

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 1:00 P.M.
2nd Floor Committee Room – 101 City Hall Plaza

Present: Mayor William V. “Bill” Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cora Cole-McFadden and Council Members Eugene Brown, Diane Catotti, Eddie Davis, Don Moffitt and Steve Schewel. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Thomas J. Bonfield, City Attorney Patrick Baker and City Clerk D. Ann Gray.

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

The Mayor asked for priority items from the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

City Manager Bonfield referenced the five planning department public hearings that had been added to the agenda and continued from the April 6th City Council Meeting.

The City Manager’s items were accepted by the Council.

There were no priority items from the City Attorney and City Clerk.

Mayor Bell read the following proclamations “Durham Earth Day” and “National Public Safety 911 Communications Officer Week.” The recipients thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. Tracie Carson, 911 Communications Officer, was acknowledged as the Employee of the Year for her department for having exceptional customer service and her excellent ability to maintain her composure in the most tense situations while taking emergency calls.

Mayor Bell announced each item on the printed agenda and the following items were pulled for discussion and/or comments:

**SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF DR. A. EUGENE WASHINGTON, CHANCELLOR
FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS & PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE DUKE
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM**

Associate Vice President Mary Ann Black introduced Dr. A. Eugene Washington who was recently named as the new CEO and Chancellor for the Duke University Health System. She stated Dr. Washington came to Duke on April 1st having a distinguished career internationally known for his work in research and reproductive systems. Dr. Washington was formally at UCLA.

Dr. Washington addressed the Council stating he was excited to be in Durham assuming the new leadership role at Duke and being a new resident of Durham, North Carolina. He made

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comments on his reasons for coming to Durham; and stated he was looking forward to working with the Council and the community.

On behalf of the City Council and citizens, Mayor Bell welcomed Dr. Washington to Durham.

SUBJECT: JOHN “GIOVANNI” TARANTINO

John Tarantino provided a song selection as a tribute to the Chief of Police.

SUBJECT: JAMES CHAVIS

To receive comments from James Chavis regarding the summer youth litter abatement jobs.

Vivian McCoy spoke on behalf of James Chavis requesting Council to place funds back into the litter program they had for many years with the impact team. She referenced that the program was a youth program which had benefitted all five PACs in helping keep the communities clean.

SUBJECT: THERESA CAMERON

To receive comments from Theresa Cameron regarding summer youth litter jobs for 2015.

Theresa Cameron requested the Council to reinstate the summer youth litter job opportunities for PAC 1.

SUBJECT: REGINALD LESLIE

To receive comments from Reginald Leslie regarding summer youth litter jobs.

Reginald Leslie requested the Council reinstate the summer youth litter jobs back in PAC 1 for 2015. He referenced that the streets are becoming filled with litter.

SUBJECT: GWYN SILVER

To receive comments from Gwyn Silver regarding youth summer employment, litter abatement worker.

Gwyn Silver spoke in support of funds being allocated to pay youth for the summer litter abatement program beginning summer 2015. She spoke on customized recruitment referenced in an email by OEWD Director Kevin Dick; stated all should have equal access to employment opportunities for which they qualify; and recommended that all applications for summer youth jobs be selected by lottery. Ms. Silver referenced her opportunity to provide guidance to the

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youth; and stated that there was no greater reward than to see the youth at the mall or other places and receive a “thank you” because in guiding them through the summer program, they knew and she believed in them.

SUBJECT: STEPHEN HOPKINS

To receive comments from Stephen Hopkins regarding youth jobs with the Impact Team.

Stephen Hopkins spoke in support of the summer youth jobs with the Impact Team being reinstated.

City Manager Bonfield recognized OEWD Director Kevin Dick for comments.

OEWD Director Kevin Dick provided background information on where the \$94,000 funding came from for the summer youth litter program; stated the monies were part of a solid waste contract; and noted this was never an allotment in the general fund; never an allocation. He stated when the contract ended the funds discontinued. Mr. Dick also commented on the initial plans for the upcoming summer for youth opportunities.

For clarification, City Manager Bonfield stated the funding for the summer youth litter program in the amount of \$94,000 was a contribution from a company the City was renting solid waste containers from; however, a couple of years ago the City began the process of purchasing containers.

Deputy City Manager Wanda Page stated the total amount was \$94,000; however, it was from two sources; one being from Allied and the second contractor Otto; whereby the two contractors provided a grant for the City to use specifically to hire summer youth for litter control. Deputy City Manager Page stated there were 30 jobs and the City allocated 20 for NIS to manage the litter control program; and the remaining 10 jobs were distributed around the City in other types of positions.

OEWD Director Kevin Dick stated \$94,000 of earmarked funding went away; however, job opportunities did not disappear. He commented on the number of jobs they were expecting to have this summer.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden commented on the steps that had been taken to make the youth aware of summer job opportunities.

SUBJECT: POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVE UPDATE – FINANCE TASK FORCE

To receive an update on the Poverty Reduction Initiative.

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Council Member Schewel, Co-Chair of the Finance Task Force, introduced members of the committee who were in attendance.

In response to the Mayor's Poverty Reduction Initiative, Council Member Schewel noted a number of task forces were created to look at different aspects of reducing poverty, supporting services and building wealth in this low-wealth area of the City.

The Finance Task Force has been meeting over the past year. Guided by the PRI's survey of residents and their needs, the task force has been looking at (1) the availability of basic banking services in Census Tract 10.01; (2) the levels of financial literacy of residents and ways to promote increased understanding of financial resources and services; (3) the distribution, types and costs of ATMs in Tract 10.01; (4) the potential of mobile banking services; (5) the need to advance students towards college as a path towards long-term wealth-building; (6) the challenges and benefits of promoting wise use of Earned Income Tax Credits; and (7) other finance-related programs including IDA's that might benefit residents.

The report noted while there are many promising ideas and programs involving finance, the task force has settled on four strategies to pursue in the near term as follows:

- The expanded and intensified recruitment of people in Tract 10.01 who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- The exploration of the location of a full-service ATM in Tract 10.01
- The initiation of a financial literacy program for families in the tract
- The establishment of a program of matched Childhood Savings Accounts for every student at Y. E. Smith Elementary School, the Durham Public Schools' elementary school located in Tract 10.01

Council Member Schewel noted they had excellent local private partners leading each of these initiatives. At the same time, there were still substantial barriers to implementing all of the initiatives above except for the expansion of the work on the Earned Income Tax Credit; and as they move forward, they will try to find ways in which the Finance Task Force can help reduce poverty in Tract 10.01.

The Mayor thanked Council Member Schewel and the committee members for their work and the report.

SUBJECT: SUBJECT APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve the City Council Minutes for the Joint Meeting with Durham Housing Authority on February 24, 2015; and the regular City Council Meeting held on March 2, 2015.

Council Member Moffitt referenced the revisions he wanted to have indicated in the March 2, 2015 City Council Minutes. City Clerk Gray stated she would make the revisions and submit prior to the April 20, 2015 City Council meeting.

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**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF THE DURHAM CITY/COUNTY INTERLOCAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The request was for the City Council and Board of Commissioners to approve the renewal of the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between the City of Durham and the County of Durham that provides for the coordinator of comprehensive planning and plan implementation. This would be the seventh renewal of the agreement since its original approval in June 1988.

At the request of Council Member Schewel, City/County Planning Director Steve Medlin provided background information on the extra territorial jurisdiction; its previous purpose and how it functioned for the City and County in the past; and stated the ETJ language which was referenced was just carryover language from past agreements.

**SUBJECT: ALSTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT**

The staff report noted that the N.C. Department of Transportation was scheduled to replace a bridge on Alston Avenue. It was a design-build project bundled with seven other bridges that were awarded in 2013 with scheduled completion in 2016. The existing bridge No. 93 over Rocky Creek would be replaced with a culvert. The culvert would include sidewalks on both sides of the road. NCDOT has requested that the City of Durham pay for the cost of installing handrails along the structure and that the City assume ongoing maintenance responsibilities for the sidewalks and handrails.

The City of Durham's Transportation Department recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Alston Avenue Bridge Replacement Municipal Agreement with the N. C. Department of Transportation at an estimated cost of \$11,000.00.

Council Member Davis raised a question regarding the bridge located near Burger King and the types of traffic patterns that would be available to citizens who have become accustomed to exiting the community using the bridge onto Highway 55.

Ellen Beckman, of the Transportation Department, stated she believed the detour sign would be Riddle Road and in addition citizens being able to get to the east as well. Ms. Beckman also noted that the bridge replacement duration would be a maximum of 180 days.

**SUBJECT: SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE HILLANDALE GOLF COURSE
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DURHAM AND
AMERAZIL GOLF, LLC**

The City of Durham proposes to amend the management agreement with Amerazil Golf, LLC, specifically to extend the agreement by five years through October 24, 2021 with two, five year future optional terms. Additional changes include: An option for Golf Course Manager

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(Amerazil) to contract with third party golfing organizations, to provide maintenance inspections and reporting; and additional language to provide for City assistance with facilities maintenance at City discretion.

The Department of General Services recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the second amendment to the Hillandale Golf Course Management Agreement by and between the City of Durham and Amerazil Golf, LLC.

Council Member Moffitt stated the staff memo indicated that the Manager of the golf course has the right to contract with Amerazil organizations; but the agreement is that the City Manager has the right to; not the Manager of the golf course.

General Services Director Joel Reitzer replied that is correct and it should state “City vs. Manager.”

City Manager Bonfield recognized Karl Kimball for the work he had done to transform the Hillandale Golf Course during the past four years.

SUBJECT: ZONING MAP CHANGE – SOUTHEAST PHASE 2 & 3 (Z1400034)

This is a request to change the zoning designation of 37 parcels (33 full parcels and four partial parcels) totaling 10.70 acres from PDR 5.120 to RU-(M(D) for a multi-family residential development. The site is located at 2 Poinciana Drive, west side of South Roxboro Street, south of Chestnut.

The following questions and/or comments were raised by the Council:

- Parking Reduction - McCormack Baron Salazar was requesting a reduction from 2.0 to 1.2 spaces per unit on the development plan; explain how this compares to Phase 1, how are spaces assigned in Phase 1; and how is parking enforced in Phase 1
- Bike Pedestrian Committee recommendations/comments – how many of the comments is the developer willing to address
- Timing of Expedited Hearing – there was concern that City Council must approve the request or the schedule would be lost, it appears the request is being brought –up at the last minute – explain how this fits into the North Carolina Finance Agency schedule
- Number of Units – maximum number of units is stated on the development plan, but how many are intended to be constructed; why are some properties only being partially rezoned

The administration will provide a response to the above questions and/or comments prior to the April 20, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Excuse Council Member Brown

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MOTION by Council Member Schewel seconded by Council Member Catotti to excuse Council Member Brown from the April 20th City Council Meeting and the April 23rd Work Session was approved at 2:40 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Brown, Catotti, Davis, Moffitt and Schewel. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Settling the Agenda – April 20, 2015 City Council Meeting

City Manager Bonfield announced the following items for April 20, 2015 City Council meeting agenda: Consent Items 1 thru 4; 6 thru 13; Public Hearing Items 14 thru 16; 25 thru 29.

The City Manager stated that Items 17 thru 24 were disposed of by the Council; and Item 5 was referred back to the City Clerk's Office for re-publicizing.

MOTION by Council Member Catotti seconded by Council Member Davis to approve settling the agenda for the April 20, 2015 City Council Meeting was approved at 2:41 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Brown, Catotti, Davis, Moffitt and Schewel. Noes: None. Absent: None.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

D. Ann Gray, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk