

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
February 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and stated due to the pandemic, all Council Members are participating virtually. Council Members will vote by 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 Kevin Mundy, 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 Barbara Hanes Burke

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 the City Council would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for discussion. Council Member Scippio removed items C-9 and C-11.

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

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

C-1. Resolution Adopting the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. (Recommended by Finance, Public Safety, Community Development/Housing/General Government, and Public Works Committees)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Consideration of Items Related to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Ordinances: (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 2021-2022.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-3.** Resolution Approving a Contract with Data Network Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase of Data Center Storage Hardware - \$117,547.80. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-4.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Investment Consulting Services for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina - Alex. Brown, a Division of Raymond James Financial Inc. - \$185,000. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-5.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Fire Station 3 Replacement - Holden Building Company, Inc. - \$4,357,750. (Northeast Ward) (Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-6.** Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to Hodgin Construction Company in the Amount of \$116,610 for the Construction of Winston Lake Park Redevelopment, Phase 2. (East Ward) (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property on Crosland Road for Recreation and Park Use - \$55,000. (Northwest Ward) (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-8.** Consideration of Items Relating to Federal Transit Administration's Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Awards for Eligible Recipients: (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Resolution Approving The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Of Seniors And Individuals With Disabilities Grant Awards For Eligible Recipients.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-10.** Consideration of Items Relating to CARES Act Funds: (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Resolution Authorizing Recapture and Reallocation of Certain CARES Act Funds.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-12.** Consideration of Items Relating to the Choice Neighborhood Initiative: (Recommended by Finance and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committees)
- Resolution Authorizing CDBG and General Obligation Bond Funds for Phase 1 of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative.
- Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-13.** Resolution Accepting a North Carolina Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan for the Neilson Water Treatment Plant Modernization Project. (Recommended by Finance Committee)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-14.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-154 Of The City Code Relating To Handicap Parking On City Streets - 508 NE 28th Street. (Northeast Ward) (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-15.** Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution to Add a Certain Position Classification and Adjust Certain Pay Grades for Select Positions. (recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-16.** Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. (East Ward) (Recommended by Public Works Committee)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-17.** William B. Waddill, 37 Robinhood Circle (Northwest Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.] (Recommended by Community/Development/Housing/General Government Committee)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-18.** Delois W. Williams, 3053 Luther Street (South Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.] (Recommended by Community/Development/Housing/General Government Committee)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-19.** Consideration of Items Relating to Golf Carts:
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 Of The City Code Entitled “Streets And Sidewalks” To Regulate The Operation Of Golf Carts On Public Streets, Roads, And Highways Within The City Where The Speed Limit Is 35 Miles Per Hour Or Less.

Ordinance Amending Article XI Of Chapter 78 Of The City Code Regulating The Operation Of Golf Carts For Hire.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-20. Approval of Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-9. Consideration of Items Relating to the Federal Transit Administration's Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Awards for Eligible Recipients: (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Resolution Approving The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5307 Job Access And Reverse Commute Grant Awards For Eligible Recipients.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Toneq' McCoullough, Department of Transportation Director, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Ms. McCollough provided information regarding Support Systems of Forsyth County organization.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve Agenda item C-9. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

C-11. Resolution Authorizing the Use of the City's Allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) for the Transformational Grant Phase for Non-Profit Organizations. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Meridith Martin, Deputy Director of Budget and Performance Management, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Ms. Martin stated \$10.4 million dollars were set aside in the original framework and explained the qualified census tracts.

In response to Council Member Larson, Ms. Martin stated Council is approving the Transformational Grant Phase for Non-Profit organizations.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Ms. Martin stated information can be obtained on the City's website or citizens can attend a Virtual Public Engagement Meeting noting the next one is March 17, 2022, at noon.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve Agenda item C-11. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Consideration of Items Relating to Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with a Non-Profit to Disburse the Funding Approved for Residents within the One-Mile Radius Who Were Impacted by the Winston Weaver Fertilizer Plant Fire: (Recommended by Finance Committee with three in favor and one abstaining)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with a Non-Profit to Disburse the Funding Approved for Residents within the One-Mile Radius Who Were Impacted by the Winston Weaver Fertilizer Plant Fire.

Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Burke, that Agenda item G-1 be approved.

Council Member Clark made a friendly amendment to cap the self-certification at \$300.00.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams agreed to the friendly amendment as well as Council Member Burke.

In response to Mayor Joines, Ms. Toney stated deadlines were not submitted in the policy because they may vary for each event.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Ms. Toney stated an appeal process was not discussed. She explained that if people met the criteria, they qualify. She noted that residence have the self-certification process as well.

Council Member Mundy stated that although this was not a City building or property, the City has a moral and ethical responsibility to help those affected by the fire.

In response to Council Member Mundy, Angela Carmon, City Attorney, stated recipients will also be subject to criminal penalties provided by state law if fraud is detected and proven.

Mayor Joines stated reimbursement by Weaver Fertilizer plant should be pursued.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams stated this was a very traumatic experience for the residents affected by this fire and noted that it was the City's obligation and duty to help citizens in times of trouble.

Council Member MacIntosh stated staff should investigate other ways of reimbursement such as from the state.

Council Member Burke stated she is in full support of this item and was very moved by the stories she heard from the residents at the community meetings.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

G-2. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Reappointment to the City-County Planning Board:
Mo McRae - Term Expiring February 2026

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

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

G-3. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Appointment to the Public Art Commission:
Marvette Pratt Aldrich - Term Expiring December 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Larson, that Agenda item G-3 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

G-4. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Reappointment to the Urban Food Policy Council:
Michael Banner - Term Expiring September 2024

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that Agenda Item G-4 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

G-5. Public Comment Period.

Public Comment Period was heard.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Joines clarified the funds for the those impacted by the Weaver Fertilizer plant was for residents only. None of the funds would be disbursed to businesses.

Council Member Clark requested information regarding who regulates the fertilizer plants and air quality.

Mayor Joines asked City Manager Lee Garrity, to possibly implement a task force to related to the fire.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams stated there would be a review of processes and procedures regarding emergency situations. She noted staff did a great job but there is always room for improvement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.