

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6:30 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

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 Dan Besse

*MEMBER ABSENT:* Council Member Denise D. Adams

*OTHERS PRESENT:* Council Member Molly Leight

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 Besse requested to pull Item C-2 and Council Member Montgomery requested to pull Item C-4. No other items were removed for discussion.

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO YATES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR \$170,000 FOR THE SHATTALON DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
- C-3. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PARTICIPATION IN A DRAINAGE PROJECT ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCORDING TO SECTION 75-35 OF THE CITY CODE – 1224 Reynolds Forest Drive.
- C-5. REPORT ON STORMWATER REVENUES.
- C-6. MONTHLY REPORT ON THE CURBSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION PROGRAM.
- C-7. MONTHLY 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 - *September 14, 2010.*
- C-2. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, stated that staff has identified a benefit to the City becoming a member of the North Carolina Water Quality Association (NCWQA) to keep it informed as to proposed water and sewer regulations and regulatory conditions before they take effect.

Council Member Besse expressed concern about joining a multi-city advocacy organization without some control over that organization's agenda. He requested that this item be held in Committee to allow a review of the bylaws and agenda of the NCWQA.

In response to Chair Clark's question, Mr. Turner stated that it may be possible for the City to get similar benefits of NCWQA through its membership in the North Carolina League of Municipalities or other organization, but those organizations have not yet placed a focus on this area as part of their overall work plan.

Chair Clark requested further information on the NCWQA.

By consensus, this item will remain in Committee until November, pending further information.

- C-4. FIFTH STREET TWO-WAY CONVERSION UPDATE.

In response to Council Member Montgomery's question, Mr. Turner stated that it is staff's plan to convert Fifth Street from one-way to two-way travel beginning at Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive all the way to Main Street, which will be done by remarking the road. Some of the crosswalks have been pre-lined which are part of a safety improvement project.

In response to Chair Clark's question, Mr. Stan Polanis, Department of Transportation Director, stated that there will be a widening of the intersection at Main and Liberty Streets to align the lanes and create room for a left turn lane.

In response to Council Member Leight's questions, Mr. Polanis noted that the widening will occur along the south side of Fifth Street, to allow the curb to be moved back, and maintain sufficient sidewalk space. He also noted that there will be no on-street parking due to retaining the sidewalk and providing necessary traffic lanes. Staff is making every effort not to affect parking in that area.

Council Member Montgomery requested to know what types of trees and shrubbery will be planted in that area. He also noted that these improvements should help struggling businesses along Fifth Street.

Mr. Polanis stated that Fifth Street will have two-way travel all the way from Business Interstate 40 through the heart of downtown, with a short section of one-way travel near West End to Glade Street. At Summit Street, Fifth Street will become one-way west travel and next year, there will be a conversion of the remainder of Fourth Street two-way travel, east of Main Street.

### GENERAL AGENDA

#### G-1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT HONORARY STREET NAME SIGNS - *Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr.; S. D. Johnson Lane.*

Mr. Turner noted that honorary street name signs are established on a temporary basis by a Mayoral proclamation, and if the signs are to become permanent, City Council will have to adopt a resolution establishing such. There has been a request from two groups to have permanency assigned to the referenced signs, with one located on Trade Street and one located on Kinard Drive. In response to Chair Clark's question, Mr. Turner stated that there are approximately six honorary street name signs in permanent position.

Council Member Montgomery expressed concern that all groups who are granted an honorary temporary sign will want to make them permanent and what affect, if any, it will have on mail services.

Mr. Turner stated that the signs do not change the official name of a street and a different color is used, along with the indication of honorary. The most recent honorary street name granted permanency was Conrad Lane on Liberty Street approximately four years ago.

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

#### G-2. BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING OPTIONS REQUEST.

Mr. Johnnie Taylor, Sanitation Director, stated that the current curbside recycling contract is due to expire in April, and the current dual stream process requires sorting at the curb. Staff would like to review a single stream option to allow for less sorting by residents. This would offer the ease of recycling which should increase participation. Participants will be able to have lids on carts, offered sturdier bins that do not have to be replaced as frequently, and the City will see the benefit of increased tonnage which will equal increased diversion from the landfill and possibly reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Staff began reviewing a single stream pilot program in 2009 utilizing 64-gallon carts which has consistently shown 12 pounds per household collected weekly and the current program collects approximately five pounds per household weekly. The recent pilot program covering all eight wards, utilizing 96-gallon carts, has been collected on a bi-weekly basis at a rate of 24 pounds per household. Staff is seeking permission to move forward with the contract renewal and consideration of a single stream option, and to address any adjustments that may need to be made for the City.

Council Member Besse made a motion for approval of the item. The motion was duly seconded by Chair Clark.

In response to Chair Clark's questions, Mr. Taylor stated that 96-gallon carts were utilized in the bi-weekly pilot program because collection showed that 64-gallon carts were already filled to capacity. Some of the 96-gallon carts were filled to capacity at the end of two weeks. He also stated that staff anticipates a request for proposal for any organization interested in participating, be that Waste Management or others. He further stated that it has not yet been determined if the City will simply collect and sort recyclables or collect and deliver them, but a single stream program allows the possibility of utilizing automated equipment already owned by the City, and more flexibility.

Chair Clark noted that this process may also help to reduce the costs associated with the City's current recycling program. Chair Clark stated that by consensus, staff should move forward with this request.

#### G-3. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REPORT.

In response to Council Member Besse's question, Mr. Polanis stated that staff is currently working with the Marketing and Communications Department to develop the best method of educating the public about these concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 p.m.