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Summary of Minutes

March 27, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Winston-Salem City Council was held on Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Mayor Allen Joines presiding, and the following members present:.

Members Present:	Molly Leight	Vivian H. Burke
	Robert C. Clark	Nelson L. Malloy Jr.
	Dan Besse	Wanda Merschel
	Joycelyn V. Johnson	Evelyn A. Terry ( <i>in at 7:34 p.m.</i> )

Secretaries: Renée P. Henderson, City Secretary and Melanie Johnson, Recording Secretary

Sergeant at Arms: Lieutenant David L. Kiger

Invocation: Dr. Samuel Stevenson of Grace Presbyterian Church

Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 934 from Mount Tabor United Methodist Church and their two leaders, Steve Kelley and Willard Griffin.

*(Council Member Terry entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.)*

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY

Council Member Burke: Motion for approval.

Council Member Malloy: Second. Unanimous.

Council Member Burke recognized Mr. Johnny Dwiggins from the Department of Defense for comments.

Mr. Dwiggins thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their recognition of a local company. He noted that Vulcan Materials Company had today been chosen to represent North Carolina in the Secretary of Defense National Freedom Award selection process, with an announcement forthcoming in June.

Council Member Burke presented the award to Mr. Gray Kimel, President, Mideast Division, Vulcan Materials Company. Mr. Kimel thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their support.

RECOGNITIONS OF THE 96<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF MS. DINAH BLANDING AND 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAYS OF MS. MARIE JANIE JACKSON KNOX AND MS. SARAH MILLER

Council Member Burke recognized the contributions made to the community by long-time residents of Winston-Salem and wished a happy birthday to Ms. Blandon, Ms. Miller and Ms. Knox.

Mayor Joines stated that the Council would now consider the Consent Agenda. He explained that Items C-4(a) and (b) should be pulled from consideration as the properties have been brought into compliance. No other items were pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below were enacted by one motion for approval or adoption, as appropriate, which motion is as follows:

Council Member Burke made a motion that these items be approved/adopted at this meeting.

The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Merschel and unanimously carried.

1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY: *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
  - a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE LIBERTY STREET CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THROUGH DEED OR CONDEMNATION – *Properties located at 1525 N. Liberty Street and 1505 N. Liberty Street.*
  - b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR BURKE MILL ROAD WIDENING BY DEED OR CONDEMNATION AND VOIDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PURCHASE PRICES – *Eleven properties located on Stratford Road, Burke Mill Road, Frontis Street, Van Buren Street, Griffith Road, and Frontis Plaza Boulevard.*
  - c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON DIXIE BROADWAY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-269 – *Lot 042 of Block 0871A, and containing 6,098 square feet.*
  - d. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5435 WOODCLIFF DRIVE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-269.
  - e. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5405 WOODCLIFF DRIVE THROUGH A PUBLIC AUCTION AS PERMITTED IN N.C.G.S. 160A-270.
2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE LOCATION OF A NEW FIRE STATION: *[Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees.]*
  - a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON BETHANIA-RURAL HALL ROAD FOR A FIRE STATION – *Lots 302, 45X, and 45N of Block 4975 and containing 3.98 acres.*
  - b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON BETHANIA-RURAL HALL ROAD FOR A TEMPORARY FIRE STATION – *Lots 139G, 125, and 139D of Block 4969.*

3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES:  
*[Recommended as amended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*

a. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE VI ENTITLED “IMPOUNDING CERTAIN VEHICLES” AND ARTICLE VII ENTITLED “REMOVAL AND DISPOSITION OF JUNKED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES AND VEHICLES WHICH ARE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A NEW SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE WINSTON-SALEM WRECKER ASSOCIATION.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES:  
*[Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*

ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V, SECTION 10-203(f)(1) OF THE CITY CODE: *[Repairs less than 50% of value of structure – one year]*

c. Willie Ray Bostic 3804 Old Greensboro Road

ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V, SECTION 10-203(f)(2) OF THE CITY CODE: *[Repairs more than 50% of value of structure – six months]*  
*[Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee unanimously approved staff recommendation to repair or demolish within 90 days with property owners having the option to execute a six-month VDA within 30 days of the March 27 Council meeting providing financing is secured.]*

d. Win and Minnie Hodges 2401 Greenway Avenue

ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V, SECTION 10-203(f)(2) OF THE CITY CODE: *[Repairs more than 50% of value of structure – one year]*

e. Ralph Edward Vestal, Jr. 215 Old Wayside Drive

f. Kevin and Leslie Briggs 1138 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street

ORDINANCE ORDERING THE HOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH STRUCTURE UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND OTHERWISE, TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V OF THE CITY CODE: *[Repairs more than 65% of value of structure]*

- g. Sandra and Scott Bottenus 4048 S. Main Street
5. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-97 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO WEIGHT LIMITATIONS ON THRU TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS – *Truck Prohibition on Bethlehem Lane between Cleveland Avenue west to the dead end. [Recommended by Public Safety Committee.]*
  6. RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR HEARING ON PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF AN ALLEY OFF OF 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE NORTH WARD – *Petition of the City of Winston-Salem. Public Hearing: May 1, 2006. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
  7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION WITH THE USE OF NCDOT CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY FUNDS: *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
    - a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON CARVER SCHOOL ROAD, PEACE HAVEN ROAD, AND SILAS CREEK PARKWAY.
    - b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM FOR FY 2005-06.
  8. ORDINANCES AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY AND PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM FOR FY 2005-2006. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
  9. RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH GRIFFITH FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
  10. RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF A \$50,000 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE GRANT TO RENOVATE RAY AGNEW FOOTBALL FIELD AT WINSTON LAKE PARK. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*

11. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2006 CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. *[Recommended by Finance Committee and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*
12. RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE WITH SOLIDSPACE, INC. FOR USE AND INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MASTER ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH FIBERLINCS, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
14. RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRADE STREET, LLC – *Public right-of-way located on Trade Street during construction of building at 538 Trade Street.* *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
15. RESOLUTION APPROVING ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED OFF OF SHADETREE DRIVE – *Request of Ryland Group, Inc. and Borum, Wade and Associates, P.A.* *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
16. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL SERVICE CHARGE FOR DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS ALONG FOURTH STREET ADJACENT TO WEST END VILLAGE. *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
17. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOKBERRY FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS IN BROOKBERRY FARM. *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
18. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY – *Miller Park Circle.* *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
19. RESOLUTION FIXING DATE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY – *51.87 acres located off of Waverly Street for development to be known as Sage Meadows – Petition of Ramey Properties, LLC.* Public Hearing: April 17, 2006. *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
20. CONSIDERATION OF SUMMARIES OF MINUTES:
  - a. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *February 20, 2006.*

- b. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *March 6, 2006.*
- c. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *March 20, 2006.*

GENERAL AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF OLD EBERT ROAD IN THE SOUTH WARD – *Petition of Chris Parr. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Leight: Motion for approval.

Council Member Johnson: Second. Unanimous.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF AN ALLEY OFF OF EIGHTEENTH STREET IN THE NORTHEAST WARD – *Petition of Michael Suggs. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Burke: Motion for approval.

Council Member Merschel: Second. Unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF GREENWICH ROAD IN THE SOUTHWEST WARD – *Petition of Edward and Ashley Griggs. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Besse: Motion for approval

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CONSIDERING AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE AND VERIFIABLE PERCENTAGE GOALS FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES FOR THE 2006-2007 CITY STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT. *[Reviewed by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*

Mr. Ghali Hasan, 4945 Tutelo Trail, President, Winston-Salem Minority Business Association, noted that this contract would be a great opportunity for minority participation

given the large amount of African-American owned trucking and hauling businesses in Winston-Salem. He requested that the Council consider raising the percentages.

Council Member Clark: Motion for approval.

Council Member Malloy asked staff to address Mr. Hasan's concerns about the process of setting MWBE goals.

Mr. Derwick Paige, Assistant City Manager, indicated that Mr. Hasan presented a valid point regarding the number of MWBE owned trucking and hauling businesses. However, he stated that goals are set based on availability and historical participation of MWBE businesses, and noted that the suggested 5-6% is appropriate based on historical spending.

In response to Council Member Malloy, Mr. Paige stated that if there are interested minority-owned businesses in the community, they could become MWBE-certified with the City and percentages could be raised for future projects.

Council Member Burke noted that Mr. Hasan should provide information to staff regarding minority-owned businesses that may be interested in City contracts.

Council Member Terry inquired about the requirements for certification and how widely they are publicized.

Council Member Burke requested staff contact Mr. Hasan as President of the Winston-Salem Minority Business Association to document that Council had questioned advertising practices for the program.

Mr. Paige explained that businesses 51% owned or controlled by minority or women are eligible for certification and the service is offered to prove ownership of a business. He noted that the MWBE Department monitors the program and keeps the City's website updated with information on requirements and opportunities. He pointed out that most small and MWBE

businesses are familiar with the process and will approach the City when interested. Mr. Paige stated that the certification process is a free service.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TWO-THIRDS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS: *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*

a. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAKING CERTAIN STATEMENTS OF FACT CONCERNING PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.

Council Member Johnson requested staff make a brief presentation regarding use of the bonds.

Ms. Denise Bell, Chief Financial Officer, explained that this item would enable the City to begin the process of issuing bonds representing two-thirds of the previous year's debt retirement in the amount of \$4.425 million. She noted the projects include streets, sidewalks, public improvements and recreation. Ms. Bell pointed out that the sale would occur on June 13, 2006, in addition to \$15.5 million worth of general obligation bonds from the 2000 referendum.

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Ms. Bell indicated that sale of the bonds would be marketed via every publication produced by the City.

Council Member Merschel: Motion for approval.

Council Member Besse noted that proposed improvements include fire station renovations, greenway projects, swimming pool repairs, a substantial amount of sidewalk construction, as well as street resurfacing and bridge replacements.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

b. INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDERS:

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,505,000 STREET AND SIDEWALK BONDS OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,420,000 PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

Council Member Clark: Motion for approval.

Council Member Burke asked for a breakdown of use of the \$500,000 in public improvement bonds.

Ms. Bell explained the projects planned as being \$230,000 for fire station renovations, \$200,000 for the purchase of land and temporary fire station acquisition for Fire Station Number 20, as well as \$70,000 towards a parking project to demolish City-owned property on Fourth Street.

Council Member Merschel: Second. Unanimous.

- c. RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON BOND ORDERS, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF A DEBT STATEMENT – Public Hearing: May 1, 2006.

Council Member Merschel: Motion for approval.

Council Member Clark inquired about approval by the Local Government Commission.

Ms. Bell explained that after Council's consideration of the item, the next step would be application to the Local Government Commission as required by law before issuance of any debt.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

- d. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM FOR FY 2005-06.

Council Member Merschel: Motion for approval.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO BIDS: *[Finance Committee forwarded these items to Council without a recommendation.]*
- a. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF TWENTY-FIVE PICKUP TRUCKS UNDER THE BID PROCEDURE WAIVER OF N.C.G.S. 143-129(g) – *Terry Labonte Chevrolet - \$259,975.*
  - b. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOUR LOADER/BACKHOES UNDER THE BID PROCEDURE WAIVER OF N.C.G.S. 143-129(g) – *James River Equipment Company - \$314,400.*
  - c. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR AUTOMOBILES – *Capital Ford, Inc. - \$188,219.40.*

Council Member Besse stated that as a representative for Winston-Salem's Early Action Compact, he had requested staff research purchase options to address fuel efficiency and emissions issues. Noting fuel efficiency, he expressed a concern that over a ten year period, the Ford Taurus would not be as cost efficient as the Ford Focus. He explained that the Ford Focus would cost approximately \$2,000 less per year in operating and purchase cost and the Honda Civic Hybrid would cost approximately \$3,000 more per year to purchase and operate. Council Member Besse pointed out that the City of Charlotte had begun to replace historically fleet vehicles with hybrids and predicted a savings given gas costs and higher resale value of hybrids. He suggested remanding Item 6(c) to the Finance Committee for additional consideration of purchasing either the Ford Focus or Honda Civic Hybrid. Council Member Besse made a motion for approval of Items G-6(a) and (b).

Council Member Merschel: Second. Unanimous.

Council Member Besse made a motion to remand Item G-6(c) to the Finance Committee for further consideration of possible alternatives.

Council Member Merschel indicated she would be interested in considering alternative vehicles but expressed a concern about the period of offering on the contract amount for the Ford Taurus.

Mr. Marshall Mathers, City/County Purchasing Director, explained that although there is no danger of the State contract expiring, the factory would be ending production of these models and pointed out that it is near the end of their production year.

Mr. Garrity noted that the price would only be available through the end of March. He responded to Council Member Merschel's inquiry, stating that the City uses some compressed natural gas vehicles but currently does not have hybrid vehicles in its fleet. Utilizing the information provided by the City of Charlotte, Mr. Garrity stated that the difference in price to replace 15 vehicles with the Honda would be an additional \$3,000.

Council Member Merschel made a substitute motion to approve Item G-6(c) with the purchase of 13 Ford Taurus vehicles and two Honda Civic Hybrid vehicles, allowing for practical experience with hybrid vehicles.

Council Member Besse pointed out that the City currently has 30 Ford Taurus vehicles, which is an adequate number to address the accommodation of larger employees. He noted that even with the low contract purchase price for the Ford Taurus, the City would save more money in the long-term by purchasing the more economical Ford Focus vehicles.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Garrity explained that fleet vehicles are usually replaced once a year in Spring and noted that staff is currently researching the proposal for next year.

Council Member Burke requested that staff present quoted information to Council in a timelier manner and expressed her support for pursuing cleaner running vehicles.

Mayor Joines responded to Council Member Terry's question, stating that Winston-Salem had been placed on a warning list for air quality, but due to Council Member Besse's work with Early Action Compact, the City had received an extension.

Council Member Terry expressed support for the pursuit of lower emissions vehicles and suggested staff develop a plan to address these concerns.

Council Member Leight suggested that a plan should be discussed in Finance Committee and expressed a concern that it may be a false savings to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Ford Taurus vehicles.

Council Member Clark noted that reducing oil use is a valid point, but expressed a concern over the possibility of high maintenance costs associated with hybrid vehicles. He expressed his support for further discussion of the item in Committee.

Mayor Joines called for a vote on the substitute motion.

The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Terry. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Johnson and Merschel. Opposed: Council Members Leight, Clark, Besse, Burke, Malloy and Terry. The motion failed on a vote of two in favor and six opposed.

Mayor Joines called for a vote on the original motion to remand Item G-6(c) to Committee for further consideration.

The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Leight. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Leight, Clark, Besse, Burke, Malloy, and Terry. Opposed: Council Members Johnson and Merschel. The motion carried on a vote of six in favor and two opposed.

7. ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE V, SECTION 10-203(f)(2) OF THE CITY CODE: *[Repairs more than 50% of value of structure – one year] [Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee forwarded this item to Council upon the motion for approval of staff recommendation with the execution of a VDA to demolish within six months. The motion carried with three voting in favor and one opposed.]*

a. Larry and Kathy Combs 509 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Council Member Clark: Motion for approval.

In response to Council Member Burke's request, the City Secretary explained that "VDA" refers to a Voluntary Demolition Agreement.

Council Member Malloy: Second. Unanimous.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

*NOTE: Verbatim comments of speakers during the Public Comment Period and subsequent staff responses are kept under separate cover and are available in the Office of the City Secretary during regular business hours.*

Ms. Linda Sutton, 4859 Westmoreland Drive, spoke on behalf of the Black Leadership Roundtable of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. She explained that her organization provides direction on issues affecting the health and well-being of the African American community. She expressed the organization's support for hiring an African American City Manager who would work well with the City Council and City employees and offer professional excellence and guidance to the City. Ms. Sutton requested that equitable consideration be given to a local resident who understands the high level of responsibility of the position. She thanked the Council Members for their time and Mr. Stuart for his many years of stellar service rendered to the City of Winston-Salem.

Appearing next was Mr. David Pritchard, 2605 Loch Drive, representing the Sierra Club Foothills Group. He noted that by switching to use of the Chevrolet Colorado pickup trucks, the

City should realize a savings of 3,800 gallons of gasoline over the effective life of each of the vehicles.

Council Member Besse acknowledged that the information provided regarding the City of Charlotte's vehicle purchases had been compliments of the Sierra Club.

Mayor Joines asked if anyone else wished to speak. Hearing no one, he declared the Public Comment Period closed.

#### MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Johnson invited citizens to attend the East Ward Town Hall meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Items to be discussed include neighborhood concerns, budget planning, planning issues regarding neighborhood overlay and historic districts, as well as new projects planned for the community.

Council Member Terry indicated that a productive meeting was held the previous week with members of the Waughtown Business Association and noted that she is looking forward to future investment in the Southeast Ward. She expressed her gratitude to former members of the Waughtown Business Association for their efforts in recruiting new businesses in the area.

At this time, the Mayor recognized Council Member Leight for a motion.

Council Member Leight made a motion that the City Council go into Closed Session to consider the location or expansion of an industry and/or business pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and to consider the settlement of Helen Robertson and Erle Ehly v. the City of Winston-Salem, 04 CVS 5667, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

The Council entered into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.

At 9:14 p.m., Council Member Clark made a motion to end the Closed Session and resume Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Leight and unanimously carried.

Council Member Clark: Motion to adjourn

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:14 p.m.