

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
October 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated due to the Safer-At-Home order, all Council Members are participating virtually. Council Members will vote by a roll call vote. A Council Member will be recognized, raise their hand, and state their vote. He then asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member John C. Larson, Council Member Robert C. Clark, Council Member Dan Besse, Council Member Annette Scippio, Mayor Allen Joines, Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Council Member James Taylor Jr., Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda have been unanimously recommended by a Committee of the City Council or are submitted in accordance with established procedure. There will be no discussion of the items unless a Council Member so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually. Items not removed from the Consent Agenda will be enacted with one motion.

Mayor Joines stated that Council would first consider the Consent Agenda and requested items C-12 and C-13 be removed for recognition. Mayor Pro-Tem Adams removed item C-9 for discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Larson, to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

C-1. Resolution Approving a Designation of Applicant's Agent Form, Allowing Staff to Execute and Submit Applications for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Assistance. [Recommended by Finance and Public Works Committees]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Resolution Directing Filing of Preliminary Assessment Roll, Fixing Time of Meeting to Hear Objections, and Directing Publication of Notice of Meeting relating to the Demolition of Housing Unfit for Human Habitation – Public Hearing: November 16, 2020. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-3.** Resolution Awarding a Purchase Order for Armor Ballistic Vests to Lawmen's Distribution, LLC - \$129,800.40. [Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-4.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Long Creek Phase 1 Improvements Project to Garanco, Inc. - \$1,531,600 (North Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-5.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Playground Renovations Group 2 for Brushy Fork and Winston Lake #1, 3, and 4 to Bar Construction Co., Inc. - \$643,000. (East Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-6.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Carl Russell Community Center Renovations to Magnolia Construction, LLC - \$709,402. (Northeast Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Consideration of Items Relating to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina: [Recommended by Finance Committee]

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-8.** Consideration of Items Regarding Improvements for the Kaleideum Museum Through a Reimbursement Agreement: (Northwest Ward) - \$48,000. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Resolution Authorizing and Ratifying the Expenditure of City/County Utility Commission Funds Generated by Outside of County Services to Offset Certain Public Infrastructure Costs Associated with Project Site Improvements for Kaleideum Museum Through a Reimbursement Agreement Among the City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, and Frank L. Blum Construction Company, or any Affiliate or Subsidiary Thereof.

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

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-10.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(e), (f) and Section 42-123 (f) (g) of the City Code Relating to Speed Limits. (North, South and East Wards) [Recommended by Public Safety Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-11.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-97 of the City Code Relating to Weight Limitations on Thru Traffic on Certain City Streets. (Northwest Ward) [Recommended by Public Safety Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-14.** Resolution Fixing Date For Public Hearing On A Petition For The Voluntary Annexation Of Approximately 94.99 Acres Located On The East Side Of Wallburg Road And Notice To All Persons Interested In The Annexation Thereof – Petition of Front Street Wallburg, LLC. (Southeast Ward) Public Hearing: November 2, 2020. [Recommended by Public Works Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-15.** Resolution Fixing Date For Public Hearing On A Petition For The Voluntary Annexation Of Approximately 12.74 Acres Located On The West Side Of Wallburg Road And Notice To All Persons Interested In The Annexation Thereof – Petition of Front Street Wallburg, LLC. (Southeast Ward) Public Hearing: November 2, 2020. [Recommended by Public Works Committee]

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-16.** Approval of Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-9.** Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Frank L. Blum Construction/W.C. Construction Joint Venture For Construction Of Improvements To Bowman Gray Stadium At A Guaranteed Maximum Price - \$8,037,942. (East Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams pulled this item to note there was an update provided regarding the minority sub-contractors and stated the City should be more intentional in getting more minority businesses to bid on City contracts.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that this Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Frank L. Blum Construction/W.C. Construction Joint Venture For Construction Of Improvements To Bowman Gray Stadium At A Guaranteed Maximum Price - \$8,037,942 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

- C-12.** Resolution to Name the Community Garden at Carl H. Russell Community Center “Parmon Plants for Prosperity” in honor of the late Mrs. Earline Parmon (Northeast Ward) [Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee]

Mayor Joines stated he wanted to highlight this item noting this was a great opportunity for a lasting memorial for the late Earline Parmon.

Council Member Parmon thanked the Mayor and City Council for honoring the late Senator Parmon.

A motion was made by Council Member Parmon, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve the Resolution to Name the Community Garden at Carl H. Russell Community Center “Parmon Plants for Prosperity” in honor of the late Mrs. Earline Parmon. Motion carried with the following vote:

- Aye:** Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

- C-13.** Resolution Naming the Pavilion and Overlook at Quarry Park the Larry W. Womble Pavilion and Overlook (Southeast Ward) [Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee]

Mayor Joines stated he wanted to highlight this honor and noted this recommendation was from Council Member Taylor and himself.

Council Member Taylor stated Mr. Womble did a lot for the Community especially the Southeast Ward and stated he is happy to be a co-sponsor of this resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Scippio, to approve the Resolution Naming the Pavilion and Overlook at Quarry Park the Larry W. Womble Pavilion and Overlook. The motion carried with the following vote:

- Aye:** Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1.** Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of Right of Way of N. Liberty Street located between N. Main Street and N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (East Ward) – Petition of Wildfire, LLC. [Recommended by Public Works Committee]

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. and asked if there were anyone that wished to be heard regarding this item. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. and recognized Council Member Scippio.

Council Member Scippio requested a brief presentation.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief presentation.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of Right of Way of N. Liberty Street located between N. Main Street and N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (East Ward) – Petition of Wildfire, LLC be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

G-2. Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way of Hawthorne Road. (Northwest Ward) - Petition of Hillman Enterprises, LLC. [Recommended by Public Works Committee]

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. and asked if there were anyone that wished to speak for or against this item. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. and recognized Council Member MacIntosh.

Council Member MacIntosh made a motion, seconded by Council Member Besse, to approve the Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way of Hawthorne Road (Northwest Ward) - Petition of Hillman Enterprises, LLC. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

G-3. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District.

Jason Theil, President of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, provided a presentation for this item.

Council Member MacIntosh thanked Mr. Theil and his staff and City Staff and noted this tax is only from the business district. He stated this is a great program and he supports it.

Information Only.

G-4. Consideration of Items Regarding Reinstating Economic Development Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem and Inmar, Inc: [Finance Committee recommended this item with two in favor and two abstaining]

Resolution Rescinding The Previously Approved Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Venture Winston Grants Program And Rescinding The Resolution Authorizing The Termination Of The Economic Development Agreement Between The City Of Winston-Salem And Inmar, Inc.

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

Council Member Clark stated the questions in Committee regarding this item have been answered.

In response to Mayor Pro-Tem, Mayor Joines and Council Member Clark provided a brief history of this item.

In response to Council Member Besse, Council Member Clark explained all the stipulations regarding the original agreement are still contained in this agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that the Resolution Rescinding The Previously Approved Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Venture Winston Grants Program And Rescinding The Resolution Authorizing The Termination Of The Economic Development Agreement Between The City Of Winston-Salem And Inmar, Inc. and the Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

G-5. Resolution Authorizing Modification of the Loan Agreement and Restrictive Covenants with Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem. [East Ward] (Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee recommended this item with three in favor and one opposed)

Council Member Scippio, stated her objections to this item.

Council Member Parmon spoke in favor of this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Authorizing Modification of the Loan Agreement and Restrictive Covenants with Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem be approved. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

Nay: Council Member Scippio and Council Member Taylor

G-6. Public Comment Period.

Public Comment was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.