

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6:35 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Council Member Dan Besse, Chair*
Council Member John C. Larson, Vice Chair
Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Council Member Adams*
Council Member MacIntosh

Chair Besse called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. Council Member Taylor pulled Item C-6. No other items were pulled.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

C-6. UPDATE ON FIRM SELECTION FOR COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN.

Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Manager, gave the staff update on this item.

Council Member Taylor stated he has talked to many members of the community along with staff and is not satisfied with how the Davenport contract is progressing. A precedent has been established for how the City builds relationships with local businesses. Staff should allow this local firm to build capacity in the RFP.

In response to Chair Besse, Mrs. Angela Carmon, City Attorney stated she is also concerned of the legal ramifications of establishing the advancement of a particular firm. She also stated she would like additional time to research this issue.

Council Member Larson requested a breakdown of how the scoring is conducted in evaluating the contract proposals.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Lee Garrity, City Manager stated staff is limited to how the scoring is conducted due to the contracts being state funded and this is a state project.

More information will be provided at a later time.

Chair Besse suggested hold this item in Committee to March.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Turner stated for professional services under the Brooks Act, which is Federal law and under the Many Brooks Act, which is State law the City selects consultants for professional services based upon qualifications. Unlike the bidding practice, whereby the City often talks about contracts in construction, the “professional services” intent is to obtain the best qualified consultant not the lowest priced consultant.

C-1. CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSING PETITIONS:

- a. CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A 10’ ALLEY LOCATED OFF OF HUMANITY DRIVE AT THE PROPERTY OF PAISLEY IB MAGNET SCHOOL (NORTH WARD) – Petition of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.
- b. CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A 20’ ALLEY LOCATED OFF OF LIBERIA STREET AT THE HAPPY HILLS POOL FACILITY (EAST WARD) – Petition of City of Winston-Salem.

C-2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VOGLER DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION.

C-3. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANCH POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. TO MAINTAIN A DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTING SYSTEM – NORTHWEST WARD.

C-4. APPROVAL OF AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT, ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FEATURES, AND ALLOWANCE FOR DONOR RECOGNITION SIGNAGE.

C-5. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE.

C-7. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *January 10, 2017.*

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. UPDATE ON WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES.

Mr. Turner gave the staff update on this item.

Council Member Adams requested a more extensive follow-up of bus routes on Wake Forest, West Rock, Cook and United Furniture.

Chair Besse indicated another update will come to the March meeting.

G-2. RESOLUTION APPROVING A RATE INCREASE FOR TRANS-AID SERVICES TO BE USED FOR REVENUE ENHANCEMENT TO TRANS-AID OPERATIONS.

Mr. Turner gave the staff report on this item.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Turner stated with a Committee direction today, the Finance Committee would kick off the public involvement which would provide their thoughts and concerns to any potential ratings.

Chair Besse stated there have been comments concerning the meeting places for the WSTA (Winston-Salem Transit Authority) organization. He also stated they are not just confined to meeting at the transportation location.

Council Member Adams requested staff are evaluating the routes in those designated zip code areas and Council would like to have that chart available again to review the routes needing those additional routes.

Chair Besse suggested keep in mind how the City of Winston-Salem still has the lowest route rates compared to surrounding areas.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to direct staff to begin the public process in considering route rate increases. Council Member Taylor opposed. Council Members Montgomery, Besse and Larson approving.

G-4. SMALL CELL TOWER TECHNOLOGY UPDATE.

Mr. Turner gave the staff update on this item.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Turner stated staff can look at whether or not these cell tower devices can be allowed in the Old Salem district.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Turner stated Council would not have to make the decision to install the towers in designated communities unless designated by staff.

In response to Council Member Adams, Mr. Turner stated there is a small cell tower located on Hanes Mall Boulevard.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Turner stated if staff receives feedback from a community that do not want the towers, after remanded to Council, the decision would be made there.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mr. Turner stated in co-locating cameras, it could be put in as a condition and this could be an option, if a plan is already in place in the instance this issue arises.

G-3. UTILITIES SERVICES UPDATE.

Mrs. Courtney Driver, Utilities Director, gave the staff presentation on this item.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mrs. Driver stated lead and copper can cause harmful effects. Staff is constantly monitoring for both of these.

In response to Council Member Adams, Mrs. Driver stated staff can re-look at sampling water sites to be possibly placed in the outer portions of the city and the State would have to approve any new locations.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mrs. Driver stated anyone can call in to request their water to be tested. It must be a call from the original property owner and not the renter.

Chair Besse requested a report back to Committee for the sampling stations in April.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mrs. Driver stated the updated meter reading systems and water bill paying will be enhanced.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mrs. Driver stated the City of Winston-Salem provides water to Greensboro once annually.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 p.m.