



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.

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

6:00 PM

The meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday

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 Chue, Fire Marshall: Chez Brown

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager, Pat Pate provided updates on the Liberty and Main Streets two-way conversion project, noting that milling and paving near Brookstown Avenue is nearly complete, with downtown paving set for late August. Public input sessions are planned for September 3-4 to discuss changes to the Unified Development Ordinance in response to housing concerns raised during the Forward 2045 Comprehensive Plan. A public meeting on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be held on September 4 to gather feedback on regional transportation needs. Upcoming community events include Coffee and Cheesecake with Cops on September 4 and the International Village Festival on September 6. The Office of Sustainability received state recognition for its planning work, several city staff graduated from a national leadership program, and members of the Police Department received awards at the state gang investigators conference.

H HONORARIUMS**H-1. Proclamation Declaring September 2025 as Preparedness Month in the City of Winston-Salem**

August Vernon, Emergency Management Director received the proclamation.

H-2. Proclamation Declaring September 2025 as Smart Start Month

Dr. Luis Finney, Jr., President and CEO of Smart Start received the proclamation.

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.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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

C-1. Resolution Authorizing Grant Acceptance and Agreements for Forsyth County Driving While Impaired (DWI) Task Force with Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, and Kernersville (Public Safety Committee Recommends Approval)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-3.** Resolution Authorizing Annual Submission of Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application, Acceptance of Grants Funds, and Execution of Subgrantee Agreements (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-4.** Resolution to Name the Salem Lake Pier in Honor of Brian K. Hutchins (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-6.** Resolution Authorizing the Assumption and Subordination of a Loan in the Amount of \$200,000 by Goler Manor II, LLC (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-7.** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Federal Transit Administration Fiscal year 2025 Section 5307 Formula Funding Sub-Allocation or Split Letter for Davidson County Transportation (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-8.** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5307 Formula Funding Sub-Allocation or Split Letter for the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-9.** Consideration of Items Related to a Contract Change Order with Smith-Rowe, LLC for the Construction of Meadowlark Drive Widening Project (West Ward) (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)

Resolution Approving a Contract Change Order with Smith-Rowe, LLC for the Construction of Meadowlark Drive Widening Project

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-10.** Resolution Authorizing the Closure and Termination of Doris Street at Old Walkertown Road for the Improvements Related to the At-Grade Rail Crossing Project RC-2009A (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-11.** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, the City of High Point, the City of Greensboro and the City of Burlington for Regional Fare (Public Works Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-12.** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of an Easement for a Civil Rights Trail Marker by Donation (East Ward) (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-13.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Orders for Pumper Trucks and Walk-In Rescue Vehicle - Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. - \$2,336,536.00 and First Choice Fire and Safety - \$1,893,453.30 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-14.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Orders for Automated Leaf Collection Trucks and Rear-Loading Refuse Trucks - Carolina Environmental Systems - \$1,483,804 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-15.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Sole Source Emergency Shelters through a North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Homeland Security Grant Program - DLX Enterprises, LLC - \$74,992.26 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-16.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Leinbach Drive Culvert Replacement - Mountaineer Contractors, Inc. - \$848,189.75 (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)
Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-17.** Resolution Awarding Annual Blanket Purchase Orders for Sole Source Information Systems and Technology Vendors (Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-18.** Consideration of Items Related to North Carolina Major Events, Games and Attractions Fund:
(Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Major Events, Games and Attractions Fund Grant Agreement for the 2026 Cook Out Clash.

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-19.** Consideration of Items Related to Award of a Grant from the North Carolina Land and Water Trust Fund for the Grounds Project:
(Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Resolution Accepting a Grant of \$787,662 for Stream Restoration for the Grounds Project and Authorizing Agreements with North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Carter USA/Front Street Capital, and Wake Forest University

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-20.** 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-21.** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Settlement Agreement in the matter of Shirley Ann Thompson, as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Michael Thompson v. Brycen Gray Burcham, Jarett Lee Terry, Brian Keith Parker, Jr., and the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina 23 CVS 2810

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-22.** Approval of the City Council Summary of Minutes, August 18, 2025

The Minutes Document was approved by the Consent Vote.

G GENERAL AGENDA

- C-2.** Resolution to Adopt the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Public Safety Committee Recommends Approval)

August Vernon, Emergency Management Director presented the Item C-2.

A motion to approve Item C-2 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Scippio. The motion carried unanimously.

- C-5.** Consideration of items related to Additional Funding for Phase Two and Three of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (General Government Committee Recommends Approval)

Resolution Authorizing Additional Funding for Phase Two and Three of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative

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

A motion to approve item C-5 was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

G-1. Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure Located at 1814 East 18th Street (Northeast Ward)
(General Government Committee Recommends Approval)

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone in the Council Chamber that wished to be heard regarding this item. Valecia Lamont, the owner of the property expressed her opposition to the demolition.

Samuel Hunter, Assistant Director of the Neighborhood Services Department, presented an update on the demolition process for this item.

Council Member Burke expressed longstanding support for the demolition of the property, citing years of complaints from neighborhood residents. The property has been a persistent eyesore and a source of concern at neighborhood association meetings, including those attended by Mr. Hunter. Recent issues include the removal of brick from the property, which was reportedly dumped in a nearby stream, creating additional problems for the community. The site has become an attractive nuisance, drawing unwanted activity. Council Member Burke also noted that they have never been contacted by the property owner and this meeting marked the first time hearing from or seeing them. Based on community concerns and the property's condition, council member Burke made a motion for approving Item G1.

Mayor Joines closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams acknowledged concerns about properties tied up in legal issues that negatively impact neighborhoods and families. She asked about the timeline of notifications sent regarding a specific property, learning the first complaint was sent in October 2023. She emphasized that residents expect officials to take action to improve their communities.

Council member Scippio asked Mr. Hunter to confirm the timeframe the property owner has, starting from the approval of the item, to make the necessary improvements to bring the house up to code. Mr. Hunter responded that the property owner has 90 days from the approval of the item to make the necessary improvements and bring the house up to code. The owner requested additional time, explaining that she recently got a new job and needs more time to complete the improvements.

Council member Clark expressed that it might not be worth the effort because, despite spending money, the house may still not be able to be brought up to code and could ultimately have to be torn down due to its poor condition, as seen in the pictures.

Council member Taylor addressed the council, suggesting an alternate approach by proposing a 30-day delay on the item. He noted that the property owner mentioned possibly completing the work in three months but might need a bit more time. Granting an additional month, totaling four months, would show respect to both the owner and her family, as well as to the neighborhood that wants to see progress. He asked if the council member of the area would consider this option.

Council member Burke opposed the proposal to delay the item by 30 days, indicating disagreement with granting additional time to the property owner.

The motion to proceed with the demolition without granting additional time passed with 5 votes in favor and 3 opposed.

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

- Aye:** 5 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams
- Nay:** 3 - Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, and Council Member Taylor

G-2.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll for Demolition of Housing Unfit for Human Habitation

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone in the Council Chamber that wished to be heard regarding this item. Seeing no one, Mayor Joines closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, 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

G-3.

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 there was anyone in the Council Chamber that wished to be heard regarding this item.

Assistant City Manager Aaron King recommended continuing the item until the October 6, 2025 City Council meeting to resolve an issue with signposting.

Mayor Joines closed the Public Hearing.

A motion to continue the public hearing was made and seconded, and the council voted unanimously in favor of the continuation.

A motion to continue this item until the October 6, 2025 City Council meeting was made by Council Member Burke, seconded by Council Member Hall. 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-4.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Items Related to Economic Development Assistance of Four Million Dollars to Carter/Front Street Capital for Public Infrastructure Improvements at the Grounds Pursuant to N.C.G.S.158 - 7.1

(Finance Committee Recommends Approval)

Resolution Authorizing Economic Development Assistance of Four Million to Carter/Front Street Capital for Public Infrastructure Improvements at the Grounds

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

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone in the Council Chamber that wished to be heard regarding this item.

Proponents:

1. Adam Parker, Senior Vice President at Carter, the joint venture partner with Front Street Capital, 450 North Patterson Avenue, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, NC
2. Coleman Team, Front Street Capital, 450 North Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC
3. Calvin McRae, Greater Winston-Salem, 525 Vine St. Suite 240, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Opponents:

1. Linda Winikoff, 3949 Chilton Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106
2. Patti Gillenwater, 4040 Ivy Buff Trail, Winston-Salem, NC 27106
3. Vivian Perez Chandler, 1000 Brookhill Park Drive, Rural Hall, NC 27045
4. Sandra Stincon, 1309 Tyndall Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27105
5. Quameka Shavers, 3850 Heather View Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27127

Seeing no one else, Mayor Joines closed the Public Hearing.

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

Nay: 2 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, and Council Member Burke

G-5. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Gillig 29-Foot Clean Diesel Buses for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (Public Works Committee Forwarded without Recommendation)

Jeff Fansler, Director of the Transportation Department presented the item.

A motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the purchase of seven 29-foot clean diesel buses and two hybrid buses for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority was made by Council Member Andree-Bowen, seconded by Council Member Hall. 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-6. Resolution Authorizing the City of Winston-Salem to Lease Park Land to Support a New Downtown Amphitheater (General Government Committee Forwarded without Recommendation)

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager presented item G-6.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Hall. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

Nay: 2 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, and Council Member Burke

Council Member Burke asked a couple of questions if the city owned property zoned RMU residential, multifamily, unlimited and how many multifamily units could be built on this city owned property. Council Member Burke expressed concerns about proceeding with the amphitheater project without first hearing from the residents of Crystal Towers, who have raised issues related to noise, traffic, and safety. She requested that the vote be delayed until after a scheduled September 5 meeting with those residents, to allow time for their input to be considered.

The substitute motion failed, and the Council returned to consideration of the original motion.

A substitute motion to table this vote until October 6 meeting to allow for community engagement with Crystal Towers residents was made by Council Member Burke, seconded by Council Member Andree-Bowen. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, and Council Member Burke

Nay: 6 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

G-7. Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus; Purdue Pharma and Sackler Family Opioid Settlement Documents and Approving the Supplement Agreement for Additional Funds

Attorney French briefed the Council on item G-7.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, 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-8. Resolution Approving a Permanent Access Easement and Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem and Truliant Federal Credit Union (Southwest Ward)

A motion was made by Council Member Andree-Bowen, 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

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Hall. 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