

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2016

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Council Member Dan Besse, Chair*
Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Council Member Robert C. Clark (out at 6:27 p.m.)
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Council Member Jeff MacIntosh*

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 Montgomery requested to pull Item C-3. 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 Montgomery and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SUPPORTING A REGIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR WATER SUPPLY PLANNING IN THE YADKIN-PEE-DEE RIVER BASIN.
- C-2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF DARRYL EUGENE HUNT TO THE CITIZEN'S MEMORIAL WALL AT NEW EVERGREEN CEMETARY.
- C-4. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *August 9, 2016.*
- C-3. INFORMATION ON LIMITED NUMBER OF BENTON CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATION BIDS.

In response to Council Member Montgomery's concerns, Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Manager stated the Construction Management at Risk process for is being discussed with staff.

Council Member Clark requested follow-up with the current contractor to determine if there were issues in getting someone to do glass work, as this was a concern for other contractors.

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. REPORT ON SEVENTH STREET DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Keith Huff, Director of Stormwater/Erosion gave a brief staff presentation on this item.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Mr. Huff stated the study at this point is at a very high level and we haven't dealt with all of the potential constraints at this time. The plan is to get the size of the bypass system large enough that the City would not need the piping system under Plant 64. If it is possible to allow a smaller version or disconnect it altogether; the piping system that is routing all of the flow would be in the right-of-way. At this point, we do not have any good ideas to get the entirety of the system in the right-of-way.

Mr. Turner stated there were some deterioration issues indicated in the past, however, the areas between Fifth Street and Sixth Street were determined to be obstructed and have diminished flow. Current problems are due to capacity and not obstruction of flow.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mr. Huff stated the flooding may have been going on for a while, but the City was only made aware recently.

Mr. Huff stated the plan is to work with WFIQ on the drainage repairs and move forward with some type of agreement to set the terms and conditions of these repairs.

Mr. Turner noted that WFIQ approached the City with the idea of doing this project at the same ratio done at the roundabout at Third Street, of 67% City and 33% Research Park; although there are many options being considered.

Council Member Besse requested an analysis be brought back to Committee concerning the alternatives to be considered to complete this project.

Council Member MacIntosh asked that the analysis include the current stormwater Fund Balance, projected expenses, and amount of time to recover trust balance from this project.

In response to Council Member Clark, Mr. Turner stated a private contractor will be hired. No final decision has been made as to who the City will hire.

G-2. TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY REVIEW.

Ms. Toneq' McCullough gave a brief staff presentation on this item.

Chair Besse presented alternate language to the policy indicating if the Fire Department/Police Department expect problems responding to emergencies in neighborhoods because of the traffic calming measures, then Staff will not recommend those measures.

Council Member Taylor expressed concern and suggested each case be reviewed individually and the decision be made at the Council level.

Chair Besse suggested a new draft of the language to clarify the criteria for the installation of the traffic calming measures.

Council Member MacIntosh inquired if the OIC insurance rates will increase due to installing the traffic calming measures.

Chair Besse requested this item be held in committee for further discussion in November.

G-3. BIKE SHARE PROGRAM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRESENTATION.

Mr. Matthew Burczyk, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator gave a brief presentation on this item.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Burczyk stated those listed in the presentation are only a few of the participants already doing Bike Share. The City plans to reach out to other interested entities. Private organizations would be in charge of their systems and partner with other organizations to share costs.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Burczyk stated less than one-half of 1% bikes are reported stolen each year.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mr. Burczyk stated Wake Forest University recycles bikes to provide its service and Winston-Salem State University purchased new bikes. Zagster Bike Share is a for-profit organization and the other ones listed in the presentation are not revenue positive.

Mr. Steve Zorn, 205 Gloria Avenue, gave a brief report on why he supports the Bike Share program.

Mr. Clark Harper, 832 Carolina Avenue, spoke briefly on his support of the Bike Share program.

Ms. Amy Easter, 3407 Luther Street, gave some detailed information on the Bike Share program and is in full support of the organization.

In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Burczyk stated there are many payment options. A yearly fee is between \$70 - \$100. Usually the fees are charged in increments of 15 minutes and fees can vary based on the location and the duration of the rides.

Council Member MacIntosh requested an analysis of the cost ratios and ranges.

Chair Besse requested this item be brought back for discussion in November.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 p.m.