

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

5:56 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson, Chair
Council Member Evelyn A. Terry, Vice Chair
Council Member Dan Besse
Council Member Robert C. Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Member Molly Leight

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order and stated that the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be pulled for discussion. Council Member Leight requested to pull Item C-1. No other items were removed for discussion.

In response to Chair Johnson's question, Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works stated that Mr. Mitchell Britt and Mr. John Bryan received information from the Utility Commission.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-2. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-229 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.
- C-3. PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF POE STREET IN THE SOUTH WARD (Council Member Leight) – *Petition of Will Blackwell.*
- C-4. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH HART & HICKMAN, P.C. (WEST WARD) - *Petition of Hart & Hickman, P.C.*
- C-5. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED OFF OF HARPER ROAD (CLEMMONS) - *Petition of Harris Assisted Living Properties, LLC.*
- C-6. CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES.
- C-7. CONSIDERATION OF SUMMARIES OF MINUTES:

- a. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *October 21, 2008.*
- b. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *November 10, 2008.*

C-1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 75-105 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO POST CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER ORDINANCE EXEMPTIONS.

Council Member Leight expressed concern that topography of an area would be destroyed, even if it is not considered impervious surface.

Mr. Turner noted that disturbed or impervious area includes the building, driveway, parking lot, patio or any other impervious area and the 20,000 feet noted includes all of that area. Individual infill development projects would be compelled to do more under the ordinance than is reasonable, so this change will allow them to be exempted from those standards. In response to Council Member Besse's question, Mr. Turner noted that this was a minor change as infill developments do not need to comply with the same standards as other developments.

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Terry and carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE TO THE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONE POLICY.

Mr. Turner stated that the Committee could discuss the item, but City Attorney staff requested to hold the item until a City Code amendment can be drafted to match the policy. This item was considered and voted on by the Public Safety Committee, but Council action will be delayed until January to make recommended changes. In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Turner noted that this is similar to permit parking in the West End, but this will extend the zone of consideration for the allowance of permit parking. The exceptions surrounding the baseball stadium area will be helpful, as parking will be difficult

In response to Council Member Leight's inquiry, Mr. Turner stated that the boundaries of the parking zone are West End to the west, Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (MLK) to the east, Business 40 to the south, and 6th Street to the north. It will not be required that it be a contiguous zone in that area.

Mr. Stan Polanis, Department of Transportation Director, stated that staff is attempting to redefine the downtown zone, to allow a smaller contiguous area for parking. Outside of downtown, an area has to have six contiguous blocks or 80 dwelling units in a minimum setting.

Council Member Besse requested that alternate methods of defining residency be accepted other than a notarized copy of an active lease.

Mr. Polanis noted that the only current proofs of residency accepted are if a vehicle is registered to that address or if an individual pays property taxes at that address.

Council Member Clark suggested that utility bills be accepted as proof of residency.

Council Member Leight expressed concern that if Business 40 is the southern boundary, the community of West Salem across the street will be left out of the zone.

G-2. CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR RECOGNITION ON THE CITIZEN'S MEMORIAL WALL LOCATED IN EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Mr. Turner noted that three individuals have been presented for placement on the Citizen's Memorial Wall for the Committee's consideration. In response to Chair Johnson's question, he stated that payment of fees for placement will be required before approval of all submissions, and that the fees have been paid for these submissions.

Chair Johnson noted that there will be a formal dedication of the Citizen's Memorial Wall in the spring and that a cutoff date, perhaps March or April, needs to be established for submittals before that time.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Turner stated that it may take a few weeks to have a plaque completed.

In response to Council Member Leight's inquiry, Mr. Turner noted that there is one standard design for the plaques which is shown on the brochure.

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the three individuals nominated. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Terry. Chair Johnson amended the motion for approval pending payment of all fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Johnson noted that a marketing campaign has been started within local funeral homes to advertise the wall and requested that brochures be provided to Council Members. In response to Council Member Leight's question, Chair Johnson stated that the fee is \$300.

G-3. COMPOST PRESENTATION.

Mr. Turner gave a brief staff report and noted that Mr. Wayne Turner, Assistant Solid Waste Administrator, was present to answer any questions.

Council Member Besse requested more information on why the landfill tipping fee and transportation costs are combined in Orange County, as it seems cost prohibitive.

Mr. Turner noted that staff would review and report back to the Committee.

Council Member Clark requested that this information be shared with the Utility Commission Review Committee. He also stated that unless area hospitals, universities, and possibly local schools participate in the program, it would not be cost efficient.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Mr. Turner stated that the food waste percentage (depicted in the charts on page nine) decreased due to consumers purchasing items that require more packaging.

Mr. W. Turner noted that the 1999 Waste Composition Study reflected only one season while the 2007 Waste Composition Study reflects the average of three seasons.

Per Council Member Besse's request, Mr. W. Turner stated that staff would provide a listing of what is classified as "other organics."

Council Member Leight requested information on other locations outside of North Carolina that are participating in composting and data regarding institutional membership in the programs.

Mr. Turner noted that K&W Cafeteria is a good example of a local company that currently separates food from paper waste and could be a potential participant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Chair Johnson noted that a list of Public Works projects will be provided to Governor Elect Perdue for consideration in the economic stimulus package.

In response to Council Member Terry's question, Mr. Turner stated that a list of projects requested on behalf of the City was submitted through the U.S. Congress of Mayors to the federal government, but it is not prioritized due to the uncertainty of criteria by which funding may be provided. The list was also shared with the Forsyth County Manager's Office, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and will be provided to Governor Elect Perdue.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Turner stated that energy efficient ideas for the City have been considered enough to identify what the job creation might be from that project, but the exact return on investment is unknown. He also stated that Property Maintenance is reviewing energy efficient materials for use by the City.

Council Member Clark requested to know the cost savings of energy upgrades such as fluorescent lights being installed along Interstate-40 and a possible dollar amount that the City may receive as part of the economic stimulus package.

Council Member Besse noted that he has heard anywhere from \$250 to \$700 billion could be awarded nationwide.

Mr. Turner noted that he has heard up to \$1 trillion could be awarded nationwide. He also noted that the City's list of projects would cost approximately \$500 million.

Council Member Terry stated that there is a correlation of the funding amount to the priority list in Congressman Chaka Fattah's Urban Policy Responsibility for drafting the language. She also stated that this policy may help to prioritize the City's project list.

In response to Council Member Leight's inquiry, Mr. Turner stated that staff took the list from the Capital Improvement Plan and has not considered converting any of the north-south streets to two-way because they are State roads and no analysis has been done on the impacts. He also stated that there was a proposal to move State roads to City responsibility without the City's concurrence, and without adequate funding to assume the additional responsibility. The proposal did not move forward.

In response to Chair Johnson's statement, Mr. Turner noted that in recent years Old Greensboro Road and Reynolds Park Road switched from State to City-maintained, by concurrence of the City and State where the change makes sense.

In response to Council Member Terry's question regarding traffic re-routing to Stadium Drive from MLK, Mr. Turner stated that funding could be available within the Piedmont Triad Research Park infrastructure and Salem Creek Connector to perform interim improvements along MLK through the Winston-Salem State University campus.

Chair Johnson noted that the City is awaiting funding from the NCDOT to perform the traffic calming along MLK.

In response to Council Member Besse's question, Mr. Polanis stated that a Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable intersection project was approved to aid in the traffic calming efforts along MLK, and staff hopes that NCDOT will refund that money to be put towards other projects.

In response to Chair Johnson's question, Mr. Polanis stated that the NCDOT is reviewing different funding sources and will provide that information to staff.

Council Member Besse noted that there is a pool of money that the local Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) can direct, and funding was approved that allowed for this and other projects to be completed. He questioned the default date for the project to begin if the NCDOT does not provide alternative funding.

Mr. Polanis noted that the project could utilize TAC-directed Funding beginning July 2009, unless alternate funding is provided sooner by the NCDOT.

Mr. Turner noted that Federal Stimulus funding could be provided for projects that can start within 90 days and be completed within two years.

Chair Johnson requested a timetable for MLK, Business 40, Highway 52 improvement and infill connector.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:36 p.m.