

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
June 15, 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 and a potential COVID 19 exposure, all Council Members are participating virtually. Council Members will vote by a roll call vote. A Council Member will be recognized, raised their hand, and state their vote. He asked the City Secretary 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, Council Member Denise D. Adams, Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member James Taylor Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

HONORARIUMS

H-1. Oath of Council Member Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon Administered by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon, was sworn into office as the Council Member for the Northeast Ward by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

Council Parmon thanked the citizens of Winston-Salem for their support.

ROLL CALL

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

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 asked if there were any Consent Agenda items that needed removed for discussion. Item C-22 was removed by Council Member Taylor.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. 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-1. Consideration of Items Relating to Budget Ordinances for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020: (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 2019-2020.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-2. Resolution Approving an Application for North Carolina Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan for the Neilson Water Treatment Plant Modernization Project. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-3. Resolution of the City of Winston-Salem, Granting Authority to the City Manager to Obligate Grant Matching Requirements in Certain Situations. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Winston-Salem to Execute Documents Related to the \$30,000,000 Fiscal Year 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Award with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem. (East and Northeast Wards) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-5. Resolution Authorizing Annual Submission of Continuum of Care Homeless Grant Application, Acceptance of Grant Funds, and Execution of Agreements. (Recommended by Finance and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committees)

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-6. Resolution Authorizing Annual Submission of Emergency Solutions Grant Application, Acceptance of Grant Funds, and Execution of Subgrantee Agreements. (Recommended by Finance and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committees)

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-7. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Agreements with Duke Energy Carolinas LLC for the Purchase and Maintenance of New Metal Traffic Signal Poles Related to the Two-Way Conversion of First and Second Streets - \$371,309.62. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-8.** Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Contract With Surry Insurance For Insurance Brokerage Services, And To Purchase Property, Boiler/Machinery Insurance - \$699,813. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-9.** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Change Order with Alamance Striping & Equipment, LLC for Additional Construction Services for Bicycle Lane Striping and Signing on the 2019 Pavement Markings and Sign Installation Contract - \$133,000. (Recommended by Finance and Public Works Committees.)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-10.** Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Change Order with APAC-Atlantic, Inc., Thompson-Arthur Division for Additional Construction Services on the 2018 Bond Resurfacing Contract - \$141,312. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-11.** Resolution Authorizing Approval of a Two-Year Extension to the Contract with Transdev Services Inc. - \$619,320. (Recommended by Finance and Public Works Committees)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-12.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Orders for Various Parts and Services. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-13.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Orders for Sole Source Vendors. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-14.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Auto and Truck Tires. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-15.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Vehicle Parts and Supplies - NAPA Auto Parts, Inc. - \$141,000. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-16.** Resolution Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing the Sale Thereof. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-17.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Bennett Drive and Commonwealth Drive Storm Drainage Improvements - Simcon Company, LLC - \$638,604. (West Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-18.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Work Uniforms - J & E Uniforms, Inc. - \$184,731.12. (Recommended by Finance Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-19.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Pumper Equipment. (Recommended by Finance Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-20.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Resurfacing City Streets (Bond Contract 2) - APAC-Atlantic, Inc., Thompson-Arthur - \$5,669,374.37. (Recommended by Finance Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-21.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Intersection Concrete Contract - Armen Construction, LLC - \$250,000. (Recommended by Finance Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-23.** Ordinance Amending Chapters 2, 6, 22, 38, 46, 74, and 78 of the City Code Related to Various Technical Corrections. (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-24.** Resolution Approving the Wellington Road Traffic Calming Plan for Funding and Construction (West Ward) - \$51,200. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-25.** Resolution Fixing Date for Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of an Unnamed Alley off of North Liberty Street (East Ward) – Petition of MF-Cherry Pie LLC. Public Hearing: August 3, 2020. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-26.** Resolution Fixing Date for Public Hearing on a Petition for the Voluntary Annexation of Approximately 2.98 Acres off of Front Street Capital – UCIC, Lot 4 and Notice to All Persons Interested in the Annexation Thereof (Southeast Ward). Public Hearing: August 3, 2020. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- C-27.** Resolution Fixing Date for Public Hearing on a Petition for the Voluntary Annexation of Approximately 150.6 Acres Located off of Mizpah Church Road Known as Long Creek Village (Northeast Ward) – Petition of BHR Land Holdings, LLC. Public Hearing: August 3, 2020. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)
Approved by Consent Vote.
- Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs more than 50% of value of structure (>50) six months.]

- C-28.** Indigo Group Trust, 2936 Patterson Avenue (North Ward) Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs more than 50% of value of structure (>50) six months.] (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)

Approved by Consent Vote.

Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure [Repairs exceeding sixty-five (65%) of value of structure.]

- C-29.** Mary Taylor Heirs, 221 McTavish Lane (Southwest 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 Consent Vote.

- C-30.** Twin County Properties Inc., 1120 Newport Street (Northeast 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 Consent Vote.

- C-31.** Ella C. Richardson, 1630 Ginger Drive (Southwest 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 Consent Vote.

- C-32.** Samuel H. Bowman, 2831 Patterson Avenue (Northeast 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 Consent Vote.

- C-33.** East Best LLC, 2943 Middleton Drive (Southeast 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 Consent Vote.

- C-34.** Michael Steven Smith & Audrey Cobbler Smith, 4400 Glenn Hi Road (East 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 Consent Vote.

- C-35.** Approval of Summary of Minutes.

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-22.** Resolution in Support of the ‘8 Can’t Wait’ National Initiative to Support Police Policy Reform. (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

Council Member Taylor stated he supports this Resolution noting that the Police gave a detailed report at the Public Safety Committee. He stated he is pleased the Winston-Salem Police Department is in compliance with all 8 initiatives and thanked Chief Thompson and the Winston-Salem Police Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that Resolution in Support of the ‘8 Can’t Wait’ National Initiative to Support Police Policy Reform 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

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-13.** Presentation on Winston-Salem Local Governance Study Commission Process and Recommendations.

Mayor Joines stated without objection, item G-13 be the next order of business and recognized Dr. David Branch, Co-Chair, for the Winston-Salem Local Governance Study Commission Process and Recommendations.

Dr. Branch stated he was pleased to accept the position of Co-Chair noting the group spent a significant time learning the system and regulations. He stated the meetings were well organized with great discussions, and were collegial. He said at the end of the last meeting there was a unanimous vote for the recommendations that are being brought forward tonight, and noted the group learned a lot.

Scott Tesh, Director of Performance and Accountability, provided a presentation. He shared information regarding the Public Input Survey Results which included information for comparison of 11 largest cities in North Carolina regarding council size, at-large representation, population per district, term length, term staggering, mayoral voting, partisanship in elections and election cycles. He stated the recommendation of the Commission is more at-large representation on City Council by adding two additional seats to the current structure. For all other items, votes were taken to recommend maintaining current structures.

- G-14.** Public Hearing on Resolution Approving Economic Development Assistance to Purple Crow/La Tortilleria, LLC Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1 (East Ward). [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Mayor Joines stated without objection, Council consider this item as the next order of business. He said because of the change in location of the meeting, staff advised continuing item G-14 to the August 3, 2020, City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Clark, that the Public Hearing on Resolution Approving Economic Development Assistance to Purple Crow/La Tortilleria, LLC Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1 be continued to the August 3, 2020, City Council Meeting. 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-1. Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for the City Of Winston-Salem.

Due to the virtual meeting the Public Hearing was conducted via phone. Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Speakers:

Daniel Rose, 2054 Craig Street

Brianna Shafer, 320 Fox Lake Court

Kacy Shafer, 320 Fox Lake Court

Caitlin Cooper, 2314 Ardmore Terrace

Ashia Hammond, 2650 Nantucket Drive

Ryan Nicholas, 816 Decater Street

Chris Koniarczyk, 4562 Bottoms Rock Lane, Pfafftown

Kris McCann, 205 Cool Springs Road

Audra Bass, 822 Fenimore Street

Cassidy White, 110 South Marshall Street

Katie Coleman, 913 Shuman Street

Ronald Nobles, 601 North Chestnut Street, Apt. 106

Kelly Ann Seacrest, 2524 Tantelon Place

Marie Mingus, 311 New Home Street

Marcus Barnett, 436 Inlet Place Drive

Mayor Joines closed the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

G-2. Resolution in Support of Reallocating \$1 Million of Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Police Appropriations for an Anti-Poverty Initiative. (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Besse, to add the Resolution Regarding the Establishment of the Community Investments Review Committee and Additional Potential Mid-Year Budget

Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in lieu of the Resolution in Support of Reallocating \$1 Million of Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Police Appropriations for an Anti-Poverty Initiative. The motion carried with the following votes:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Besse, that the Resolution Regarding the Establishment of the Community Investments Review Committee and Additional Potential Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for 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-3. Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which sets the Tax Rate at 63.74 cents per \$100 of Assessed Value and a Tax Rate of 9 cents per \$100 of Assessed Value for Property Owners within the Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District be approved.

A substitute motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to amend this Ordinance to include a minimum wage increase to \$14.00 per hour. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Larson, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor

Nay: Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

The original 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-4. Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that 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. Motion to Excuse Council Member Taylor from Voting on Items G-6 and G-7.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, to Excuse Council Member Taylor from Voting on Items G-6 and G-7 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 MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

Abstain: Council Member Taylor

G-6. Annual Appropriation Ordinance For The City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – Advertising Fund. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for Marketing and Communications, Advertising, and Select Books, Magazine, and Periodicals Budgets 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 MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

Excused: Council Member Taylor

G-7. Project Budget Ordinance For The City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – Advertising Fund. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Larson, the Project Budget Ordinance for Advertising and select Books, Magazine, and Periodicals Budgets 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 MacIntosh, and Council Member Parmon

Excused: Council Member Taylor

G-8. Resolution Approving the Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 through 2025-2026 as a Financial Planning Guide. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Resolution Approving the Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 through 2021-2026 as a Financial Planning Guide 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-9. Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for Grant Funds to Support the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Taylor, that Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for Grant Funds to Support the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit 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-10. Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution to Adjust the Common Performance Evaluation Date, Add and Delete Certain Position Classifications, and Allow for Mid-year Merit Pay Adjustments if Federal and State Corona Virus Relief Funding is Received and Amending Article III to Increase the Number of Holidays that an Employee Can Carry over Each Calendar Year, to Eliminate the Number of Days to Use Accrued Holidays, and to Expand the Availability of Advanced Sick Leave for COVID-19 Related Circumstances. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution to Adjust the Common Performance Evaluation Date, Add and Delete Certain Position Classifications, and Allow for Mid-year Merit Pay Adjustments if Federal and State Corona Virus Relief Funding is Received and Amending Article III to Increase the Number of Holidays that an Employee Can Carry over Each Calendar Year, to Eliminate the Number of Days to Use Accrued Holidays, and to Expand the Availability of Advanced Sick Leave for COVID-19 Related Circumstances be approved.

Council Member Clark stated he would like to amend his motion to reflect the changes in how the merit raises will be handled.

Council Member Clark made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution to Adjust the Common Performance Evaluation Date, Add and Delete Certain Position Classifications, and Merit Pay Adjustments to be Reviewed by the New Citizens Investment Committee if Federal and State Corona Virus Relief Funding is Received and Amending Article III to Increase the Number of Holidays that an Employee Can Carry over Each Calendar Year, to Eliminate the Number of Days to Use Accrued Holidays, and to Expand the Availability of Advanced Sick

Leave for COVID-19 Related Circumstances be approved. Motion carried with the following votes:

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-11. Resolution Prioritizing Uses of Potential Federal and State Coronavirus Relief Funding. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Resolution Prioritizing Uses of Potential Federal and State Coronavirus Relief Funding 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-12. Resolution Establishing Austerity Measures To Manage the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that Resolution Establishing Austerity Measures to Manage the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. 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-15. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Appointment to the Tourism Development Authority:

Council Member Jeff MacIntosh (Northwest Ward)

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that Council Member Jeff MacIntosh be appointed to the Tourism Development Authority. 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-16. Public Comment Period.

Public Comment Period was heard via phone.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Clark recommended Council start meeting in person for meetings and thanked Patrice Toney, and Budget staff for their hard work on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.