

**WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Virtual Meeting**  
**May 18, 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, Council Member Denise D. Adams, Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member James Taylor Jr.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Mayor Joines remembered Mayor Pro Tempore and noted she served on the City Council for 43 years representing the Northeast Ward.*

*He also noted that another great leader passed away, the Honorable Larry Womble, former Alderman and Representative. He stated two giant voices for the disadvantaged has passed away and they would certainly be missed.*

*A Resolution from the National League of Cities was read in honor of Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke.*

**HONORARIUMS**

**H-1.** Proclamation Declaring May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week.

*The Proclamation was read into the record.*

*Council Member Besse stated this is a timely moment to remember the Public Works Department. The employees have kept services going, and transit going, under extreme pressure. He thanked all the employees associated with the Public Works Department.*

**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.**

*Mayor Joines stated without objection the Council would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed for discussion. Items C-3, C-13, and C-18 were removed for discussion.*

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

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**C-1.** Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Department of Homeland Security for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. [Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

**C-2.** Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Memorandum between the City of Winston-Salem and the Risk Acceptance Management Corporation. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

**C-4.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Bus Stop Shelters and Amenities - Jericho Palm, Inc. - \$433,333.90. [Recommended by Finance and Public Works Committees]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

**C-5.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Phone System Upgrade - Carousel Industries of North America, Inc. - \$76,974.37. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

**C-6.** Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to John Davenport Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$155,000 for Professional Engineering Design Services Associated with the Widening of Meadowlark Drive. (West Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

**C-7.** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Change Order with Ramey, Inc. for Construction and Renovation Services for the Strollway Renovations Project - \$604,420.37. (South Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

**C-8.** Consideration of Items Related to Old Salem Infrastructure Improvement Project: (South Ward) [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve A Change Order With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. For Additional Professional Engineering Services and Construction Services for the Old Salem Infrastructure Improvement Project - \$198,710.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-9.** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve the Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2020 Section 5307 Formula Funding Sub-Allocation or Split Letter for the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-10.** Resolution Authorizing the Quitclaim Abandonment of Sewer Main Infrastructure and Related Easements for the Whispering Brook Village MHC, LLC Property Associated with the Canal Drive and Villa Drive Sewer Replacement Project. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-11.** Consideration of Items Related to the Relocation of the Existing Traffic Signal Control Cabinet at the Intersection of Fifth Street and Patterson Avenue: [Recommended by Finance Committee]

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Samet Corporation for the Acceptance of Funds to Relocate the Existing Traffic Signal Control Cabinet at the Intersection of Fifth Street and Patterson Avenue. (East Ward)

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-12.** Resolution Authorizing Payment Deferral on Certain City-Held Lease Agreements. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-14.** Resolution Authorizing Permanent Financing for an 84-Unit Senior Rental Development Known as the Villas at Wilshire (South Ward) - \$450,000. [Recommended by Finance Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-15.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(f) of the City Code Relating to 25 Miles per Hour Speed Limits - Elmwood Drive, Runnymede Road, and Perry Street. (South, Northwest, and Northeast Wards) [Recommended by Public Safety Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-16.** 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]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-17.** Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Temporary Intergovernmental Agreement For Law Enforcement Services In Preparation For, During, And After The 2020 Republican National Convention. [Recommended by Public Safety Committee]

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-19.** Approval of Summary of Minutes.

**Approved by Consent Vote.**

- C-3.** Consideration of Items Regarding Acceptance of CARES Act Grant Funds and Execution of Agreements with Local Homeless Service Provider Agencies: [Recommended by Finance and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committees]

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of CARES Act Grant Funds and Execution of Agreements with Local Homeless Service Provider Agencies.

Ordinance Amending The Project Budget Ordinance For The City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

*This item was removed for discussion by Council Member Adams.*

*Marla Newman, Director of Community Development, provided a staff report regarding this item.*

*Council Member Adams requested staff provide reports with all items pertaining to COVID - 19.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Clark, that the Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of CARES Act Grant Funds and Execution of Agreements with Local Homeless Service Provider Agencies and the Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

- C-13.** Resolution Authorizing Establishment Of A Temporary COVID-19 Shelter For Persons Who Are Experiencing Homelessness And Medically Fragile, And Funding To Support The Operation Thereof. [Recommended by Finance and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committees]

*Council Member Adams removed this item for discussion.*

*Marla Newman, Director of Community Development, provided a staff report for this item.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Resolution Authorizing Establishment of a Temporary COVID-19 Shelter for Persons who are Experiencing Homelessness and Medically Fragile, and Funding to Support the Operation Thereof be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**C-18.** Resolution Electing the 2020 Inductees for the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame. [Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee]

Inductees:

Maya Angelou - Writing

George Lee - Radio/Television

John S. Mueller - Music

Penelope Niven - Writing

Alvin "A.C." Stowe - Radio

*Council Member Scippio stated she wanted the names recognized because the City of Winston-Salem is rich in the arts. She noted that we should keep in mind that the Arts play a big part in the culture of this city.*

**Council Member Scippio made a motion, seconded by Council Member Adams, to approve the Resolution Electing the 2020 Inductees for the Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

## **GENERAL AGENDA**

**G-1.** Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of a Vacant Lot at 701 Salem Avenue for Construction of the City Yard Stormwater Retention Pond Expansion Project - \$17,800. (East Ward) [Finance Committee forwarded this item without a recommendation]

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of a Vacant Lot at 701 Salem Avenue for Construction of the City Yard Stormwater Retention Pond Expansion Project be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**G-2.** Consideration of Winston-Salem City Council's 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule.

*Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief overview of the change in the Winston-Salem City Council regular meeting schedule.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the changes to the Winston-Salem City Council Regular Meeting Schedule be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**G-3.** Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Entitled "Administration" of the City Code Relating To Remote Participation In Meetings.

*Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided the staff report for this item.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Adams, that the Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Entitled "Administration" of the City Code Relating to Remote Participation in Meetings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**G-4.** Motion to Add Items G-5 and G-6 to the Agenda.

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to add Agenda items G-5 and G-6 to the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**G-5.** Resolution Stating the City of Winston-Salem is Essential and in Support of Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support to Reopen and Rebuild Local American Economies.

*Council Member Adams provided information regarding this item.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Clark, that the Resolution Stating the City of Winston-Salem is Essential and in Support of Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support to Reopen and Rebuild Local American Economies be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

**G-6.** Mayor Joines' City Council Committee Assignments and Mayor Pro Tempore Recommendation.

*Mayor Joines stated he would like the Council to consider the appointment of Council Member James Taylor, Jr. to the Finance Committee.*

*Council Member Besse noted that Council Member Taylor would be removed from the Public Works Committee.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the appointment of Council Member James Taylor, Jr. to the Finance Committee be approved. The motion carried the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

*Mayor Joines stated he would like to the Council to consider the appointment of Council Member Denise Adams to Mayor Pro Tempore effective immediately until December 2020.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the appointment of Council Member Adams to Mayor Pro Tempore be approved. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Besse, Council Member Scippio, Council Member Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

*Mayor Pro Tempore Adams stated she was honored to accept the position of Mayor Pro Tempore, and noted that she would only fill the seat until December 2020.*

**G-7.** Public Comment Period.

*Mayor Joines stated that Lisa Summers submitted two messages and because the second message was similar to the first, only the first message would be played. He cautioned the Council that a racial slur was in the message.*

**Public Comment Period was heard.**

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

*Mayor Pro Tem Adams requested a meeting and update regarding MWBE contracts. Council Members Taylor and Scippio wished to be included.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.*