

**Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee
Virtual Meeting
December 14, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and stated due to the Pandemic, 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
Council Member Robert Clark
Council Member Kevin Mundy

Additional Attendees:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adams stated the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed for discussion. Council Member Scippio removed C-3.

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

C-1. Information on Ordinance Amending Chapter 2. Article IV. Section 2-213(b) and (c) Regarding Residency Restrictions of the City of Winston-Salem Code of Ordinances.

C-2. Resolution Approving the CY 2022 Federal Action Plan for the City of Winston-Salem.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-4. Approval of Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-3.** Ordinance Designating Certain Property as a Local Historic Landmark - Shipley Building. (East Ward) (Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Recommends Denial) Public Hearing: January 3, 2021.

Michelle McCullough, Historic Resources Officer Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning and Developmental Services, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Scippio recognized the important work of the Historic Commission in determining historic properties. She noted that just because a building is old does not mean that it meets the historic designation standards.

Council Member MacIntosh stated in the future if a historic designation is not recommended by the commissions, that the item be placed on the General Agenda.

In response to Council Member Mundy, Ms. McCullough stated currently the applicant is using the State and Federal Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and would not affect the development of the building.

A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that this Ordinance be Denied. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1.** Information Regarding Adding Metal Detection to City Hall and Bryce A. Stuart Facilities. (This item was continued from the November 9, 2021 Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Meeting)

Nick Geis, Property and Facility Maintenance Director, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Geis stated all person entering the building would be directed to a screening point and a modification would occur in the Bryce A. Stuart Building to accommodate the change.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Mr. Geis stated the numbers assume full occupancy of the buildings.

Council Member Scippio stated all buildings should have metal detectors but would like staff to investigate other options.

In response to Council Mundy, Mr. Geis stated the benchmark cities varied in regard to screening employees and citizens.

Council Member Larson asked about funding and staffing.

Mr. Garrity, City Manager, stated it would be funded through the general fund, and would not use current Winston-Salem Police Officers but would utilize the current Security Staff. He noted that regarding recent events such as what happened in the City of Virginia Beach, the assailants were employees.

Chair Adams stated other questions and concerns could be emailed to Mr. Geis. She noted that when people are not happy with the Government there is an opportunity for them to become physical. She said the City Council is responsible for keeping the employees safe.

Council Member MacIntosh stated he recognizes the need of this service; however, he would like staff to keep working the numbers to see if there are more feasible options.

Information Only.

- G-2.** City Link Business Workflow and Performance Review. (This item was continued from the November 9, 2021 Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Meeting)

Shantell McClam, City Link Director, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Mundy, Ms. McClam stated City Link is working with departments to let them know they need to put notes in the system so that City Link Staff can relay the information to citizens. She stated in the future the plan is to have all the platforms work together and show in the same place.

Council Member Mundy stated this should be utilized for Utilities as well.

Chair Adams stated she would like periodical reports placed on the Agenda.

- G-3.** Information on Preliminary Analysis of Potential Sites for Solar Panel Installation. (This item was continued from the November 9, 2021 Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Meeting)

Helen Peplowski, Sustainability, provided the staff report for this item.

Information Only.

- G-4.** Update On The City's Response To COVID-19 And Vaccination Numbers.

Dr. Marquis Barnett, Human Resources Director, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Chair Adams, Dr. Barnett clarified that 82% of employees are vaccinated and 96% of temporary and contract works vaccinated.

In response to Council Member Clark, Angela Carmon, City Attorney, stated there is a general duty clause to protect employees but noted that President Biden's OSHA mandate is being contested in many areas. She said testing is allowed, and having a vaccination/testing policy is allowed, but it is not a requirement. Ms. Carmon stated the policy adopted in October has a progressive process to those who don't follow the rules and get tested.

Council Member Mundy noted he thought it was unfair to the 82% of the vaccinated workforce to continue to allow them to be exposed to unvaccinated employees in the workplace.

Information Only.

G-5. Ordinance Amending Chapters 5, 6, And 11 Of The Unified Development Ordinances To Revise Provisions Regarding Dwelling, Accessory (Attached And Detached); Parking Requirements For Dwelling, Single Family, Accessory; And The Definition Of A Dwelling Unit, Accessory Dwelling Unit (Attached), And Accessory Dwelling Unit (Detached). (UDO-CC15)

Amy Crum, Principle Planner, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning & Development Services, provided the staff report for this item.

Derwin Montgomery, Affordable Housing Coalition, spoke about the Coalition's support of this item.

Paul Norby, Affordable Housing Coalition, added more information regarding their support of this item.

After a thorough discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that this Ordinance be forwarded without recommendation to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

G-6. Overview of Redlining in Winston-Salem.

This item was continued to the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee on January 11, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned on 6:02 p.m.