

**DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 @ 1 PM  
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Durham City Council held an in-person and virtual Work Session on the above date and time in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 City Hall Plaza in Durham, North Carolina with the following members present: Mayor Elaine O’Neal, Mayor Pro Tempore Mark-Anthony Middleton and Council Members Javiera Caballero, DeDreana Freeman, Monique Holsey-Hyman, Jillian Johnson and Leonardo Williams. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Wanda Page, City Attorney Kim Rehberg and City Clerk Diana Schreiber.

**[CALL TO ORDER]**

Mayor O’Neal called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and welcomed everyone attending in-person and virtually at the meeting.

Starting the meeting with a week of mourning, Mayor O’Neal deferred to City Manager Page to remember John Allore, Budget and Management Director, who passed in a bicycle accident.

City Manager Page announced that the Ride of Silence, Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm at CCB Plaza. John would be honored with others who have perished. City Manager Page sent sincere condolences to John’s family and work family. Thoughts and prayers were sent to John’s daughters, Amelia, Grace and Ava and their mother, Elizabeth Allore. The staff of the Budget & Management Office were recognized in the Chamber and appreciated for their efforts during this difficult time.

**[ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL]**

Mayor O’Neal announced two ceremonial items.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton read the National Public Safety Communicators Week Proclamation into the record. Emergency Communication Director Beeman accepted and appreciated the proclamation.

Council Member Caballero read the National Community Development Week Proclamation into the record. Director of the Department of Community Development Reginald Johnson accepted and appreciated the proclamation and thanked the Citizen’s Advisory Commission and his non-profit partners.

Mayor O’Neal called for announcements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton appreciated the collage of John Allore’s photos on the screen; and requested excused absences for April 17 and 20 due to travel.

Mayor O’Neal stated she was requesting an excused absence for April 20, 2023 due to travel. She requested the most senior member of Council to preside at April 20, 2023 Work Session.

**MOTION** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Caballero, to grant excused absences to Mayor O’Neal (April 20) and Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton (April 17 & 20) at 1:24 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor O’Neal, Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton and Council Members Caballero, Freeman, Holsey-Hyman, Johnson and Williams. Noes: None.

**[PRIORITY ITEMS OF THE CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK]**

City Manager Page announced her priority item:

Item 25) Contract Amendment No. 3 to Professional Engineering Services Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for the Lakewood Avenue Sewer and NC-54 Replacements. The item was a supplemental item that was added to the agenda.

**MOTION** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Caballero, to accept the City Manager’s priority item at 1:17 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor O’Neal, Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton and Council Members Caballero, Freeman, Holsey-Hyman, Johnson and Williams. Noes: None.

The City Attorney and City Clerk’s Offices had no priority items.

**[CONSENT AGENDA]**

Mayor O’Neal read the items from the printed agenda. No items were pulled for further discussion.

**[CITIZEN’S COMMENTS TO BE HEARD AT 1 P.M.]**

James Chavis, Durham resident, encouraged all to attend the community meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at Holton Resource Center at 10 a.m. with City-County Planning staff to discuss the SCAD amendment.

Glenda Ange, Durham DHA resident, expressed concerns with DHA management; spoke to mold and embezzlement issues; had exhausted all avenues for resolution and felt that Fair Housing was impossible to find in Durham.

Mayor O’Neal deferred Ms. Ange’s information to DHA Liaison/Council Member Jillian Johnson for support.

Jontae Dunston, Durham resident, spoke in support of Council Members Freeman and Holsey-Hyman; and encouraged the City Council to work together.

Jacqueline Wagstaff, Durham resident, expressed support for Mayor O’Neal and Council Members Freeman and Holsey-Hyman; encouraged all to read the Code of Ethics and addressed Section 3 (parts 2 & 3).

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton addressed the public and renounced violence and doubled down on the message to youth, it was better to talk and work things out and that no one should be struck at any time.

Mayor O’Neal announced it was time for the Council-appointed board, committee, commission and taskforce report.

City Clerk Schreiber announced the following:

Ben Goldberg nominated to the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board representing Youth;

Victor G Hiraldo to the Mayor’s Hispanic/Latino Committee;

Bjorn Pedersen, Durham’s Workers’ Rights Commission category of Diverse Backgrounds; and Antonio Luster, Durham’s Workers’ Rights Commission category of Durham’s Largest Workplace;

Natoskia L Adams to the Human Relations Commission, representing African-American Person;

Matthew E Clobridge to the Durham Convention Center Authority’

Vikas Gurram to the Durham Planning Commission;

Patrick Hannah to the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority- Mayoral Appointment; and Darcel Dillard, representing Ward 3, to the Mayor’s Council for Women.

**[SETTLE THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 17, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING]**

City Manager Page settled the agenda for the April 17, 2023 City Council meeting; announced the Consent Agenda as Items 1 through 20 and Item 25; General Business Agenda – Public Hearings Items 21 through 24.

**MOTION** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the settling of the City Manager’s Agenda at 1:42 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor O’Neal, Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton and Council Members Caballero, Freeman, Holsey-Hyman, Johnson and Williams. Noes: None.

Being no additional business to transact, Mayor O’Neal adjourned the Work Session at 1:43 p.m.

Diana Schreiber, MPA, CMC  
City Clerk