

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
March 22, 2021

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 tasked 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 Council would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed for discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Adams removed C-5 and C-16.

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

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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. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-4.** Resolution Approving a Contract with NWN Corporation for the Purchase of Network Equipment - \$168,203.55. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-5.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Elevator Maintenance Services - Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation - \$249,389.16. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-6.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Fire Station 13 (South Ward) - Holden Building Company, Inc. - \$4,188,606. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Quarry Park Phase 2 Improvements (Southeast Ward) - Bar Construction Co., Inc. - \$2,660,531. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-8.** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift Deed for Properties at the Current Intersection of Waughtown Street and South Main Street. (South Ward) (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-9.** Consideration of Items Related to the Traffic Signal Retiming of Central Business District (Downtown Area): (Recommended by Finance Committee)

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-10.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-154 Of The City Code Relating To Handicap Parking On City Streets - 1008 Manly Street. (North Ward) (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

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- C-11.** Resolution Authorizing an Extension of the Length of Time to Complete the Development Project at 310 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to MTB3 Properties, LLC. (East Ward) (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-12.** Resolution Approving the Fairlawn Drive Traffic Calming Plan for Funding and Construction (Northwest Ward) - \$8,000. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-13.** Resolution Approving the Hattie Avenue Traffic Calming Plan for Funding and Construction (East Ward) - \$6,000. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-14.** Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement to Forsyth County for Items Associated with the Construction of the New Courthouse. (East Ward) (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-17.** Approval of Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-15.** Resolution to Establish a Community Early Childhood Education Task Force in Forsyth County. (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams pulled this item.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Bob Feikema, President and CEO of Family Services acknowledged the hard work by various organization over the past six years and noted the preliminary work by these organizations can be used by the task force. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for establishing this task force.

Mayor Joines stated he would like to recognize that the Youth Advisory Council and the College Advisory Board are present for tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Resolution to Establish a Community Early Childhood Education Task Force in Forsyth County 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

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C-16. Consideration of Items Relating to Nondiscrimination Initiatives: (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)

Resolution Amending Article I, Section 1 of the Personnel Resolution of the City of Winston-Salem Entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity".

Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Entitled "Administration" of the City Code of the City of Winston-Salem to Include a Policy of Nondiscrimination.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article IV Entitled "Fair Housing" of the City Code of the City of Winston-Salem.

Resolution Establishing a Nondiscrimination Study Subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams pulled this item.

Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Clark clarified what these Ordinances and Resolutions can and cannot do.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that the following items be approved:

- **Resolution Amending Article 1, Section 1 of the Personnel Resolution of the City of Winston-Salem Entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity".**
- **Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Entitled "Administration" of the City Code of the City of Winston-Salem to Include a Policy of Nondiscrimination.**
- **Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article IV Entitled "Fair Housing" of the City Code of the City of Winston-Salem.**
- **Resolution Establishing a Nondiscrimination Study Subcommittee.**

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. Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of Right-of-Way at the Intersection of 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 and asked if there were anyone that wished to be heard regarding this item. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, Resolution Ordering the Closing and Abandonment of a Portion of Right-Of-Way at the intersection of N. Main Street and N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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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. Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon an Unnamed Alley off of Shawnee Street (South Ward) - Petition of John and Janice Steinberger. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were anyone that wished to speak regarding this item. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, the Resolution Ordering the Closing and Abandonment of an Unnamed Alley off of Shawnee Street 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. Resolution To Approve Funding Recommendations In The Amount Of \$1 Million For Community Investments In Social Justice And Anti-Poverty Initiatives. (Recommended by Finance Committee with three in favor and one opposed)

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Taylor, 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.

Council Member Clark stated he wants the funds to go to those citizens that are most in need, and not for operations or administration needs of an organization.

Council Member Scippio made the following substitute motion, seconded by Council Member Larson, that the \$300,000 proposed for broad band assistance be returned to the fund to be reallocated to the different agencies, limit grants to one per agency, the minimum amount granted would be no less than 50% of the requested amount, and form an Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council to discuss and recommend distribution of these funds

In response to Council Member Larson, Patrice Toney stated it is at the discretion of the City Council how the funds are used and noted that there is no other funds earmarked for broad band service and training at this time.

In response to Council Member Larson, Lee Garrity, City Manager stated that broad band is an eligible expense regarding the expected American Rescue Act Funds.

Council Clark stated that this is not a motion but suggested to send the item back to Committees.

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Council Member Mundy stated the Council asked two Committees to help allocate funds and the committees did as the Council asked.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams stated this is a national issue and suggested the possible use of past funds to help and noted there will be future funds available to help. She thanked both Committees and noted her support for this item.

Council Member MacIntosh stated how complex this task is and thanked the Committees for their hard work noting his support and does not want to delay this item.

Mayor Joines called for the vote on the substitute motion made by Council Member Scippio.

*Substitute Motion **failed** with the following vote:*

Aye: Council Member John Larson, Council Member Robert Clark, and Council Member Annette Scippio

Nay: Council Member Kevin Mundy, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member James Taylor, and Council Member Barbara Burke

The original motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: Council Member Clark, and Council Member Scippio

G-4. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Appointment to the Planning Board (City/County):

Walter O. Farabee - Term Expiring February 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that Walter O. Farabee, Term Expiring February 2025 be appointed to the Planning Board (City/County). 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-5. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Appointments to the Community Agency Allocation Committee:

Patricia P. Burton - Term Expiring November 2024

Shonda F. Holmes - Term Expiring November 2023

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that Patricia P. Burton, Term Expiring November 2024, and Shonda F. Holmes, Term Expiring November 2023 be appointed to the Community Agency Allocation Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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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-6. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Appointments to the African American Heritage Initiative Committee:

Robert L. Durrah, Jr. - Term Expiring August 2022

Cynthia J. Villagomez - Term Expiring August 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that Robert L. Durrah, Jr. term expiring August 2022 and Cynthia J. Villagomez term expiring August 2022 be appointed to the African American Heritage Initiative Committee. 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-7. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Re-Appointments to the African American Heritage Initiative Committee:

Jane D. Penn - Term Expiring August 2023

Annette M. Wilson - Term Expiring August 2023

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Clark, that Jane D. Penn and Annette M. Wilson terms expiring August 2023 be reappointed to the African American Heritage Initiative Committee. 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-8. Mayor Joines' Recommendation for Re-Appointments to the Winston-Salem Affordable Housing Coalition:

George S. Redd - Term Expiring 2024

Ryan Ammann - Term Expiring February 2024

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, George S. Redd and Ryan Ammann terms expiring February 2024 re-appointments to the Winston-Salem affordable Housing Coalition. 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

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G-9. Mayor Pro Tempore Adams' Recommendation for Appointments to the Community Appearance Commission:

Curtis Walker - Appointment (Non-Categorical Position) - Term Expiring February 2024

Manika Gupta - Appointment (Categorical Position) - Term Expiring February 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that Curtis Walker non-categorical position and Manika Gupta categorical position with terms expiring February 2024 be appointed to the Community Appearance Commission. 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-10. Public Comment Period.

Public Comment Period was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.