

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
April 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the Regular Virtual Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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, Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke, Council Member Denise D. Adams, Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

Mayor Joines stated due to the declaration of the State Of Emergency (Stay At Home Order), it is not feasible to have the majority of the City Council Members physically present and noted the meeting would proceed virtually.

He explained Members will be muted until asked to be heard. At that time they will be recognized and will be unmuted. When there is a vote, it will be necessary to take a roll call vote. A Council Member will be recognized, and will raise their hand and state their vote. Mayor Pro Tempore Burke is participating by audio only, thus only a voice vote will be required for her vote.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code Entitled “Administration” To Allow Remote Participation.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Clark, that the Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code Entitled “Administration” To Allow Remote Participation 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 Burke, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

2. Update Regarding COVID-19.

Lee Garrity, City Manager, thanked the Council regarding their support of Staff during this difficult time regarding the COVID-19 crises. He introduced Joshua Swift, Forsyth County Public Health Director, to provide an update.

Mr. Swift provided an update regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. He encouraged citizens to continue following the Stay At Home Order as well as practice social distancing.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, provided an updated regarding what steps are being taken to address the homeless population during this crises.

Marla Newman, Community Development Director, provided a brief report regarding Continuum of Care.

Victor Isler, Director of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services, provided information regarding action plans of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services to help and provide services such as housing to the homeless that are impacted by COVID-19.

Denise Price, Forsyth County Assistant Public Health Director, provided information regarding the medical fragile population and what services are being provided to help assist their needs.

In response to Council Member Besse, Ms. Logan Ford provided information regarding the process and services of utilizing hotels and motels to provide shelter for the homeless.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Joines stated the Council would now consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed for discussion. Council Member Besse removed C-5.

A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Adams, 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 Burke, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-1. Resolution Approving The Renewal Of A Contract With Mitchell Humphrey For Software Maintenance And Support Services For The City’s Financial Management Services - \$150,850.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-2. Resolution Awarding Contract for Asphalt Testing and Quality Control - Atlantic Coast Testing and Engineering, Inc. - \$53,000.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-3. Resolution Awarding Contract for Mineral Springs Tennis Court Reconstruction - Ruston Paving Co., Inc. - \$138,500. (Northeast Ward)

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-4. Resolution Awarding Contract for Stormwater and Ditch Maintenance Repairs - Carolina Asphalt Paving, Inc. - \$250,000.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-5. Resolution Adopting the City of Winston-Salem's Legislative Priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session.

Council Member Besse stated the City of Winston-Salem is taking a leadership role regarding Exhibit B - Resolution of the Winston-Salem City Council Supporting HB 520 Firefighters Fighting Cancer Act. He thanked the staff for their hard work and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of this item.

Council Member Larson requested a brief report on this item.

Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided a staff report.

A motion was made by Council Member Besse, seconded by Council Member Taylor, that the Resolution Adopting the City of Winston-Salem's Legislative Priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session be approved. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Resolution Authorizing A Contribution Of \$1.0 Million To The COVID-19 Response Fund For Forsyth County And An Agreement With United Way Of Forsyth County And The Winston-Salem Foundation To Administer The Funds.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, gave a presentation for this item.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, addressed questions by Members of the City Council that were submitted to the City Manager via email. She noted responses to those questions were provided, however, she wanted to offer more in depth details on some key points.

Council Member Adams requested more information regarding the logistics of the Oversight Committee as well as the names of committee members.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke requested information regarding how many pledges have been received and how much actual funds has been received, what is the criteria for receiving the funds, and what are the qualifications of the groups that are in charge of distributing funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Burke, that this Resolution Authorizing A Contribution Of \$1.0 Million To The COVID-19 Response Fund For Forsyth County And An Agreement With United Way Of Forsyth County And The Winston-Salem Foundation To Administer The Funds 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 Burke, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

G-2. Resolution Authorizing Payment Deferral On All Outstanding City-Issued Loans In Funds 10, 12, 151, 153, 155, And 156 For A Six-Month Period.

Evan Raleigh, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member MacIntosh requested information regarding how many loans this deferral would impact.

A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Taylor, that the Resolution Authorizing Payment Deferral On All Outstanding City-Issued Loans In Funds 10, 12, 151, 153, 155, And 156 For A Six-Month Period 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 Burke, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Joines stated citizens should call (336) 464-7800 or 211 if they have general questions, or questions regarding grants or services related to COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.