



Summary

City Council

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

Monday, March 17, 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 Ford 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

Mayor Joines expressed his condolences for the passing of former Winston-Salem Alderman Dr. Virginia Newell who passed away on March 14, 2025 at the age of 107.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Lieutenant Brian Ashley and Fire Marshall Nate Brown

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The City Manager, William Pate provided updates on council members attending the National League of Cities Conference and congressional visits, discussing topics like budgeting, safe communities, affordable housing, and federal funding. Although, they met with senators and asked about the federal budget, there is a little optimism about receiving it before adopting the local budget in June, 2025.

The Meadowlark Drive project is expected to be completed by the end of April, 2025.

The Fire Department held a graduation ceremony on March 14, 2025 for 24 new firefighters.

In addition, ahead of the council session, Mr. Pate emphasized the importance of the updates for the Fire Department from 2014 to 2025. He listed the improvements such as, increase in staff positions from 343 to 400, the none-personnel operating budget rising by 120%, and major Capital improvements including renovations of Stations No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9, construction of Station No. 13, land purchase for Station No. 4, and other projects, totaling approximately \$18 million.

Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen asked a question about an increased water bill and the Assistant City Manager King gave a brief update on the billing cycle change caused by cyber event in December.

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.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio. The motion was approved unanimously

C-1. Approval of the City Council Summary of Minutes, March 3, 2025

The Minute document was approved by the Consent Vote.

G GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Zoning Petition of Shyam Shlock, LLC (W-3637) from RS9 to LB-S (Convenience Store and Food or Drug Store); Property is Located at Southeast Intersection of Burke Mill Road and Griffith Road; – Containing Approximately 1.08 (South Ward) [Planning Board Recommends Approval of Petition]. Continued from March 17, 2025

Chris Murphy, Director of Planning and Development Services made a presentation on item G-1.

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

Marc L. Isaacson Jr., Isaacson Sheridan Attorney, 804 Green Valley Road, Suite 200, Greensboro, NC 27408 represented the petitioner.

The opposition was presented by:

1. Collen Bedduefe, 3447 Waterwheel Circle, Winston- Salem, NC 27103
2. Gwen Reisman, 3468 Waterwheel Circle, Winston-Salem, NC 27103
3. Marcia Vetter, 2465 Waterwheel Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103
4. Victoria Schwants 3576 Old Grist Court, Winston-Salem, NC 2710
5. Daniel Extrom, 4533 June, Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Mayor Joines asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition. Seeing no one, he offered three minutes for rebuttal.

Marc L. Isaacson Jr., attorney representing the petitioner summarized the request. Gwen Reisman, 3468 Waterwheel Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 spoke for opposition

A motion to continue Item G-1 till April 21, 2025 Council Meeting was made by Council Member Joiner, seconded by Council Member Ford Hall, that this Ordinance be Continued. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Ford Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

Nay: 1 - Council Member Andree-Bowen

G-2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Zoning Petition of Jemsite Development, LLC (W-3641) from GB-S to GB-S; property is located at the south side of Fairlawn Drive across from its intersection with Fairlawn Court; – Containing approximately 3.25 acres (North Ward) [Planning Board Recommends Approval of Petition]

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams to approve (1) the Statement of Consistency for the approval of item G-2, and (2) W-3641 seconded by Council Member Clark. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Ford Hall, Council Member Joiner, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Taylor, and Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

Nay: 1 - Council Member Andree-Bowen

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Bill Blancato, 1860 Neushore Ct., Winston-Salem, NC 27127 - Energy Plan
2. Matthew Mayers, 2844 Wesleyan Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 - Energy Plan
3. Ashton Parrinello, President of the WS Firefighters Association, 1528 Mallory Circle, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 - WSFD staff reduction
4. Jason Gore, 4885 Fleetwood Circle, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 - WSFD staff reduction
5. Vincent Messina, 1655 Briar Lake Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 - WSFD staff reduction
6. Daisy Rodriguez, 412 Auburndale Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 - WSFD staff reduction
7. Dan Besse, 412 Auburndale Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 - WSFD staff reduction
8. Henry Murray, Vice President of the WS Firefighters Association - WSFD staff reduction
9. Quamekia Shavers, Pink Vote Founder - WSFD staff reduction

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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

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