comments by Harriet Fulbright and Gene Fulbright about the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance are pictured below.)

(Submitted Written Comments by Rev. Larry B. Reese about the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance are pictured below.)

Stephanie Watson

From: k4icu@charter.net
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Stephanie Watson
Subject: Longview Ordinance

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I would like to be able to listen to the meeting tonight. But I want to go ahead and vote NO. Thanks for your help.

Harriet Fulbright
Gene Fulbright

Stephanie Watson

From: longviewbaptistchurch@charter.net
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Stephanie Watson
Subject: Opposition to Indoor flea market

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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our opposition to the proposed flea market that wishes to locate their business at 343 23rd Street, S.W. in Long View. We have had problems in the past with parking issues from the business across the street damaging our parking lot by use of the trucks that came to this business. This was not the mill owners fault but the truckers. We have recently had the driveway entrance fixed and would like to avoid outsiders using this area for parking for other than church business unless they receive permission in advance.

Flea markets are usually businesses that are open through out the weekend period and we feel that this would cause problems during our church service times. We again feel that we would be losing control of our parking lot by those taking parking to go shopping rather than attending church services.

Due to the amount of traffic both vehicular and on foot we feel that this could result in an increase in trash and other items being thrown out and not disposed of properly.

We have always had good relationships with our business neighbors in the past but we do not feel that this is the type of business that would be directly beside our property or in this residential community.

I have met and also know several of our town leaders and knowing how much they care for our town I can't feel like they would consider this to be a good marriage of this business to its close location to a house of worship and in a community setting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and may God bless you in your endeavor to make the Town of Long View a better place to live and enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Larry B. Reese, Pastor

cc: Keith Proctor
Danny Oakley
Pam Annas

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any comments from the public that were attending the meeting electronically. There were none.

There being no other comments from the public, motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to close the public hearing. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

Mr. Draughn said that the consideration of adopting the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will have to wait until the June 22, 2020 meeting due to the new rule regarding allowing public comment 24 hours after the public hearing.

CONSIDERATION OF CITIES ARE ESSENTIAL RESOLUTION

Town Administrator David Draughn informed the Board that before them was a resolution from the North Carolina League of Municipalities. The resolution asks that Congress and the State support municipalities that do not have direct access to COVID-19 response funds. The biggest request is to release funds to help municipalities with lost revenue. Once adopted, a copy of the resolution will be sent to representatives of the State.

Mayor Marla Thompson read the "Resolution: Town of Long View is Essential: In Support of Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support to Reopen and Rebuild Local American Economies".

Motion was made by Alderman Randall Mays, seconded by Alderman Dallas Tester to approve the "Resolution: Town of Long View is Essential: In Support of Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support to Reopen and Rebuild Local American Economies". The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder



TOWN OF LONG VIEW

2404 1st AVENUE SOUTHWEST
LONG VIEW, NC 28602
TELEPHONE: (828) 322-3921 FAX: (828) 578-6637

**RESOLUTION: TOWN OF LONG VIEW IS ESSENTIAL: IN SUPPORT OF FAIR, DIRECT FEDERAL
EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO REOPEN AND REBUILD LOCAL AMERICAN ECONOMIES**

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages face unprecedented threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are essential to America's economic recovery and without funding support for local governments, municipalities may go from being a critical part of the economic solution, to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization and recovery; and

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages will experience budgetary shortfalls of up \$134 billion in fiscal year 2020 alone, and the negative effects of the pandemic emergency on local communities will continue long after this year; and

WHEREAS, three million critical municipal worker jobs are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, communities have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Long View has labeled all Town employees as essential during the pandemic forcing all employees to face daily risks in order to provide service to our citizens, and Long View continues to face diminishing revenue during the pandemic resulting in an estimated loss of a quarter of a million dollars in the next fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, America's rural communities and small towns are struggling just as much as big cities and risk being left behind or wiped out entirely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Long View calls on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's communities, regardless of population size; and

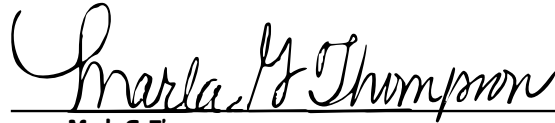
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding must be flexible and address not only the additional expenses incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, other economic engines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the national economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding will keep middle class workers employed and critical services operating; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long View has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life.

This the 8th day of June, 2020.



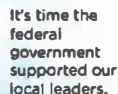
Marla G. Thompson
Mayor



Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk, CMC, NCCMC



LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THEIR RESIDENTS THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC:



Municipalities need federal aid now

70% of Americans believe the federal government is directly responsible for helping local governments recover from the coronavirus pandemic

SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IS BIPARTISAN, NATIONAL AND SPANS DEMOGRAPHICS.

88%
of Americans
are concerned that
coronavirus is going to
drastically affect their
local economy

Americans agree.

REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION: 72%	DEMOCRAT 71%	INDEPENDENT 68%
AGE:  MILLENNIAL 66%	 GEN X 73%	 BOOMERS 73%

REGION: West 68% Midwest 69% Northeast 69% South 73%



Nearly 100% of cities with populations above 50,000 will see a revenue decline this year.

Between **300,000 and 1 million** public-sector workers could be laid off or furloughed

Not only are Americans worried about the economy, **45%** are concerned that the pandemic will directly affect their jobs.

More Americans agree the way their local government is handling the spread of COVID-19 is better than how Congress is.

APPROVE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

73% Registered voters	77% Republican
73% Democrat	68% Independent

APPROVE OF CONGRESS' HANDLING

49% Registered voters	54% Republican
50% Democrat	40% Independent

FOIA b(7)(D). The data is listed all records of current and historical salary data, and ancillary research from the National League of Cities that subordinates and public employees, "reports and reports on the financial health and budgetary performance of all cities and is subject to the terms and conditions established on April 1, 2001. 2001 of the cities are under 50,000 employees. 40 are between 50,000 and 75,000, 16 are between 75,000 and 100,000, and 14 are over 100,000. The data is subject to the terms and conditions of the request on 10/1/2001. The survey data is not a public record. 67% of the nation's municipal finance leaders and 10% of all cities are included. Data is subject to the terms and conditions of the request on 10/1/2001.

DATA BY REGION (CHINA)

Methodology: This paper was constructed between April 24 and June 10, 2022, among a national sample of 1996 *Acropora* voters. The responses were collected online and the data were analyzed in a statistical package. The results are presented in a series of tables and figures. The data were analyzed in a statistical package. The results are presented in a series of tables and figures. The data were analyzed in a statistical package. The results are presented in a series of tables and figures.

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CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES ARE ESSENTIAL TO AMERICA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

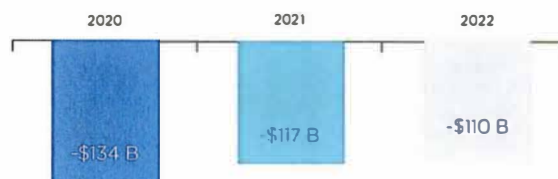
WITHOUT SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, MUNICIPALITIES MAY MOVE FROM BEING PART OF THE ECONOMIC SOLUTION, TO BECOMING A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO LONG-TERM STABILIZATION AND RECOVERY.

The negative effects of the coronavirus pandemic on local communities are severe and will continue long after this year.

Cities alone will experience a total
revenue loss of up to
\$134 billion
this year - equaling a
21.6% loss of revenue.

And they will experience a
total loss of over
\$360 billion
over the next 3 years

Total Revenue Loss for Cities, Towns and Villages (\$ billion)

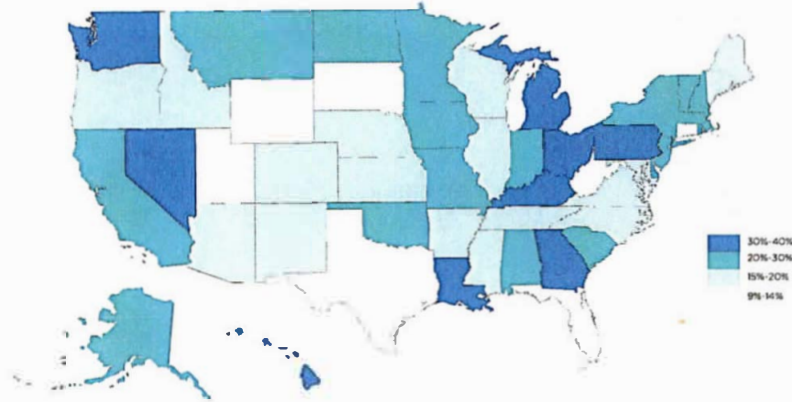


Source: National League of Cities analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data (2017 total own source revenues for municipal and township governments), adjusted for inflation, and based on unemployment projections provided by the Congressional Budget Office.

Every city, town and village in every state across America will feel the dire economic consequences of this pandemic.

**SOME WILL REACH UP TO 40%
IN TOTAL REVENUE LOSS.**

Revenue Loss for Cities, Towns and Villages as a Share of Total Own-Source Revenue by State, 2020



Source: Revenue Loss of Cities, Towns and Villages as a Share of Total Own-Source Revenue by State, 2020. Data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. Data for states with no own-source revenue for municipalities and townships (primarily Alaska and Hawaii) are not shown. Data for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are not shown.

Top 10 states with the most impacted municipalities:

PENNSYLVANIA	40.2% revenue loss	WASHINGTON	32.7% revenue loss
KENTUCKY	39.1% revenue loss	LOUISIANA	32.2% revenue loss
HAWAII	38.2% revenue loss	GEORGIA	31.0% revenue loss
MICHIGAN	37.3% revenue loss	OHIO	30.4% revenue loss
NEVADA	36.8% revenue loss	RHODE ISLAND	29.3% revenue loss

In 2020,
the unemployment rate will be
7.2 percent greater than expected
as a direct cause of the coronavirus pandemic.

For every 1% increase in unemployment,
municipalities will experience an additional 3% loss of revenue.

We need to ensure the American way of life continues.
Funding will help us support the hospitals, roads and crucial repairs to our nation's infrastructure that could face closure and abandonment without funding.

**WE NEED A UNITED NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO GET
BACK TO A SAFE, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS LIFE.
WE RISE TOGETHER, WE REBUILD TOGETHER.
JOIN US FIGHTING AT THE FRONT LINE.**

Learn more <https://covid19.nlc.org/cities-are-essential/>

APPOINTMENT OF THE HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DELEGATE/REPRESENTATIVE

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board of Aldermen about the request for appointment of the 2020 Hickory Regional Planning Commission Representative. Once appointed, the representative will serve for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2023. Alderman Randall Mays previously served as the Town of Long View's representative.

Mr. Mullis briefly read what the duties the Hickory Regional Planning Commission Delegate/Representative would have. **(See below)**

Mayor Thompson asked Alderman Randall Mays if he would like to continue to be the Town's representative. Alderman Mays stated that he would like to do so.

Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn, seconded by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt to re-appointment Alderman Randall Mays as the Delegate/Representative for the Hickory Regional Planning Commission. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Previously Appointed Term Expires June 30, 2020, Three year term.)

This appointed member will serve as the Long View representative for the Hickory Regional Planning Commission. The member will attend meetings of this commission which meets monthly and report to the Board of Alderman any relevant planning issues that Long View should either be involved with or need to know about. The HRP is tasked with the Land Development Code, rezoning, special use permits and master planning for the regional planning area.

- Alderman Randall Mays

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS -- TOWN PLANNER CHARLES MULLIS

Town Planner Charles Mullis informed the Board that the Planning Board terms of office will expire July 1, 2020 for Shirley Lowman, Wayne Heffinger, and Harold Duckworth. He has asked these members if they would like to be considered for reappointment by the Board of Aldermen and all three have stated that they would be interested in serving another term.

He asked that the Board of Aldermen move to reappoint Shirley Lowman, Wayne Heffinger, and Harold Duckworth to another three-year term to expire July 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Alderman Dallas Tester, seconded by Alderman Thurman VanHorn to re-appoint Shirley Lowman, Wayne Heffinger, and Harold Duckworth to the Planning Board for a three-year term that expires on July 1, 2023. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/PLANNING BOARD

Luther Rudisill
188 24th St. NW
Hickory, NC 28601
Term Expires – July 2021



Harold Duckworth
730 19th St. SW
Hickory, NC 28602
Term Expires – July 2020



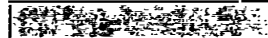
Shirley Lowman, Chairman
2318 4th Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601
Term Expires – July 2020



Wayne Heffinger, Vice Chairman
2439 2nd Ave. SW
Hickory, NC 28602
Term Expires – July 2020

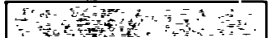


Phyllis Pennington
3720 Main Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601
Term Expires – July 2021

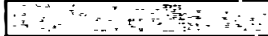


Alternates:

Melissa Culbreath, Alternate #1
2351 4th Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601
Term Expires – July 2021



Billy D. Rice, Alternate #2
504 33rd St. SW
Hickory, NC 28602
Term Expires – July 2021



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DAVID DRAUGHN

Governor's Executive Order Effect on Utilities - Finance Director James Cozart

Mr. Draughn asked Finance Director James Cozart to come before the Board of Aldermen and explain how the no cutoff order by the Governor, which was recently extended to August, has affected the Town of Long View.

Mr. Cozart gave a summary of lost utility revenue that has occurred since the Governor's executive order. **(See information below)**

Mr. Draughn stated that he felt this would be consistent over the next copy of months. The Town has had more residents paying than what was originally predicted. The Town will continue to monitor the situation.

The Town has advertised the situation (no cutoffs, etc.) in the paper as was required and sent out extra mailings about the payment program. So far, the Town has only had two people sign up for the payment plan.

After the Governor extended the order, Mr. Draughn stated that he was not sure about advertising again. The Town spent about \$1,000 for the first advertisement. As we go forward, the Town will place any further information on the website.

The deadline was extended to August 1st.

When asked about the extension of the payment plan by Alderman Mays, Mr. Cozart stated that with the extension, the payment plan would go into January 2021.

There was some discussion about the payment plan. Residents interested in the payment plan must sign up for it by August 1st.



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Below is a snapshot of Utility Fund revenue losses incurred by the Town due to the Covid-19 Pandemic:

March 2020

22 accounts from March remain unpaid at June 1, 2020 totaling \$1,704.78.

Missed revenue from Late Fees totaling \$0. Late fees were added in March prior to the Governor's Order.

Missed Reconnect Revenue of \$2,275.00. Cut off list would have been 65 customers.

Total missed revenue for March totals \$3,979.78

April 2020

38 accounts from April remain unpaid at June 1, 2020 totaling \$2,359.33.

Missed revenue from Late Fees totaling \$4,305.00. 287 Late Fees would have been charged.

Missed Reconnect Revenue of \$4,480.00. Cut off list would have been 128 customers.

Total missed revenue for April totals \$11,144.33

May 2020

79 unpaid from May remain unpaid at June 1, 2020 totaling \$4,319.44.

Missed revenue from Late Fees totaling \$4,005.00 267 Late Fees would have been charged.

Missed Reconnect Revenue of \$2,765.00 Cut off list would have been 79 customers.

Total missed revenue for April totals \$11,089.44

Total lost revenue for March through May totaled \$26,213.55. The majority of this total comes from Late and Reconnect Fees. The total due from actual bills not paid, not including any additional fees, totaled \$8,383.55.

Online Payment Setup

Mr. Cozart informed the Board that the startup date for the online payment system has been moved forward. The Town is scheduled to go live with online payments on June 15th. There is an 800 number that residents will be able to call if they want to pay by phone. They will be able to go on the Town's website and click on a link or load an app to use. The app will allow customers to set up recurring payments and other options.

Tomorrow, the company will meet with Ms. Watson about what kind of marketing to do to get the information out about this software.

When Mayor Thompson asked if there was a fee that customers would have to pay to use this service, Mr. Cozart stated that there originally was a fee but the Town has worked out where there will be no fee for customers.

Mr. Cozart stated that customers would also be able to sign up for e-bills.

Thank You to Departments

Mr. Draughn wished to thank all of the Town's departments for all the work that they have done. The Town's services have suffered very little in in the current situation. Department Heads are helping the Town financially by working with the spending freeze they have been placed under.

Corona Virus/Antibodies Testing

Mr. Draughn stated that Chief Bates and Chief Brinkley are working to get a Corona Virus and Antibodies test set up for police and firefighters. It will be through Lab Corp once it is place. This should be at no cost to the Town. Doctor Gill will be helping with this.

The tests will be voluntary.

Peace Pole Event

Mr. Draughn invited Officer Eddie Marlowe to speak.

Officer Marlowe stated that on June 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the Town will be holding a Peace Pole Dedication in front of Long View Town Hall. There are over 200,000 of these poles around the world and they symbolize peace. These poles are decorated with the verse "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages. The Town of Long View is a diverse community. Languages represented in Town are English, Urdu, German, Braille, Hmong, Hindu, American Sign Language, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

He invited the Board to attend the event.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed during the event.

In recognition of the Town of Long View having one of these peace poles, WorldPeace.org will be planting ten trees on the African continent to honor the Town of Long View.

"May Peace Prevail on Earth!"

Join us for a ceremony as the Town of Long View plants a symbol of peace dedicated to the citizens and extends peace to everyone around the world.

The power of the Message, May Peace Prevail on Earth, lies in its capacity to bring people of various cultures, faith traditions and political ideals together as one united global heart and mind. May Peace Prevail On Earth, allows us to sincerely focus on our mutual desire to serve, create and manifest true peace on earth while transcending our differences and celebrating our common humanity.

The May Peace Prevail on Earth movement is a grassroots global movement to inspire, and re-awaken the inherent consciousness of love, peace and harmony which exists in every one of us. It is a movement to bring inner peace of mind and to foster peace in the world at large.

Languages represented in our community:

ENGLISH

URDU

GERMAN

BRaille

HMONG

HINDU

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

VIETNAMESE

SPANISH

TOWN OF LONG VIEW

GOVERNMENT CENTER FRONT LAWN

2404 FIRST AVENUE SOUTHWEST

LONG VIEW, NC 28602

**DATE: JUNE 19, 2020
AM**

TIME: 10:00

*****SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE
FOLLOWED DURING THE EVENT*****



**RSVP: SGT. EDDIE MARLOWE, COMMUNITY RESOURCE
OFFICER**

828-327-2343, EXT. 331 OR 828-514-6913



OTHER BUSINESS

Submitted Written Comments by Mr. and Mrs. Wilds

Mayor Marla Thompson read the written comments by Mr. and Mrs. Wilds to the Board of Aldermen and all others present. In the comments of Mr. and Mrs. Wilds, they requested a change to the Town's ordinance in regard to animal keeping.

(See a full copy of comments and submitted material by Claudine Wilds pictured below.)

Town Administrator David Draughn recommended that the Board of Aldermen refer this matter to the Planning Board for research and review.

Motion was made by Alderman Dallas Tester, second was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn to refer the request by Claudine Wilds to the Planning Board for research and review. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn
NOES: None
NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder

Mr & Mrs Wilds
1216 19th St SW
Hickory Nc 28602

eyepopanchese@stark.com

5/30/20

Phone Number

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in hopes that the Town of Longview will change there current rules on animal keeping.

Before I begin let me comment that I have a 5.5 acre plot that carries a Hickory address but apparently is under the jurisdiction of Longview. There are horses directly across the street from my property that are supposedly "grandfathered in". It was my understanding at the time property was purchased we where allowed to have some livestock and fowl. I had no idea at the time of purchase of the ordnance in place nor that I would be subject to the rules of Longview. I understand that not everyone has property as large as ours, but even larger metropolis areas like the outskirts Phila Pa and the area I moved from in Fl (with trac housing) have some similar rules on this matter which allow some sort of animals being raised for food. *I'm asking for the township to either change there blanket rule or allow us a variance on the following matter:*

We wish to ask the town to adopt the same animal keeping rules that apply to the town Hickory .

Currently there is a no fowl/livestock rule in place for the town of Longview. We are asking that some sort of rule change me made be it for entire town area or for properties over a certain size.

We live in a area that is subject to lots of noises from the mills and the traffic that they bring. However we also live in a time (especially at the moment) where there are food shortages and restrictions, as well as extremely high prices, limitations etc on milk, eggs and meats. If you can see your way to change the rules currently in place you will no longer be tying the hands of the residence but will allow then to become more self reliant now and for the future.

To assist in your determination I have taken a poll on the web site Nextdoor which several people in the community seem to use asking the local citizens of Longview to vote in and/or comment on the idea of keeping chickens/livestock on a limited scale throughout the town. I have received votes back in two way a poll and general comments.(although the poll is hard to locate and doesn't get much visual on the site) we had a somewhat good response. (poll= 70-30% in favor/ general comments=11 out of 12 in favor)

We ask that the town reconsider this matter of animal keeping(fowl and livestock) and allow residence to have some amount of fowl on property (perhaps excluding roosters/ guinea chicken due to noise) & if the size of lot allows some sort of ruling for a limits number of livestock(goat,pig,sheep,etc). If this is not a feasible option we are asking for a variance for our location.

I will be sitting in on the meeting via Zoom if my spotty internet allows.

I have attached the following animal keeping rules that currently apply to Hickory for your convenience and overview.

Animal Keeping

Animal keeping is regulated by the City of Hickory to minimize adverse impacts of incompatible land uses, promote agriculture in an urban setting, and to ensure the public safety and general welfare of its citizens.

General Regulations

[Article 9 of the Land Development Code](#), as well as, [Part II, Chapter 4 of the City Code of Ordinances](#) contain the regulations related to animal keeping within the City of Hickory's municipal boundaries. Properties located within Hickory extrajurisdiction (ETJ) are subject to regulations from the Land Development Code, as well as, any general police power ordinances adopted by the respective county.

Regulations largely depend on the zoning district of the subject property. The keeping of large and small domestic animals is permitted in the R-1 (Low Density Residential) and IND (Industrial) zoning districts subject to the following ratios:

- Large domestic animals: Three (3) animals per gross acre on irrigated land or one (1) animal per gross acre on non-irrigated land
- Small domestic animals: One (1) animal per two thousand (2,000) square feet of land

In all remaining zoning districts where dwelling units are permitted, small domestic animals are allowed to be kept as household pets. An aggregate total of five (5) small animals per dwelling unit is permitted. The keeping of six (6) or more small animals constitutes a zoning violation, unless approval has been given by the City of Hickory. Certain small animals that are always housed entirely within the dwelling unit are excluded from the numerical limitations.

Examples of small domestic animals include chickens, guinea hens, geese, ducks, turkeys, dogs, and cats. Examples of large domestic animals include cows, horses, donkeys, llamas, goats, sheep, and swine. Miniature horses, etc. are classified as large domestic animals. The keeping of swine and goats within the city limits is strictly regulated and is generally considered a nuisance. Within the city limits, one and only one miniature Vietnamese pot bellied pig, up to 10 pounds in weight, may be kept as a family pet.

Animal Enclosures

No structure or enclosure for animals other than fencing or grazing land may be located less than fifty (50) feet from the centerline of any street or from any adjoining lot. All animal enclosures shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. Unkept enclosures may constitute a nuisance violation and enclosures too close to property lines is considered a zoning violation.

Generally speaking, no permits are required for animal keeping, although permits may be necessary for animal enclosures or other related accessory structures. For more information, please contact the [Planning Department](#) at (828) 323-7444.

Chickens

Chickens are considered small domestic animals and are subject to the aforementioned regulations, as well as the following: Roosters are permitted, but properties within the city limits are subject to the [city's noise ordinance](#). Additionally, for properties within the city limits, chickens and other fowl are not permitted to run at large.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA) requires that all poultry owners register a NCFarmID number. According to the NCDA, all poultry owners are required to register regardless of flock size. NCDA states that this measure is necessary to adequately prepare, manage and control possible HPAI outbreaks. For more information, please visit the [NCDA website](#).

Commercial Operations

A kennel, zoo, or other commercial operation related to animal keeping should be discussed with the [Planning Department](#) and approved in accordance to the [Land Development Code](#). These uses are limited to certain zoning districts and may require a public hearing for approval.

The temporary use of goats or other animals to remove kudzu, is permissible, but must be discussed with the City of Hickory beforehand for approval.

Bona Fide Farm Exemption

The North Carolina General Assembly has passed specific regulations that exempt bona fide farm operations within the ETJ from municipal zoning regulations, which include, but are not limited to, the regulations listed on this webpage. Generally speaking, bona fide farm purposes include the production and activities relating or incidental to the production of crops, fruits, vegetables, ornamental and flowering plants, dairy, livestock, poultry, and all other forms of agriculture according to [G.S. 106-581.1](#). Bona fide farms already within the city limits or farms that are annexed are not eligible for this exemption. For more information regarding the bona fide farm exemption, please review [G.S. 153A-340](#).

In order to be classified as a bona fide farm, evidence in accordance to [G.S. 153A-340](#) must be presented to the City of Hickory. If the exemption is utilized, a commercial zoning application must be completed and submitted at no cost to the [Permit Center](#) for record-keeping purposes.

Nonconformities

5/30/2020

Town of longview residence please comment your thought below — Nextdoor

 claudine and jake Wilds, Longview off 19th st SW

Town of longview residence please comment your thought below

Online town hall meeting coming soon. 6/8 at 630 pm

* I would like to propose a change of current ordinance . current ordinance doesn't allow for any resident of town of longview to raise any tyoe of fowl/ chick duck etc. Regardless of property size.

I would like to propose to change this. In an economy where meat prices have skyrocketed and it's also in short supply.

I would be proposing we would be allowed to raise fowl (limited base of property sz) so average property lot is 1/4acre perhaps a limit of 4 chick/4 duck....? NO ROOSTERS PEACOCK ETC. DUE TO NOISE! PLEASE LEACE YOUR THOUGHT BELOW.

Also if you would like to join web town hall meeting it's 6/8@6:30 but you must call city hall prior to get link

19 May · 23 neighborhoods in General

 Thank

 Comment

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Linda Early, Mt View

It will be great to have some chicks.

19 May **Thank** [Reply](#)  1



Lynn Dietrich, Longview off 19th st SW

I would love to have a few chicken before I moved here I had chickens . Where I once lived and I miss that so much. I loved going out every morning and getting eggs

19 May **Thank** [Reply](#)

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claudine and jake Wilds, Longview off 19th st SW

Glad to hear. Please get neighbors to reply if you can... We need as many people on our side as we can get

19 May **Thank** [Reply](#)

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Daphna Robinson, Longview South

Sounds like a good idea

19 May **Thank** [Reply](#)  2



Kim Michelle, Western Ridge

I think if they are properly contained it would be great. I have no problem with it. 🙌

19 May **Thank** [Reply](#)

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Derrick Paporone, Rhodhiss

FYI I had 4 ducks on 6 acres , cleaned pool and pen everyday... they stink!!!! What a terrible idea ... I'm sure ppl will try to let roam on 1/4 acre lots.. I get the intent , but if u want a farm move out in the country or at least the county.... ugh

19 May **Thank** [Reply](#)

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Kim Rhodes, Longview South

Hi we just moved here last year and we found out about the chickens that you couldn't have them we are all for getting livestock so yes we want the change also

20 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

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Claudine and Jake Wilds, Longview off 19th st SW
Great to hear

20 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

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Kenny Duke, Long View

I agree on this, but I feel it needs careful consideration. Some people would abuse this right and even get into commercial sales of meat if left unchecked. I think your idea about limiting what and how many are on track.

20 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

😊 1



Jennifer Petrich, Long View

I agree!

20 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

😊 1



Connie Sigmon, Long View

Love to have chickens

Edited 20 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

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Linda Houser, Long View

Would be nice as long as a limit

20 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

😊 1



Hannah Smart, Long View

Sounds great, but maybe limit to 6 instead of 4

21 May [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

😊 1



Claudine and Jake Wilds, Longview off 19th st SW

Agree or disagree

6 days ago [Thank](#) [Reply](#)



Claudine and Jake Wilds, Longview off 19th st SW

Town of hickory has ordinances that allow animals on a limit scale.

6 days ago [Thank](#) [Reply](#)

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Claudine and Jake Wilds, Longview off 19th st SW

Pls get your comments in so we can use them in the town hall meeting!!

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5/30/2020

Meat prices are going up and grocers are putting limits on your purchases

Costco, Sam's, Kroger, Albertsons, Central Market and Tom Thumb limit packages as processing plants struggle with outbreaks. Plant-based meat alternative makers grab attention. Farmers get squeezed.



A shopper looks over some of the items in the meat department at a Costco on Monday, May 4, 2020, in St. Louis Park, Minn. With possible shortages looming, the meat department was busy. Meat purchases were limited to three packages. Costco has begun requiring its members to wear a mask while shopping in its stores. (Richard Tsong-Taatarii/Star Tribune via AP) (Richard Tsong-Taatarii)



By Maria Halkias

10:00 AM on May 5, 2020

The price of meat is going up. Choices will be fewer in your grocer's meat case. You can't buy as much as you want and, just like everything else during a pandemic, the reasons are complicated.

Costco, Sam's Club and other grocers have put temporary limits on fresh beef, pork and poultry while the meat processing plants struggle to keep their workers safe from coronavirus outbreaks.

And while meat prices at grocery stores have crept up this week, wholesale prices are skyrocketing even as the prices farmers can fetch for their animals have collapsed, said David Anderson, livestock economist at Texas A&M.

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<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/retail/2020/05/05/costco-sams-others-limit-meat-purchases-as-processing-plants-struggle-with-outbreaks/>

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“We have a logjam right now. And we haven’t seen all the higher prices we’re going to see,” Anderson said. Prices in the grocery store now reflect contracts signed by retailers six weeks ago, and future deliveries are going to cost a lot more.

This week, the wholesale price of a USDA Choice box of beef cuts from a whole carcass is priced at \$4.10 a pound, up from \$2.05 a pound in early March.

Shoppers may not find all cuts of meat in their grocery store, but North Texas doesn’t appear to have major shortages. Grocery stores learned something from toilet paper hoarding and immediately put limits on meat in place.

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any comments from the public that were attending the meeting electronically. There were no other comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Comments by Alderman Thurman VanHorn

Alderman VanHorn wished for the Town's employees to stay safe, especially the Town's police and fire departments. They have a rough job, even more so now than in the past. He thanked them for everything they do.

Comments by Alderman Randall Mays

Alderman Mays asked everyone to be safe and be careful. Please pay attention to your surroundings. Try to help the spread of this pandemic. Also, try to keep peace with everyone, including your neighbors.

Comments by Alderman Dallas Tester

Alderman Tester thanked his Lord and savior for the opportunity to represent the Town. He also wished to publicly state that he supports the Town of Long View's law enforcement department. They have his unwavering support.

Comments by Alderman Gary Lingerfelt

Alderman Lingerfelt wished to second what other Aldermen have stated. He appreciates all of them. Thank you.

Comments by Mayor Marla Thompson

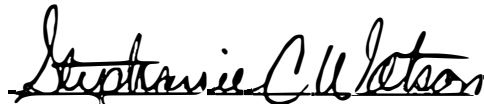
Mayor Thompson wished to thank you to everyone in Town that has done all that they can with what is available.

Motion was made by Alderman Thurman VanHorn seconded by Alderman Randall Mays to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The vote to approve was unanimous.

AYES: Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Randall Mays
Alderman Gary Lingerfelt
Alderman Dallas Tester
Alderman Thurman VanHorn

NOES: None

NOT PRESENT: Alderman David Elder



Stephanie C. Watson
Town Clerk, CMC, NCCMC



Marla Thompson
Mayor

