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Summary of Minutes

May 15, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Winston-Salem City Council was held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Mayor Allen Joines presiding and the following members present:

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| Members Present:   | Molly Leight<br>Robert C. Clark<br>Joycelyn V. Johnson                      | Vivian H. Burke<br>Dan Besse<br>Evelyn A. Terry |
| Members Absent:    | Nelson L. Malloy, Jr.   | Wanda Merschel                                  |
| Secretaries:       | Paige Deal, Deputy City Secretary; and Melanie Johnson, Recording Secretary |   |
| Sergeants at Arms: | Lieutenant Connie Southern  |   |
| Invocation:        | Bishop John Parks of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church                     |   |

RECOGNITION OF RECIPIENTS OF THE WILLIAM H. ANDREWS SCHOLARSHIP

Council Member Burke noted that a reception had just been held with the recipients of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) Scholarship Commission and the Scholarship Committee members. She recognized Mr. Barry Holmes, Chairman of Scholarship Committee and Mr. Fulton Meachem, Interim Executive Director of HAWS.

Mr. Holmes asked the scholarship recipients to stand, and expressed his appreciation for their hard work as well as that of their families. He pointed out that Ms. Alicia Freeman was the recipient of the Vivian H. Burke Community Service Award and had maintained a 3.0 grade point average at Carver High School and plans to attend North Carolina A&T State University.

Mr. Meachem recognized the HAWS Board of Commissioners and Scholarship Committee, and thanked the City Council for its consistent support of the program.

The Mayor offered congratulations on behalf of the City Council.

Council Member Besse asked family members of the recipients to stand and be recognized.

Mayor Joines stated that the Council would now consider the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Clark requested to pull Items C-1(a) and C-15 for discussion.

Council Member Johnson requested to pull Item C-14.

No other items were pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION/SALE OF PROPERTY: *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*

b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR COUNTRY CLUB WIDENING BY DEED OR CONDEMNATION – *Lot 060E of Block 3905, located at 4843 Country Club Road.*

c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5415 WOODCLIFF DRIVE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-269.

d. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON TWENTY-FIFTH STREET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-269.

C-2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO HOMELESS ISSUES: *[Recommended by Finance and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committees.]*

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS, AND EXECUTION OF SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENTS.
  - b. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
- C-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE DAVIS GARAGE PROJECT:  
*[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DELAY OF ACQUISITION OF DAVIS GARAGE PROPERTY.
  - b. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SITE STUDIES RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF UNION STATION.
- C-4. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-122(f) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS – *Goodwood Road, Ferrell Avenue; Neighborhood Limits on Northoaks Drive, Camden Ridge Drive, Northoaks Court, Paula Drive, Hanna Trace, Bailey Court, Morgan Trace, Chloe Court, Paragon Drive, Breanna Court, Bethany Trace Lane, Casey Trace Court, Bridgett Court, and Jaclyn Court. [Reviewed by Public Safety Committee.]*
- C-5. RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR HEARING ON PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF OLD WINDY HILL DRIVE IN THE NORTHEAST WARD – *Petition of Lloyd and Cathy Golding. Public Hearing: June 19, 2006. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
- C-6. ORDINANCES AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY AND PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM FOR FY 2005-2006 FOR BOWMAN GRAY FIELD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
- C-7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 OPERATING MEMORANDUM BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AND THE RISK ACCEPTANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (RAMCO). *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*

- C-8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH DIXON HUGHES PLLC FOR EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
- C-9. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR COUNTRY CLUB ROAD WIDENING – *Triangle Grading and Paving, Inc.* - \$2,799,966.55. *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
- C-10. RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICES. *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
- C-11. RESOLUTION APPROVING ABANDONMENT OF A SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN EASEMENT – *Request of Hillcrest Village Condominiums, LLC for property located off Stratford Road.* *[Recommended as amended by Public Works Committee.]*
- C-12. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIDDLER’S GLENN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS IN FIDDLER’S GLENN. *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
- C-13. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO DRAINAGE PROJECTS ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY: *[Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*
  - a. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 35 OF CHAPTER 75 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN DRAINAGE PROJECTS ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY.
  - b. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY – *245 Gloucestershire Road.*
- C-16. CONSIDERATION OF SUMMARIES OF MINUTES:
  - a. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *April 28, 2006 (Special Meeting).*
  - b. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *May 3, 2006 (Special Meeting).*
- C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION/SALE OF PROPERTY: *[Recommended by Finance Committee.]*
  - a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE LIBERTY STREET CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA BY DEED OR CONDEMNATION – *Lots 201 and 202 of Block 0305, located at 1533 N. Liberty Street.*

Council Member Clark inquired about the status of the property and if contact had been made with the owner.

Mr. Derwick Paige, Assistant City Manager, explained that the owner had requested first right of refusal on the property and staff had denied the request. As a result, access to the property was not granted. Mr. Paige indicated that the City may be forced to use eminent domain since this is an extremely blighted property.

Mr. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Director, noted that another appraisal will be conducted when access is granted, and the offer will be adjusted accordingly at that time. In response to Council Member Clark's question, he stated that the property sits on approximately half an acre and although the appraisal placed value on the structure, the building would be demolished.

Mr. Paige indicated that it would cost approximately \$30,000 to demolish the building.

Council Member Clark: Motion for approval.

Council Member Johnson: Second.

Mr. Chuck Green, Assistant City Attorney, responded to Council Member Burke's question, stating that although she owns property along Liberty Street, there is no conflict of interest for her to vote on this item.

The motion for approval was unanimously carried.

C-14. RESOLUTION APPROVING A BRAND IDENTITY LOGO FOR ENTERTAINMENT-SPORTS FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM. *[Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*

Council Member Johnson asked about retaining the identity of current facilities.

Mr. Bucky Dame, Coliseum Director, indicated that the intent of the action is to brand the location of all of the facilities without losing individual names of buildings.

Council Member Johnson inquired about the difference between what is being proposed and what is currently being done.

Mr. Dame explained that having a destination name for the entire complex would be advantageous since some of the buildings are not currently named. He indicated that although there are no estimates available at this time, there may also be an opportunity to sell naming rights for the complex as a whole, excluding individual names since the Coliseum and Fairgrounds have already been identified.

Council Member Johnson asked if there would be some assurance that the current names of those facilities would remain in place.

Mr. Dame stated that those names would not change and the marquee would remain the same.

Mr. Bill Stuart, City Manager, pointed out that City Council has reserved all decision making rights for naming public facilities and any proposed changes would have to be approved by the Council.

Mayor Joines recognized and thanked Reverend Paul Lowe, Subcommittee Chair for the Public Assemblies Facility, for his assistance in considering this information.

In response to Council Member Burke, Mr. Dame stated that Ernie Shore Field would be part of the branded location.

Council Member Besse: Motion for approval.

Council Member Burke: Second.

The motion carried on a vote of five in favor and one opposed. Those voting in favor were Council Members Leight, Clark, Besse, Burke and Terry, with Council Member Johnson voting in

opposition.

C-15. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE WINSTON-SALEM RESCUE MISSION, INC. FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR A PROPOSED GROUP CARE FACILITY A. *[Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*

Council Member Clark commented there are many recurring questions regarding group homes and suggested staff investigate the possibility of creating a separate category under the UDO for group homes.

Council Member Besse: Motion for approval.

Council Member Burke: Second.

Council Member Besse noted that extensive explanation and comments were made in Committee and based on the record of the petitioner, he anticipates a well-structured program and facility with no difficulties.

Council Member Clark questioned the effectiveness of expanding these facilities in addressing the Ten-Year Plan.

Council Member Johnson pointed out that these plans were in place prior to adoption of the Ten-Year Plan and noted that there will always be a need for emergency shelter. She stated that the Rescue Mission's plans fit into addressing the problem by preparing homeless men for independent living.

Mayor Joines added that there are 500 homeless people in the City on any given night and approximately half of those are chronically homeless.

Council Member Terry referred back to previous questions regarding classification of group homes and emphasized the need to identify for the public the differences between the many facilities in the City. She requested staff prepare a report to clarify definitions and allowed uses.

Council Member Leight pointed out that a percentage of the Rescue Mission's additional units will fit into the Ten-Year Plan.

Council Member Johnson noted that the Rescue Mission designed its building to fit into plans for revitalizing the community.

Mr. Dan Parsons, Executive Director of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, presented drawings of plans for the facility expansion.

Council Member Burke mentioned that she had discussed plans with Mr. Parsons and the efforts to provide a facility that would add to revitalization efforts while fulfilling the needs of the homeless population.

The motion for approval was unanimously carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG SALEM AVENUE IN THE SOUTH WARD – *Petition of Idealliance. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Leight: Motion for approval.

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

- G-2. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF HARDIMAN PLACE COURT IN THE SOUTH WARD – *Petition of Thomas M. Green, V. [Recommended by Public Works Committee.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Leight: Motion for approval.

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

- G-3. 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 Burke: Second. Unanimous.

- G-4. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR DEMOLITION OF HOUSING UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

Mr. James Webster, Jr., Racine Drive, stated that he had met with staff to try and resolve issues with his property located at 810 N. Cameron Avenue. He requested staff have an opportunity to present findings to the Council prior to a decision on the property. Mr. Webster expressed a concern that staff had been harassing him regarding the property.

Mr. Paige explained that Mr. Webster is currently residing out of state and asked that action be delayed on the item pending further discussions towards a resolution.

Mr. Tom Lineback, spoke on behalf of his parents who own the property located at 803 Gibbs Street. He indicated that his parents had rented the property and the tenants destroyed the home. Mr. Lineback stated that his parents are on a fixed income and are unable to financially dispose of the house at this time.

Mayor Joines indicated that Mr. Lineback's comments were in reference to a property on Item G-5 and noted they would be held until that item is called.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to delay action on 810 N. Cameron Avenue until

such time as staff has an opportunity to meet with the owners.

Council Member Terry: Second. Unanimous.

Council Member Johnson made a motion for adoption of the resolution and confirmation of the assessment roll with the remaining properties.

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

The assessment roll was confirmed at 8:02 p.m.

**G-5. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR COSTS OF HOUSING RELOCATION FROM HOUSING UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.**

In response to Mayor Joines, Mr. Lineback indicated he had no further comments.

Mr. Don Nielsen, 100 N. Cherry Street, spoke on behalf of Mr. Sam Ogburn, Jr. in reference to his property on Thurmond Street and requested a continuance on the property.

Mayor Joines indicated that staff has recommended a continuance of Items 3 and 10, and noted that Mr. Lineback's request would be Item 2.

Council Member Burke made a motion to remove Items 2, 3 and 10 from the assessment roll.

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

Council Member Clark made a motion for adoption of the resolution and confirmation of the assessment roll with the remaining properties.

Council Member Burke: Second. Unanimous.

The assessment roll was confirmed at 8:04 p.m.

In response to Council Member Johnson's question, the Mayor indicated that if staff could not work out issues with the properties, the Community Development/ Housing/General Government Committee would review the items.

- G-6. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CONSIDERING AND ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATE AND VERIFIABLE PERCENTAGE GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATERWORKS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT. *[Recommended by Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.]*

No one heard.

Council Member Johnson: Motion for adoption.

Council Member Burke: Second.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, indicated that construction would begin upon hiring a contractor.

The motion for adoption was unanimously carried.

- G-7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1525 N. LIBERTY STREET:

- a. REQUEST FROM FIRETREE, LTD. TO DELAY CITY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 1525 N. LIBERTY STREET. *[Finance Committee recommends denial of request with three in favor of the motion for denial and one opposed. Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee voted unanimously to deny request.]*
- b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE LIBERTY STREET CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. *[Finance Committee forwarded this item to the Council without a recommendation with three in favor of the motion and one opposed. Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee voted unanimously to continue with negotiations for acquisition of property, but did not support a potential City offer of \$165,000.]*

Council Member Johnson made a motion to continue to pursue acquisition of the property pursuant to action taken by the City Council in March.

Council Member Leight: Second.

Mr. Green responded to Council Member Burke's question, indicating that she has no conflict

of interest in voting on this matter.

Council Member Burke commented that efforts to revitalize the Liberty Street Corridor were initiated in 1995 and the City has invested a total of \$13,387,000 since 2000. She indicated that she has supported efforts to improve this neighborhood and expressed concern that it has been a historically neglected area. She noted that private investments have been made in the Liberty Street Corridor and the City needs to support the residents of that community by further enhancing improvement efforts.

Council Member Burke explained that since 2000, a total of \$38,654,000 has been spent in the Northwest Ward, with \$9,040,885 of that going towards revitalization of the West End and Fourth Street. She noted that \$96,100 had been expended in staff time for historic district planning and review since 2003 and \$82,000 in staff time for the Western Downtown Initiative since 2005. She also indicated that separate investments of \$795,000 and \$603,000 had been made by the City in Old Salem since 2000. Council Member Burke requested that staff investigate whether or not it is a conflict of interest for a Council Member to lobby for changes in an area in which they own property.

Mayor Joines stated that without objection, Attorney Steve Calaway has requested to address the City Council.

Mr. Calaway requested clarification of the motion on the floor.

Council Member Johnson indicated her motion was intended to include Items G-7(a) and G-7(b).

Mr. Calaway indicated that the President of Firetree, Ltd. was in attendance and would like to address the City Council.

Council Member Johnson stated that the realtors in attendance to represent the property owners should also be given the opportunity to speak.

Mr. William Brown, President, Firetree, Ltd., 800 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA, explained that his company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with federal, state and county contracts to operate residential re-entry facilities throughout New York and Pennsylvania. He indicated that they responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a 36-bed facility and this property was identified as an ideal location. A contract was signed for \$17,200 with \$10,000 earnest money in advance. Mr. Brown noted that a total of \$20,000 in architectural, testing and engineering expenses had been invested in the project.

Mr. Tom Baldwin, 9104 Torrence Creek Court, Huntersville, explained that his uncle owns the property in which he has invested a total of \$205,000. He is concerned that the tax value of \$175,500 is not congruent with the City's offer of \$145,000, and pointed out that most business people would pursue the best deal offered. Mr. Baldwin noted that that his uncle had attempted to dispose of the property in a fair settlement since 1995.

Council Member Johnson explained that the City has no issues with the Baldwin family or their contributions to the community. She indicated that the concern is regarding the proposed use by Firetree, Ltd. and its impact on revitalization efforts in the neighborhood. She noted that there are currently many re-entry programs in the neighborhood and she is supportive of those efforts; however, not in this area.

Council Member Clark stated that the proposed use is allowed as the property is currently zoned and there is a valid contract between the two parties. He expressed concern that the City should wait until the end of July pending outcome of the contract stipulations and indicated he

would be voting against the motion.

Council Member Besse noted that the tentative price is contingent upon conditions, including a grant from the Federal government and completion of an environmental study. He stated that the parties should have been aware of the City's ongoing efforts to acquire blighted properties in the area for its revitalization project.

Council Member Terry stated that she would also vote against the motion based on the need for re-entry facilities in the community.

As a point of clarification, Council Member Johnson stated that this facility would not add beds to the community and through the RFP award, would replace those currently located at the Salvation Army.

Council Member Burke stressed the need to pursue revitalization efforts along Liberty Street and noted that she received much support from residents for the City's efforts. She inquired about the effect of absent Council Members on tonight's vote.

Mayor Joines indicated that a simple majority of Council Members in attendance would be sufficient for approval.

Council Member Johnson stated she would prefer to move forward with a vote tonight and asked for financial information regarding the appraisal as it pertains to cost approach versus income approach.

Mr. Paige explained that the end cost approach was used for 870 Northwest Boulevard at \$1.67 per square foot (sf), Lot 24A Old Hollow Road at \$2.18/sf, and 4324 Old Rural Hall Road at \$2.17/sf, resulting in an adopted land value of \$2.15 per square foot. The land value of \$51,000 is added to the depreciated building value of \$99,427, resulting in an indicated value by cost approach of \$150,000. He noted that the income approach used 534 N. Liberty Street at \$8.98/sf, 527 N. Liberty Street at \$7.50/sf, and 855 Reynolda Road at \$14.09/sf for an adopted income of \$10.00 per square foot. When the \$51,000 land value is added to this income value of \$88,270, it results in an indicated value by approach of \$140,000. Mr. Paige explained that combining the cost approach value of \$150,000 with the indicated value of \$140,000, results in the estimated value of \$145,000.

Mayor Joines called for a vote on the motion to proceed with acquisition of the property.

The motion carried with four in favor and two opposed. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Leight, Besse, Johnson and Burke, with Council Members Clark and Terry voting in opposition.

G-8. MAYOR JOINES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS/  
REAPPOINTMENTS:

a. WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY

- Bert L. Bennett, IV – *Appointment – Term Expiring March, 2007*
- Hazel Brown – *Reappointment – Term Expiring March, 2009*
- Victor R. Isler – *Reappointment – Term Expiring March, 2009*
- Doris Schultz – *Reappointment – Term Expiring March, 2009*

Council Member Burke: Motion for approval.

Council Member Johnson: Second. Unanimous.

b. WINSTON-SALEM SISTER CITIES BOARD

Mary Elizabeth Reynolds – *Appointment – Term Expiring February, 2009*

Council Member Burke: Motion for approval.

Council Member Clark: Second. Unanimous.

c. WINSTON-SALEM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Geneva B. Brown – *Appointment – Term Expiring May, 2009*

James D. Gore – *Appointment – Term Expiring May, 2009*

Council Member Burke: Motion for approval.

Council Member Johnson: Second. Unanimous.

The Mayor responded to Council Member Besse's question, stating that the reappointments to the Winston-Salem Transit Authority had been voted upon. He commented that they were all either first or second term and would not be affected by the upcoming Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee discussion of term limits.

*(Council Member Burke exited the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)*

G-9. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Mr. John Hopkins, 1635 Bright Leaf Road, Pfafftown, indicated he had prepared a packet of information regarding light rail transit. He noted that outside of extremely large cities, rail transit carries too few riders to reduce congestion. Mr. Hopkins also expressed a concern that light rail costs more to operate than buses running comparable routes. He noted that a bus system is more cost efficient to operate and would not require the City to acquire property for its use.

Mayor Joines noted that the City is considering use of a street car which is less costly than a

light rail system.

Mr. Hopkins indicated his research had defined a street car system as light rail transportation.

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

#### MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stuart introduced Mr. Taylor Deaton, a senior at Forsyth Country Day School who is working as an intern in the City Manager's Office during the month of May.

Council Member Clark inquired if staff would be providing a report on light rail transit.

Mr. Stuart indicated that information and a possible workshop are forthcoming.

Council Member Besse noted that there is a statewide effort by a well-funded group in opposition to light rail and they are seeking a pre-emptive strike against the concept prior to Council Members receiving details of the proposal.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Tannon Hardy, 3315 S. Main Street, commented that the appraisal on 1525 N. Liberty Street did not take into account the standing offer on property at a higher price nor the tax value which was recently readjusted.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:37 p.m.