Chair Leight called the meeting to order and stated without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. Chair Leight removed Items C-1 (a), C-6, and C-7. No other items were removed for discussion.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES RESCINDING AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING:

b. Triloric Group, LLC 208 W. 25th Street

C-2. 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].

a. Chalmers C. Smith 1946 E. 3rd Street

b. Linda H. Murrell 3301 Old Greensboro Road

c. Judy Karen Leach 913 N. Jackson Avenue
C-3. ORDINANCE ORDERING THE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 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: \[Repairs more than 65% of value of structure (>65)\].

   a. Triad Asset Management, LLC  229 Wheeler Street
   b. Mark L. Wallace  5016 Ohio Avenue
   c. Jeremy Johnson  2125 White Street

C-4. ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER B OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ADULT ESTABLISHMENTS - UDO-269 - Proposal of the City Attorney’s Office [Recommended by Planning Board.]

C-5. PRESENTATION ON THE SOUTHEAST SUBURBAN AREA PLAN UPDATE.

C-8. STAR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT ACCEPTANCE.


C-1. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES RESCINDING AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A DWELLING:

   a. Earl F. and Theresa Branscomb  958 Panola Road

Council Member MacIntosh thanked the homeowners for their work on this home, and noted this action is a good example of how the program can work in a positive way.

C-6. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY COUNCIL’S 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

Mrs. Angela Carmon, City Attorney, gave the staff report on the item.

In response to Chair Leight, Mrs. Carmon clarified HB613 pertained to signs and HB320 pertained to billboards.

Council Member Besse requested language be included to reflect the City’s opposition to legislative preemption of lawful local ordinances in the absence of compelling evidence that there is a serious public safety concern.
Council Member Adams requested staff investigate if the North Carolina League of Municipalities already included this opposition in its strategic vision.

Council Member Besse made a motion to approve the item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Adams. The item passed with three in favor, none opposed and one abstaining. Council Members Leight, Besse and MacIntosh voted in favor, Council Member Adams abstained from the vote.

C-7. REPORT ON VACANT UNFIT HOUSING CASES.

Mr. Ritchie Brooks, Director, Community and Business Development Department, gave a brief overview and introduced this. Ms. Stephanie Stimpson, Auxiliary Programs Coordinator, Community and Business Development Department, gave a presentation on this item.

Council Member Adams requested staff include the wards the homes are located in when giving presentations.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Ms. Stimpson explained for a home to qualify for the In Rem Repair program, the value of the home minus the land is tabulated. Based on the violations a cost estimate is developed and if the cost estimate is less than 20% the value of the home or less than the cost of demolition the home is repaired and the owner is billed or a lien is placed against the home.

Council Member Adams requested a report reflecting the success rate of this program.

In response to Council Member Adams, Mr. Brooks replied the number of vacant unfit homes is rising due to difficulties in locating owners and aging population.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mrs. Carmon replied eminent domain requires the home to be sold to a low or moderately low income buyer.

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. PRESENTATION BY THE CHILDREN’S HOME.

Ms. Katherine Northington, 1511 Overbrook Avenue, Board Chair Children’s Home, gave a brief overview of the item and introduced Mr. Brent Loftis, Chief Executive Officer, Crossmore School, for a presentation.

In response to Council Member Adams, Mr. Loftis replied the goal is to eventually house children on campus and he hopes to offer services for sibling groups which often have difficulty finding placement in foster care.

Council Member Adams requested information on the information session, the farm and what the Crossmore School will offer to the program.
In response to Chair Leight, Mr. Loftis stated as of October 1, 2015, the State law allowed children up to age 21 to remain in the foster care system.

G-2. REQUEST FROM THE UJIMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 50-UNIT SENIOR HOUSING RENTAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE KNOWN AS EMMANUEL RETIREMENT VILLAGE.

It was consensus of the committee they were satisfied with the report heard at the Finance committee on Monday.

Ms. Barbara Raffaldini, 3309 York Rd, Council for UJIMA stated she looked forward to working with this project.

G-3. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS.

Mr. Brooks gave the staff report on this item.

Mr. Garrity stated staff will bring a report to the April Public Works Committee concerning construction management risk.

Council Member Adams requested the success rate of firms listed on page 14 in the agenda book, list of firms the City is working with or mentoring, success rate of payments to contractor, Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte programs and if they have expanded their areas, and she requested staff provide quarterly updates on this program.

Council Member MacIntosh requested staff investigate feasibility of requiring contractors to hire locally.

ADDITION ITEM:

Council Member MacIntosh requested a report on the renewal process for mobile home permits.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:39 p.m.