

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 11, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of Resolution to Dedicate and Name the Clock Tower on the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds in Honor of Thomas W. Fredericks

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: Promote Travel and Tourism

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

At the request of Mayor Allen Joines, the Winston-Salem Public Assembly Facilities Commission has been asked to consider a recommendation to the Winston-Salem City Council to name the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Clock Tower in honor of Thomas W. Fredericks.

For more than 32 years, Mr. Fredericks faithfully served the citizens of Winston-Salem since his arrival in September 1972 after graduation from Pennsylvania State University with a Master of Public Administration degree followed by an internship in State College, Pennsylvania. From 1987 to 2004, Mr. Fredericks served the City of Winston-Salem with distinction as the Assistant City Manager for Operations, having previously served as Director of Budget and Evaluation and as Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. During his tenure, Mr. Fredericks provided key oversight in the growth and construction of many of the City's public assembly facilities, including:

- Development of master plans for renovations of four of the City's major parks,
- Planning, design, and construction of Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum,
- Planning, design, and construction of major improvements to the City Fairgrounds, and

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CD/H/GG 12/12/17</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

- Planning, design, and construction of major improvements to the Benton Convention Center, Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Bowman Gray Stadium and Ernie Shore Field.

Mr. Fredericks was the driving force behind creating a focal point at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, which resulted in the construction of the Clock Tower, as part of major renovations that included:

- Development of a master plan for renovations of the entire fairgrounds,
- Planning, design, construction, and relocation of the carnival midway,
- Planning, design, and construction of the Education Building,
- Planning, design, and construction of new fencing, gates, utility improvements, a pedestrian plaza, and maintenance building,
- Planning, design, and construction of the Annex building, which included ice facilities,
- Planning, design, and construction of the Neil Bolton Home & Garden Building.

Mr. Fredericks was instrumental in overseeing the \$8.4 million renovation of City Hall that brought the building into compliance with the current fire code; equipped the building with new electrical, data, and ventilation systems; restored the Council Chamber and the Council Committee Room much to their original appearance; and put City Hall on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Fredericks provided equally valuable leadership for the operation of city government through his oversight of such projects as contracting out print shop and mail services; bringing managed competition to fleet services; developing TV13, CAT-TV, and the WePlay monthly television show; and providing staff support for the City's successful bond referenda in 1983, 1985, 1987, and 2000.

In retirement, Mr. Fredericks continued his service to the City of Winston-Salem, serving on the Public Assembly Facilities Commission from October 2005 through November 2012, including a term as chair. He currently serves as vice chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, which monitors the use of City bonds approved in the 2014 bond referendum.

The Public Assembly Facilities Commission recommended approval of the naming of the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Clock Tower in honor of Mr. Fredericks at their meeting on December 4th. This Council Action requests approval of the attached resolution to dedicate and name the Clock Tower on the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds in honor of Thomas W. Fredericks.