

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

5:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

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*MEMBERS PRESENT:*            *Council Member Robert C. Clark, Chair*  
                                         *Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery, Vice Chair*  
                                         *Council Member Denise D. Adams*  
                                         *Council Member Dan Besse*

*OTHERS PRESENT:*            *Council Member James Taylor, Jr.*

Chair Clark called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be removed for discussion. Council Member Montgomery requested to pull Item C-1. No other items were removed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-2.    CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTING JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM FUNDS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA:
  - a.     RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTING JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM FUNDS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA.
  - b.     ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.
  
- C-3.    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A NORTH CAROLINA SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL LIGHTING WITH DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC.
  
- C-4.    CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS:

- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THEIR COSTS OF THE US HIGHWAY 158 GATE TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS STUDY MINUS THEIR REQUIRED 20% LOCAL MATCH.
  - b. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THEIR COSTS OF THE SOUTH MAIN STREET TRANSPORTATION STUDY MINUS THEIR REQUIRED 20% LOCAL MATCH.
- C-5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO CITY PARTICIPATION IN DRAINAGE PROJECTS ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY:
- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCORDING TO SECTION 75-35 OF THE CITY CODE – *460 Creekway Drive*.
  - b. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCORDING TO SECTION 75-35 OF THE CITY CODE – *828 and 830 Melrose Street*.
  - c. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCORDING TO SECTION 75-35 OF THE CITY CODE – *1388 Still Point Court*.
- C-6. CITIZENS' BASEBALL STADIUM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL.
- C-7. QUARTERLY REPORT ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT.
- C-8. CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.
- C-9. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *June 14, 2011*.
- C-1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN - *F.D. Patterson, Sr.*

Council Member Montgomery requested a listing of all permanent honorary streets in the City.

Mr. Lee Garrity, City Manager, noted that staff would provide the status of all honorary street name signs in the City, whether they are permanent or temporary.

In response to Chair Clark's question, Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, stated the honorary signs are designated by color and the honorary naming so there is rarely confusion with 911 services. He also estimated that there are less than one dozen permanent

honorary streets and approximately two dozen temporarily named honorary streets.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion for approval of the item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Adams and carried unanimously.

### GENERAL AGENDA

Chair Clark stated that, without objection, the Committee would now consider Item G-2.

#### G-2. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES - *Waste Management, Inc.* - \$1,515,000.

Mr. Johnnie Taylor, Sanitation Director, stated that staff has negotiated a contract with Waste Management, Inc. and is awaiting City Council approval for the implementation of a single-stream recycling program. Staff will solicit requests for proposals for carts, which may take one month, and may be able to bring back an item to City Council in September to approve a cart vendor. The proposal will include the assembly and delivery of the carts, as well as the recording of addresses when they are delivered. Public education of the new program will be the second phase of the project: outlining the benefits of the change, answering questions, noting the various commodities that will be accepted, that there will no longer be a need to sort items, the automated collection process, and the overall reduction of the City's carbon footprint due to bi-weekly collection. Staff hopes to engage the community through outreach to religious institutions, schools, and other non-profits, and will mobilize a marketing surge using billboards, radio, social media, and other avenues.

All carts should be distributed between October and February. There will also be an enforcement component to ensure participants place items in the carts and don't contaminate the surrounding area.

In response to Council Member Taylor's question, Mr. Taylor indicated that the City will see a savings in lower collection costs and increased commodities from a bi-weekly program, estimated to be \$800,000 annually. He also indicated there is a possibility of increased tonnage in collections as the market is up and that could provide an additional revenue source to help offset costs.

In response to Council Member Adams' questions, Mr. Turner stated residents are allowed a maximum of three garbage carts, three yard waste carts and will be allowed one recycle cart.

Council Member Adams noted that one residence could potentially have seven carts and staff should bear in mind that some residents may express concern over their appearance. She also noted that carts are easier to roll to the curb than transporting a bin.

In response to Council Member Besse's question, Mr. Turner indicated that there was a density threshold for multi-family residences and that he thought it was nine units.

Mr. Taylor noted that currently, the program is set up such that the property owner requests to participate in the recycling program but that could change.

Mr. Turner noted that density is used to determine if a multi-family building would receive single-family collection via a bulk container or a 96-gallon cart. If they receive garbage collection from a 96-gallon cart, they would most likely be eligible for residential recycling, but if they receive bulk

container garbage collection, they would have to use bulk container recycling.

Council Member Besse requested to know if the density requirement was nine units per acre or per building.

Council Member Besse stated that knowing the collection cost per unit, it would be worth considering to make the collection carts available for purchase to businesses or multi-family units, which would be at no additional cost to the City.

In response to Council Member Montgomery's questions, Mr. Taylor stated that estimated contract costs could increase related to the consumer price index and fuel surcharges, but unless there is a drastic swing in the cost of fuel, he does not foresee a drastic increase in contract costs. He also stated that Waste Management, Inc. will incorporate an educational facility within its recycling center, which will allow a view of the entire process via a camera system. They will also participate in community education efforts. He noted that Waste Management, Inc. will choose where to locate the new recycling facility.

In response to Chair Clark's question, Mr. Stan Joseph, Waste Management, Inc. Governmental Affairs, 3303 N. Glenn Street, stated the charge per collection container is \$1.45.

Chair Clark noted that non-profits such as churches and small businesses may be interested in a program that would allow them to purchase a cart or sticker indicating their ability to participate in the recycling program.

Mr. Turner summarized the Committee Members' requests: that there should be an allowance for businesses to buy in to the program that recognizes they do pay property tax and an allowance for nonprofit entities that recognizes they do not pay property tax.

In response to Chair Clark's inquiry, Mr. Joseph stated there is a single-stream recycling dumpster that will be available to offer should multi-family units participate in the program. He also stated that dumpsters will be designed with different openings to clearly delineate them from trash dumpsters.

Chair Clark noted this should be a comprehensive recycling program offering and a contact for participation should be clearly communicated. He also questioned how participants will know if it is their collection week since this will be a bi-weekly process.

Mr. Turner noted that this will be communicated as part of the education component.

Mr. Joseph noted there are various options for education, such as a colored magnet coinciding with a colored sticker on the cart to be provided each year and other calendar reminders.

Council Member Adams made a motion for approval. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Chair Clark requested that once the roll out of the project is complete, he would like to see a comprehensive report of the various costs and savings that have been achieved.

G-1. ORDINANCE RENAMING WALCOTT STREET TO BARACK OBAMA LANE - *North Ward (Petition of Abdul R. Bey). [The public hearing on this item was conducted and it was continued from the June 14, 2011 meeting of the Public Works Committee.]*

Mr. Paul Norby, City/County Planning Director, provided answers to the Committee's questions from last month. He noted that the draft of the street naming and addressing ordinance is currently being reviewed by the City and County Attorney's offices and it does not contain any prohibition for naming a street after a sitting or elected official.

Council Member Montgomery requested to know if the City Council's approval of this renaming would be considered as an endorsement of a candidate that is up for re-election and if that would be a violation of campaign law.

Council Member Taylor noted that President Obama is a nationally recognized individual and he has no concern with naming a street after him, but he does feel a major thoroughfare would be more appropriate.

Chair Clark noted that there are several businesses, schools and streets in the city and surrounding area named after individuals and they are prominently displayed, not hidden away in a neighborhood. He also noted that he believes Council Member Taylor's concern is legitimate, he has a concern with naming anything after a currently sitting elected official, not as an endorsement, but simply as free advertisement.

Council Member Besse noted that he has similar concerns as previously stated and he is not supportive of renaming a street after a currently sitting elected official. He also noted if a local street were to be named after President Obama, he would prefer to see a more prominent street.

Council Member Adams stated that the proposed street for renaming is prominent to the individuals residing there. She also stated that she has no concern with naming the street after a sitting President, but she does have a concern that it should be given the notoriety it deserves. She requested that staff meet with residents of the proposed street renaming and convey the concerns of the City Council Members.

Chair Clark stated that by consensus, this item will remain in Committee, and asked that staff convey to Mr. Bey the Committee's concerns that the President is currently sitting, up for re-election and the road should be more prominent.

Council Member Taylor noted for the record that he is opposed to keeping the item in Committee as he would like to see it move forward.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:42 p.m.