

**DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 @ 1 PM
IN-PERSON MEETING**

The Durham City Council held a Work Session on the above date and time in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 City Hall Plaza, and virtually via Zoom 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 Kimberly Rehberg and City Clerk Diana Schreiber.

[CALL TO ORDER]

Mayor O'Neal called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Work Session.

[ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL]

Mayor O'Neal asked her colleagues if they had any announcements.

Council Member Johnson requested two excused absences for July 21 Work Session and August 4, Work Session.

MOTION by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Caballero, to grant excused absences to Council Member Johnson at 1:03 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. Absent: None.

Council Member Williams requested an excused absence for July 21, 2022 Work Session.

MOTION by Council Member Caballero, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to grant an excused absence to Council Member Williams at 1:04 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. Absent: None.

Mayor O'Neal indicated that she would discuss the July 21 Work Session with staff to arrange an alternative.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton spoke to the last Work Session prior to the end of the fiscal year; mentioned a tentative meeting with ShotSpotter leadership for a question/answer session at the end of June 2022; requested to bring forward a resolution at an upcoming Work Session supporting a study to ban the opening of gun stores in the vicinity of day cares and schools. It was the consensus of Council to bring the resolution forward.

Council Member Caballero requested the resolution in support of reproductive rights be addressed after the summer break. It was the consensus of Council to bring the resolution forward in this timeframe.

Council Member Freeman acknowledged the upcoming Juneteenth Holiday events occurring in Durham on Driver Street and Golden Belt; and wished all a happy Juneteenth.

Council Member Freeman spoke to the Scripps Spelling Bee representative from Durham Frank Dumas IV, the sole student from the Triangle competing as a fourth grader from Bethesda Elementary.

Council Member Freeman requested an excused absence for July 21, 2022 Work Session.

MOTION by Council Member Caballero, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to grant an excused absence to Council Member Freeman at 1:12 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. Absent: None.

Due to the number of Council Members not being able to attend the July 21, 2022 Work Session, City Attorney Rehberg deferred to the administration to work out a timeframe on scheduling another regular Work Session.

Council Member Williams spoke to the Operation Coming Home Project, a residency program for wounded veterans; viewed a new home designed for wounded vets and urged the city to partner with the Triangle program. He also requested initializing a process of creating a focus group on black boys and men to address the current violence epidemic, discuss their care/nurturing and the directing of city resources.

Council Member Johnson announced a LGBTQ Center request for a proclamation related to Pride Month to be presented at the upcoming regular Council Meeting.

Council Member Freeman urged bringing forward a Council request for a vote on the Wheels’ Roller Rink.

[PRIORITY ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY CLERK]

City Manager Page announced her priority items:

13) Contract with Legal Aid of North Carolina to Administer Emergency Rental Assistance for Durham Housing Authority Residents. Request to suspend the rules and vote on the item.

44) Interlocal Agreement with Durham County to assign Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to Community Safety Response Teams. Supplemental Item added to agenda & Attachment 1 was revised.

MOTION by Council Member Caballero, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the City Manager's Priority Items was approved at 1:21 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. Absent: None.

SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ADMINISTER EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR DURHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENTS (ITEM 13/ PR 15522)

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to suspend the rules in order to vote was approved at 1:21 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. Absent: None.

Prior to approval of the item, Mayor O'Neal called for public speakers.

Jenny Loomer, representing Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods), spoke in support of the item; provided feedback on DHA's policy changes that reduced unnecessary evictions; detailed Durham CAN's itemized proposal; and recommended future proposed changes to the DHA Annual Plan. She also spoke of the burden of rental repayment plans on low income tenants and supported funding being available to individuals residing in DHA properties.

Regina Mays, Durham resident, spoke to the revolving door to homelessness and urged Council's approval of the funding to alleviate the affordable housing crisis.

Mindy Douglas, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, spoke to the walk in ministry program for persons in crisis for persons residing in DHA properties in need of rental supplementation.

Mayor O’Neal announced that there were three motions to the item.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton, seconded by Council Member Williams, to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$713,618 with Legal Aid of North Carolina to provide emergency rental assistance for Durham Housing Authority residents, funded with \$463,618 in City funds and \$250,000 in grants funds from Duke University was approved at 2:17 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. Absent: None.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton, seconded by Council Member Caballero, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all administrative requirements and contractual documents necessary for implementation of the Durham Rent Relief Program to include Duke University’s program agreement and related documents, was approved at 2:20 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. Absent: None.

MOTION by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the City of Durham/Duke University Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$250,000 was approved at 2:20 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. Absent: None.

ORDINANCE #15950

Council Member Caballero inquired about the number of individuals who have applied for emergency rental assistance and were being served from Community Development.

City Manager Page indicated that staff would provide an update.

City Attorney Rehberg took a point of personal privilege by introducing Assistant City Attorney Ann Marie Tosco; and Legal Interns Ariel Freedman and Ashley Loveless.

The City Attorney Rehberg and City Clerk Schreiber had no priority items.

Mayor O’Neal read the administrative consent, departmental, presentation and public hearing items from the printed agenda.

After the reading of the board, committee, commission and taskforce agenda items, Council Member Williams spoke to the Council-appointed groups requesting more oversight and information regarding reporting standards.

Mayor O'Neal concurred that she desired to know more about boards and committees, as well as, the internal boards of Council; and noted that she would recruit assistance from the senior members of Council for this purpose.

The following items were pulled for additional discussion:

Items 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Prior to discussing the pulled items, Mayor O'Neal announced it was time for Citizen's Matters and public comments.

SUBJECT: CITIZEN'S MATTERS: DONALD RAINS (ITEM 43/PR 15531)

To receive comments from Donald Rains regarding GoDurham ACCESS and people with vision impairment.

Mr. Rains addressed problems associated with ACCESS in Durham for the vision impaired. He spoke to delays in pick-ups, reservation/booking advances and driver shortages and poor communication between drivers and management.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPEAKER ITEM: STELLA ADAMS (NO ITEM #)

Ms. Adams announced her resignation from the Affordable Housing Implementation Committee and detailed the accomplishments of the Committee.

Council expressed appreciation for Ms. Adams' service to the City of Durham.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPEAKER ITEM: JAMES BROWN (NO ITEM #)

Mr. Brown provided pros/cons of Durham ACCESS bus service; spoke to delays in pick-ups/drop offs; and requested follow-up from staff about YouServe bus service.

Council Member Williams inquired about partnering with Uber.

Sean Egan, Transportation Director, spoke to the partnership with GoDurham Direct with Lyft, a connection between residents' homes and local bus service. He explained the YouServe bus service for vulnerable riders.

Council Member Holsey-Hyman inquired about the two-week advance notice for bookings by clients.

Director Egan responded that it was the availability of staff and drivers to provide service; and more staffing needed to be brought on board.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPEAKER ITEM: JAMES CHAVIS (NO ITEM #)

Mr. Chavis addressed two projects being administered by Parks and Recreation and advocated for more public outreach about both projects to allow residents' voices to be heard.

[ITEMS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA]

SUBJECT: MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – CITY OF DURHAM POET LAUREATE (ITEM 11/ PR 15524)

Council Member Johnson expressed appreciation for the appointment of the City of Durham's Poet Laureate, DJ Rogers; a process that originated by Council Member Johnson and administered by the General Services Department.

Harold DJ Rogers appreciated the designation by Council and responded to Council's inquiry about a launch event and inaugural program. He spoke to his current activities at the Jambalaya Soul Slam, every third Saturday at the Hayti Heritage Center.

Council Member Johnson suggested the launch/inaugural event be supported by the Cultural Advisory Board.

Mr. Rogers read poetry virtually about his father's work as a mechanic juxtapositioned to his philosophy of sacrifice and individual stamina/strength.

SUBJECT: FAIRHAVEN WALK – COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPEMNT CORPORATION OF AMERICA DEVELOPEMNT – LOAN COMMITMENT (ITEM 15/ PR 15492); and

SUBJECT: SANDY RIDGE STATION – BRADLEY HOUSING DEVELOPERS, LLC – DEVELOPMENT LOAN COMMITMENT (ITEM 17/ PR 15494)

Mayor O'Neal stated there were speakers to the items.

Leah Bergman, 2814 Chapel Hill Road, addressed funding for affordable housing projects and inquired about details of the RFP process. She protested the awards of the RFP process that included scoring, submissions and issues associated with the denial process.

Fred Stoppelkamp, 400 W Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, addressed the RFP process and spoke to his programming experiences with the homeless

community and employment. He served as Operation Director with Ms. Bergman's firm.

Council discussed the RFP and EBOP processes.

Council Member Johnson summarized; appreciated Ms. Bergman's work and her affordable housing operations in Durham; expressed concerns about the direction of the conversation. She explained that the city did not have the funding to fund all the projects coming through the pipeline; the speakers were requesting Council deny the building of affordable housing due to being unhappy with the RFP results. She continued saying that the appeals had been fully vetted by staff without finding any material deficiencies and urged moving forward the projects that the city could fund.

Council Member Freeman appreciated the additional conversation regarding the RFP process.

It was the consensus of Council to move Items 15 and 17 to the June 21, 2022 General Business Agenda.

**SUBJECT: PRESCRIPTIONS FOR REPAIR PROPOSAL FROM
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLNESS TASK FORCE
(ITEM 18/ PR 15478)**

Mayor O'Neal stated there were speakers to the item.

Marcia Owen, Co-chair of the Community Safety and Wellness Taskforce and resident of Durham, introduced the item and Dr. Henry Rice, Chief Pediatric Surgeon at Duke Hospital; spoke to the partnership with the Duke Institute for Health Innovations to address racial inequity and gun violence in Durham; and advocated for listening sessions be enacted to ask what can be done about the violence with a program centered in the Community Safety Department.

Dr. Rice shared his thoughts with Council; shared a story involving six children who had been shot in one night in Durham; expressed his concern about the routine nature of these incidents locally and across the nation; explained the Prescriptions for Repair Project proposal represented a public-private partnership to address how we tend to the needs of victims and survivors. Goals: improve the healing of victims during recovery and growing value of the experiences of gun violence survivors with the objective of healing people.

Council Member Caballero was supportive of the proposal.

Council Member Williams inquired about engagement with external partners such as non-profits in Durham and was work being accomplished at the County level.

Ms. Owen responded affirmatively; spoke to the genesis of the proposal and the engagement with local stakeholders; recruitment of facilitators and survivors would be undertaken along with payment for their services. She added that researchers, trained in qualitative analysis, would be on staff.

Council Member Holsey-Hyman inquired about contacting the vulnerable population by asking how would the at-risk population be obtained and would there be a process to obtain participant consent; and she asked that the researchers explain the purpose of the study, what would happen to the research and what would come of it. She emphasized that participants wanted solutions.

Dr. Rice responded that there were two purposes of program: intervention to address healing needs beyond the hospital and explained what can be learned from the research to determine why we were not able to interrupt the root causes of gun violence. He noted that there would be full community engagement in forming the research component along with framing the project itself and then the research would be disseminated back to the community.

Ms. Owen elaborated on the proposed second recommendation to create the Office of Survivor Care; there were funds available to respond to the needs of what violence had caused; the intent of the Office was to be housed in the Community Safety Department.

Council Member Holsey-Hyman asked about interviewing the at-risk population and how would they be recruited for the study. She also requested that mental health service staff be solicited during the study.

Ms. Owen explained the recruitment process from within the community of gunshot victims.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton inquired about process and bandwidth of the Community Safety Department; noted that \$1 million was allocated to the SWTF, and asked how much was spent and on what. He also inquired about the expectation of a document containing recommendations and conclusions developed (comprehensive work product) by the end of the Safety and Wellness Taskforce (SWTF).

Ms. Owen responded that \$23,000 had been spent so far, for predominantly language access and listening session stipends. She confirmed that there would be a final report at the end of the two-year taskforce period (today's presentation was given at the one year anniversary, mid-point).

Xavier Cason, SWTF Co-chair, referenced the financials of the Taskforce. He also explained Part 1 (community listening sessions) and Part 2 (Office of Survivor Care).

Ms. Owen stated that the SWTF was asked to provide Council updates of their progress and it was the prerogative of Council to determine how the taskforce recommendations should be formulated/implemented and timeline.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton spoke to the bandwidth of the Community Safety Department and that there was concern about adding to the responsibilities and capacity of the new Department. He suggested looking at the recommendations by the Taskforce at a later date after the current budget cycle.

Mayor O'Neal asked what was the financial obligation of Durham County, Durham Public Schools and Duke University; and asked about the correlation between the new Office of Survivor Care and the Community Safety Department.

Ms. Owen confirmed Duke had contributed \$35,000 and the City was being asked for \$112,000.

Mr. Cason spoke to the Taskforce Roundtables/Sub-Committees; the taskforce proposal had nothing to do with the Community Safety Department since it did not exist when the Taskforce was formed.

Mayor O'Neal addressed the reluctance of gunshot victims and the conflict of being researched and not helped by the medical community; spoke to the moving parts and overlap, specifically how did the City limit resource expenditures in creating organizational structures and figuring out how to partner with other community partners to use the city's funds wisely. She emphasized that Duke, Durham County and the DPS should contribute equal funding.

Council Member Johnson spoke to her attendance at the SWTF meetings; supported the proposal of the Office of Survivor Care; and requested clarity between the nexus between the Office of Survivor Care and Community Safety Department. The Community Safety Department would oversee the contract over the one-year pilot.

Ms. Owen noted that the Office would be supported predominantly by volunteers.

Bo Ferguson, Deputy City Manager/Public Safety, had had conversations with Director Ryan Smith about the Office of Survivor Care. Director Smith had not evaluated his Department's capacity to host the proposed Office of Survivor Care.

Council Member Johnson recommended that the SWTF go to Durham County for funding. She recommended sending the proposal to the Community Safety Department for a more thorough evaluation and to bring it back to Council.

Council Member Caballero supported the process as recommended by Council Member Johnson; supported offering victims of gun violence an access point; and mentioned that the proposal reflected an urgent need.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton clarified that ShotSpotter would have been free for one year; and spoke to financial support of taskforces and Council configuration and the support of initiatives. He summarized his support for getting through the current budget cycle then set a date for Council to take another look at the proposal, to see if other funders would contribute then move forward. He supported the idea but not right now.

Mayor O’Neal concurred with Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton that the Community Safety Department needed time to review the proposal and respond; and supported asking the City’s partners for funding.

Council Member Williams expressed concerns about Duke and asked how long the City had for Duke being a funding partner (possible expirations); noted there were 40 potential participants in the proposal; and compared ShotSpotter and the Office of Survivor Care. He sought a comprehensive way of addressing public safety (ARPA, SWTF) for a bigger impact.

Dr. Rice responded the funds came through a grant program at Duke that launched the conversation; noted that Duke leadership was supportive of the initiative with the city’s partnership; and was willing to modify the partnership in the community effort, if needed.

City Manager Page suggested returning the item back to the administration and review the SWTF recommendations about the housing of the proposal; the information would be provided to Council at a later date.

Council Member Caballero addressed Item 16 and stated she would reach out to staff for additional information.

Mayor O’Neal announced a break at 4:17 p.m. Council returned from their break at 4:30 p.m.

[PRESENTATIONS]

**SUBJECT: DURHAM-ORANGE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT
EXPENSES (ITEM 37/ PR 15525)**

Charles Lattuca, President and CEO of GoTriangle introduced his team: Sandra Freeman, Chief Financial Officer; Katharine Egelston, Chief of Development and PE; and made a PowerPoint presentation to address the expenses associated with Light Rail.

Ms. Freeman introduced the presentation with a discussion of FTA (Federal Transit Administration) and the federal funding process; the stages consisted of project development, engineering and the full funding grant agreement. All phases need to be completed prior to receiving funding from the FTA.

GoTriangle staff updated Council on the background and timeline; projected D-O-LRT Project Costs FY14-FY21, YTD 6/30/21; Management and Design; Sub-contractors and DBE Participation; administration and staff; other Professional Services and Operations. Additional presentation consisted of maps of Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility Properties in Durham County along Farrington Road. Disposition was currently pending.

Council Member Williams inquired about funding structure, what was next and asked about when commuter rail started.

Ms. Freeman differentiated between light rail project and the Durham County Transit Plan. GoTriangle (regional), MPO (Durham and Orange Counties) and Durham County were the three voting entities. The project ended in 2019.

Mr. Lattuca explained how the project ended; referenced Duke and NC RR Corridor agreements were not able to be executed; and the board canceled the project because it was no longer viable. In response, the State funds of \$147 million were canceled.

Ms. Eggelston explained the commuter rail timeline with Wake County.

Council Member Williams asked how to ensure to prevent future contracting failures.

Mr. Lattuca urged Council to ensure that the agreements were in place and emphasized more detailed financial reports in the formulation phases.

Ms. Eggleston noted there was a report available on the GoTriangle website with a feasibility study on capital projects and board governance and urged ensuring regional support prior to moving forward early and along the way.

Mr. Lattuca emphasized that the objective of Phase 2 was to address construction complexities in Cary, Durham and Raleigh prior to moving too far into the process; and he encouraged more public outreach and settling insurance and indemnification earlier in the process.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton spoke to the Light Rail financials being one of the largest infrastructure project in NC; noted some real estate acquisitions were made via eminent domain; when he suggested eminent domain/property acquisition pertaining to Duke and the Light Rail Project, controversy began. He also spoke to hesitancy and skepticism of the community related to Commuter Rail due to the failure of the light-rail project.

Mr. Lattuca spoke in support of cooperative arrangements with property owners versus using the strategy of eminent domain; and noted the eminent domain issue would be minor for commuter rail as opposed to the former light rail project.

Council Member Caballero inquired about incremental steps versus trying to do the entire corridor at one time; noted that Wake and Durham Counties would be paying for the project. She also addressed where the City of Durham had adjacent power/representation – on the MPO, GoTriangle Board, Durham County and asked how the funds would be accumulated.

Mr. Lattuca addressed the different priorities, transportation issues and growth of the counties involved: Johnston, Wake and Durham. He explained that GoTriangle would provide a study focused on the areas from Clayton to West Durham; and elaborated on the necessity of starting Phase 1 and the needed cooperation with the railroad/Amtrak. He also spoke to the feasibility study, Durham’s priorities and the impacts of inflation on costs along with the importance of the NC rail corridor.

Council Member Williams inquired about the phased approach and how did the plan interface with federal support; and urged GoTriangle to serve as the coordinator of regional commuter rail with the area municipalities.

SUBJECT: EXCEL PILOT UPDATE (ITEM 36/ PR 15496)

Amber Wade, Assistant to the Mayor, presented a PowerPoint title, *Excel, Guaranteed Income Pilot Launch Update, June 9, 2022.*

The presentation consisted of the following:

Background of the Project with StepUp Durham (non-profit administrator)
Overview of recruitment, randomization and on-boarding phases
Challenges
Final Pilot Statistics: 109 stipend recipients a \$600/month + \$30 comp for survey completion; 138 in the comparison group (no monthly stipend + \$30 survey comp)
Path Forward: stipend from March 2022- March 2023; storytelling cohort; pilot evaluation in Spring/Summer 2023.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton spoke to the directive, the root cause initiative and the benefits to the local population; mentioned continuing the initiative following the pilot; and complimented StepUp Durham for their partnership. He also detailed how the funds were being spent (rent, clothing for family members, paying off bills).

City Clerk Schreiber announced the nominations to Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions and taskforces.

Durham City-County Appearance Commission – Appointments

Michael M Bell and Quinnton Holloway

Durham Convention Center Authority – Appointment

Pashara Black

Durham Sports Commission - Appointment

Umar Muhammad

Housing Appeals Board – Regular Member/Lawyer

Indranil Ghosh

Housing Appeals Board – Alternate Member Neighborhood Association

Elisabeth Weiner

Human Relations Commission – Appointments

African American Person- Tammy Hood;

Caucasian Non-Hispanic Persons – Thomas W Cadwallader, Christine Cody and Amelia Jackson;

Hispanic Person - Maria L Solis Guzman;

Other Person - Stacy Whitenight; and

Mayor’s Appointee - Anita R Daniels-Kenney

Mayor’s Council for Women- Appointment

Lydia Mitchell

Mayor’s Hispanic/Latino Committee – Appointment

Joshua O Toth

Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee – Appointments

At Large Category: Michael M Bell, Rosa I Cuppari, Angela C Jimerson, Donna L Kaye, Dawn A Paige, Jadda Richardson; and

PB Youth Seat: Jonah W Purnell

Racial Equity Commission – Appointment for At-Large Resident

Kedrick T Lowery

Due to being nominated to two groups, it was the consensus of Council for the Clerk to reach out to Michael M Bell and inquire about which seat he would like to be nominated to, the remaining seat would be re-advertised.

[OTHER MATTERS]

It was the consensus of Council to reschedule the July 21, 2022 Work Session to Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Council Member Freeman requested a consensus or motion for staff to re-open Wheels Fun Park Skating Rink.

Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton stated instead of re-opening the skate park, encouraged staff to conduct their due diligence in regard to providing Council

with a report consisting of a summary of potential vendors, indemnity issues and financial impacts.

Council Member Johnson addressed the P&R Engagement process in regard to Wheels Fun Park and encouraged staff to continue talking with the community for their feedback.

Council Member Freeman noted the current engagement process did not include the skate rink and required the community to 'write in' the skate rink.

City Manager Page responded to the on-going engagement process; stated there had not been any decision made related to the community assets that ultimately would be part of the redeveloped project; and deferred to Deputy City Manager Bertha Johnson for remarks.

Deputy City Manager Johnson acknowledged she had attended a community engagement meeting and that there was an open-ended opportunity to write-in the amenities desired at the site.

Council Member Freeman noted the water park, slides and miniature golf were specifically mentioned on the list, unlike the skate park.

Council Member Caballero supported the engagement to continue and encouraged the skate park be clear in the engagement; and spoke to directing P&R staff to include the skate park in future engagement efforts.

City Attorney Rehberg noted that Council did not usually take votes on agenda items without suspending the rules to take action in respect to the Wheels Skate Park and that this was a first step.

MOTION by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Council Member Holsey-Hyman, to suspend the rules in order to take action on the Wheels Skate Park at 6:03 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor O'Neal and Council Members Freeman, Holsey-Hyman and Williams. Noes: Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton, Council Members Caballero and Johnson. Absent: None.

MOTION by Council Member Freeman to authorize staff to open Wheels Skate Park.

Mayor O'Neal offered a friendly amendment to the motion to authorize staff to make inquiries about what it would take to operate the skating rink and come back to Council with a report be it Parks and Recreation operating the park or an outside vendor, and encouraged Council to allow staff time to come back with a preliminary report on a proposed date of when the rink could be re-opened.

Council Member Williams summarized that Council was asking for an assessment since there would be budgetary costs associated with the re-opening.

Council Member Johnson admitted that it was not necessary to vote on the motion and requested guidance from the City Manager.

City Manager Page heard Council's request for Parks and Rec staff to bring back information and options to Council. She asked about Council's timeframe for the report.

Mayor O'Neal did not request a date certain for the report and that the motion was converted to a request.

The motion died.

[SETTLING THE AGENDA – JUNE 21, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING]

City Manager Page announced the settling of the agenda for the Tuesday, June 21, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting consisting of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 12, Items 14, 16 and 19 through 35 and Item 44; and General Business Agenda Items were Items 15 and 17 and General Business Agenda – Public Hearings were Items 38 through 42.

MOTION by Council Member Freeman, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the City Manager's Agenda was approved at 6:10 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor O'Neal, Mayor Pro Tempore Middleton and Council Members Caballero, Freeman, Johnson and Williams. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Being no additional business to transact, Mayor O'Neal adjourned the Work Session at 6:10 p.m.

Diana Schreiber, NCCMC, CMC
City Clerk