

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Allen Joines
Council Member Molly Leight
Council Member Robert C. Clark
Council Member Dan Besse
Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson
Council Member Vivian H. Burke (out at 6:39 p.m.)
Council Member Nelson Malloy
Council Member Wanda Merschel
Council Member Evelyn A. Terry (in at 4:04 p.m.)

Mayor Allen Joines called the meeting to order and stated that the Council would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be pulled for discussion.

Council Member Merschel requested to pull Items C-1(a and c). Council Member Johnson requested to pull Item C-6. Council Member Leight requested to pull Items C-4, C-9 and C-10(d). Council Member Clark requested to pull Items C-4(a), C-6(a), C-10(e) and C-20. No other items were pulled for discussion.

Council Member Terry in at 4:04 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Property Matters

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

- b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 462 W. TWENTY FOURTH STREET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-269 - *Lot 111 of Block 1366 located at 462 W. Twenty Fourth Street. [Receipt of \$73,042]*

Public Safety

- C-2. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-122(f) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS ON CITY STREETS – *Neighborhood Limits: Creekmore Drive, Morning Ridge Lane, Gauntlet Drive, Foliage Drive and Ward Street; Elmhurst Street, Robbinsbrook Drive, Springdale Avenue, Carolina Circle, Stokesdale Avenue and Ridgewood Place Drive.*
- C-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO CONTRACT FOR REVIEW OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:
- a. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES FOR A REVIEW OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION. [*\$40,500 from Fund Balance*]
 - b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

Finance/Budget

- C-5. RESOLUTION CONSIDERING AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE AND VERIFIABLE PERCENTAGE GOALS FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BURKE MILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.
- C-7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE WITH RESPECT THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO.
- C-8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WINSTON-SALEM (HAWS) FOR THE HOOPS AND HOPE/PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PHASAC) PROGRAM. [*\$10,000 from Housing Finance Assistance Funds*]
- C-10. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO CONTRACTS:
- a. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF MOBILE STAGE - *Stageline Mobile Stage, Inc. - \$133,370.*
 - b. RESOLUTION RESCINDING AWARD OF CONTRACT AND AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ROAD SALT - *Cargill, Inc., Deicing Technology Business Unit - \$142,500.*
 - c. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PEACE HAVEN ROAD NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION - *Mayes Landscaping & Concrete - \$212,900 (Estimated Amount).*
- C-11. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO IKON, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK PRINTING DEVICES - *\$550,000 (Estimated Amount).*

- C-12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY THE PIEDMONT TRIAD RESEARCH PARK FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANSION OF THE RESEARCH PARK – *Yates Construction Company, Inc.*
- C-13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A MATCHING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE GRANT FROM THE E-NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORITY. [*Up to \$25,000 from Operating Budget transferred to Capital Projects*]

General Government

- C-14. CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO ABANDON PORTIONS OF AN EASEMENT WITHIN THE AREA FOR THE BROOKSTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE NORTHWEST WARD – *Petition of Brookstown Development Partners, LLC.*
- C-15. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BROOKBERRY FARM, LLC TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ADDITIONAL DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS IN BROOKBERRY FARM.
- C-16. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ASHTON ASSOCIATION, INC. TO MAINTAIN DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS IN ASHTON PLACE.
- C-17. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS FOR EXEMPTION TO THE STREETLIGHTING POLICY:
- a. PETITION FOR EXEMPTION TO THE STREETLIGHTING POLICY ALONG MILLWHEEL ROAD.
 - b. PETITION FOR EXEMPTION TO THE STREETLIGHTING POLICY IN THE SAPONI VILLAGE AND FARBROOK DEVELOPMENTS.
- C-18. CONSIDERATION OF CITY PARTICIPATION IN DRAINAGE PROJECTS:
- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY – *436 Stratfield Court.*
 - b. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY – *822 Melrose Street.*
- C-19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS USED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.
- C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION/SALE OF PROPERTY:

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TARGET CORPORATION RELATING TO HANES MALL BOULEVARD WIDENING THROUGH A MEDIATED AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT - *Lot 407 of Block 3901 located off of Hanes Mall Boulevard. [\$400,000 from Proceeds from Sale of Right-of-Way to North Carolina Department of Transportation]*

In response to Council Member Merschel's question, Mr. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator, stated that Target Corporation did express concern over the original appraisal amount and had a separate appraisal completed. He further stated that the sign was removed for approximately two years and had the sign been replaced promptly, there would not have been an issue. As the sign was removed for an extended period of time, Target Corporation is claiming a loss of property value for the period of time that the sign was removed. The Target Corporation's calculated value of loss is \$320,000. Mr. Bjorling also stated that the City would have erected a temporary sign if Target Corporation had made the request.

Council Member Merschel expressed concern that after two appraisals and mediation, the proposed settlement amount increased considerably.

Mr. Bjorling commented that the City Attorney's office has advised of several scenarios in which the settlement could be significantly more than the proposed amount. He further commented that Target Corporation has threatened to file an inverse condemnation suit regarding the construction taking place in the facility parking lot by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) without its permission.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Bjorling responded that NCDOT is the responsible party and is subject to being sued.

In response to Council Member Merschel's inquiry, Mr. Bjorling noted that the inverse condemnation suit would cost approximately \$85,000 in addition to the \$135,000 in legal fees that Council Member Merschel tabulated.

Council Member Merschel commented that Target Corporation advertises that 3% of all sales is returned to the community and she would like to know where that money is being spent in this community.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Mr. Bjorling stated that appraisal is not an exact science, therefore appraisal amounts can be varied. He further commented that it is unusual to have such a large variance in the amounts. Mr. Bjorling also commented that the City Attorney's office has advised that a suit against the City could be ruled in favor of or against.

Council Member Burke expressed concern that NCDOT did not communicate effectively with Target Corporation regarding the sign. She also stated that any lawsuits should be between Target Corporation and NCDOT, not the City.

Ms. Blair Carr, Assistant City Attorney, responded that NCDOT was responsible for communicating with Target Corporation on when the sign would be torn down, but has no authority in the City to determine where or what type of sign could be placed. She further commented that Target Corporation took a risk in not having a sign for an extended period of time and did not communicate with NCDOT any concern at that time. Ms. Carr also stated that the City Attorney's Office is factoring what impact

would have been made on Target Corporation at that time, not what Target Corporation is stating as its estimated loss. She further stated the proposed amount the City will pay is derived from the following factors: tax value, landscaping, cost of the sign itself, interest, and \$50,000 to remove the City from a potential inverse condemnation lawsuit.

Council Member Burke expressed concern that no written documentation of a timetable was shared with Target Corporation that may have alleviated some of the questions or concerns they had with the loss of the sign.

Ms. Carr stated the situation is a case of first impression and that agreements with NCDOT state that the City will share certain costs in these situations, so NCDOT is not solely responsible.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Ms. Carr provided a breakdown of the proposed settlement amount. She also commented that Target Corporation never sent a letter or expressed concern over the use of the facility's parking lot for construction.

Council Member Clark requested that a member of Target Corporation attend a Council meeting and explain how they are being good corporate citizens within the community while they never complained about NCDOT construction use of the parking lot and never asked for a sign to be erected when the other was torn down.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Ms. Carr stated that any delays in the project were a factor within the control of NCDOT.

Council Member Merschel made a motion to deny the item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Clark.

Council Member Besse expressed concern with the potential for loss of funds and recommended that Council postpone action pending further review of the case.

Council Member Johnson made a motion of no consideration.

Mayor Joines stated that the item would be reviewed again at the December Finance Committee Meeting.

- c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERT H. BOONE, SR. RELATING TO COUNTRY CLUB ROAD WIDENING THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT - *Lots 015B and 301 of Block 3976 located off of Country Club Road. [\$158,872 from General Obligation Bond Funds]*

Council Member Merschel commented that varying appraisal amounts can be expensive mistakes and requested that the Real Estate Department complete a general review of the appraisers that are utilized. She also expressed concern that it was not communicated to the property owner that an entryway to the property would be lost.

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

Transportation

C-4. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE STROLLWAY EXTENSION PROJECT, PHASE 1-B:

- a. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR STROLLWAY EXTENSION PROJECT, PHASE 1-B - *Little Mountain Builders of Catawba County, Inc. - \$450,133 (Negotiated Amount)*.
- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

Mr. John Allen, Director of Development, gave an overview of the work to be done for the strollway extension project.

In response to Council Member Leigh's question, Mr. Allen stated that sidewalks would not be widened.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Marshal Mathers, Purchasing Director, commented that the City has done business previously with Little Mountain Builders of Catawba County, Inc.

In response to Mayor Joines' question, Mr. Allen stated that the estimated cost of the project was approximately \$425,000.

Council Member Johnson expressed concern with no improvements being made at the intersection of 6th and Trade Streets, and where the extension will go after Martin Luther King, Kr. Drive (MLK).

Mr. Allen noted that the project is already over budget and no additional work is planned on 6th Street, heading east or west, at this time.

Council Member Johnson further expressed concern that the original intent of the project to extend the strollway to MLK, has not been completed, yet other areas are already being refurbished. She stated that she would prefer to see the original plan completed, then revisit any areas that need to be reworked.

In response to Council Member Terry's question, Mr. Mathers stated that the 11% proposal of participation by Minority and Women-Owned Business Firms (MWBE) was a realistic goal and was included in the original bid.

Council Member Terry expressed concerned that the estimated cost of the project was almost double the lowest bidder's projected cost, and is concerned with its ability to complete the job at the stated price.

Mr. Mathers stated that if the lowest bidder fails to meet their bid, they will have to provide written documentation as to why it was not met.

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Mr. Derwick Paige, Deputy City Manager, clarified the scope of work for the strollway extension project. He stated that the strollway is slated to carry from 4th Street to Northwest Boulevard, where it will tie into the HOPE VI area. He further stated that the strollway project is divided into segments and progress is completed per segment. Mr. Paige also

stated that Certificates of Participation that have been awarded will pick up the project where it currently ends, and move progress along Trade Street as funding allows.

Council Member Malloy expressed concern that no local MWBE firms bid for the project and requested that our MWBE office look to the community and seek out MWBE contractors for jobs.

Mr. Paige clarified that Little Mountain Builders of Catawba County is the general contractor for the job and they will sub-contract pieces of the project, at which time, local MWBE firms will be sought out. He further stated that no local MWBE firms are considered general contractors due to bonding and licensing requirements.

Council Member Malloy requested that staff take needed steps to ensure that local MWBE firms can meet bonding and licensing requirements and perform as general contractors.

In response to Council Member Terry's concern, Mr. Mathers stated that the request of the bidder to find minority participation is reasonable and a contract was signed stating as such.

Council Member Merschel stated that she would prefer to see the extension of the strollway rather than to rework areas that have already been completed. She also requested that staff reject the bid and look at the intersection of Trade and 7th Streets over to MLK and review work that needs to be done and funds being spent on that area.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to reject the current bid and rebid the project. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Clark.

Mayor Joines requested that staff review the section of Trade Street between 4th and 5th Streets and return to Council with a revised plan.

Council Member Burke stated that there are several areas within the City that need revitalization and asked that staff be conscientious of that fact. She also requested to know the funding amount being spent on revitalization of Trade Street. She further requested that the area around the Transit Center be cleaned up.

Council Member Merschel made a motion to bring the item back in two parts: one part detailing the 4th to 5th Street block, and the second part detailing 7th Street to MLK.

Council Member Johnson requested that the motion include any potential additional resources or bond funds to aid in the project.

In response to Council Member Besse's questions, staff responded that all streets from 7th Street to Northwest Boulevard have sidewalks. Staff also responded that sidewalk conditions between 7th Street and Northwest Boulevard are significantly worse than sidewalk conditions between 7th and 5th Streets.

Council Member Merschel restated her motion. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Clark and unanimously carried.

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Mr. Paige stated that the intent of the project is to bring the strollway extension to Northwest Boulevard and provide access to the HOPE VI Gateway

Commons Area into downtown.

C-6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO MARKETING FUNDS TO PROMOTE WINSTON-SALEM AND THE PIEDMONT TRIAD:

- a. RESOLUTION APPROVING MARKETING FUNDS TO PROMOTE WINSTON-SALEM AND THE PIEDMONT TRIAD. [*\$30,000 from Occupancy Tax Fund Balance*]
- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

In response to Council Member Johnson's question, Mr. Paige stated that all Skybus literature will indicate Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point as a destination point. He further stated that Skybus initiated listing the three cities together.

Council Member Besse stated that Skybus is marketing the Piedmont Triad as a region, and specific cities and counties are not singled out.

Council Member Merschel expressed her thanks to the Mayor and the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in this venture. She expressed concern that Winston-Salem will be grouped with Greensboro for marketing purposes, rather than as a separate entity. Council Member Merschel requested that the Piedmont Triad Partnership (PTP), Skybus and the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority work with the Federal Aviation Administration to list Winston-Salem as a destination point within the region, and that that information be cross-referenced to Piedmont Triad International Airport.

Council Member Burke requested staff send a letter to local representatives on the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority to work on behalf of the City.

Council Member Besse serves on the PTP and stated that it is aware of the concerns of the City.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Paige stated that the regional advertisement on Skybus planes is a one year deal with an option to renew at a reduced amount after one year.

Council Member Clark requested to know the renewal rates for subsequent years and questioned whether or not renewal rates were part of the contract.

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

Mayor Joines requested that staff provide the requested information prior to Monday's Council Meeting.

C-9. CONSIDERATION OF TERMS OF FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S HOME LOAN. [*\$325,000 in HOME Funds*]

Council Member Leight stated this is a good opportunity but it only serves a small portion of those in

need.

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

Council Member Besse commented that he was pleased that the City was bringing attention to helping the homeless.

C-10. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO CONTRACTS:

- d. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR SEDANS FOR POLICE - *Terry Labonte Chevrolet* - \$219,282.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Ms. Martha Wheelock, Assistant City Manager, stated that there is a substantial cost savings in buying multiple cars at one time, and that there are ensuring details so the cars are not easily identified as police vehicles.

In response to Council Member Besse's question, Ms. Wheelock stated that the Chevrolet Malibu is the vehicle requested.

In response to Council Member Merschel's concern, Ms. Wheelock noted that these sedans will be used by the Criminal Investigations Division and will mainly need room to transport people and trunk space. She further noted that these cars will not have a need for an in-car computer, as is needed in patrol cars.

Police Chief Patricia D. Norris commented that Malibu's are currently only used by administrative staff.

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

- e. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR TRUCKS - *Parks Chevrolet, Inc.* - \$74,381.73 (Item 1); - *Piedmont Truck Center, Inc.* - \$142,525.00 (Item 2); - *Capital Ford of Wilmington, LLC* - \$588,504.00 (Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7).

Council Member Clark expressed concern that he has heard of various problems in lower emission trucks.

Ms. Wheelock stated that she had heard of no problems but would look into the concern and bring additional information to the Council.

C-20. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

In response to Council Member Clark's question, Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, stated this was a resolution of support.

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

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE TO BROOKSTOWN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC, SPORTS MENAGERIE, LLC AND SPORTS MENAGERIE CORPORATION.

Mr. Paige stated that the City will contract with one entity, Sports Menagerie Corporation at the request of Mr. Billy Prim. He then gave a brief overview of the item.

In response to Council Member Merschel's question, Mr. Paige stated that nothing in the financial document has any influence on the conditions of the site plan.

Council Member Merschel requested that the verbiage regarding the company name be consistent within the document so the borrower and the collateral are the same entities. She further requested that section three regarding parkland be removed from the item as there are no plans for that area at this time, and that there is a difference in green space and parkland.

Council Member Merschel made a motion to approve the item with the removal of section three. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Clark and unanimously carried.

G-2. PRESENTATION BY THE FERGUSON GROUP.

Mr. Paige gave an overview of the item.

Council Member Johnson requested that item 11 on the preliminary draft state Housing Initiatives, which will include homelessness, new and rehab development, and support for the Community Development Block Grant.

Council Member Besse noted that since the County is no longer participating, staff may want to revisit which segments they are prioritizing. One segment has been considered for some time, but has run into a state-level funding snag. With approval, staff might be able to move faster on some segments that are entirely within the City.

In response to Council Member Burke's question, Mr. Paige stated that staff was advised by the Center for Community Safety that funding for a Project Safe Neighborhoods Resource Coordinator is unavailable. He further stated that staff is looking at other resources and a possible Gang Resources Coordinator position.

Council Member Terry requested that staff work with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Homeland Security to see if any funding is available.

Mr. Lee Garrity, City Manager, stated that applications for funding from the DOJ are due by December 31, and staff will be bringing a proposal to the December Public Safety Committee Meeting.

In response to Council Member Malloy's question, Mr. Paige stated that no operational funds have been identified to help facilitate a mass transit system, as the funding is usually allocated to a specific project.

EXTRA ITEM

Mayor Joines commented that he had received a letter from First Baptist Church that they will be unable to house any homeless this winter due to a sprinkler issue. He requested that Council consider a temporary suspension of the caps per facility to allow more accommodation.

Council Member Leight suggested that staff seek out other facilities to replace First Baptist Church as a shelter, such as the lobby of the jail or the coliseum.

Council Member Burke expressed concern that homeless housing at such venues might be habit-forming.

Council Member Malloy suggested that the cap be lifted temporarily to address the situation and develop a plan for the future. He also congratulated First Baptist Church for their generous offer.

Mayor Joines commented that First Baptist Church cannot reach the Fire Marshal's requirements and suggested lifting the cap or increasing the cap at existing shelters through March.

In response to Council Member Johnson's concern, Mayor Joines stated that staff will need to look at a long-term solution to address any homeless population increases in the future.

Council Member Merschel expressed concern with the age of the facility at First Baptist Church and suggested that newer facilities, such as Calvary Baptist Church or First Assembly of God may be more readily adaptable. She further suggested that the Council for Homelessness reach out to newer churches that may be able to meet the Fire Marshal's requirements. Council Member Merschel also noted that emergency shelters may be called upon to open if the nighttime temperature drops below 40 or 45 degrees. She further noted that any possible shelter sites should be well-informed of the conditions and criteria that need to be met.

In response to Council Member Besse's question, staff stated that funds are not being sought out to update the First Baptist Church facility to meet the Fire Marshal's requirements.

Council Member Besse requested to know a trigger number that would signify a location as a homeless shelter and what situations would signify a location as an emergency shelter.

Council Member Burke expressed concern that many of the homeless in this area do not live in Winston-Salem or are not from this area.

Council Member Clark urged staff to find recently constructed facilities that meet the Fire Marshal's requirements for sprinkling, and noted that many churches and public buildings will not meet the standard.

Mayor Joines stated that many facilities may not have beds but can accommodate people, and asked that staff research the idea and bring the item back to the Council for consideration.

Council Member Terry expressed support for lifting the cap and requested a follow-up from staff regarding support of newer churches and facilities and any available resources.

Council Member Johnson requested that staff look into any vacancies within the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem.

Mayor Joines noted that this item would be a temporary suspension of the caps for a certain period of time, and after that time, the caps would again be in place.

BREAK 5:35 p.m.

RECONVENED 6:03 p.m.

G-3. LONG RANGE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK ON SELECTED FUNDS.

See attached verbatim document.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Johnson noted that she had a conversation with a local church on their capability to use electronic signs and requested that staff contact New Zion Church at the corner of 2nd Street at 682-3336 to address their concerns. She further commented that the church is concerned with the removal of the Greyhound Port Bridge.

Council Member Clark requested that staff consider providing two green recycling bins to small businesses and churches that may not have a need for the large recycling cart.

Council Member Johnson noted that the Greensboro school system participates in a recycling program where the school gets a percentage of the value of the recyclables.

Council Member Terry stated that on a recent visit to Pittsburgh, she was made aware that the City of Pittsburgh has purchased several parking spots so that employees may utilize car-sharing and the use of fuel-efficient automobiles.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 p.m.