

**WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Virtual Meeting**  
**October 18, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Joines called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated due to the pandemic, all Council Members are participating virtually. Council Members will vote by roll call vote. A council Member will be recognized, raise their hand, and state their vote. He then asked the City Clerk to call the roll.*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Member John C. Larson, Council Member Robert C. Clark, Council Member Kevin Mundy, Council Member Annette Scippio, Mayor Allen Joines, Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Council Member James Taylor Jr., Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**HONORARIUMS**

**H-1.** Proclamation Declaring October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

*Mayor Joines stated it was a pleasure to present the Proclamation of behalf of the City.*

*J. Nelson-Weaver, Vice President of Clinical & Community Services, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the City and the Community for working together to reduce domestic violence. She noted that over 1200 survivors have been served by Family Services and the community.*

**This Proclamation was Presented.**

**H-2.** Proclamation Declaring October 2021 National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

*Mayor Joines presented the Proclamation to Toni King, Unit Manager at NC Department of Health & Human Services.*

*Ms. King thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.*

**This Proclamation was Presented.**

**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 the City Council would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed for discussion.*

*Council Member Scippio removed C-12.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Clark, that the balance of the Consent Agenda be approved. Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**C-1.** Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**C-2.** Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 - Federal Housing Funds. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**C-3.** Consideration of Items Relating to CARES Act Funds: (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Resolution Authorizing Recapture and Reallocation of Certain CARES Act Funds.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**C-4.** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreements to Implement a Second Round of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP-2). (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**C-5.** Consideration of Items Related to a Redevelopment Project in the 14th Street/New Walkertown Road Area: (Recommended by Finance Committee)

Resolution Amending the Allocation of Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas (RUCA) and Commercial Redevelopment of Blighted Areas (CRBA) Funds for a Project in the 14th Street/New Walkertown Road Area.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**C-6.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for One Ton Dump Trucks - Carthage F. LLC d/b/a Cooper Ford of Carthage, NC - \$151,089. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-7.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Four-Wheel Drive Backhoe - James River Equipment, Inc. of Greensboro, NC - \$114,509.60. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-8.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Road Salt - The Detroit Salt Company, LLC - \$240,460. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-9.** Resolution Awarding Contract for Resident Satisfaction Survey Development - ETC Institute, Inc. - \$39,625. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-10.** Resolution Approving a Contract with MASS Group for Warehouse Management System - \$39,551. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-11.** Resolution Approving the Renewal of a Contract with Perconti Data Systems, Inc. for CD-Plus Annual Software Maintenance and Support Services for Community Development - \$40,000. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-13.** Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an Agency of the State of North Carolina,  
Related to the Widening of US Highway 158 (Reidsville Road), Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-274. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-14.** Resolution Approving a Long-Term Lease Agreement between the City of Winston-Salem (and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities) and Forsyth County for Space on the Jointly Owned City-County Radio Tower Located off Amp Drive. (Forsyth County) (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-15.** Resolution Authorizing Modification to Funding Policies for CDBG and HOME for Commitment and Expenditures. (Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-16.** Resolution Approving the Construction of the Wake Forest Rowing Shed Structure at Salem Lake Marina. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-17.** Ordinance to Rename a Street or Road in Winston-Salem - Merry Dale Drive to Merry Valley Lane. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-18.** Ordinance to Rename a Street or Road in Winston-Salem - Phelps Drive to Chamberlain Castle Court. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

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

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

- C-12.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Robbins Road Culvert Replacement - RES Carolinas, LLC - \$200,375.38. (East Ward) (Recommended by Finance Committee)

*Aaron King, Interim Assistant City Manager, gave an introduction of this item.*

*Keith Huff, Director of Traffic Field Operations, provided a staff report.*

*In response to Council Member Scippio, Mr. Huff stated the City would award the contract and then issue an order to proceed. When the notice to proceed is issued to the contractor, they would order the materials. If the materials are available construction could begin in December with a construction window of approximately two in half month's weather permitting.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to approve item C-12. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

## **GENERAL AGENDA**

- G-1.** Continuation of Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon Ferrell Court (East Ward) - Petition of Steele Rolling Hills, LLC. (Recommended by Public Works Committee) (This item was continued from the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting)

*Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were anyone that would like to speak regarding this item. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing.*

**A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Clark, that item G-1 be approved.**

**Angela Carmon, City Attorney, clarified the motion should be: approval of Agenda Item G-1, contingent upon City Council approving the proposed settlement in the case of State of North Carolina on Relation of the City of Winston-Salem v. Steele Rolling Hills, LLC., et al. (20 CVS 3821), which will be discussed tonight, in Closed Session. If the settlement is not approved, the petitioner does not wish to proceed with the street closure.**

**Mayor Joines asked Council Member MacIntosh if the motion the City Attorney stated is acceptable.**

**Council Member MacIntosh stated yes.**

**Mayor Joines asked if Council Member Clark will second the motion. Council Member Clark stated yes.**

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

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-2.** Public Hearing on a Petition to Close and Abandon a Portion of an Alleyway off N. Cameron Avenue (East Ward) – Petition of David Carpenter. (Recommended by Public Works Committee)

*Mayor Joines opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were anyone that wished to be heard on this item. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that item G-2 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-3.** Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District.

*Jason Thiel, President of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, presented a report on behalf of the Downtown Winston-Salem Improvement District.*

*Mayor Joines noted the citizens that own property in downtown have agreed to pay a slightly higher property tax rate to receive extra services.*

*Council Member MacIntosh thanked Mr. Thiel for the report and noted it is hard to remember a time before the "clean team". He stated it is remarkable how great downtown looks with the extra greenery in the summer and the lack of litter and graffiti.*

**Information Only.**

**G-4.** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Lot in Support of the City's Affordable Housing Objectives - \$235,000. (South Ward) (Recommended by Finance Committee with two in favor and two opposed)

*Mr. King provided the staff report for this item.*

*Council Member Taylor stated that although he did not support this item in Committee because of his concerns of multi-housing, he will support it now because of the focus on homeownership and workforce housing. He thanked Council Member Larson for his amendments to this item.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Taylor, for the approval of the Resolution provided the same is revised to provide that the purchase of the lot is to support the City's Affordable Housing Objectives, in addition to the provision of Workforce Housing, with a primary focus on homeownership. Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-5.** Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Implement The City Of Winston-Salem Approved COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. (Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee forwarded this item without recommendation)

*Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the Staff report for this item.*

*In response to Council Member Mundy, Mayor Joines stated that Council Member Mundy's concerns would be addressed in a motion that would be submitted by Council Member Taylor.*

*In response to Council Member Scippio regarding testing, Mr. Rowe stated there will be a four week testing period after the six week incentive period and then Staff will present and update to the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee and receive further guidance.*

**Council Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clark, that the City Council approve the following revisions to the proposed vaccination policy:**

- **Remove all references to termination as part of the disciplinary process for non-compliance with testing.**
- **Delete the provision stating that unvaccinated City employees who do not have a medical or religious exemption for getting vaccinated will not be eligible for promotion after the six-week period has expired.**

**Council Member Larson made a motion to amend the motion to implement a percentage goal of vaccinated employees and recommended 70%.**

**Council Member Taylor stated he would accept the amendment.**

**Council Member Clark stated he would not support the amendment as he does not think it is high enough and noted that Staff could bring that information back before the City Council at a later date. He suggested to get input from experts of what the overall goal should be.**

*Lee Garrity, City Manager, stated he would have concerns regarding setting vaccination goals noting the City should wait to see what the OSHA guidelines will be.*

**Council Member Larson withdrew his amendment.**

*Council Member Clark stated the goal is to put this pandemic behind us and get back to normal.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Adams reminded everyone that the vaccine is the reason we are able to enjoy the normalcy we currently have. She stated it is important to protect our citizens and coworkers by getting vaccinated.*

*Council Member Scippio stated she supports everyone getting vaccinated and noted she received several letters from City staff.*

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-6.** Mayor Joines' Recommendations for Appointment to the Public Assembly Facilities Commission:

Priscilla Green - Term Expiring August 2023

William Oaks - Term Expiring August 2023

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Scippio, to approve item G-6. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-7.** Mayor Joines' Recommendations for Appointment to the Commission on Ending Homelessness:

Business/Professional Category:

Michael Wiseman - Term Expiring June 2023

William Penn - Term Expiring November 2023

**A motion was made by Council Member Scippio, seconded by Council Member Mundy, to approve item G-7. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-8.** Mayor Joines' Recommendations for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Edgar Forrest - Term Expiring October 2023

Terri LeGrand - Term Expiring September 2023

Amy M. Flyte - Alternate Category - Term Expiring September 2023

**A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve item G-8. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**G-9.** Public Comment Period.

**Public Comment Period was heard.**

*Council Member Taylor stated the item tonight regarding the vaccination policy was discussed with Fire and Police personnel and they agreed to support the compromise that was voted on and approved tonight. Regarding the comments relating to youth violence and the Youth Build program, progress is being made with the restructure of the program to make it more of a job shadowing program which will focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Finally, comments made regarding the mental health response models, there will be an opportunity to meet with mental health professionals and gather their suggestions on the co-response and alternative response models.*

**G-10.** Closed Session.

**Council Member Scippio made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that the City Council go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with and provide instructions to the City's Legal Staff in the matter of State of North Carolina on Relation of the City of Winston-Salem v. Steel Rolling Hills, LLC., et al. (20 CVS 3821). Motion carried unanimously.**

**Closed Session began at 8:21 p.m.**

**At 8:32 p.m. Council Member Clark made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scippio, to end Closed Session and resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** Council Member Larson, Council Member Clark, Council Member Mundy, Council Member Scippio, Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Burke

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.*