

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6:03 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Council Member Dan Besse, Chair*
 Council Member Robert C. Clark
 Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

MEMBER ABSENT: *Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery*

Chair Besse called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. He asked if any items needed to be removed for discussion. Council Member Taylor requested to pull Item C-5. No other items were removed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

C-5. REPORT ON LEAF COLLECTION.

Mr. Mark Fulmer, Sanitation Department, gave a brief overview on this item.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Fulmer stated the leaf collection will start with Quadrant #2 on October 31; Quadrant #3 on November 3; Quadrant #4 on November 11; and Quadrant #1 on November 18, 2016, weather permitting.

C-2. RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR HAZEN AND SAWYER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE LOCKLAND PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT [\$190,655] (SOUTHWEST WARD).

C-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABINETS:

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABINETS.
- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

- c. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.
- C-4. PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF HUNDLEY ROAD, LOCATED OFF MEADOWLARK DRIVE. (WEST WARD) – *Petition of Graham Bennett. Public Hearing: November 21, 2016.*
- C-6. REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF SIDEWALK PROJECTS FROM THE 2014 BOND FUNDED LIST – KINARD DRIVE. (EAST WARD).
- C-7. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *September 13, 2016.*

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE RENAMING A DISCONNECTED SEGMENT OF “MAPLE STREET” TO “EARLINE PARMON DRIVE”. (NORTHEAST WARD)

Mr. Matthew Hamby, Addressing Coordinator, gave a brief report on this item.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to forward this item to Council. Council Member Clark duly seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

Chair Besse opened the public hearing; no one was heard.

Chair Besse noted Council Member Montgomery is waiting to hear from the family of the late Representative Parmon.

- G-2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE RENAMING AN UNBUILT SEGMENT OF “GAMMON STREET” TO “MULBERRY STREET.” (SOUTH WARD)

Mr. Hamby gave an overview of this item.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Hamby replied in terms of Police, Fire and Emergency Management there are no discrepancies as a result of this change.

Chair Besse opened the public hearing; no one was heard.

Council Member Taylor made a motion for approval. Council Member Clark duly seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

- G-3. WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES AND MASS TRANSIT FUND REPORT UPDATE.

Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief introduction on this item.

Ms. Toneq' McCullough, Director of Transportation, gave a staff report on this item.

Dr. David Chi, Sr. Project Manager, The Collaborative Planning Firm, gave a presentation on this item.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Chi responded saying the 30 minute window is the allotted time for the pick-up trips.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Chi stated there are 40 fleet vehicles and six new ones were purchased six months ago.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Dr. Chi stated the categories of eligibility are unconditional and conditional. Most trips are permissible as long as it is during work hours. The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) decides on who can ride on a case by case basis.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Art Barnes, Director/WSTA, stated in regard to categories of ridership and on behalf of The American Disabilities Act (ADA), WSTA has a contract with Medicaid through The Department of Social Services. Title Three is a program that provides WSTA's contract for older adults' ridership, and the age to qualify under this program is 60 years old and above.

In response to Council Member Clark, Ms. Ericka Lowery, ADA Specialist WSTA stated there are large percentages of no-shows, and of that percentage, people on dialysis community are the largest percentage of no-shows.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Barnes stated the cost of a monthly pass for a fixed route is \$30.00 and a monthly pass for Transaid is \$15.00.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Barnes stated the vast majority of the trips are free.

Mr. Stephen Hawryluk, Senior Budget Analyst, gave a presentation on the WSTA fund.

In response to Chair Besse, Ms. McCullough stated the reimbursement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has not been currently appropriated. As the grant approval process is completed, those funds will be dispersed.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Hawryluk stated the policy change for the fixed routes are implemented by State regulations. There is no assumed growth in FTA 5307 grant funds or State Maintenance Assistance program funds.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Barnes stated Medicaid reimbursements are approximately \$21.00/trip.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Hawryluk stated the total expenditures increase of 35.1% is due mostly to the personnel cost increase.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Barnes stated the decrease in total ridership occurred between Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Fiscal Year 2015-16 due to the correlation between the price of fuel and ridership. The decrease in fuel prices allowed more people to drive their personal vehicles.

In response to Chair Besse, Mr. Turner stated the 30 cent fare increase is to address a half fare issue. If there is a half fare and normal fare is \$1.25, it would be difficult to cut that in half.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Garrity stated the budget for next year would require decisions by spring regarding the WSTA funding.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 p.m.