

**Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee
Virtual Meeting
September 14, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and stated due to the Safer-At-Home Order, all Committee Members are participating virtually. For virtual meetings, Committee Members will be muted until asked to be heard. When there is a vote, it will be necessary to conduct a roll call vote. A Committee Member will be recognized, raise their hand, and state their vote.

Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Chair
Council Member Annette Scippio, Vice Chair
Council Member Robert Clark
Council Member Kevin Mundy

Additional Attendees:

Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member John Larson
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke (arrived at 4:35 p.m.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams stated the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda, and asked if there were any items that need to be removed for discussion. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that this be Approved the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Mundy, and Council Member Clark

C-1. Information on Quarterly Key Work Items, Capital Project, and Performance Indicator Data.

This item was information only.

C-2. Information on Resolution Establishing an Open, Nonpartisan, and Participatory Process for the 2021 Redistricting of the Winston-Salem City Council.

This item was information only.

C-3. Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 13. of City Code Entitled “M/WBE Advisory Committee.”

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-4.** Resolution Accepting the Donation of New Easements for the Rail With Trail Greenway Project and the Abandonment of Former Easements Back to Wake Forest Innovation Quarter. (East Ward)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
[Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.]
- C-5.** FMO Real Estate LLC, 340 S. Cleveland Avenue (East Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.]
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-6.** Rhonda S. Mabe, Heirs, 721 E. Brookline Street (Southeast Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.]
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-7.** Mirna Azucena Lopez Casuy & Jose Edgardo Sanabria Najera, 2213 Booker Street (East Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.]
Approved by the Consent Vote.
[Repairs more than 50% of value of structure (>50) six months.]
- C-8.** Mary L. Hairston, Heirs, 1070 Betty Drive (Southeast Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs more than 50% of value of structure (>50) six months.]
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-9.** Earline Parmon, Heirs, 3873 Barkwood Drive (Northeast Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs more than 50% of value of structure (>50) six months.]
Approved by the Consent Vote.
[Repairs less than 50% of value of structure (<50) six months.]
- C-10.** Dabco Holdings, Inc, 119 Barlow Circle (Northeast Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs less than 50% of value of structure (<50) six months.]
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-11.** Lucy P. Reich, Heirs, 342 Skyview Drive (Southeast Ward) Ordinance Ordering the

Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs less than 50% of value of structure (<50) six months.]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-12.** Coad Myrtle Banner, Heirs, 4107 Rosa Street (Northeast Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs less than 50% of value of structure (<50) six months.]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-13.** Approval of Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1.** Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 and Chapter 11 of the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) to Modify the Change Rate of Electronic Message Board Signs; to Add Brightness Limits to the Regulation of Electronic Message Board Signs; and to Extend the Amortization Period by Two (2) Years to Bring Nonconforming On-Premises Signs into Compliance. (UDO-CC14) [Planning Board recommends approval of petition.]

Aaron King, Interim Assistant City Manager, introduced this item.

Steve Smotherman, Planning, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Burke joined at 4:35 p.m.

Council Member Mundy suggested staff work on a communications plan to let citizens know what changes are being made.

Council Member Scippio requested staff look in to if the cost of sign changes would be eligible for a low cost business loan from the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that item G-1 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Mundy, and Council Member Clark

- G-2.** Ordinance Amending Chapters 5 and 11 of the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) to Revise Use-Specific Standards for Storage Services, Retail, and Definitions. (UDO-CC11) [Planning Board recommends approval of petition.]

Aaron King, Interim Assistant City Manager, provided the introduction for this item.

Tiffany White, Planning, provided the staff report for this item.

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A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that item G-2 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Mundy, and Council Member Clark

G-3. Information on 964 Kearns Avenue.

Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Clark requested this item be held in committee for one month.

This item was held in committee and will return to the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee on October 12, 2021.

G-4. Update on Preparations for 2021 Carolina Classic Fair. (North Ward)

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Dr. Christopher Ohl, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Infectious Disease Expert, recommended moving forward with the fair with precautions put in place.

Joshua Swift, Forsyth County Public Health Director, echoed Dr. Ohl's thoughts that the fair would be low-risk for spreading COVID-19 because it is mainly outdoors.

Council Member Mundy recommended having a vaccine clinic at the fair, as well as having citizens agree to all guidelines, including wearing a mask, before they are allowed to buy tickets electronically.

Council Member MacIntosh noted his concerns of having a large amount of people gathered for the fair, as well as the carnival workers not be tested for COVID-19 or wearing masks.

Council Member Burke requested historical data of children 12 and under attending the fair, as there is no vaccine currently available to them.

Council Member Clark noted his agreement that this is a good plan and that people who don't feel comfortable with going to the fair shouldn't go.

Council Member Scippio clarified that masks would only be required indoors, but strongly encouraged outdoors.

Mr. Rowe noted that this was just a recommendation from staff, but changes could be made to the plan at Council's request.

Council Member Mundy requested staff look in to if any studies had been done on the COVID-19 rates of communities that had already held fairs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams stated that she doesn't want the fair to happen this year, as the COVID-19 numbers are rising, especially between young people and children.

Council Member Mundy asked if requiring proof of vaccination to get in to the fair had been thought of as an option. He also stated that he wanted to hear directly from Chief Thompson on if she thought the fair was a good idea or not.

Rich Newnum, Police Captain, stated that we need to be cognizant of the Police's ability to effectively keep youth from being close together during the fair.

Lee Garrity, City Manager, noted that the Police Department is very short staffed and the fair would have a lower staffing level than in previous years.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Scippio invited everyone to visit the new exhibit at the Forsyth Central Library, Undesign the Red Line.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.