

City of Winston-Salem Government Meetings Summaries

City of Winston-Salem: 2010-2018

HIGHLIGHTS

2010 - Committee meetings to be televised live; WFU Health Sciences to expand in the Piedmont Triad Research Park; Caterpillar to build plant here; Research Parkway planned

2011 - Firearms training facility to be built; revised recycling program approved; City Yard facilities to move; police officer killed in car wreck; rebuilt Thomas Plant goes into operation

2012 - Cherry-Marshall parking deck sold; Salem Lake Dam project completed; chicken ordinance approved

2013 - Piedmont Triad Research Park, now known as the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter; city centennial celebration; coliseum and Bowman Gray Stadium sold; Assistant Chief Barry Roundtree promoted to police chief; police districts approved; municipal election help

2014 - Rock the Block ends; bonds get citizen approval; Trevor Minor named budget director; Ben Rowe promoted to assistant city manager

2015 - Trey Mayo named fire chief; skateboard park approved; arches at Salem Creek Connector discussed

2016 - Convention Center renovations; more spray grounds approved; municipal election held

2017 - Quarry Park opens; Catrina Thompson named police chief; first police district office opened

2018 - Tasha Logan Ford named assistant city manager; Assistant City Managers Derwick Paige and Greg Turner retire. Damon Dequenne and Evan Raleigh were named to replace them. Council Member Derwin Montgomery resigned to take a seat in the State House; bond referendum passes; Bowman Gray Stadium renovations announced; Business 40 closed; Annette Scippio East Ward council member

2010

COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGED

March 1, 2010 City Council meeting time changed to 7 p.m. beginning with the first meeting in April.

March 22, 2010 – Resolution approved regarding the purchase of a robot for the police bomb squad. Cost- \$178,850 (C-6)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE TELEVISED

March 22, 2010- Resolution approved authorizing WSTV-13 to televise all committee meetings. (C-4) Although the Committee Room had been wired to accommodate televising when City Hall was remodeled, televising from there had not been done on a regular basis. It was decided that the issue would be considered in the next fiscal year. This was approved, including the cost of additional equipment at the August 16, 2010 meeting.

EXPANSION IN RESEARCH PARK

April 19, 2010-Resolution approved authorizing economic development funds in the amount of \$6.2 million to Wake Forest University Health Sciences for the expansion of Building 91 of the Piedmont Triad Research Park for laboratory and office space. The taxable value at completion will be \$55 million. (G-1)

CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICKUP APPROVED

June 21, 2010- Council voted to phase in curbside garbage pickup. Since 2005 the city had offered a voluntary curbside collection program that proved to be sufficiently popular with more than 65 percent of all city households already participating. The timing of the program was based on when the carts could be delivered but was expected to be in place by October 1.

City Budget 2010-2011-\$371.4 Million

Tax Rate set at 46.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation. During the budget discussion Mayor Joines noted that this has been an extremely difficult budget year with a decline in sales and property taxes, a required increase in the state retirement system, no pay increases to staff for the second year and a reduction in staffing.

July 19, 2010- Public hearing held on providing incentives to Caterpillar, Inc. to build a plant here. The request is for \$13.3 million over 10 years to offset the cost of land acquisition, infrastructure costs, and facility construction. Of that amount, \$3.75 million would be taken from the Dell fund project. The city would receive approximately \$4.93 million in property tax revenue from the project. Council approved the request unanimously. (G-1)



Rollout garbage cart

ORDINANCE ATTEMPTS TO CURB GRAFFITI

July 19, 2010- Council approved an amendment to the City Code relating to graffiti. The ordinance related to minors in possession of cans of spray paint, and the sale of spray paint to minors. (G-11)

September 5, 2010- Resolution approving plans for the funding of a portion of the Research Parkway for the Piedmont Triad Research Park. (C-10) This was first discussed at the August 16 meeting.

September 20, 2010-Discussion continues on acquiring the old Union Station as a transportation hub. (G-7)

October 12, 2010- Police began a service of honoring slain police officers on the day of their death. Chief Scott Cunningham announced that a short service would be held at 8 a.m. on each of the days an officer fell.

December 20, 2010 Council Member Burke noted that WSTV-13 had a new look and was more informative, whereby, increasing public awareness, and she appreciated those efforts. (G-9)

2011

CITY-COUNTY FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY

February 21, 2011- Council awarded a contract for a joint city-county firearms training facility to be built in the Airport Business Park of US 52 at a cost of \$6,788,595. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 11.

CITY YARD FACILITIES TO MOVE

March 7, 2011- Property was purchased at 2000 Lowery St. for the field operations of City Yard for \$2.5 million. This was the old Bahnson factory site that had been closed for a number of years. Its parking lot had already been leased for police driver training. (Item 5) The master plan called for the old City Yard area to become part of the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter South. Initially Sanitation, Streets, Employee Medical Services and Employee Training were among the departments moved. In 2018 the facility was named for former council member Joycelyn Johnson.



Firearms instructor

CREATIVE CORRIDORS COALITION

March 28, 2011-Creative Corridors Coalition recognized by council. The purpose of the group, which was formed in February, was to give input into the design of some 11 bridges to be replaced on US 52, Business 40 and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. They would also solicit private funds for landscape enhancement projects. (C-13)

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

May 15, 2011-Council approves a recommendation for a single stream recycling program. Previously the city operated a dual-stream program using 18 gallon recycling bins. With the new program, the city will provide 96 gallon rollout containers that will hold all recyclables without the need for sorting. Once collected, the materials will be taken to a processing and recovery center where they will be separated into commodities. The program will make it easier for citizens to recycle, reduce costs to the city, and decrease the city's carbon footprint. Council Member Clark noted the city placed 1,800 rollout carts in selected neighborhoods throughout the community one to two years ago as part of the program's testing phase and was surprised by the significant increase in the amount of recyclable materials. The new program would result in more than \$1 million in projected savings. (C-12) A contract for this service to Waste Management was approved on July 19, 2009, cost \$1,515,000. (C-9)

May 19, 2011-City spending viewable on a daily basis through a new Open Financial Information link on the city website. A second new link, "Financial Dashboard Report" provided an overall summary of major city revenue collections and areas of spending.

2011-2012 City Budget-\$390.8 Million

Tax remains unchanged at 47.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

July 1, 2011-Under a new state law, televisions and computers and related computer equipment will be banned from landfills in North Carolina.

POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

July 13, 2011- Police officer R. M. Willingham was killed when his patrol car overturned on the US 52 southbound exit ramp onto Vargrave St.

THOMAS PLANT COMPLETED

September 14, 2011- Newly rebuilt R. A. Thomas Water Treatment Plant on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive was put into operation. The Thomas Plant was taken out of service in 2008, demolished and completely rebuilt into a modern 18 million-gallon-per-day facility.

Sept. 19, 2011-Contract awarded for two pumper trucks for the Fire Department, cost \$948,993. (G-8)

October 17, 2011-Contract awarded for the construction of Fire Station 19 on Glenn High Road, cost \$2.2 million. (C-11)

October 17, 2011- Contract awarded for the purchase of recycling carts, cost \$3.2 million. (C-9)



Rollout recycling cart

2012

January 17, 2012- Vulcan Quarry added to Recreation and Parks parkland inventory. (C-1) A master plan was adopted on February 13, 2013.

MINISTERIAL PRAYER TO BEGIN MEETINGS REPLACED

February 6, 2012 - City began using “Moment of Silence” to begin their meetings. Previously ministers from various congregations had been asked to come and offer a prayer at the beginning of the meeting. This change allowed each member of the board and the public to offer their own thoughts and prayers for the meeting.

March 26, 2012-The use of “No Consideration” motion by council members was used most often in zoning cases where new information is introduced, or the parties are far apart on compromise. It allowed the decision to be bumped to the next meeting and ended discussion at that time. It is a unique parliamentary maneuver not covered in Robert’s Rules of Order but is part of the city code. There were several interpretations prior to this meeting regarding just how many times “No Consideration” could be used. After discussion the council voted that the procedure could be used one time and one time only at any meeting on an agenda item. (G-1)

May 21, 2012- Toneq’ McCullough named director of transportation. She succeeded Stan Polanis who retired with more than 32 years with the city. McCullough was the city’s first female director of transportation. She has been with the city for 13 years.

City Budget 2012-2013-\$392 Million

Tax Rate set at 49.1 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

July 2, 2012 -A summary of the City Council meetings, along with the video of the complete meeting, was added to the city website. While the summary was not as detailed as in the minutes books that had been kept since the beginning of city government in both Winston and Salem, interested citizens were now able to access the actual discussions of council on a particular item by using the tab for a particular meeting under the City Secretary’s Department on the city website.

July 26, 2012- The Planning Board held its first public hearing on the Legacy 2030 Plan.

SALEM LAKE DAM COMPLETE

October 15, 2012- The new Salem Lake dam was completed at a cost of \$8.5 million dollars. This was followed by a public meeting on October 30 to discuss a master plan for the Salem Lake Park.



Salem Lake Dam

October 15, 2012- Ordinance enacted regarding parking on residential front lawns. (G-3)

CHICKEN ORDINANCE

November 5, 2012-Ordinance approved clarifying the keeping of chickens and other fowl within the city limits. This ordinance requires specific setbacks and approval of neighbors. Among other restrictions it specified the maximum number of chickens allowed and allowed no roosters. Council Member Robert Clark quipped that without roosters this problem wouldn’t last very long. (G-7)

Nov 30, 2012- City Budget and Evaluation Director Ann Jones retires. She had been director since 1987. Ben Rowe, the deputy director succeeded her.

2013

February 13, 2013–Resolution awarding contract for one fire pumper truck, cost \$494,512. (C-10)

April 15, 2013-Resolution approving items relating to the Piedmont Triad Research Park, now known as the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter. (C-17)

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

May 9-12, 2013- Winston-Salem celebrated its centennial with four days of activities that included a parade, the world premiere of a festive piece for orchestra commissioned for the centennial, a community worship service, the premiere of a centennial documentary, a community toast with a specially brewed “centennial” beer, and more.

The celebrations began Thursday, May 9, which was the 100th anniversary of the day that the consolidation of Winston and Salem into one city took effect. A historic marker was unveiled on First Street followed by a reception and open house in City Hall to view historical displays.

The reception was followed by the premiere of “Merger: Making the Twin City,” an hour-long documentary produced by WSTV 13 that recounted the origins of Salem and Winston and their tortuous path to consolidation.

On Friday, May 10, all city residents who were or would be 100 years old in 2013 were invited to a special Centenarian Luncheon at the Benton Convention Center. That evening, the Arts District hosted a “Blue Moon” gallery hop. The gallery hop was augmented by displays of historical artifacts by the Police and Fire departments, music and art by local students, and a free concert by the Vagabond Saints Society. The concert was preceded by a community toast with a special centennial beer crafted for the occasion by Foothills Brewing, and Primo Water’s “centennial” water.

Old Salem Museums and Gardens hosted a free Community Day at Old Salem on Saturday, May 11. In addition to free admission to all Old Salem attractions, visitors enjoyed colonial crafts, demonstrations of the Tannenberg organ, recitals in the style of 18th century performers, an heirloom puppet show and performances by the Winston-Salem State University Jazz Ensemble.

A centennial parade, featuring marching bands, special floats, and impersonators of historic figures started at 2 p.m. in Old Salem and along Main Street, into downtown. The parade concluded at Corpening Plaza, where a party in the plaza was held from 3 to 8 p.m. featuring food and merchandise vendors and a free concert headlined by Pat "Mother Blues" Cohen.

Also on Saturday, a centennial scavenger hunt in Old Salem and downtown were held from 4 to 7 p.m., followed by an after party at BB&T Ballpark.

Sunday, May 12, was the anniversary of the first meeting of the consolidated Board of Aldermen. A non-denominational community worship service and love feast was held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the May Dell on the campus of Salem Academy and College. Also Sunday, the Winston-Salem Symphony performed the world premiere of “Hail the Coming Day,” a festive piece for orchestra composed by Dan Locklair of Wake Forest University in honor of the centennial.



Centennial parade float

COLISEUM AND BOWMAN GRAY STADIUM TO BE SOLD

May 20, 2013- Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and 33 acres in the vicinity sold to Wake Forest University (G-1); Bowman Gray Stadium and 50 acres in the vicinity sold to Winston-Salem State University. (G-2) The Bowman Gray Stadium agreement was never completed. In 2018 the city announced that it would retain the stadium and committed to a \$9 million upgrade by 2020.

LIBERTY STREET MARKET

June 16, 2013-Funding approved for the construction of the Liberty Street Vendors Market at 1591 N. Liberty St. (C-12) The Market held its grand opening October 11, 2014.

City Budget 2013-2014-\$378.8 Million

Tax Rate set at 53 cents per \$100 of assessed value is 3.9 cents higher than the current rate of 49.1 cents; however, more than 60 percent of city property owners would see their tax bill decline because of the drop in home values due to tax revaluation.

POLICE CHIEF SCOTT CUNNINGHAM RETIRES

June 30, 2013-Police Chief Scott Cunningham retired and was replaced with Assistant Chief Barry Rountree. Rountree, 49, was a 25-year veteran of the Winston-Salem Police Department. He was currently serving as the assistant chief in charge of the Investigative

Services Bureau. He previously served as commander of the Field Services and Support Services bureaus. He also had overseen the Professional Standards Division, the Special Operations Division, Recruiting, Training, and Information Technology.

July 12, 2013- Lisa Saunders was appointed Chief Financial Officer. Saunders was appointed after a nationwide search. She had been with the city since 1986 as a financial analyst. She replaced Denise Bell who retired after 35 years of service. Bell served 10 years as the city’s chief financial officer.

July 13, 2013 - The city launched a new website that will adapt to fit mobile devices and different sizes of monitor screens as well as new navigation features.

September 16, 2013- Civic Plaza renamed for Council Member Wanda Merschel (C-10); resolution approved for three Police District sites. (G-3)

October 22, 2013 - Research Parkway opened. The .72 mile \$8 million road runs from Third Street to Rams Drive and provides access to the central and southern districts of the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION November 5, 2013

Mayor	Allen Joines
Council Members:	South Ward Molly Leight
	Northeast Ward Vivian H. Burke
	West Ward Robert C. Clark
	North Ward Denise D. Adams
	Northwest Ward Jeff McIntosh
	Southwest Ward Dan Besse
	East Ward Derwin L. Montgomery
	Southeast Ward James Taylor Jr.

They were sworn in on December 2, 2013.

December 13, 2013- Ben Rowe named assistant city manager to replace Martha Wheelock who became town manager in Morrisville, N.C.

2014

ROCK THE BLOCK ENDS AFTER 11 YEARS

March 6, 2014- Announcement that Rock the Block is concluding, having served its purpose. The downtown street festival originally started as a way to showcase downtown improvements, would no longer be produced by the city. Its place on the third weekend in September would be taken by a new downtown festival organized by a local corporation.

The inaugural Rock the Block in 2002 was conceived as a one-time event to expose city residents to the downtown streetscape improvements that had just been concluded. It proved so popular that Rock the Block became an annual event, and along the way downtown became a popular destination every night of the week. Eventually, downtown became sufficiently busy that Rock the Block had been scaled back for the past two years.

March 24, 2014- Resolution approved authorizing the purchase of a portion of the Lucia facility at 1517 Waughtown Street as a site for Police District 2. (C-4) It would open on April 13, 2017.

April 21, 2014-New city slogan adopted by Council- "City of Arts and Innovation". The decision on the slogan, which would be used on DOT signs approaching the city, came from almost 1,400 citizens who responded for input. Almost half chose this slogan. (C-14)

May 2, 2014- Trevor Minor named budget and evaluation director. He was a senior budget analyst in the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

May 19, 2014- Contract awarded for the purchase of more body-worn cameras for the Police Department, cost \$632,592-(C-19) Additional cameras would be approved on October 27, 2014, cost \$1,816,648. (C-17)

City Budget 2014-2015-\$506.9 Million

Tax Rate set at 54 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

July 1- Ordinance approved requiring door-to-door salesmen to have a solicitation license and display a city-issued photo ID.

July 11, 2014- Some city offices relocated to Winston Mutual Building. The Police Department's Community Resources Unit went to the second floor, third and fourth floors would house the city's engineering field offices that had to relocate from City Yard to make room for the Salem Creek Connector road project. They were expected to be in the building for at least two and a half years.

August 22, 2014- Merschel Plaza was dedicated.

September 15, 2014- Resolution approved awarding contract for upgrades to WSTV 13, cost \$160,980.85. (C-7-d)

October 27, 2014 - Contract awarded for the purchase of more body-worn cameras for the Police Department - cost \$1,816,648. (C-17)

BONDS APPROVED

November 4, 2014- Voters approved \$139.2 million in general obligation bonds to finance unmet capital needs in the areas of public safety, recreation and parks, streets and sidewalks, economic development, and housing. This also included renovations to the Benton Convention Center and the old Union Station.

2015

TREY MAYO NAMED NEW FIRE CHIEF

January- Fire Chief Anthony Farmer retired after 32 years with the city. William "Trey" Mayo, the chief of Rocky Mount N.C. was named as his replacement. Mayo is a third-generation firefighter.

February 16, 2015- Property purchased at 7836 North Point Blvd. as a site for Police District 1 facility. (C-2)

May 18, 2015 -Property purchased at 2394 Winterhaven Lane as a site for Police District 3 facility. (C-1)

2015-2016 City Budget-\$414.18 Million

Tax Rate set at 56.5 per hundred dollars of valuation.

SKATEBOARD PARK APPROVED

July 20, 2015-Contract awarded for the construction of a skateboard park at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, cost \$238,469. (C-20-g) Additional equipment was approved at the August 16, 2015 meeting, cost \$141,294.56. (C-16-h)



Fairgrounds skate park

July 20, 2015 – Resolution authorizing the award of the helmet of a retiring firefighter to the surviving relative of a deceased firefighter. (C-11)

Sept. 21, 2015-Resolution awarding contract for the purchase of a fire rescue truck, cost \$663,251. (C-13-e)

October 26, 2015- Discussion and agreement on the arches over US 52 at the Salem Creek Connector. This was one of many items proposed by the Creative Corridors group for the beautification of improvements to US 52 and Business 40. (C-15) The arches were made possible by a combination of public and private funds. They were first lit in late January 2018.



US 52 arches

Nov. 16, 2015-Resolution awarding contract for the replacement of Fire Station 8 at 2417 Reynolda Rd., cost \$1,749,000. (C-10-b)

2016

January 19, 2016-Resolution approved awarding contracts for construction of Police District 1 and 3 facilities-\$5,195,000. (C-6-d)

January 19, 2016- Resolution approved awarding purchase order for an explosive ordinance device vehicle for the Police Department-\$187,724.40. (C-6-F)

February 1, 2016- Butner House at 521 South Main St., and Butner Hat shop at 517 S. Main St., named a Historic Landmark. This is significant for city government since the Butner House served as the first Commissioners Hall upstairs, and lock-up downstairs, for the town of Salem (See Town of Salem March 10, 1857) (Item 6)

CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATIONS APPROVED

February 15, 2016-Contract approved for the renovation of the M.C. Benton Convention Center-\$15,670,000. (G-6)

March 28- Contract awarded for construction of new boat and bait house facilities at Salem Lake- \$4,119,000. (C-10)

May 16, 2016-Contract awarded for a new fire pumper truck- \$521,424.

June 20, 2016-Spraygrounds at city recreation facilities were becoming more and more popular. On this date, sprayground construction was approved at Sedge Garden Park, Reynolds Park Pool, as well as an aquatic park at Winston Lake Park. (C-20)

June 20, 2016- Downtown Marriot Hotel and Embassy Suites Hotel sold. (G-12)

City Budget 2016-2017-\$442 Million

Tax Rate set at 58.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation.

September 19, 2016-Resolution approving purchase of a fire pumper truck - \$488,054.36.

Sept 19, 2016-Resolution approving the consolidation of forensic services of the Winston-Salem Police Department and the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department. (C-7)



Hathaway Park Sprayground

October 16, 2016-William Royston named as Recreation & Parks Department director. He succeeded Tim Grant, who retired on July 31, 2016. Royston had worked for the city of Winston-Salem since August 2005.

November 7, 2016- Contract awarded for Union Station Restoration and Renovation Phase 2- \$11,099,000. (Item 7)

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

November 8, 2016

Mayor	Allen Joines	
Council Members:	South Ward	John Larson
	Northeast Ward	Vivian H. Burke
	West Ward	Robert C. Clark
	North Ward	Denise D. Adams
	Northwest Ward	Jeff McIntosh
	Southwest Ward	Dan Besse
	East Ward	Derwin L. Montgomery
	Southeast Ward	James Taylor, Jr

Joines is now the longest serving mayor in the history of Winston-Salem. This election was moved up a year due to an act of the N.C. Legislature. Previously City Council elections were held in the year after national and state elections. City elections will now coincide with national Presidential elections.

November 21, 2016- Patrice Y. Toney named new budget and evaluation director. Toney had worked for Forsyth County since March 1999, including the last five years as a senior budget and management analyst.

December 19, 2016- Contract awarded for a fire ladder truck - \$1,277,089. (C-8-B)

2017

January 17, 2017-Hazardous materials truck purchased for the Fire Department, cost \$449,198. (C-8-g)

April 13, 2017-The first of the Police District headquarters opened at 1517 Waughtown St. to serve the southeast portion of the city.

City Budget 2017-2018-\$442.2 Million

Tax rate set at 59.74 cents per hundred dollars of valuation

QUARRY PARK OPENED

August 15, 2017- Quarry Park grand opening. The park was the site of a former Vulcan quarry and included overlooks, an observation pier, bathrooms, and green space. The project also included construction of the Waughtown Connector, a greenway that connects the Waughtown area to the park and extended to the Peachtree Greenway to provide access from Reynolds Park and the Salem Creek Greenway. Voters approved \$5 million for Quarry Park and the Waughtown Connector in the November 2014 bond referendum.

CATRINA THOMPSON NEW POLICE CHIEF

September 1, 2017 -Assistant Police Chief Catrina A. Thompson named as Winston-Salem’s 15th chief of police. Chief Barry Roundtree retired. Thompson was a 23-year veteran of the Winston-Salem Police Department and served as the assistant chief in charge of the Investigative Services Bureau when promoted.

September 29, 2017 –Ribbon cutting held to celebrate completion of the Phase II improvements to the Alexander R. Beaty Public Safety Training and Support Center at 1200 N. Patterson Avenue.

The Phase II improvements include training classrooms and offices for the Fire Department’s training staff, new facilities for the Police Department’s Forensic Services Division that allow all forensic functions and personnel to be housed in the center, expanded storage space for the Evidence Management section, and relocated space for NMS Labs.

September 26, 2017- Ribbon cutting held for the new District One Police Station at 7836 North Point Blvd. The station will house the complete patrol functions for Police District One, which covers 45 square miles, including downtown and the northwest third of Winston-Salem north of Robinhood Road and west of U.S. 52 and Old Walkertown Road. It is also capable of housing other police personnel as needed to better serve the community. Voters approved \$3.46 million for the station in the November 2014 bond referendum.

October 10, 2017- Ribbon cutting held for the completion of the new District Three Police Station at 2393 Winterhaven Lane. The station will house the complete patrol functions for Police District Three, which covers 47 square miles on the southwest side of Winston-Salem, west of U.S. 52 and south of Robinhood and Reynolda roads. It is also capable of housing other police personnel as needed to better serve the community. The District Three station was financed with \$3.3 million that voters approved in the November 2014 bond referendum.

November 1, 2017-Marla Newman appointed community development director. Newman assumed her duties Dec. 1 at the conclusion of the service of D. Ritchie Brooks, who retired. Newman has nearly 20 years of housing and community development experience and most recently served as executive director of the Louisiana Housing Alliance.

December 4, 2017- Mayor Joines announced that it was the 40th anniversary of Council Member Burke being sworn into office. He stated that Mayor Pro Tem Burke had attended 3,614 hours of City Council and committee meetings and 41,000 hours of elected official work such as community meetings, and ribbon cuttings etc.

December 14, 2017-Ribbon cutting held for new Fire Station Number Eight at 2457 Reynolda Road. The new fire station has two large bays for fire trucks, allowing the Fire Department to station fire trucks as needed. The new facility will also include separate bath/shower facilities for female firefighters. It replaces a fire station with just one truck bay that was built in the 1950s and was one of the oldest in the city. The new fire station was financed with \$2.58 million that voters approved in the November 2014 bond referendum.

December 18, 2017-Resolution approved to replace the existing 13 pay stations for on-the-street parking in the area of City Hall. This was necessary since the software in the current units would be out of date in March 2018. (C-17) The solar powered pay stations were first introduced in 2011 in two city-owned parking decks, and then expanded to replace parking meters around City Hall.

2018

TASHA LOGAN FORD NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

February 5, 2018- Tasha Logan Ford introduced as new assistant city manager. She was an assistant city manager in Rocky Mount.

SALEM LAKE MARINA OPENS

March 23, 2018- Ribbon cutting held for the new Salem Lake Marina Center. The marina center was built with \$4 million in bonds from the November 2014 bond referendum.

May 17, 2018- Ribbon cutting held for the completion of the addition and renovations to Fire Station No. 9., 4685 Ogburn Ave. A second truck bay has been added to allow placement of a ladder truck at the station. The dormitory has been expanded and additional bath and shower facilities added so the station can accommodate two fire companies. The total project budget was \$1.26 million, including \$420,000 that voters approved in the November 2014 bond referendum.

May 25, 2018 –Winston Waterworks Aquatic Park opened. The park at the corner of Waterworks and Winston Lake roads was built with 5 million dollars in voter approved bonds.

City Budget 2018-2019-\$530 million

Tax Rate unchanged at 59.74 cents for every \$100 of valuation.

TWO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS RETIRE

July 1, 2018-Assistant City Managers Derwick Paige and Greg Turner retired. Damon Dequenne and Evan Raleigh were named to replace them. Dequenne was the deputy director of City-County Utilities. Raleigh joined the city in 2011 as an assistant to the city manager.

August 1, 2018- Paul Norby retired as director of City-County Planning and Development Services after 19 years. He was the longest-serving planning director since the department was established in 1948. Aaron King, who has been a member of the Planning Department since 2005 was named director on September 27.

August 14, 2018- Ribbon cutting ceremony held to celebrate completion of the addition and renovations to Fire Station No. 7, 100 Arbor Road. A new truck bay was built to accommodate today’s larger fire trucks. The old truck bay was converted into updated living spaces. The total project budget was \$2.16 million, including \$2 million that voters approved in the November 2014 bond referendum.

August 20, 2018- August Vernon named new Emergency Management director. He replaced Mel Sadler who died unexpectedly in January.

MAYOR DECLARES TWO STATES OF EMERGENCY

September 13, 2018-Mayor Joines declared a state of emergency due to Hurricane Florence and again on October 12, 2018 due to Hurricane Michael. These were precautionary measures as neither storm caused major problems for the city other than down trees and power outages.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNS

October 11, 2018 -Council Member Derwin Montgomery resigned to take the state legislative seat of Representative Hanes to which he had been appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Forsyth County Democratic Party. When he was elected in 2009, he was the youngest person ever elected to city office at the age of 21.

BOND REFERENDUM PASSES

November 6, 2018-\$122 Million Bond Referendum passed. This included:

- Streets and Sidewalks: \$43.7 million
- Parks and Recreation: \$31 million
- Public Safety Facilities: \$21.1 million
- Economic Development: \$14.5 million
- Housing: \$11.7 million

BOWMAN GRAY STADIUM RENOVATIONS ANNOUNCED

November 14, 2018- A \$9 million plan for major renovations for Bowman Gray Stadium was announced subject to approval by the City Council. It had been announced in 2013 that the city would sell the stadium to Winston-Salem State University. There had been lengthy delays in closing the sale due to environment issues on the property, (part of it was built on an old city landfill), and slowdowns within the UNC system. The improvements included new restrooms, a high-capacity Wi-Fi system, seating, parking and landscaping improvements. The racetrack will be resurfaced, ticket booths, the field house and press box will be refurbished among other upgrades. The work was to be completed by 2020.

BUSINESS 40 SHUT DOWN

November 17, 2018- After many years of planning, Business 40 east and westbound through downtown was closed between the US 52 exit and Peters Creek Parkway. At the time of the closing some 80,000 vehicles used the roadway daily. It had been opened in 1960. Construction of new bridges, widening and extending of exit and acceleration ramps and other safety features was expected to be completed in 2020. However, the closed portion was to be reopened in 19 months. Other dramatic changes include the Peter’s Creek Parkway bridge project comes with some federally mandated sound barriers. The barriers can be seen beginning at the left and continuing across the top of the bridge. Artist Larry Kirkland developed a strategy for lighting the barriers, along with large sculptures at the four corners of the bridge.

The Green Street pedestrian bridge will be removed and rebuilt as an icon and inspiration for new development around the downtown ball park, also designed by Donald McDonald.

With the lowering of the Bus. 40 roadway, the strollway, which formerly passed beneath the road, will now cross above it on a land bridge, unique of its kind in North Carolina, designed by Tar Heel native Walter Hood. It will accommodate both pedestrian and bicycle traffic and will be planted with native species and ornamental trees.

The cost of the entire project was estimated at \$100 million.

ANNETTE SCIPPIO

November 26, 2018- Annette Scippio, who had been chosen by the Democratic Party to replaced Derwin Montgomery as East Ward Member of Council, was sworn in.