

Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee
Virtual Meeting
February 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated due to the Safer-At-Home Order, all Committee Members are participating virtually. For virtual meetings, Committee Members will be muted until asked to be heard. When there is a vote, it will be necessary to conduct a roll call vote. A Committee Member will be recognized, raise their hand, and state their vote.

Present:

Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Chair
Council Member Annette Scippio, Vice Chair (arrived at 4:24 p.m.)
Council Member Robert Clark (arrived at 4:28 p.m.)
Council Member Kevin Mundy

Additional Attendees:

Council Member John Larson
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

GENERAL AGENDA

Due to lack of a quorum, Mayor Pro Tem Adams stated the Committee would consider the General Agenda first.

G-1. Information Regarding Think Orange Initiatives.

Johnnie Taylor, Operations Director, introduced Tiffany Oliva.

Tiffany Oliva, Food Resilience Project Manager, provided the staff report.

Erin Griego, Think Orange Intern, presented information regarding opportunities for the Think Orange food Resource Map.

Council Member Mundy requested information regarding how many people do not have access to internet.

Council Member Larson requested this information be provided at public locations, such as libraries and recreation centers.

Council Member Mundy asked what the third largest language spoken in Winston-Salem.

In response to Council Member Mundy, Wanda Allan-Abraha, Human Relations Director, stated they are waiting on a report from the Census Bureau and would provide that information once received.

William Teasley, Think Orange Intern, presented opportunities for Liberty Street Market.

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Mayor Pro Tempore Adams thanked the speakers and everyone that help make this organization a success. She asked Ms. Olivia to provide a history of Think Orange.

Council Member Annette Scippio joined the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

G-2. Presentation of the Urban Food Policy Council’s Annual Report for 2019-2020.

Council Member Robert Clark joined the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Johnnie Taylor, Operations Director, introduced Tiffany Oliva.

Tiffany Oliva, Food Resilience Project Manager, provided the staff report.

Megan Regan, Chair and Michael Banner, Member, of the Winston-Salem Urban Food Policy Council presented.

Council Member Clark noted concerns regarding transportation, cost of fresh foods, and if there are enough local farmers to supply 3 farmers markets.

Council Member Scippio requested operating hours for the Liberty Street Market, and would like a map of full service grocery stores as well as smaller convenience stores.

G-3. Information on Nondiscrimination Initiatives.

Meredith Martin, Strategic Initiatives Administrator, and Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Clark suggested that if a Commission is formed to study the issues, then Council should wait to adopt a policies after the Commission presents their findings.

Council Member Mundy addressed the need for having LGBTQIA+ Community as a protected class.

Council Member Scippio asked about the Human Relations Commission and the role it has in investigating discrimination. She noted if there are known discrimination of specific groups, there should be a sub-committee to investigate those issues.

Wanda Allen-Abraha, Human Relations Director, provided information regarding the duties of the Human Relations Commission.

G-4. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Update.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, introduced Toneq' McCullough and Marlene Davis.

Toneq' McCullough, Transportation Director, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Clark requested additional information regarding the race neutral goal of 6.9% and what vendors were used.

Marlene Davis, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison and Title VI Coordinator, thanked the Committee for allowing the presentation and stated she was happy to serve in this role.

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G-5. Information on Winston-Salem Sign Ordinance Provisions Related to Amortization and Electronic Messages.

Aaron King, Director of Planning and Development Services, provided the introduction for this item and introduced Desmond Corley.

Desmond Corley, Land Use Coordinator, provided the staff report.

Council Member Scippio requested information regarding how many signs were not compliant in 2007.

Council Member Clark requested an update from 2017, research on how easy or difficult it is to change brightness of signs and what the industry standard is, and suggested 2-3 year extension to help with the strain of COVID.

Council Member Larson requested that specific violations be noted in the letter that is sent to the business owners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams stated the Committee would now consider the Consent Agenda.

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

Aye: Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Mundy, and Council Member Clark

C-1. Approval of Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.