

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

4:05 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Council Member Nelson L. Malloy, Jr. Chair
Council Member Dan Besse, Vice Chair
Council Member Evelyn A. Terry
Council Member Molly Leight

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson

Chair Malloy called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Leight requested to pull item C-3(b) and staff requested to pull Item C-3(f). No other items were pulled for discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Terry to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Besse, and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION CONSIDERING AND ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATE AND VERIFIABLE PERCENTAGE GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES FOR THE REPAIRS TO HAPPY HILLS AND MINERAL SPRINGS POOLS CONTRACT.
2. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES RESCINDING AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING:
 - a. ORDINANCE RESCINDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON MARCH 15, 1999 ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING LOCATED AT 102 NORTHWOOD CIRCLE – *Lot 016B of Block 2347 owned by Kenneth Dozier.*
 - b. ORDINANCE RESCINDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 19, 2001 ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING LOCATED AT 102 NORTHWOOD CIRCLE – *Lot 016B of Block 2347 owned by Kenneth Dozier.*
3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES:

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

Property OwnerLocation

- a. E.V. Ferrell, Jr. 2945 Gilmer Avenue

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

- c. Dan Coley 427 Wales Street (accessory)

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

- d. Oma Broomfield 1827 Martin Luther King Drive

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

- e. Dan Coley 427 Wales Street
 g. Charmeka & Jermaine Foster 5510 Pineview Drive
 h. Richard Whitworth 5468 Pineview Drive
 i. Nathan & Betty Evans 1612 Douglas Street
 j. Tracy & Katherine Norton 3501 Delane Drive

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- b. Elizabeth Jarrett, heirs 1011 S. Broad Street

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Mr. Bruce Bailiff, Code Enforcement, stated that heirs were notified, but no response has been received by staff.

Mr. Ritchie Brooks, Director, Neighborhood Services, stated that a call had been received by his staff from a cousin to the heirs and is trying to reach the family to see if there is interest in purchasing the property.

Mr. Bailiff commented that even if the ordinance is passed, the owners still have 90 days after adoption to bring the property into compliance.

Due to its historic value, Council Member Leight requested that staff photo document the remains of the house. She made a motion to approve the ordinance as recommended by staff. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Terry and unanimously carried.

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f. Mary Burns 2516 Kirkwood Street

Mr. Bailiff stated that the owner of the property is in the process of making repairs. He further stated that the estimated cost of the repairs is \$9,000 and the fair market value of the property is \$12,000.

Mr. Kevin Hair, Master Disaster, 2324 Lyndhurst Avenue, stated that he has been contracted to repair the home from fire damage, that repairs should be complete by the end of the month, and that all financing for the repairs is in place.

In response to Council Member Besse's question, Mr. Brooks stated that the property would not be demolished until the end of September and repairs to the property should be complete by then.

Council Member Terry made a motion to postpone consideration of this item until the September meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Besse and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailiff stated that he and Mr. Heron would be in contact with one another.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Council Member Johnson noted that when a house on Beulah Street was burned, notification of demolition was sent to the house, even though it may not have been occupied at the time. She requested that staff provide the following information: the number of external attorneys that work on demolition notifications, information on tax foreclosure, how much money is being spent on these items, and a timeline of notification to property owners of a demolition.

Mr. Derwick Paige, Deputy City Manager, stated that although the house was burned, the notice was sent to the address on record. He further noted that it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the appropriate entities if there has been an address change.

GENERAL AGENDA

1. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO DISPLAY A PORTRAIT OF NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE LARRY WOMBLE AT THE WILLIAM ROSCOE ANDERSON, JR. RECREATION CENTER.

Mr. Tim Grant, Director, Recreation and Parks, presented several options for portraits that were provided by Representative Larry Womble to be displayed at the William Roscoe Anderson, Jr. Recreation Center. He also noted that several other members of the community currently have portraits displayed at the recreation center and staff is working to bring uniformity in framing, matting and size of the portraits.

Council Member Terry requested that the lobby of the recreation center be remodeled while staff installs the portraits.

In response to Chair Malloy's question, Mr. Grant stated that there will be a portrait of William Roscoe

Anderson, Jr., as well as a plaque alongside each portrait explaining their historical significance. He further stated that the Marketing Department has been enlisted to help with the design.

Council Member Terry made a motion to display the picture chosen by committee of Representative Larry Womble, with the understanding that the lobby will be refurbished, all portraits will be designed in uniformity, and an event will be held to display the newly remodeled lobby. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Leight and carried unanimously.

In response to Council Member Johnson's question, Council Member Terry stated that the City has not been asked to provide funding for this project.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Chair Malloy requested that Mr. Grant provide an update on the upgrading of local recreation centers at the September Meeting.

2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES WITH CANADIAN GEESE AT SALEM LAKE.

Mr. Grant presented a report on Canadian Geese at Salem Lake. He noted that several options for removal outlined in the Agenda Book would not be feasible for the City due to funding needs or location restraints.

Council Member Johnson requested that the removal option chosen also be implemented at Evergreen Cemetery and the nursing home across the street.

In response to Council Member Leight's inquiry, Mr. Grant stated that he is unsure where the geese will be moved if they are translocated, and he is unsure if they will return to the area.

Council Member Leight expressed concern that when geese droppings are washed from surfaces, that they are being put into the local water source.

Council Member Terry requested that staff find out where the geese will be moved if they are translocated and if/when they will be expected to return.

Council Member Besse suggested that trapping and moving the geese will probably be the only permanent resolution.

In response to Chair Malloy's question, Mr. Grant stated that several hundred geese had taken up residence at Salem Lake.

Council Member Besse requested that staff review the Salem Creek area to see if the beavers have returned. If they were previously removed, they have since returned and are now downing trees and damming the creek.

Mr. Grant commented that the Recreation and Parks Department has received assistance from Utilities Maintenance with this issue and will look into the Council Member's requests. He further commented that staff recommends the following options to address the geese problem: signage to alert citizens not to feed the geese, one or more of the options outlined in the Agenda Book, and to proceed with the relocation effort in 2008.

Council Member Besse made a motion that staff use the following options to address the geese problem: post signage around the cove area to eliminate feeding, scare devices, and relocation. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Leight and carried unanimously.

3. REPORT ON DOWNTOWN DOG STATIONS.

Mr. Grant provided a report on the need of dog stations in the downtown area and the possibility of a grant to fund these stations.

Council Member Besse suggested a combination station that provides water for the dog and owner, as well as two pilot stations in the downtown area if the grant money will allow.

Council Member Johnson suggested that the Piedmont Leaf Loft community be considered as a pilot site. She also suggested a vacant corner at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Fourth Street, and the Fourth and Church Street Parking Deck.

Mr. Grant stated that staff will review the Piedmont Leaf Loft community as well as the Goler community.

Mr. Paige commented that staff has designated a few potential site areas but are concerned with using green areas in front of parking decks. He further commented that staff will continue to review the community for pilot sites and areas in the public right-of-way.

Council Member Terry suggested that staff look at the registered dog owners in the area and review that information for dog owner density for possible pilot site locations..

Mr. Grant stated that staff is working with several entities within the community to determine the best site. He also stated that the grant application is due September 18.

In response to Chair Malloy's inquiry, Mr. Paige stated that it is considered littering if a dog relieves itself on public property and the owner does not remove it.

Council Member Terry requested that staff provide a contingency plan for funding this project if the grant money is not received.

Mr. Grant stated that without the grant, the City will be able to fund the installation of one site. In response to Chair Malloy's question, he also stated that there are some potential sponsors for the dog station project.

Mr. Brooks stated that staff will provide Mr. Grant with a listing of local organizations that could help with the project.

Chair Malloy suggested soliciting funds from dog owners.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- In response to Council Member Besse's concern, Mr. Brooks stated that it is considered littering if unsolicited advertisements are thrown onto private property. He further stated that citizens should not move the item, but should notify Neighborhood Services staff when the situation

occurs, a staff member will inspect the area, and the violators could be cited.

- In response to Chair Malloy's question, Mr. Brooks commented that staff is currently reviewing an ordinance that would prohibit parking on lawns, but it will probably be the end of the year before it is completed. He further commented that staff will provide an update at the September Meeting.
- To prevent additional stormwater issues from arising, Council Member Terry noted that the ordinance should state that lawns could not be paved to provide additional parking.
- Council Member Leight requested that a draft of the proposed ordinance be placed on TV13 for citizen review and feedback.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:23 p.m.