

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 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 Molly Leight  
Council Member James Taylor, Jr. (in at 5:01 p.m.)

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. Chair Clark requested to pull Item C-1. No other items were removed.

Council Member Besse 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-2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS FOR AN URBAN CIRCULATOR PROJECT - *HDR Engineering, Inc.* - \$699,656.
- C-3. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC. TO COMPLETE A STREETScape PLAN AND DESIGN DRAWINGS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE CORRIDOR FROM US 52 TO BUSINESS 40 (US 421) IN EAST WINSTON - \$150,000.
- C-4. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. TO COMPLETE A STREETScape DESIGN AND CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE PETERS CREEK PARKWAY (NC 150) CORRIDOR FROM BUSINESS 40 (US 421) TO INTERSTATE 40 - \$126,223.
- C-5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT FROM CHARLES H. HUNEYCUTT - *Property located at 1656 Ebert Street.*

- C-6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4545 OAK RIDGE DRIVE THROUGH A PUBLIC AUCTION AS PERMITTED IN N.C.G.S. 160A-270. *[Receipt of \$59,900.]*
- C-7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS' BASEBALL STADIUM REVIEW COMMITTEE:
- a. RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE CITIZENS' BASEBALL STADIUM REVIEW COMMITTEE.
  - b. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 5 OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM CODE OF ORDINANCES MAKING CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FACILITIES COMMISSION.
- C-8. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *August 9, 2011.*
- C-1. PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF VARGRAVE STREET (EAST WARD) – *Petition of Winston-Salem State University. Public Hearing: October 17, 2011.*

Chair Clark questioned that via the aerial shot provided in the Agenda book, it appears that various roads and driveways would be affected by the proposed closure.

Mr. Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, stated that those roads or driveways are serving Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) and the proposed closure will provide more security for the students.

*Council Member Taylor in at 5:01 p.m.*

Council Member Besse expressed concern that the extent of the proposed closure is halfway across the bridge and questioned if it should go to the end of the bridge on the WSSU side.

Mr. Turner indicated it would not be a problem to amend the item to exclude the bridge from the area to be closed.

In response to Council Member Montgomery's questions regarding how the bridge was closed, how the road was gated and how citations were given, Mr. Turner stated that the bridge was closed as a safety measure but was not abandoned as a road closure may be. He also stated that the City gave WSSU permission at the staff level for a temporary closure, pending Council consideration. He further stated that WSSU may have had authority to issue citations in that area but he would verify and provide that information, including which entity would receive the revenue from the tickets.

In response to Council Member Adams' inquiry if the red shaded area would be closed in its entirety, Mr. Turner indicated that the entire street will be closed, but WSSU plans to leave the street in place as a private, gated street to serve its campus.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the item as amended by excluding the bridge from the proposed closure as requested by Council Member Besse. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Montgomery and unanimously carried.

**G-1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RENEWING FUNDING FOR THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.**

Mr. Turner reported that every few years the Federal Government establishes a long-term funding source for transportation and the City and State are beneficiaries of Federal projects from this source. The current funding mechanism has been extended a number of times and this request is to pass a resolution in support of reauthorization of this funding.

Council Member Besse stated that he requested this resolution because of input from the National League of Cities that there is a real prospect for an interruption in Federal Transportation Programs. Also, there is a move in the Senate to bar the use of funds for pedestrian and non-motorized transportation projects, which would negatively affect what the City is doing. He made a motion to approve the item as amended by including "pedestrian and bicycle programs," after "transit" in the final paragraph of the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Adams and carried unanimously.

**G-2. PRESENTATION ON CREATIVE CORRIDORS PROPOSED GUIDELINES AND MASTER PLAN.**

Mr. David Smitherman, 633 Jersey Ave, Creative Corridors Coalition (CCC), introduced members of the executive committee in attendance and gave the presentation.

Council Member Leight stated she likes the use of brick in the proposals and requested more information on the Artistic Design Competition.

Mr. Smitherman responded that the competition is to use concepts/designs to show what's possible inside the "box" they are creating.

Council Member Adams asked Mr. Smitherman to show citizens there are bridges/overpasses in the entire community. She suggested CCC create a plan to point those out, nothing as extreme or detailed as the current plan, but an aesthetic enhancement to other areas.

Council Member Montgomery expressed thanks to the diverse group of people for the hard work and time spent on this project.

Council Member Taylor commented that this project solidifies Winston-Salem as the City of Arts and Innovation.

Chair Clark stated he looks forward to receiving the formal report on this project. He also complimented Mr. Smitherman on the use of brick. Chair Clark noted that Durham and Raleigh have more brick along the highway than other areas of the state and asked if the North Carolina Department of Transportation has a policy for soundwalls/barriers. Chair Clark remarked on the recently redone Cooper River Bridge in Charleston, SC and how it is such an outstanding architectural statement that it attracts people. Also, in Albuquerque, NM, turquoise is included in the design of the interstate, reminiscent of Southwest Art. He further noted that the bridges in Houston, TX have been modified as well.

Mr. Milton Rhodes from the Arts Council responded to Chair Clark that the determining factor for bridges to be designed so they can accept art is the public, private or grant funding.

Chair Clark suggested that hearty, low maintenance plants be selected for the corridor.

ADJOURNMENT 5:44 p.m.