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Summary of Minutes

June 6, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Winston-Salem City Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Mayor Allen Joines presiding and the following members present:

Members Present:	Vernon Robinson	Vivian H. Burke
	Robert C. Clark	Nelson L. Malloy, Jr.
	Dan Besse	Wanda Merschel
	Joycelyn V. Johnson	Frederick N. Terry

Secretaries: Renée P. Henderson, City Secretary; Paige L. Deal, Recording Secretary

Sergeant at Arms: Lieutenant David Kiger and Lieutenant C. W. (Bill) Cobb

Invocation: City Attorney Ron Seeber

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Joines recognized Council Member Burke.

Council Member Burke remarked that she and others have had an opportunity to visit the Dell plant in Texas, and was very impressed with what she observed. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Don Flow who made the travel arrangements and to all others who continue to work so hard on this project. Council Member Burke commented that this company will provide many jobs for this community.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING PETITION OF MICHAEL W. GILLEY, TRUSTEE FROM GO-S TO LO-S (Offices, Miscellaneous; and Professional Office): Property located on the northwest corner of Old Town Drive and Briarcliffe Road – Containing approximately 1.31 acre located in the NORTHWEST WARD (Council Member Merschel) – Zoning Docket W-2767. *[Planning Board recommends approval of petition and site plan with staff recommendations.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Merschel stated that she has several questions regarding parking, and she has not heard from the petitioner. She made a motion to continue this item to July 5.

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING PETITION OF CAROLINA INCOME PROPERTIES IX, LLC FROM HB TO GO: Property located on the south side of Trenwest Drive and north side of Maplewood Avenue west of Bethesda Road – Containing approximately 2.25 acres located in the SOUTHWEST WARD (Council Member Besse) – Zoning Docket W-2769. *[Planning Board recommends approval of petition.]*

No one heard.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

Council Member Besse made a motion for approval of the petition and adoption of the zoning ordinance.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING PETITION OF BERNARDIN’S INC. FROM RS-9 TO PB-S (Restaurant without drive-through): Property located on the northwest corner of Griffith Road and Frontis Street – Containing approximately .65 acre located in the SOUTH WARD (Council Member Robinson) – Zoning Docket W-2770. *[Planning Board recommends approval of petition and site plan with staff recommendations.]*

No one heard.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE DISTRICT PERMIT

Council Member Robinson made a motion for approval of the petition, adoption of the zoning ordinance, and approval of the site plan and special use district permit.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING PETITION OF SONYA K. GOINS FROM RS-9 TO RM-8-S (Child Day Care Center): Property located on the northwest side of US 158 north of Rickard Road – Containing approximately .60 acres located in the EAST WARD (Council Member Johnson) – Zoning Docket W-2772. *[Planning Board recommends approval of petition and site plan with staff recommendations.]*

No one heard.

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Council Member Johnson noted that the planning staff recommended denial of the petition due to traffic concerns on Reidsville Road. She stated that the traffic going to the day care is already traveling this road, so little new traffic is anticipated. She commented that Reidsville Road is maintained by the State and she would ask that City DOT staff continue to work with NCDOT to improve conditions on Reidsville Road, Belews Creek, and Gaither Road. She made a motion for approval of the petition, adoption of the zoning ordinance and approval of the site plan and special use district permit.

Council Member Clark: Second.

Mr. Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, confirmed that City DOT staff is working with NCDOT regarding safety issues at the Reidsville Road, Belews Creek, and Gaither Road intersection. Although no conclusion has been reached, staff is studying the current right-turn lanes for improved movements.

Council Member Besse asked if this area would be one which would benefit from traffic calming strategies.

Mr. Turner responded that it could be, but the City has to be very careful about what it recommends for traffic controls on State roads.

The motion was unanimously carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING PETITION OF HILLCREST PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LLC FROM MU-S AND HB-S TO MU-S AND HB-S (Residential Building, Single Family; Residential Building, Duplex; Residential Building, Twin Home; Residential Building, Townhouse; Residential Building, Multifamily; Congregate Care Facility; Life Care Community; Planned Residential Development; Combined Use; ABC Store {Liquor}; Arts & Crafts Studio; Food or Drug Store; Furniture & Home Furnishings Store; General Merchandising Store; Hardware Store; Restaurant {without drive-through service}; Retail Store, Specialty or Miscellaneous; Shopping Center; Banking & Financial Services; Bed & Breakfast; Funeral Home; Hotel or Motel; Medical or Dental Lab; Medical & Surgical Offices; Non-Store Retailer; Offices, Miscellaneous; Professional Office; Services, Business A; Services, Business B; Services, Personal; Testing & Research Lab; Veterinary Services; Golf Course; Golf Driving Range; Recreation Services, Indoor; Recreation Services, Outdoor; Recreation Facility, Public; Swimming Pool, Private; Theater, Indoor; Adult Day Care Center; Child Day Care Center; Child Day Care, Large Home; Child Day Care, Small Home; Child Day Care, Drop In; Child Day Care, Sick Children; Church or Religious Institution, Community; Church or Religious Institution, Neighborhood; Club or Lodge; College or University; Government Offices; Hospital or Health Center; Library, Public; Museum or Art Gallery; Neighborhood Organization; Police or Fire Station; Post Office; School, Private; School, Public; School, Vocational or Professional; Stadium, Coliseum, or Exhibition Building – SITE PLAN AMENDMENT): Property located on the west side of Stratford Road north of Somerset Drive – Containing approximately 161.57 acres located in the SOUTHWEST WARD (Council Member Besse) – Zoning Docket W-2763. *[Planning Board recommends approval of petition and site plan with staff recommendations and with the deletion of the condition requiring connection to Hewes Street.]*

No one heard.

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Council Member Besse made a motion for approval of the petition, adoption of the zoning ordinance and approval of the site plan and special use district permit.

Council Member Malloy: Second.

At Council Member Besse's request, Mr. Paul Norby, City/County Planning Director, explained the changes to the site plan, and presented the recommendation of the Planning Board, which was for approval of the petition.

In response to a question of Council Member Burke, Mr. Doug Stimmel, 601 N. Trade Street, explained that the design of the parapet walls of the building would screen mechanical equipment on the rooftops.

Council Member Besse stated that this was a very pedestrian friendly proposal with attractive open space.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER B, ARTICLE V, SECTION 5-4 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES REGARDING NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES FROM PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS – UDO-133. *[Planning Board recommends approval.]*

No one heard.

Mr. Norby explained this item.

Council Member Terry: Motion for adoption of the ordinance.

Council Member Merschel: Second. Unanimous.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR WATERWORKS ROAD WIDENING BY DEED OR CONDEMNATION – *Four Parcels located on Old Greensboro Road and Waterworks Road.*

Council Member Johnson: Motion for adoption.

Council Member Terry: Second. Unanimous.

8. APPROVAL OF SUMMARIES OF MINUTES:

a. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *May 2, 2005.*

Council Member Merschel: Motion for approval.

Council Member Burke: Second.

Council Member Johnson pointed out the misspelling of a name on page 15 of the summary.

She asked that the spelling be corrected to read “Ms. Marvette Aldrich.”

Council Members Merschel and Burke accepted the correction as a friendly amendment to their motion and second.

The motion as amended was unanimously carried.

b. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *May 16, 2005.*

Council Member Besse: Motion for approval.

Council Member Merschel: Second. Unanimous.

9. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT OF THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA BICYCLE PLAN – *For Information.*

Mr. Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, explained that a number of years ago, the City Department of Transportation and City/County Planning worked together to create a bicycle map. It was determined that a more comprehensive master plan was needed, of which the map would become a part. Greenways, Inc. was hired to draft a master plan, which has been reviewed and recommended to the Council.

Ms. Lakesha Dunbar of the City DOT introduced Mr. Chuck Flink, President of Greenways,

Inc. to make the presentation.

Mr. Flink commented that there is vigorous interest in bicycle and pedestrian planning on both the national and state levels, and Winston-Salem is leading the way in North Carolina developing plans to support this effort. He stated that his company was hired to study the existing bicycle network in the City, and over the study period, various groups were involved. Mr. Flink explained that the major goal was to update the plan, but also to bring new technology to the process to allow for the rating of roadways for bicycle use effectiveness in a similar fashion as roadways are rated for vehicular travel. The plan provides for a number of low-cost initiatives to create a physical environment, but also education of citizens and encouragement of increased bicycle ridership. A new user-friendly bicycle map has also been produced. Mr. Flink proceeded to review the study process and noted the considerable public support this effort has generated. A suitability analysis of over 937 miles of roadway was conducted to create a bicycle level of service model. He explained that a survey was conducted, and he reviewed some statistics from the more than 2,000 responses received and how the developed models would assist in the creation of a more hospitable bicycling environment. Mr. Flink presented the following recommendations: 1) increase the currently signed routes from 198 miles to 350 miles; 2) increase the number of roadway shoulders to accommodate bicycles to 366 miles; 3) increase designated bicycle lanes to 58 miles; 4) develop bicycle trails from the current 22 miles to 170 miles in the future. In the long-term, the plans recommends increasing the existing bicycle system from 240 miles to more than 1,000 miles. Mr. Flink stated that in order to achieve realistic results in the long-term, several short-term strategies were identified one of which was add paint and pavement markings, especially in the downtown area extending into adjoining neighborhoods. Other recommendations include replacing existing inadequate signage of

bicycle routes, make improvements to key intersections, expand the greenway network of trails, establish a network of on-street markings on neighborhood streets, coordinate improvements with NCDOT's program, and coordinate improvements during roadway projects. Mr. Flink expressed that the study also includes such recommendations as education encouragement and enforcement programs, design guidelines, and facility management. Next steps include the completion of the bicycle map, the adoption of the bicycle plan by all governing jurisdictions in the area, and submission of applications to the State and Federal governments for funding.

Council Member Robinson asked what percentage of the survey respondents bicycle to work and what would be the approximate cost of some of the early action projects.

Mr. Flink responded that the survey provided that approximately 4 percent of those responding use bicycles to travel to work. As far as a striping program, he estimated that the cost would be approximately \$5,000 per mile. Other costs have not yet been projected.

Mr. Flink responded to various questions from Council Members.

Ms. Dunbar described how the survey was conducted. Six thousand random surveys were distributed to selected zip codes, schools, cycling clubs, and the survey was available on-line. Approximately 2,000 responses were received. She stressed that the report provides recommendations only at this point. No funding is being requested, although a number of funding sources have been identified and will be pursued in order to possibly finance some of the early action recommendations when a cost analysis has been completed.

Mayor Joines pointed out that this presentation is for information only; no action of the Council is requested at this time.

In response to Council Member Merschel, Ms. Dunbar stated that grant applications could be

made from several different departments including DOT, Planning, and Recreation, depending on the type of facility.

Council Member Merschel asked Mr. Stuart if there would be a lead staff person or department to keep abreast of all grant applications and actions.

Mr. Stuart responded that he would speak with Mr. Turner regarding the need for DOT staff members to look after this effort. He stated also that Mr. Derwick Paige, Assistant City Manager, and his staff may become involved as far as tracking individual projects.

Mr. Turner advised Council that cost estimates for various projects would be prepared and a resolution for approving the plan scheduled to come to Public Works Committee and then the Council in July.

Council Member Robinson stated that he would like to see some estimated costs for the early action projects.

Council Member Burke requested that the Finance and Public Safety Committees review this information as well.

Mayor Joines recognized Council Member Merschel, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Council Member Merschel thanked all those who have participated in budget workshops thus far and reminded everyone of a workshop scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and then another workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She stated that the Finance Committee would continue its budget discussion during the regular Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 13, after which the Public Safety Committee would review the Public Safety portion of the budget. The Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 20, after which the budget will be considered for adoption.

Mayor Joines recognized Council Members for announcements.

Council Member Johnson announced that the First Triad Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 18.

Council Member Terry invited all interested citizens to attend the Southeast Ward Talk of the Town at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, at Pinedale Christian Church.

Mr. Stuart introduced the City's new Marketing and Communications Director, Mr. Ed McNeal.

Council Member Merschel stated that she has received a number of telephone calls and e-mails regarding Duke Power trimming trees on right-of-way. She commented that several citizens have complained about Duke Power doing a very poor job, and she would like to see information on any master agreement with Duke Power or subcontractor guidelines which would address how this work is to be conducted. She stated that this has been a particular problem in the Town and Country neighborhood and she would not want to allow this type of unacceptable work to continue.

Council Members Burke and Besse noted that they have also received calls of concern on this matter.

Council Member Burke reminded everyone of the National Black Theatre Festival being held August 1-6. She stated that this will be an exciting time for Winston-Salem and the economic and social benefits will be substantial.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 p.m.