

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Thursday, December 10, 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 Eddie Davis, Jillian Johnson, Don Moffitt, Charlie Reece 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 welcoming all in attendance.

The Mayor asked if there were announcements from the Council.

Council Member Moffitt noted he would like to inform the Council of an item from the Human Relations Commission after the hearing the comments from the citizens.

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

City Manager Bonfield referenced the following items:

- Agenda Item #18 – GoDurham Service Performance Annual Report FY2015 – requested that the item be heard prior to Item 17.
- Agenda Item #17 – Resolutions in Support of Universal Access to Pre-Kindergarten and Other Appropriate Strategies to Improve Early Literacy in Durham County – added as a supplemental item

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Davis to accept the City Manager’s priority items.

The motion was approved unanimously at 1:04 p.m.

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

SUBJECT: EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE CORA COLE-MCFADDEN

MOTION by Council Member Schewel seconded by Council Member Reece to excuse Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden from the Work Session meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The motion was approved unanimously at 1:04 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Bell recognized the following citizens for comments:

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SUBJECT: SCOTT BARNDT

To receive comments from Scott Barndt regarding homeless signs and sidewalks for the elderly.

Mr. Scott Barndt addressed the Council requesting that the City relax the regulations regarding people displaying homeless signs; commented on sidewalks for the elderly; and referenced a housing voucher he once had from Durham Housing Authority which was no longer valid.

SUBJECT: ISAAC PEREZ

To receive comments from Isaac Perez regarding revoking the tax breaks of Concord Hospitality Enterprise Company.

Mr. Isaac Perez addressed the Council regarding not being compensated by a subcontractor SLP Enterprises for work he and others performed at the Residence Inn Hotel located on West Main Street. He requested the Council revoke the tax breaks until they are compensated.

Mayor Bell stated at a meeting of Council in August, it was noted that the matter was out of the Council's hand; however, he requested an update as soon as possible from the administration on the situation; and requested information on what the Council could or could not do.

City Attorney Baker stated he would provide information to the Council; and would speak with the City Manager as well.

City Council Member Moffitt asked if the update could be provided at the December 22nd Work Session.

City Attorney Baker replied he should be able to have an update by December 22nd.

SUBJECT: ELOIS JOHNSON

To receive comments from Elois Johnson regarding a letter of support requested by PAC 1 establishing a Poop/Scoop Ordinance.

Ms. Elois Johnson asked for an update regarding a meeting between the City and County Managers establishing a Poop/Scoop Ordinance for Durham County. She referenced that the dog poop that was contaminating the water source; spoke about police officer's discrepancy and its relationship to violent crime in Durham County; noted an animal control officer informed her that his hands were tied due to not having a Poop/Scoop Ordinance in Durham County; she referenced negative behavior from others throwing dog feces on her house; in her van; and stated her fence had been knocked down. Ms. Johnson stated that she had been dealing with the situation for six years and asked the Council to take her serious and support a Poop/Scoop Ordinance.

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City Manager Bonfield stated they have spoken with the County and advised Ms. Johnson that animal control is a County function and any authority pertaining to ordinances related to animals would have to come from the County. He stated Ms. Johnson had also appeared before the County Commissioners regarding a Poop/Scoop Ordinance.

Mayor Bell requested that this item be placed on the Joint City/County Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

SUBJECT: JAMES CHAVIS

To receive comments from James Chavis regarding establishing a Poop/Scoop Ordinance.

Mr. James Chavis stated the matter regarding a Poop/Scoop Ordinance had been before the City Council and County Commissioners on several occasions. He asked that the City and County work together to come up with an ordinance to address the concerns.

SUBJECT: LORISA SEIBEL

To receive comments from Lorisa Seibel regarding how the City can assist Durham residents who are homeless locate affordable housing.

Ms. Lorisa Seibel stated on her behalf, Tammy Mauldin of Genesis Home, would be speaking.

Tammy Mauldin, representing the Genesis Home, requested the support of Council for more affordable housing for the families they serve in Durham County. Also, Sharika Jackson addressed the Council stating she would be relocating to Burlington because she could not find affordable housing in Durham.

SUBJECT: MARUKA RIVERS

To receive comments from Maruka Rivers regarding assisting residents find affordable homes in Durham.

Maruka Rivers, representing Urban Ministries, spoke to the lack of affordable housing in Durham; particularly for persons who make 30% of the median income or lower. She stated they have working people living in community shelters, full time and part-time. Referencing the Mayor's Poverty Initiative, she asked that it include persons who are homeless. She asked the Council to assist them with locating subsidies to meet the needs of the homeless.

Randall Lloyd, a resident of Urban Ministries, stated he was recently hired at the Durham Hotel; and he would be moving into his first apartment on Friday, December 11th. Also, Mr. Lloyd commented on persons not being able to find housing due to having a criminal record.

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Council Member Schewel stated the Durham Housing Authority was changing its eligibility requirements for agencies such as Genesis Home and Urban Ministries; being able to have persons at the top of the housing authority waiting list that they have previously vetted. In addition, he referenced the Council would be receiving a report on today from the housing consultant, Enterprise Community Partners.

Ms. Hafiza Marshall addressed the Council regarding the need for affordable housing for persons with children; especially children with special needs.

Ms. Iris Love referenced assistance she had received from Housing for New Hope, and spoke in support of affordable housing for persons.

The Council thanked the citizens for their comments.

Mayor Bell announced each item on the printed agenda; and the following items were pulled for further discussion by the Council:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AMEND THE FY2015-16 BUDGET AND OTHER GRANT AND CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCES

The staff report noted that the primary purpose of the operating amendment was to create a new special revenue fund for Inspections to comply with a new state law. This results in the general fund budget decreasing by \$4,102,261.59. In addition, to the operating budget amendment to create a Special Revenue Inspections Fund, the item included a grant project ordinance, and capital ordinance amendments.

The administration recommended the City Council adopt a budget ordinance amendment amending the City of Durham Budget Ordinance as amended, Fiscal Year 2015-16, the same being Ordinance #14808; adopt the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Request for Temporary Law Enforcement Assistance, 2015 UNC Chapel Hill Mutual Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$11,820.26; and to adopt an Ordinance amending the Capital Improvements Project Ordinance the same being Ordinance #14778.

Council Member Schewel asked how would the administration make use of the fund balance by accruing the special inspections fund going forward.

Assistant Budget Director John Allore stated they were in the process of evaluating that and wanted to come back before the Council with some options; for example reducing fees; being more inclusive with some of the services provided by Inspections.

City Manager Bonfield stated this was action mandated by the General Assembly after the adoption of the budget; and stated they had a compliance date that needed to be established. He stated in terms of financial strategies; they had not had an opportunity to process that and would have it completed with recommendations to the Council as a part of the 2016-17 budget process.

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**SUBJECT: HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)
WITH DUKE UNIVERSITY**

The staff report noted that in December 2014, the City of Durham was notified by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that the Durham/Chapel Hill Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area had met the threshold of being designated as a formula entitlement community to receive federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funding.

The Department of Community Development recommended that the City Council approve the selection of Duke University as a sole source Program Sponsor for the City of Durham; and to authorize the City Manager to execute a six-month contract with Duke University in the amount of \$140,663.00 for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.

Council Member Johnson referenced persons raising questions regarding HOPWA funds pertaining to maintenance on existing facilities being used to house persons with HIV and AIDS; and asked if there were funds for maintenance included in the proposed contract with Duke University.

Community Development Director Reginald Johnson stated there were no funds in the proposed contract for maintenance; and noted the primary use of the funds would be for tenant based rental assistance as well as rent and utility payments. He stated under the national HOPWA Program maintenance was a permissible use; however, the State of North Carolina who has been administering the HOPWA funds for the City's Metropolitan Statistical Area and maintenance had not been a permissible use.

Council Member Johnson asked at what point would the City look into diverting some of the funds for maintenance.

Community Development Director Johnson stated it would be the City's decision; but the money that was being used currently for tenant-based rental assistance; would need to continue for now. He stated the City needed to reach a point where they could accumulate enough money to be able to use it for other permissible uses; and stated the current funds are already obligated.

At the request of Council Member Reece, Community Development Director Johnson spoke on the future administration of the program after the six month period for the contract. He stated due to federal funds, the City had to go through an application process. In addition, Mr. Johnson noted his department had been in communication with ACRA and the Durham Crisis Response Center.

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR THE TURNAGE HEIGHTS LIFE STATION
ABANDONMENT PROJECT – AMENDMENT #1 WITH MCKIM AND
CREED**

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The staff report indicated that on May 19, 2014, City Council awarded a contract to McKim and Creed, LLC for professional engineer consulting services related to the Turnage Heights Lift Station Abandonment Project. Amendment #1 is for the detailed design, permitting, and preparation of bid-ready documents for abandoning the lift station and constructing a 7,000-linear foot gravity outfall along Mud Creek, near Erwin Road and NC Highway 751.

The administration recommended the City Manager execute a contract amendment with McKim and Creed, LLC for engineering services for detailed design, permitting and bid document for the Turnage Heights Lift Station Abandonment Project, for a total amount not to exceed \$468,200.00; authorize increasing the contingency fund for the contract by \$46,800.00; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute change orders for the contract provided that the cost of all change orders together with the original contract cost does not exceed the total project cost of \$515,000.00.

Council Member Schewel asked if the City would be acquiring sewer easements to construct the line.

Water Management Director Don Greeley replied yes, and stated there was one owner Duke University and they had several discussions with them before the project started obtaining their assistance to proceed along the corridor established.

Council Member Schewel inquired if trails easements could be acquired at the same time.

Mr. Greeley stated they did not approach trail easements with Duke during the discussions; but they could go back and have that discussion since the line would be constructed below ground.

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HYDRAULIC MODEL UPDATE, WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM STUDY AND WATER AUDIT PROJECT – MCKIM AND CREED, INC.

The staff report noted that during November 2014, the Department of Water Management issued a Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services to update the City's hydraulic water model; evaluate the water distribution system for efficiency and capacity improvements; and a water audit to identify potential leakages throughout the system and loss of water revenue. The results of each of these projects would assist the Department of Water Management in its ongoing, City-wide rehabilitation and upgrade programs.

The administration recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute a contract with McKim and Creed for Professional Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$907,000.00 for the Hydraulic Model Update, Water Distribution System Study and Water Audit Project; establish a contingency fund for the contract in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate amendments to the contract provided that the total project cost does not exceed \$997,000.00.

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Council Member Moffitt inquired about the selection of the vendor, McKim & Creed vs. Hazen and Sawyer; and asked if McKim & Creed had been before the Council regarding recruitment of minority employees.

Regarding the selection of the vendor McKim & Creed, Water Management Director Don Greeley stated that Hazen and Sawyer provided the last two model updates in the late 1980's and in the early 2000's. He stated they had been pleased with Hazen and Sawyer and it was a difficult decision between them and McKim & Creed. He referenced McKim & Creed bringing forth a fresh prospective and some additional features; and stated they still had a lot of projects being performed by Hazen and Sawyer as well as other firms. He noted the timeframe on the project would be about two years.

Ms. Phyllis Elikai, representing McKim & Creed, explained the company's evaluation and procedures for recruitment. She commented on their equal opportunity/affirmative action outreach and recruiting activities referencing the following: job opening postings; professional organizations; career job fairs; community outreach programs to promote STEM careers; and promotions in publications-advertisement in local minority focused journals as well as national professional journals. She commented on the licensed engineers employed by their firm; noted that the majority of minority employees employed were in the non-professional sector and referenced the reason why; and stated they were not satisfied and were always striving to do better.

Council Member Schewel inquired about McKim & Creed utilizing the City's summer youth intern program administered by the City's Office of Economic & Workforce Development Department.

Ms. Elikai replied she would be very interested in participating in the summer youth program.

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO JF WILKERSON CONTRACTING COMPANY
FOR CONTRACT SR-63 WILSON STREET AND ELLERBEE CREEK
SEWER OUTFALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The staff report indicated that the Department of Water Management performs the maintenance for the City's sanitary sewer system. Portions of the system run through private, residential property where homes have encroached into the City's easement and, in some cases make access to the sewer mains and manholes difficult for staff and equipment.

The administration recommended the City Manager be authorized to execute a contract with JF Wilkerson Contracting Company for construction services for Contract Sr-63, Wilson Street and Ellerbee Creek Sewer Outfall Replacement Project in the amount of \$1,538,848.00; establish a contingency fund for the contract in the amount not to exceed \$164,152.00; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate change orders for the contract provided that the total cost of the project, including all change orders, does not exceed \$1,803,000.00.

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Council Member Moffitt inquired about the difference in the bid amounts; 2 bids with one being twice as much as the other. He asked if the Water Management Department had any concerns that the successful bidder had accidentally under-bided and would not be able to complete the work.

Water Management Director Don Greeley replied no; and stated the low bid was more in line with what they had projected the bid to be; and noted they also go back and check the numbers to make sure. Also, Mr. Greeley stated the work would probably start in February 2016.

SUBJECT: BID TERM CONTRACT WITH HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS FOR WATER METERS

The staff report noted the contract under consideration would provide the Water Management/Water & Sewer Maintenance Operations Division with locked-in pricing for all sizes of water meters based on past requirements for water meters. The contract would lock prices for the water meters for 12 months.

The administration recommended that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with HD Supply Waterworks, LTD in the amount of \$604,715.00 for providing the City with a term contract for water meters (various sizes).

Council Member Reece inquired about the number of water meters being purchased with the proposed contract.

Water Management Director Don Greeley replied currently they were adding approximately 1500-1800 meters per year. He stated the contract was a blanket purchase; they buy the meters they need; and stated when new houses are constructed they have to have a new meter to install.

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS STATEMENT FOR MUSLIM IMMIGRANTS

Council Member Moffitt stated the Human Relations Commission at their meeting on Tuesday, December 8th adopted a statement of support for Muslim immigrants. Mr. Moffitt suggested that since the commission was an advisory board, it would be appropriate for Council to consider the statement and endorse before it was released publicly. Mr. Moffitt read the statement of support from the Human Relations Commission; and asked Council for their support.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Reece to suspend the rules of the Council and take action on the statement provided by the Human Relations Commission was approved at 2:12 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Davis, Johnson, Moffitt, Reece and Schewel. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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MOTION by Council Member Reece seconded by Council Member Moffitt to endorse the statement by the Human Relations Commission in Support of Muslim Immigrants as outlined below was approved at 2:12 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Davis, Johnson, Moffitt Reece and Schewel. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Statement by the Human Relations Commission in Support of Muslim Immigrants

The City of Durham's Relation Commission strongly condemns recent comments suggesting that Muslims be banned from entering the United States as reprehensible, unconstitutional, and un-American. We believe that people of all – and no – religious beliefs must be respected and embraced. The Human Relation Commission will organize an interfaith, community dialogue event at a date to be announced.

SUBJECT: GoDURHAM SERVICE PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT FY 2015

To receive a presentation on the GoDurham Service Performance Annual Report FY2015.

GoTriangle representative John Tallmadge presented a Powerpoint presentation on the first performance report commenting on the following:

- The GoDurham System and Who are the Customers
- How often do customers ride
- Where do our customers go
- Customer Satisfaction Scores
- GoDurham On-Time Performance (5-Year Trend)
- GoDurham Ranking with Compared Peer systems
- Changes to the Bull City Connector in August

The following is a summary of the key findings:

- GoDurham is more reliable
- Customers are more satisfied with the service
- Ridership declined by 1% in FY15 while new service was added
- GoDurham is a highly productive service compared to peer transit agencies
- Drops in system ridership occurred primarily in second half of the year
- Increases in ridership were seen on routes with additional service

Mr. Tallmadge elaborated on the current route of the Bull City Connector and alternatives for riders to get to the Durham Station.

In conclusion, Mr. Tallmadge noted they were continuing to focus on improving on time performance; customer service; effective communication; bus stop improvements; service additions; and how people pay.

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After the presentation, discussion and/or comments was held on comparison of fares with peer cities; unlinked passenger trip; a-lightings at Duke stops; funding of the Bull City Connector by the City and Duke University; decline in ridership on Bull City Connector; number of bus shelters; savings in gas for the bus system; current and future technology for bus service; and cleanliness of buses; the interior.

The Council thanked GoTriangle and the staff for the presentation.

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON A HOUSING PROFILE OF THE CITY OF DURHAM
PREPARED BY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

The staff report indicated that on September 1, 2015, the City of Durham entered into a contract with Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. to provide consulting and technical assistance engagement services. Since then, Enterprise has prepared a housing profile to assist with the development of local housing strategies. The profile examines key demographic trends, distribution of housing cost burdens by income and geography, housing supply gaps at different affordability levels, and existing income restricted affordable housing in Durham.

The Department of Community Development recommended that the City Council receive a presentation from Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. concerning a housing profile of the City of Durham.

Karen Lado, Vice President of Enterprise Community Partners, provided an update to the Council on the status of the Enterprise contract requirements that had been completed. She provided a Powerpoint presentation commenting on the following:

- Population is growing and the nature of diversity is changing
- Rents and home values have both increased since 2000, although submarkets vary and many areas are still relatively affordable
- Renters have the most severe housing cost burdens especially at the lowest-income levels
- Existing affordable housing stock, which serves the City's most vulnerable populations, has the potential to lose its affordability restrictions
- Population and Income 2000-2013 (City of Durham, Durham County, North Carolina)
- Race and Ethnicity 2000-2013
- Households by income, race and ethnicity
- Low-income households – in 2013 there were 42,000 low-income households in Durham
- Transit-dependent households (Citywide, nearly 10,000 households do not own vehicles- about 9% of all households; 85% of households without vehicles are renters
- Homelessness in Durham (Total for 2013 – 753)
- Cost-burdened renter households – as of 2012; there were 19,500 low-income renters who were paying more than 30% of their total income for housing. Almost 11,000 of these households, the majority very low income, were paying over 50% of their income for housing

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- Cost-burdened owner households – as of 2012, there were almost 7,800 low-income owners who were paying more than 30% of their total income for housing. Over 4,000 of them were paying more than 50% of their income for housing
- Severely cost-burdened renter and owners – renters represent 72% of all severely cost-burdened household
- Cost-burdened, low-income households by race/ethnicity
- Severely cost-burdened households by family type and age – over 70% of severely cost-burdened households are unmarried households without children; 10% of all senior households are cost-burdened, with the largest share among extremely low income seniors
- Rental units by type – renters live in single-family homes (27%), followed by buildings with 10-19 units (24%)
- Rental Market – as of 2013, 3 out of 4 low-income renter households lived in Census tracts with median rents below \$843 (lowest median rent \$465; highest median rent \$1,936)
- Rental housing supply gap – Citywide, there is a shortage of units affordable to extremely low and very low income households
- For Sale Market – lowest median income home values clustered in east Durham, highest in southwest Durham and downtown
- 2015 median sales price: \$167k, affordable to 3-person households earnings \$36,420-\$48,550 (60-80% AMI)
- Subsidized Housing – there are approximately 6,100 income restricted subsidized homes in Durham (for-profit entities own 47%; DHA owns 31%; and non-profit entities own 22%)
- Subsidized housing expiring between 2016 and 2021 – 1,240 units have potential to exit affordability restrictions between 2016-21, the majority in the first two years; factors that impact continued affordability include extended use agreements, ownership and location
- Strategic opportunities with Durham Housing Authority – 50% of DHA’s public housing supply (990 units) is located within station areas; upcoming projects have potential to be transformative for entire neighborhoods: McDougal Terrace; Liberty Street; and Oldham Tower

Next Steps

- Develop a Strategy Framework (Strategy Development Process) – definition of goals with supporting strategies, inclusive of the housing profile; an analysis of the existing affordable housing stock; and the work on the downtown rental subsidy program.

Ms. Lado noted the final product would be presented in late January or early February 2016;

An appendix to the Powerpoint presentation was also made available regarding the Downtown Rental Market.

Mayor Bell stated since the discussion is about affordable housing he thought it needed to be decided if they were going to use the MSA or Durham’s actual AMI; and stated eventually the City Council and city staff would need to make a decision on that.

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City Manager Bonfield stated a lot of time had been spent discussing affordable housing and affordable housing production in the 60 to 80% AMI range; and noted the data references that time should be spent in the 50% range. The Manager asked how would that shift be made and when; what direction did the consultant need from the elected body.

Karen Lado stated the City had to balance a lot of different priorities; where are the greatest human needs; where are the opportunities available now; and are there things the Council wanted to do to support larger goals such as (economic development; revitalization goals; etc.); and stated as the Mayor pointed out where are the funds coming from. Also, she stated with the conversations had within the City, the need for rental housing had to be a priority; which was only one of her recommendations. She stated they are working with Community Development laying out the data; the strategies; working with them having them to define what the goal should be.

Mayor Bell reiterated the need to focus on mixed-income development; and stated it is a value when you have mixed income families living in the same area.

Discussion was held on the rental housing supply gap; data from Durham including a large number of college students/graduate students and the MSA; single-room occupancy units; use of existing resources that Community Development controls; and providing options going beyond the city's level of current resources.

Mayor Bell stated since it is apparent there was a shortage of affordable housing at the various incomes; he suggested goals be set; what is the goal for the City to reduce the shortage of affordable housing by a certain amount over a certain period of time; and what would the dollars associated with that goal he asked. The Mayor stated it was going to be very important to get the Durham Housing Authority on board when having discussions regarding affordable housing.

Community Development Director Reginald Johnson stated he agreed with the Mayor's comments; and stated their approach would be "what options were available to meet the needs/challenges in the future; with the Council and community weighing in "what does that need to look like."

Ms. Lado stated this is what is exciting about working in Durham, there was a degree of political will, degree of staff and community interest in addressing the problem, early in the cycle, than you often see in other places. She stated while the challenge is always resources, in Durham you have many more opportunities available by virtue of when we are thinking about the problem.

The Mayor and Council thanked the consultant for the report.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE EARLY LITERACY IN DURHAM COUNTY

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The staff report noted that access to Universal Pre-K and access to high quality early childhood literacy programs have been identified as a significant predictor of school readiness and academic outcomes. Over the past several months, the Durham Leadership Committee has been discussing opportunities to consider expansion of these programs and agreed that the appointment of a task force to study the issues of the components and implementation of expanded Universal Pre-K and early childhood literacy programs was a key next step to move these discussions forward. Durham Public Schools and Durham County recently adopted similar resolutions in support of the intent.

It was noted that the City Council was being asked to adopt a Resolution in Support of Universal Access to Pre-Kindergarten and Other Appropriate Strategies to Improve Early Literacy in Durham County.

Settling Agenda – December 21, 2015 City Council Meeting

City Manager Bonfield announced the items for the December 21, 2015 City Council meeting agenda: Consent Items 1-16; and 27; General Business Agenda Public Hearings Items 19 and 20. Also, it was noted that the Council disposed of Items 17 and 18.

MOTION by Council Member Moffitt seconded by Council Member Reece to settle the agenda for the December 21, 2015 City Council Meeting as stated by City Manager Bonfield was approved at 4:10 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell and Council Members Davis, Johnson, Moffitt, Reece and Schewel. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden.

Closed Session 4:10 p.m.

MOTION by Council Member Moffitt seconded by Council Member Reece to hold a closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the City of Durham, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) was approved at 4:10 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell and Council Members Davis, Johnson, Moffitt, Reece and Schewel. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden.

Open Session – 4:33 p.m.

MOTION by Council Member Schewel seconded by Council Member Reece to return to open session was approved at 4:33 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell and Council Members Davis, Johnson, Moffitt, Reece and Schewel. Noes: None. Excused Absence: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden.

No action was taken by the Council in open session.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

D. Ann Gray, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk