

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
June 1, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the virtual meeting of the Winston-Salem City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the City Secretary to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Joines stated due to the declaration of the State of Emergency, 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 conduct a roll call vote. A Council Member will be recognized, and will raise their hand and state their vote.

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 Denise D. Adams, Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member James Taylor Jr.*

Council Member Robert Clark called in at 7:07 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Joines stated he is speaking on behalf of himself and the City Council.

We all express our abhorrence to the senseless killing of Mr. George Floyd. As a society and as a City we cannot and will not tolerate this type of police violence and racism within the police force. Our own police leadership will not tolerate it either. This type of action not only damages and hurts citizens but it also greatly erodes trust in our Police Department despite the good work of the majority of our officers each and every day as they do their job. We have every confidence in Chief Thompson and in her department. Our officers are well trained and equipped, and all wear body cameras. Many have taken part in the Institute for Dismantling Racism Training and all have taken part in the Implicit Bias Training including the City Council and I. We must all remain strong in our conviction to work hard to prevent racism. We must continue to communicate openly about issues. I would like to thank the citizens of Winston-Salem for your peaceful protest over the past few days. Such actions honor the cause of racial justice and honor the life of George Floyd. We all support peaceful protest. On behalf of the City Council, the City Manager, the Police Chief, and the City Staff, we pledge to make every effort within our power to fight systematic racism within not only the Police Department but within the City in general. Thank you very much and please join me in a moment of silence.

ZONING AGENDA

Z-1. Update on Federal Legislative Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Leslie Monzingo, Strategic Consultant, provided the update regarding this item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams requested contact information for the City's Federal Representatives be provided to the Mayor and City Council Members.

- Z-2.** Continuation of Public Hearing on Zoning Petition of 1520 Doune Street for Reasonable Accommodation. (This item was continued from the November 4, 2019 and January 6, 2020 City Council Meetings. A request to continue this item to the March 1, 2021 City Council has been received.)

Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided information regarding this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that the Petition of 1520 Doune Street for Reasonable Accommodation be continued to the March 1, 2021, 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 MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

- Z-3.** Continuation of Public Hearing on Zoning Petition of Burger King Corporation #1283 (W-3344) from HB MLKO to HB: property is located on the northwest corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Fifth Street - Containing approximately 0.80 acre located in the EAST WARD (Council Member Scippio). [Planning Board recommends approval of petition.] (Item Continued from the November 6, 2017, the January 2 and April 4, 2018, and the May 4, 2020 City Council Meetings.)

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Larson, that the zoning petition of Burger King Corporation #1283 (W-3344) from HB MLKO to HB be withdrawn. 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 Taylor

- Z-4.** Public Hearing on Zoning Petition of Eberlee Farms, LLC; Bill Ebert; and Janet Ebert (W-3430) from RS9 to RM12-S (Residential Building, Townhouse; Residential Building, Single Family; Residential Building, Duplex; and Residential Building, Twin Home): property is located on the northeast corner of Ebert Street and Silas Creek Parkway - Containing approximately 8.22 acres located in the SOUTHWEST WARD (Council Member Besse) [Planning Board recommends approval of petition.]

Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were anyone that wish to speak for or against this item. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Besse, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, for approval of: (1) the Statement of Consistency for approval of this item and (2) W-3430. 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 MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

- Z-5.** Second Reading on Ordinance Renewing the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of One Trolley Pub Service in the City of Winston-Salem - Trolley Pub of North Carolina. [Recommended by Public Safety Committee]

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Ordinance Renewing the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of One Trolley Pub Service in the City of Winston-Salem 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 Taylor

- Z-6.** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Forsyth County Veterans Treatment Court for the City to Act as Fiscal Agent.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, provided the report for this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Besse, that the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Forsyth County Veterans Treatment Court for the City to Act as Fiscal Agent 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 Taylor

- Z-7.** Resolution Approving a Multifamily Housing Facility known as Skyline Village Apartments and the Financing thereof with Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$14,000,000. (East Ward)

Marla Newman, Community Director, provided the staff report.

Council Member Taylor stated he would like a housing plan provided in writing before he would support this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that this Resolution Approving a Multifamily Housing Facility known as Skyline Village Apartments and the Financing thereof with Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$14,000,000 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, and Council Member MacIntosh

Nay: Council Member Taylor

- Z-8.** Consideration of City Council's June 15 and July 6, 2020 Meeting Locations.

Mayor Joines stated the City Council's June 15th meeting will be its first in-person meeting since the State of Emergency Declaration. Due to COVID-19, this meeting will not resemble past City Council meetings.

The medical community continues to express concerns regarding the transmission of COVID-19 during mass gatherings. Consequently, the number of citizens allowed to attend this meeting will be severely limited. Those in attendance will be required to wear a face covering and to follow social distancing measures.

We are strongly encouraging citizens to submit written comments regarding the Budget and for the City Council's public comment period by noon, June 15th at Sandrark@cityofws.org or City Secretary's Office P.O. Box 2511 Winston-Salem, NC 27102, as an alternative to attending the meeting. Staff will share these comments with me and City Council and post them online.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the change in meeting locations for the June 15th and the July 6th meetings 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 Taylor

Z-9. Resolution Appointing the Honorable Morticia Parmon as the Northeast Ward Council Member.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Taylor, that the Resolution Appointing the Honorable Morticia Parmon as the Northeast Ward Council Member 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 Taylor

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Besse provided his thoughts regarding senseless killing of Mr. George Floyd.

Council Member Scippio stated that a bridge off of Old Greensboro Road will be closed due to needed repairs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams thanked citizens for peaceful protests in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.