



## Summary

### Committee of the Whole of the City Council

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

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Monday, March 9, 2026

2:00 PM

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Mayor Allen Joines, Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen, Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke, Council Member Robert C. Clark, Council Member Regina Hall, Council Member Vivián V. Joiner, Council Member Annette Scippio, and Council Member James Taylor Jr.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Greater Winston-Salem, Inc. Economic Development Update

Mark Owens, President and CEO of Greater Winston-Salem, Inc., presented a brief report providing an update on economic development efforts, including goals established for 2030. Since 2020, a total of 3,039 jobs have been announced, along with \$831 million in committed capital investment. Mayor Pro Tempore Adams inquired about the potential for data center facilities within the local area. Mr. Owens responded that facilities of this type require significant electricity and water resources. While there have been inquiries regarding the possibility of data center development in Forsyth County, he does not believe there are suitable sites in Winston-Salem that meet the necessary requirements.

## 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 requests, 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.

Mayor Joines asked if there were any consent items the City Council members wished to pull for discussion, Council Member Taylor requested that item C-2 be removed.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Hall. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**C-1.** Request for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure at 633 Mulberry Street (South Ward)  
Public Hearing Date - April 6, 2026  
(General Government Committee)

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

**C-3.** Request for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Annex a Portion of PIN #5896-21-0637.000 Known as Brookberry Farm – Phase 9, Lot 650  
Public Hearing Date - April 20, 2026  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Public Works Committee)

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

**C-4.** Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Donated Easement from Duke Energy for Placement of Educational Panels at Patterson Avenue and Northwest Boulevard  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Public Works Committee)

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

- C-5.** Resolution Authorizing an \$80,000 Change Order with AMT Engineering for Additional Construction Engineering and Inspection Services Related to the Twin City Trail and Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project. Revised Contract Amount - \$590,983.35  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Finance Committee)

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

- C-6.** Consideration of Items Related to Additional Construction Services with Sharpe Brothers Inc., for the Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project:  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Finance Committee)

Resolution Authorizing a \$390,000 Change Order with Sharpe Brothers Inc., for Additional Construction Services for the Liberty/Main Two-Way Conversion Project. Revised Contract Amount - \$6,282,965.57

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

- C-7.** Resolution Authorizing Replacement of Two Network Attached Storage Systems with Data Network Solutions, Inc. - \$852,463.74  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Finance Committee)

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

- C-8.** Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 Relating to Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(General Government Committee)

**Committee recommends approval by the consent vote. Referred to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

- C-9.** Approval of the Committee of the Whole of the City Council Summary of Minutes

**The Minute Document was approved by the consent vote.**

## **G GENERAL AGENDA**

- C-2.** Request for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Ordering the Demolition and Removal of a Structure at 1135 Argonne Boulevard (Southeast Ward)  
Public Hearing Date - April 6, 2026  
(General Government Committee)

**A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Scipio, to continue item C-2 to the April 13, 2026, General Government Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

The Mayor recognized Mayor Pro Tempore, Chair of the General Government Committee, to lead the meeting.

- 1.** Update on Winston Lake Golf Course Renovation and Improvements  
(General Government Committee)

Richard Mandell with Richard Mandell Golf Architecture and William Royston, Recreation and Parks Director presented a detailed update on Winston Lake Golf Course

2. Information Regarding Proposed Issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the Disposition of Four City-Owned Multifamily Properties (General Government Committee)

The Item was presented by Michael Blair, director of Housing Development Department.

Council Member Burke asked whether the City had issued an RFP to sell affordable housing properties, specifically the six-unit apartment complex located at 1200 Willie Davis Drive, and whether the process was being conducted without City Council involvement.

City Manager Pat Pate explained that all sites designated as affordable housing are part of a Council-established program to preserve them through transfer to other entities. He acknowledged the outreach occurred before the matter was presented to Council and said the issue is being returned to Council to review the properties and identify potential managers or owners. Mr. Pate emphasized that no City-owned property can be sold without Council approval and that the process allows interested parties to express interest and submit qualifications, not proposals. Council Member Burke stated she felt blindsided and said she understood an RFP had been issued; Michael Blair clarified that the City anticipates issuing Requests for Qualifications, not Requests for Proposals.

Council Member Burke emphasized that her top priority is ensuring that the sale of City-owned properties does not result in the displacement of current tenants, potentially rendering them unhoused.

Council Member Andree-Bowen asked Mr. Blair to explain, for the public record, the reasons the City is pursuing this process. Mr. Blair stated that the City is not equipped to manage the affordable housing properties directly and is seeking qualified organizations that can maintain them to the expected standards. City Manager Pat Pate added that the Plaza Apartments (77 units) are currently managed by ASPIRE, the Housing Authority, a separate entity from the City, and that management has been operating at a loss while indicating they cannot continue managing the property. The Spring Street property (8 units) was acquired with the condition that it would be sold to a third party. The Willie Davis (6 units) and Cleveland Avenue (4 units) units have been recently renovated, and now is considered the most appropriate time to place them for sale so that they can be professionally managed by a qualified organization.

Council Member Scippio asked for clarification whether the policy the City is using to pursue the sale or disposition of affordable housing units was originally intended only for single-family homes, or whether it also applies to multifamily properties such as the apartment complexes under discussion.

**Information only.**

**3.** Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution for Certified Fire Personnel Based on Results of Market Study

Dr. Kena Cofield Jones, Human Resources Director, presented the item before the Council.

**Council Member Andree-Bowen then amended the motion to state that the change would take effect during the first full pay period of 2026. Council Member Joiner seconded the amendment. The City Manager advised that implementing retroactive payments would be difficult and suggested that the Council direct City staff to explore alternative options, including possibly beginning the payments in April 2026 instead of January 2026.**

**Council Member Hall made a substitute motion to approve the resolution amending Article 2 of the City of Winston-Salem Code, with the change to become effective during the first full pay period in April, 2026, and for the adjustment to appear on the second paycheck. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, that this Ordinance be Approved as Amended.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Burke, Council Member Clark, Council Member Hall, Council Member Scippio, and Council Member Taylor

**Nay:** 2 - Council Member Andree-Bowen, and Council Member Joiner

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

The Mayor recognized Council Member Burke, Chair of the Public Works Committee, to lead the meeting.

**4.** Resolution Approving Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Route Network Changes Identified in the Route Study  
(Public Hearing Held March 23, 2026) (Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Public Works Committee)

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Andree-Bowen, that this Resolution be Committee Recommends Approval.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

5. Resolution Amending the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Fare Policy to Establish a Microtransit Rate  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Public Works Committee)

Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation, presented this item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Andree-Bowen. Committee Recommends approval, reoffered to the City Council on April 6, 2026.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Mayor recognized Council Member Clark, Chair of the Finance Committee, to lead the meeting.

6. Consideration of Items Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds:  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Finance Committee)

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member Taylor. Committee Recommends Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

7. Consideration of Actions Regarding the Issuance of \$80,000,000 in Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2026  
(Committee of the Whole Recommends Approval)  
(Finance Committee)

**A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Joiner. Committee Recommends Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### STAFF COMMENTS

##### Review on Community Agencies Funding Process

Scott Tesh, Director of Budget and Performance Management, presented an overview of the Community Agencies Funding process.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

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

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