

WINSTON-SALEM FINANCE COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting
March 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clark 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. He noted that the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee would meet Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Council Member Robert Clark, Chair
Mayor Pro Tempore Denise Adams, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Allen Joines
Council Member John Larson
Council Member Annette Scippio
Council Member Kevin Mundy
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Clark stated the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for discussion. Mayor Pro Tempore Adams removed item C-2.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-1. Consideration of Items Relating to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina:

Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-3.** Resolution Approving the Renewal of a Contract with AgilePoint, Inc. for Software Subscriptions, Maintenance, and Support Services - \$34,013.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-4.** Resolution Approving a Contract with NWN Corporation for the Purchase of Network Equipment - \$168,203.55.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-5.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Elevator Maintenance Services - Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation - \$249,389.16.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-6.** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift Deed for Properties at the Current Intersection of Waughtown Street and South Main Street. (South Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Consideration of Items Related to the Traffic Signal Retiming of Central Business District (Downtown Area):

Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. For Professional Engineering Services For The Retiming And Coordination In The Central Business District - \$294,600.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-8.** Approval of Finance Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-2.** Resolution Approving a New Lease Agreement with Winston-Salem Speedway, Inc. for Bowman Gray Stadium. (East Ward)

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams removed this item for discussion and asked for a presentation.

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

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Mr. Rowe stated Staff plans to work with Winston-Salem State University to update their agreement.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Rowe listed a summary of improvements that are being made at the stadium which include: restrooms, concession stands, placing sod on the football field, paving the racetrack and replacing HVAC units. He also noted that there will not be a new score board.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Taylor, that the Resolution Approving a New Lease Agreement with Winston-Salem

Speedway, Inc. for Bowman Gray Stadium be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

GENERAL AGENDA

Chair Clark stated he received a request to hold item G-3 in Committee.

By consensus, it was decided the item should move forward for consideration by the Committee.

G-1. Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Fire Station 13 (South Ward) - Holden Building Company, Inc. - \$4,188,606.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, introduced Robert Prestwood.

Robert Prestwood, City Engineer, provided the report for this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Fire Station 13 to Holden Building Company, Inc. be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

G-2. Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Quarry Park Phase 2 Improvements (Southeast Ward) - Bar Construction Co., Inc. - \$2,660,531.

Robert Prestwood, City Engineer, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member MacIntosh requested renderings be included in the agenda for Monday night.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that the Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Quarry Park Phase 2 Improvements to Bar Construction Co., Inc. be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

G-3. Resolution To Approve Funding Recommendations In The Amount Of \$1 Million For Community Investments In Social Justice And Anti-Poverty Initiatives.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, introduced Patrice Toney.

Patrice Toney, Budget Director, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Mundy noted a discrepancy regarding funding totals on Exhibit A in the attachments.

Ms. Toney stated it would be corrected and included in the agenda for Monday night.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Mark Dunnigan, Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Chair, 2840 Fairmont Road, provided information on how the agencies could qualify for more than one grant.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Mr. Dunnigan provided some information regarding how the agencies were considered.

Council Member MacIntosh thanked the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Members and noted this was a difficult task.

Mayor Joines thanked Mr. Dunnigan as well as all the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee members. He stated he was glad this item is moving forward.

In response to Council Member Larson, Ms. Toney stated the City would issue contracts with each organization that will require performance measures and would require periodical updates to the City Council.

Brenda Diggs, Citizen Bond Oversight Committee Member, 3609 Andrea Lane, stated it was a privilege to vet all the applications but noted some were duplicated and were not clear regarding funding needs. She stated the funds being spread across the total community was her objective.

Council Member Burke noted her concerns regarding the impact of the funds. She said the funds should go to the people and not to fund positions or operating budgets for agencies.

Chair Clark thanked both Committees that worked on this project and stated he was not expecting this many agencies to be funded, rather he expected four or five projects to be funded. He asked that staff include a list of criteria and guidelines that were provided to the Committee.

Council Member Scippio suggested the Finance Committee consider postponing this item and move it to the Strategic Plan Workshop next week.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that the Resolution to Approve Funding Recommendations in the Amount of \$1 Million for Community Investments in Social Justice and Anti-Poverty Initiatives be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

Nay: Council Member Clark

G-4. Monthly Revenue Update.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report.

Chair Clark requested a graph of fund balance regarding mass transit be sent to City Council.

G-5. Update on American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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

Council Member Clark asked staff to contact each City Council Member regarding options for these funds.

Council Member Mundy stated special consideration should be given to bars that followed the Governors order as they have suffered during the shutdown. He also stated using some of the funds to help art programs such as live theaters and symphonies.

Council Member Scippio stated she would recommend giving employees merit raises and bonuses.

Mayor Joines stated he is concerned about restaurants and taverns as well and noted there may be some specific funds to help these businesses.

Council Member MacIntosh expressed appreciation to the National League of Cities as well as the North League of Municipalities for their hard work and support during the shutdown. He noted his support of local restaurants and taverns as well.

Council Member Larson stated hotels have been suffering during the shutdown, especially in the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.