



Summary

Community Development/Housing/General Government
Committee

Council Member Denise D. Adams, Chair
Council Member Annette Scippio, Vice Chair
Council Member Dan Besse
Council Member Robert C. Clark

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

4:30 PM

Committee Room 239, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

Council Member Denise Adams, Chair
Council Member Annette Scippio, Vice Chair
Council Member Robert Clark
Council Member Dan Besse - arrived 4:37 p.m.

Others Present:

Mayor Allen Joines - arrived 4:45 p.m.

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

C CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adams stated without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items the Committee wished to remove for discussion. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Adams, Council Member Scippio and Council Member Clark

Absent: 1 - Council Member Besse

C-1. Resolution Approving a Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule with North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee).

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-2. Approval of Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Summary of Minutes - March 18, 2019.

Approved by Consent Vote.

G GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. 2018-2019 College Advisory Board Annual Report.

Wanda Allen-Abraha, Human Relations Director, introduced Nina Walker, College Advisory Chair, and a student at UNC School of the Arts, to provide an overview of this years events.

Ms. Walker provided a handout of news letters that gave a brief overview of past events and highlighted the Collegiate Trust Talks as one of the most influential activities for her. The trust talks bring together the Winston-Salem Police Department as well as Students, Police Chiefs, Officers, and Administrators from Forsyth Tech, Salem College, UNC School of the Arts,, Wake Forest University, and Winston-Salem State University to have open and honest conversations regarding concerns and observations about the Community.

Ms. Walker introduced Ms. Taylor Walker from Winston-Salem State University. She shared what it means to be a Winston-Salem State University Ram participating in the College Advisory Board.

G-2. 2018-2019 Youth Advisory Council Annual Report.

Wanda Allen-Abraha, Human Relations Director, introduced members of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Hunter Dameworth, Senior at Calvary Day School, stated the Youth Advisory Council serves to represent the youth of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County before the Government of Winston-Salem. He gave an overview of the goals of YAC listing several ways students can take more leadership roles which help prepare students for future careers.

Porsche Smith, Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy. Ms. Smith listed several community projects that YAC participated in and listed the MLK Breakfast held January 21, 2019, as one of the most influential to her. She stated the Jaycee Holiday Parade was very eye opening as it allowed them to put themselves in the shoes of the homeless. YAC has helped her and other members to understand poverty and become more familiar with City Government.

Brooke Lachey, Paisley High School, stated what a wonderful experience it was for her to participate in YAC. She noted the International Village Festival, Trail of Treats at Bolton Park, Human Relations Student Award Banquet, and the Race Relation Forum as some of the events that were memorable and influential to her.

Mark Batoni, Chair of YAC, Parkland High School, spoke of annual projects that target the community and youth and partnered with the Mayors of North Carolina for the "Think Orange Campaign". He spoke regarding the Public Service Announcements for Elementary, Middle and High School students noting pop culture icons, Winston-Salem Dash (Bolt) and local celebrity David Daggeder helped in making youths aware of how to receive food outside of school.

Council Member Adams thanked the YAC participants and noted that Lowe's Foods presented a check for \$90,000 for the Think Orange initiative to help with the goal of \$500,000 to sustain the Think Orange program in the City and County.

Council Member Besse requested updated information to send to his constituents noting links were hard to find on the City's webpage.

Ms. Allen-Abraha stated both the College Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Council have requested their own facebook and twitter pages.

G-3.

Resolution Establishing An African American Heritage Action Initiative Committee (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee).

Meridith Martin, Assistant to the City Manager, gave the staff report for this item.

Council Member Scippio stated the goal is to validate and give respect to the African Americans and to give a sense of pride and hope.

Council Member Clark stated he would like the committee to catalog what is currently available and utilize local churches and libraries.

Council Member Larson thanked Council Member Scippio for her leadership

and dedication to this initiative.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Besse, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Adams, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Besse and Council Member Clark

Public Comment

Bishop Sir Walter L. Mack, Jr., Senior Pastor of Union Baptist Church, came before the committee to speak about changing the name of the Dixie Classic Fair in regards to removing the word "Dixie". He stated the name of the Fair should be more embracing and represent the City. He asked those that were in the audience and apart of "Love Out Loud" to stand and show support of the name change.

Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel Jr., Pastor of Burkhead United Methodist Church, spoke in favor of changing the name of the Dixie Classic Fair and asked it be changed to a name everyone could be comfortable with.

Rob Alexander 2253 Westover Drive, Winston-Salem, gave a brief history of his genealogy noting his is a decedent of a Confederate Soldier but is in favor of changing the name of the Dixie Classic Fair and applauded the removal of the monument.

Council Member Besse requested a detailed exploration of how the Fair got the name and what context it was named.

Council Member Clark suggested staff review the history of the Fair and provide information regarding names of other Fairs in North Carolina.

Mayor Joines referenced the letter that Bishop Mack wrote which included some history of the word "Dixie" and stated staff would investigate the history of the Fair.

Chair Adams stated there are processes and procedures that are followed which helps keep consistency in the City. She requested staff to research the history of the Fair, as well as the "colored folk fair" which was named "Carolina Fair". She asked specifically for the name of the director that changed the name and suggested if the name is changed the citizens have a voice as to what the name will be.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.