

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

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*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Mayor Allen Joines  
Council Member Wanda Merschel, Chair  
Council Member Robert C. Clark, Vice Chair  
Council Member Vivian H. Burke  
Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson

*OTHERS PRESENT:* Council Member Molly Leight  
Council Member Evelyn Terry (in at 4:03 p.m.)  
Council Member Dan Besse (in at 4:56 p.m.)  
Council Member Nelson L. Malloy, Jr. (in at 5:16 p.m.)

Chair Merschel called the meeting to order and stated that the Committee would follow the agenda.

#### GENERAL AGENDA

##### G-1. PRESENTATION BY DELL PERSONNEL.

Chair Merschel recognized Mr. Mehran Ravanpay, Director of North Carolina Operations for Dell, Inc., for the presentation.

*Council Member Terry in at 4:03 p.m.*

Mr. Frank Miller provided an update on operations, and noted that challenges lie inside and outside of the plant. He noted that Dell has a responsibility to run the best business that it can, so operations will be sized appropriately, possibly requiring future reductions. He also noted that Dell will continue to evaluate its long-term competitiveness within the area, but no decision has been made as to the future of the Winston-Salem plant. He further noted that any future changes or plans will first be communicated to employees and then to stakeholders. Mr. Miller stated that Dell will comply completely with its incentive agreement with the City and if it is earned, the incentives will be accepted. Since 2004, Dell has invested more than \$130 million to build and equip the plant and has recently invested \$10 million in production line improvements, where it has produced 14 million computers. Mr. Miller also stated that customers are currently buying laptops rather than desktops, which has had a profound impact on the information technology industry. He further stated that total employment was 1,400 in January, and is currently 1,140. Dell will continue to communicate and provide updates as information changes.

Council Member Burke stated that she appreciated Dell's presence and noted that Winston-Salem has a Council/Manager form of government, rather than a Mayor/Council form of government. She also noted that she was not detracting from the Mayor's involvement with the Dell project but noted that Mr.

Lee Garrity, City Manager, assigned Mr. Derwick Paige, Deputy City Manager, to the project. She requested to know how many people have visited the plant and the amount of revenue generated by those visits.

Mr. Ravanpay stated that since 2005, the plant has had 3,000 visitors, composed of customers, general visitors and various organizations, but he was unsure of the amount of revenue generated from the visits.

Council Member Burke noted that when employment and job opportunities were needed, Dell was able to meet those needs within the City. She wanted the public to clearly understand the premise behind the Dell project and noted that the economy is challenged worldwide, not just within the City of Winston-Salem.

Council Member Clark thanked Dell for their presence, and noted that they are one of Forsyth County's largest private employers. As the owner of a small manufacturing facility, he noted that it is impossible to know how many people will be employed at a given time, and noted that the media doesn't seem to comprehend that uncertainty.

Council Member Johnson noted that there are community concerns regarding the number of employees in regards to the incentive package and stated that the number employed applies to all employees, not just those from within the County. She also noted that a significant number of employees commute from other counties and other states. She further noted that with the current economic challenges, layoffs are difficult and possibly necessary at times, but urged Dell to attempt to maintain as many employees as possible. Council Member Johnson stated that there are also rehire processes in place for those who have been laid off to be able to return to work.

Mayor Joines thanked Dell for its presence. Noting that the local plant is the most technologically advanced Dell factory in the country, Mayor Joines pointed out that it is a desktop facility and since the computer industry has seen a turn from desktops to laptops, he questioned the future of desktop computers.

Mr. Miller stated this facility is the best world-wide and it can build items other than desktops so the most efficient method of conducting business at this plant is being reviewed.

Mayor Joines noted that there are five suppliers locally providing parts to Dell, jobs and adding to the tax base of the community, and wanted to know Dell's impact on the local community.

Mr. Ravanpay stated that in the last five years, Dell has contributed \$750 million to charity, thousands of hours to local charities, specifically the Second Harvest Food Bank, Sciworks, the North Carolina Zoological Society, the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council, and various other organizations. He also stated that Dell is most proud of its local recycling activity, which 1,100 employees have contributed to.

Council Member Leight expressed her thanks to Dell for its rehire program.

Council Member Terry expressed her thanks to Dell and requested to know the total workforce of in-

county residents.

Council Member Burke stated that it is important to note the good things that Dell has done. She requested that WSTV-13 be utilized to update citizens and staff of information discussed today, as well as any future Dell communications.

Council Member Johnson questioned if Dell has plans to build another facility nationally or globally of the same or less quality as its local plant.

Mr. Miller stated that there are no current plans, but Dell continually reviews its world-wide operations to make the best decisions based on customer, shareholder and employee needs.

Chair Merschel noted that she served as branch administrator in the local banking industry, and noted the importance and difficulty of managing a part-time employee base to ensure that full-time employees have sufficient work. She expressed her thanks to Dell for all positions created, noted that the City is a proud community partner with Dell and hopes to have a long partnership. She requested that Dell communicate more frequently with its community partners. She also noted that Ms. Donna Oldham, Dell Corporate Communications Director, was available for comments.

Ms. Gloria Curtis, Jamestown, stated that she was a former employee of Dell. She questioned if recently sub-contracted maintenance staff were included in the 1,100 employees mentioned. She also questioned if Dell provided a breakdown of full-time versus part-time employees, and if those numbers were included in the 1,100. She further questioned if Dell would still require that severance packages be repaid if employees are rehired within 12 months.

Council Member Burke requested that Ms. Curtis' questions be compiled and provided to Ms. Odom, and that a copy of Ms. Oldham's reply be provided to Council.

Mr. Charles Humphrey, 3525 Hemlock Drive, stated that he has heard nothing to allay his fears, nor has he heard that what was stated in the newspaper will have to be retracted. He also stated that Dell's tumultuous background has followed them, such as lawsuits from New York, being fined and investigations by the State Bureau of Investigations and the Securities and Exchange Commission. He expressed apprehension that local taxes may be used to supplicate poor management by Dell. Mr. Humphrey further stated that Dell needs to be more open and honest in providing information to the City Council to be provided to citizens.

Chair Merschel thanked Ms. Oldham for her willingness to answer questions from the media.

**G-2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE PIEDMONT TRIAD RESEARCH PARK AND THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONTROLS IN DOWNTOWN WINSTON-SALEM:**

- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PIEDMONT TRIAD RESEARCH PARK TO INCREASE THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION FOR

ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR THE BATH BRANCH REGIONAL STORMWATER CONTROL PROJECT. [*\$298,750.*]

- b. RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER TO REIMBURSE THE PIEDMONT TRIAD RESEARCH PARK FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONTROL PROJECT. [*\$570,000.*]
- c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PIEDMONT TRIAD RESEARCH PARK TO SHARE IN THE EXPENSE OF CONSTRUCTING REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONTROLS IN DOWNTOWN WINSTON-SALEM. [*\$15,600,000.*]
- d. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, stated that this item revises the memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the engineering costs, establishes a reimbursement for Piedmont Triad Research Park (PTRP) for the City's share of the additional engineering costs, an agreement for revised construction costs and a revised budget. In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Turner stated that the price has increased as the original concept and design, at a cost of \$12 million, was rejected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

Mr. Garrity stated that \$12 million was the City's cap for the project.

Mr. Turner stated that the City has received one \$3 million grant and is hoping for an additional grant. In response to Council Member Clark's question about whether or not the City's participation of approximately \$15 million is secured, Mr. Turner stated that there are stormwater funds that the City could use to issue bonds which will be paid back. He also stated that staff feels this is the best and most cost efficient method of handling water and that Phase I will be coming up within the next year, while the remaining two phases will be determined later.

Council Member Burke requested a copy of the original MOU.

Mr. Turner stated that any significant change in the project will require modification to the MOU to come back to Council for explanation and approval. He also stated that no additional changes are anticipated at this time.

Mayor Joines noted that while the project is expensive, it handles the drainage of 600 acres and benefits other areas yet to be developed, rather than just the research park area. He questioned if the State requirements are reasonable.

Mr. Turner noted that the State is exhibiting a conservative level of risk, and also noted that about one-

third of the area belongs to PTRP while the City is responsible for the remaining two-thirds.

In response to Council Member Johnson's question regarding the removal of the Greyhound Court Bridge, Mr. Turner stated that is still a requirement for the project along with additional signage and cameras as required by the NCDOT.

Council Member Johnson requested that traffic off of Third Street still be converted to two-way.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Mr. Turner confirmed that Bath Branch will be day lighted from the containment ponds to Salem Creek.

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Merschel stated that the Committee would now consider the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be removed for discussion. Council Member Burke requested to pull Items C-3 (a-c). Council Member Clark requested to pull Items C-1 (f-g) and C-4. Chair Merschel requested to pull Item C-8. No other items were removed for discussion.

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

### Property Matters

- C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION/SALE OF PROPERTY:
- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR BREWER ROAD AND BUCHANAN STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS BY DEED OR CONDEMNATION. [*\$9,130 from General Obligation Bond funds.*]
  - b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 800 GOLDFLOSS STREET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-269. [*Receipt of \$4,900.*]
  - c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3101 EASTON DRIVE THROUGH A PUBLIC AUCTION AS PERMITTED IN N.C.G.S. 160A-270 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A FLAT \$500 BID DEPOSIT. [*Receipt of \$84,500.*]
  - d. RESOLUTION VOIDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SALE OF LOTS 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, AND 009 OF BLOCK 6181 AND RESPONDING TO A REQUEST BY INSPIRED SPACES, LLC TO REFUND THE BID DEPOSIT ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE.
  - e. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR BRUSHY

FORK GREENWAY EXTENSION BY DEED OR CONDEMNATION. [\\$23,390.]

Public Safety

C-2. SILK PLANT FOREST CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE FINANCIAL UPDATE.

Finance/Budget

C-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO CONTRACTS:

d. RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FROM KRONOS, INCORPORATED - \$105,591.47.

C-5. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF A SUBSTITUTE LIQUIDITY FACILITY AND REMARKETING AGREEMENT AND RELATED MATTERS.

Transportation

C-6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DIVISION MANAGED FUNDS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE MEDIAN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY:

a. RESOLUTION OF PROJECT SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DIVISION MANAGED FUNDS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE MEDIAN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY.

b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

C-7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STIMULUS FUNDED PROJECTS:

a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA APPROVED LIST OF WINSTON-SALEM TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR STIMULUS FUNDING.

b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO

MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR SHATTALON DRIVE.

- c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA APPROVED LIST OF WINSTON-SALEM BACK-UP TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR STIMULUS FUNDING.
- d. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT) FOR USING FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY.
- e. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

#### General Government

- C-9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS USED VANS.
- C-10. RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE COST TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE UPPER KERNERS MILL CREEK GREENWAY.
  - a. RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE COST TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE UPPER KERNERS MILL CREEK GREENWAY.
  - b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.
- C-11. MONTHLY REPORT ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT.
- C-12. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *April 13, 2009.*

#### Property Matters

C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION/SALE OF PROPERTY:

- f. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MINIMUM FAIR MARKET REUSE VALUES FOR SIX PARCELS IN THE OLD CHERRY NO. 2 REDEVELOPMENT AREA.
- g. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SIX PARCELS WITHIN THE OLD CHERRY NO. 2 REDEVELOPMENT AREA TO A REDEVELOPER AT A PRIVATE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. 160A-457. *[Receipt of \$14,365.]*

Council Member Clark expressed concern that the City spent \$300,000 on property that may be worth very little in the end.

Mr. Paige stated that the City paid for the property at its current value, but because the properties are located in an historical rehabilitation area, and part of the redevelopment plan, the properties must be brought to historical standards. Historical housing standards are higher than minimum housing code standards and will require significant rehabilitation to the properties. The difference of the value paid for the property, minus the cost to bring it up to historical rehabilitation standards, is what is being paid for the property. He also stated that these homes will be sold for single family home ownership. The estimated sale value is below market value of approximately \$70,000-90,000, and that the smaller houses may sell for even less. He further stated that there are currently six single family homes, and three buildings to be brought back at a later time. Mr. Paige stated that the six houses were purchased for \$303,000.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Jeff MacIntosh noted that the houses may sell for approximately \$45,000 to \$55,000.

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Mr. Paige stated that of the five HOPE VI houses in the Happy Hill development, one has been sold and occupied.

Council Member Burke requested to know how many homes in the Kimberly Park HOPE VI development remain to be sold. She also noted that even though the homes are located in an historical area, prices need to remain affordable.

In response to Council Member Johnson's comment, Mr. MacIntosh stated that it is a common goal to increase the overall property tax value in the area as well as adding to the net worth of the community. He also stated that restoring older homes to sell to property owners rather than landlords will help to preserve the historic fabric of the neighborhood. In the long run, housing prices will increase because more people will want to live there.

Mayor Joines noted that Council Member Malloy has worked hard on this project and does not want to see a reduction in the overall value of the homes or neighborhood.

Council Member Burke noted that builders should be careful to obtain good homeowners for Habitat

housing, so as to maintain the home and property.

Council Member Clark noted that he wasn't concerned with the rehabilitation costs, rather he expressed concern that this will be a loss comparing what was paid for the properties and what they will sell for.

Mr. Paige noted that factor was known going into the project, but just not to what extent the City would have to take a loss and that it was just part of the cost for doing historic development.

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

*Council Member Besse in at 4:56 p.m.*

Finance/Budget

C-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO CONTRACTS:

- a. RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR TASERS AND ACCESSORIES - *Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc. - \$549,920.39.*

Council Member Burke noted that she would be abstaining from the vote.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Scott Cunningham, Chief of Police, stated that funding for the tasers and accessories will come from asset forfeiture and possibly some Justice Assistance Grant funding, but no City funds will be needed.

Council Member Clark requested that funding verbiage be included in the request for clarification.

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Johnson. The motion carried on a vote of three in favor and one abstaining. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Merchel, Clark and Johnson, with Council Member Burke voting in abstention.

- b. RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES - *Muddy Creek Greenway #1, Muddy Creek Greenway #2, Salem Creek Greenway, Park Bridge replacement Skyland, Park Bridge replacement Shaffner, Park Bridge replacement Hanes, and Salem Creek Greenway Washington Park - Wheeler Lumber, LLC - \$192,950.*

Council Member Burke requested to know if there were any minority companies that could participate in this project.

Mr. Marshall Mathers, Purchasing Director, stated that as this was not a construction contract, there were no Minority- Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) goals or requirements. He also stated that the bidding process began with only one known vendor.

Council Member Burke stated that as a City, minority participation should be encouraged, even when not required.

In response to Chair Merschel's question, Mr. Paige noted that the bridge replacement in Hanes Park would not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

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

- c. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR RESURFACING CITY STREETS  
- *Larco Construction, A Division of Sloan Construction Co., Inc.* - \$1,615,334.99  
(Estimated Amount).

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Mr. Turner stated that when streets are improved, an inspector verifies that the work was completed and up to standards.

Council Member Burke suggested that someone may need to check behind the inspector because some of the recently improved streets seem incomplete, such as crooked lines between the street and curb and unevenness on New Walkertown Road.

Mr. Turner noted that staff will review and discuss this concern with NCDOT for state-maintained roads.

Council Member Johnson requested to know how often LARCO Construction Company does not meet its M/WBE goals.

Mr. Ruben Gonzalez, Interim Development Director, stated that LARCO meets its goals from year to year, and goals are set based upon past performance. More recently, when LARCO was unable to meet an M/WBE goal, it was reviewed by the M/WBE Advisory Board, who found that a good faith effort and reasonable explanation were provided.

Council Member Johnson requested a breakdown of LARCO's employee base. She also requested that staff actively reach out to citizens of the community needing work.

Chair Merschel requested that the information alluded to by Council Member Johnson be provided at Monday's meeting.

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Mr. Paige stated that he has heard no adverse comments and that LARCO has been working well with residents along Tise Avenue.

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the item. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion with the amendment that it be forwarded to full Council without recommendation, pending additional information.

- C-4. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 08-09 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION/TAX LEVY AND PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCES:
  - a. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mrs. Ann Jones, Budget Director, stated that the equipment and capital items mentioned on page 85 of the Agenda Book refers to items needed to operate media. She also stated that she would provide a list of items that WSTV-13 needs to replace. She further stated that the money will be spent over a period of time.

Council Member Clark suggested that staff wait to purchase equipment that does not need to be replaced at the current time.

Council Member Johnson questioned the potential of allowing a company interested in sharing time on WSTV-13.

Mr. Garrity stated that staff is forming a response to a letter recently received regarding this request, but there are two issues. One is the general policy of allowing content not produced by the City to be shown on WSTV-13, and that the company in question produces a for-profit program whereby sponsorships are sold to Channel 45. By putting that content on WSTV-13, it increases the marketability of a for-profit show, but needs more discussion.

Council Member Johnson requested that staff communicate this information to the company.

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

#### General Government

- C-8. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE UTILITY COMMISSION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITY.

Chair Merschel noted that members of the Utility Commission Review Committee will be recognized at a meeting of the full Council and thanked them for their hard work and commitment.

Council Member Burke suggested that the hours served by the Committee be counted to report on volunteerism at the end of the year.

In response to Council Member Clark's comment about how the recycling program would be paid for, Mr. Garrity stated that the County's participation is needed, but it feels that its current system is working, so it will not support that change.

Mr. Garrity confirmed Council Member Besse's statement whereby there is a provision that if no agreement is reached, the City can give a notice and enact a four year lead time.

Council Member Besse questioned at what point would the City need to give a notice with the caveat that if an agreement is reached, the notice will be void.

Chair Merschel stated that it may be more productive to resume this discussion after the budget season.

Council Member Clark stated that he was unaware that the County's concurrence was needed, but as the fund balance is running low, he suggested that the County Manager, Mr. Garrity and the County Commissioners continue to discuss.

*Council Member Malloy in at 5:16 p.m.*

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

Chair Merschel noted that she will be hosting a community meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30, in the Brown Building of the Children's Home.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:17 p.m.