



City of Winston-Salem

101 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Summary

City Council

Mayor Allen Joines
Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams
Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke
Council Member Robert C. Clark
Council Member Regina Hall
Council Member Vivián V. Joiner
Council Member Annette Scippio
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

Monday, October 6, 2025

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mayor Allen Joines, Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen, Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke, Council Member Robert C. Clark, Council Member Regina Hall, Council Member Vivián V. Joiner, Council Member Annette Scippio, Council Member James Taylor Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Sergeant-At-Arms: Lieutenant Watkins
Fire Marshal: Corey Lambeth.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

During the City Council meeting, Assistant City Manager Wright Lanier introduced Michael Blair as Winston-Salem's new Housing Director, highlighting his 20+ years of experience in housing, regional planning, and community development. Blair expressed gratitude and emphasized his commitment to affordable and mixed-market housing solutions.

Transportation Director Jeff Fansler announced a new \$2 daily fare cap for WSTA riders, aligning with the upcoming launch of the UMO mobile fare app, aimed at improving accessibility and affordability.

City Manager also provided updates on ongoing projects and initiatives, including progress on the 2-way street conversion, the resident survey to evaluate city services, and new behavior guidelines for city parks in response to issues at Merschel Park.

Assistant City Manager Rowe provided an update on the Carolina Classic Fair, including early attendance numbers and new security policies. Fair Director Cheryl Clark also announced her retirement after 35 years of service.

H HONORARIUMS**H-1. Proclamation Declaring Fire Prevention Week 2025**

Fire Chief Mayo received the proclamation and shared that most fires are still caused by cooking and smoking, but new risks from lithium-ion batteries and phone chargers are becoming more common and harder to regulate.

C 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 items to be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Items C-11 and C-12 were removed.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

- C-1.** Request for a Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of a 10-Foot Alleyway off Polo Road (North Ward) - Petition of Juventus Investments, LLC (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Public Hearing Date: November 3, 2025
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-2.** Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Agreement with American Lighting and Signalization of North Carolina, LLC for Installation of a Traffic Signal at Meadowlark Drive and Meadowlark Knoll Crossing
(Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-3.** Resolution Approving a Change Order to the Street Resurfacing Contract with APAC-Atlantic, Inc., Thompson-Arthur Division
(Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-4.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase and Installation of Guardrail under the "Piggyback" Bid Procedure Waiver of N.C.G.S. 143 -129(g) - Nickelston Industries, Inc. - \$80,000 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-5.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-97 of the City Code to Establish Weight Limitations on Through Traffic on Certain City Streets (Southwest Ward)
(Public Safety Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-6.** Resolution Modernizing the Winston-Salem Transit Authority's Fare Policy to Establish a Daily Rate Cap (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Consideration of Items Related to the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5310 Grant Awards for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities:
(Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
- Resolution Approving the Federal Transit Administration Federal Fiscal Year 2025 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 2025-2026
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-8.** Consideration of Items Related to the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute Grant Awards for Eligible Recipients:
(Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
- Resolution Approving the Federal Transit Administration Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute and Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Section 5307 American Rescue Plan Act Grant Awards for Eligible Recipients
- Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-9.** Resolution Removing a City-Owned Parcel (PIN 6835-61-0966) from the List of City-Owned Sites for Affordable Housing Development and Authorizing the Sale of That Land to Triad Cultural Arts, Inc. to Support the Shotgun House Legacy Site (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**
- C-10.** Resolution Authorizing a \$2 Million Contribution to the Winston-Salem Foundation to Establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to Address Housing Needs in Winston-Salem (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)
- Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-13.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Automated Side-Loading Refuse Trucks - Velocity Truck Center - \$852,046.76 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-14.** Resolution Authorizing a Lease Renewal with the State of North Carolina for Property Located at 226 South Liberty Street (South Ward) (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-15.** Consideration of Items Related to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinances:
(Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-16.** Approval of the City Council Summary of Minutes

The Minutes Document was approved by the Consent Vote.

G GENERAL AGENDA

- C-11.** Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution to Update Language Related to Competitive Market Range and Pay Grade Adjustments (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)

Dr. Coefield Jones, Human Resources Director, stated that the city revised its compensation policy so that only employees below the new salary minimum will automatically be brought up to that level, while any increases for employees already within the pay range will be at the City Manager's discretion, rather than an automatic 5% raise.

A motion to approve item C-11 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Clark. The motion carried unanimously.

C-12. Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Rear-Loading Refuse Trucks - Carolina Environmental Systems - \$534,673 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams inquired about the expected delivery date and whether the contract includes penalties for late delivery, referencing past delays experienced after COVID.

Darren Redfield, Purchasing Director, will follow up with the expected delivery date.

A motion to approve item C-12 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Clark. The motion carried unanimously.

G-1. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of an Unnamed Right-of-Way North of Carnation Drive (Northeast Ward) (Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)
Continued from September 2, 2025

Mayor Joines opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to item G-1.

Angela Dixon, 4141 Carnation Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27105 and Sharon McIntyre, 4145 Carnation Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 expressed concern that they were not aware of the road closure.

Assistant City Manager, Aaron King, stated the city is closing a long-unused right-of-way, as there is no existing street or future need for one, allowing adjacent property owners to build a house on the land.

Petitioner, Mike Ruthrock, 4540 Harry Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 provided the reasons for petition.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Joines declared the public hearing closed.

A motion to approve item G-1 was made by Council Member Burke, seconded by Council Member Taylor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

G-2. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Approving an Amendment to an Installment Purchase Contract with the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation and Delivery Thereof, and Providing for Certain Other Related Matters (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Kelly Latham, Chief Financial Officer, updated Council on the required public hearing for the issuance of limited obligation bonds for the landfill expansion project, following initial approval in September. Mayor Joines opened the public hearing and, seeing no one wishing to speak on Item G-2, closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve item G-2 was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

G-3. Resolution Directing the Application to the Local Government Commission for Approval of the City's Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025; Requesting Local Government Commission Approval of the 2025 Bonds; Declaring the Intent of the City to Reimburse Itself for Capital Expenditures from Proceeds Thereof; and Certain Related Matters (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Kelly Latham, Chief Financial Officer, stated that at the September 15 Council meeting, the initial resolution was approved to begin work on \$70 million in water and sewer revenue bonds for capital projects, and while no public hearing is required, Council must approve the formal bond order to proceed.

A motion to approve item G-3 was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Hall, seconded by Council Member Joiner. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams