



July 23, 2010

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Rashad M. Young, City Manager *AMY*
SUBJECT: Items for Your Information

Contact Center Feedback

Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of 7/12/10 – 7/18/10.

Zoning Commission Meeting Results

Attached please find the results of the July 12th, 2010 Zoning Commission Meeting.

Legislative Agenda Update

Attached is a memorandum dated July 20, 2010 from Thomas D. Carruthers, Associate Attorney, providing a status update on the legislative agenda of the General Assembly session.

National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. More than 100 neighborhoods throughout Greensboro will be celebrating by holding block parties, cookouts, youth programs and other functions to promote the community watch spirit and police-community partnerships for safer and more aware communities. Notifications for National Night Out events are still coming into the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) Community Resource Teams and information continues to be compiled. We anticipate event notifications to come in through the end of the month. Lists of all neighborhood events sorted by City Council Districts will be provided to Council prior to the event. If you have questions or need information, please call Anne Gregory at 373-2646.

Recommendations from the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress regarding City's Boards & Commissions

Attached is a letter from the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress providing recommendations related to the City's Boards & Commission procedures for Council's consideration.

Farmers Market Presentation for July 27th Work Session

In the City Council packets that are being delivered today, you will find a copy of the Farmer's Curb Market Presentation for the July 27th Council Work Session. Also included are the current vendor participation guidelines and a memo dated March 4, 2010 from Greg Jackson, Director of Parks and Recreation, outlining the Parks and Recreation Commissions recommendations for the Curb Market. You may also view this information on the City's website at: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/citygovernment/council/worksession.htm>.

Executive Summary for Airport Master Plan for the July 27th Work Session

In the City Council packets that are being delivered today, you will find a draft copy of the Executive Summary for the Piedmont Triad International Airport Master Plan and Strategic Long-Range Visioning Plan for the July 27th Council Work Session. You may also view this information on the City's website at: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/citygovernment/council/worksession.htm>.

Upcoming City Academy Promotion

Next week on Tuesday, July 27th, promoting our 7th annual City Academy, Shannon Smith from Fox 8 News will visit the Public Safety Training Center and perform activities that City Academy participants carry out during the 12 week program. The segments will be as follows:

- 6:15 am Police – FATS – Firearm Training Safety (FATS)
- 6:45 am Field Operations – Solid waste truck: coordinating the mechanical arm to dump a solid waste container
- 7:15 am Fire - Extinguish Fire
- 7:45 am Police - Indoor firing range
- 8:15 am Fire – Turnout gear

In addition to Fire, Police and Solid Waste staff, Jeron Hollis and Cathy Justice from Public Affairs will be on site to answer questions from Fox 8 News. The application period for City Academy closes on July 31, 2010. Twenty five residents will be chosen for this year's sessions representing all City Council districts and all demographic groups. The sessions will begin on September 2, 2010 and conclude with graduation on November 16, 2010.

Public Affairs Department Contact Center Weekly Report Week of 7/12/10 - 7/18/10

Contact Center

5550 calls answered this week

Top 5 calls by area

<u>Water Resources</u>	<u>Field Operations</u>	<u>All others</u>
Balance Inquiry – 1069	Solid Waste Changes – 147	Police/Watch Operations – 282
Bill Extension – 232	EOW Recycling – 123	Landfill/Transfer/HHW – 133
General Info – 206	Bulk Guidelines – 82	Courts/Sheriff – 117
New Signup – 198	Repair Can/Trash – 65	Police Records – 47
Due Date – 193	Collection Day – 53	Privilege License – 40

Comments

We received a total of **9** comments this week:

Executive – 1 comment

- Caller is upset with City Council's decision to change College Hill's trash collection and that we approved new dorms for the college students in their neighborhood. Caller feels the value of the neighborhood will go down and expects problems with storm water with additional people in the neighborhood. Residents believe the Council was bought off to approve the zoning to allow dorms.

Field Operations – 3 comments

- Dear City Council Members, I thought you should all know the extremely able work done by city workers. In last night's storm (7/13), a big tree fell down. I called the city this morning for help. A crew was at my house within a half hour and cleared away the tree, raked, and cleaned up the street and curbs. They were friendly, cheerful, and helpful.
- Caller states that it is not convenient for their community to have the solid waste pick up changed to Monday. Customer feels that the cans will sit out all weekend because people go away for the weekend.
- Caller wanted to say thank you for taking time out for son on his birthday... let them get a picture of the child with the trash man, and brought him a bag of small gifts. Child is "thrilled beyond belief."

Transportation – 3 comments

- Caller loves the speed bumps – she really would love to see the same thing in her neighborhood at some point down the road. It would provide so much preventive protection for their children and residents.
- Caller wanted to let someone know about the problem the speed cushions are causing. States that the cushions should not be put in if there is on street parking. This is causing the drivers to almost hit the parked cars when trying to go over the cushions.
- Customer likes these speed bumps so much she wanted to request that we install them on her street, too! She thinks they are very effective.

Water Resources – 2 comments

- Caller wanted water management to know we are ripping people off with not transferring service and charging another higher deposit. She states that she is unemployed and cannot afford to sign up.
- The commercials addressing pet waste and other contaminants entering the water reservoirs leave me wondering about how serious we are with this issue! What is the City or County doing to control contaminants in our parks, athletic fields, golf courses, and greenways created by, not Canada geese, but "NC resident Canada geese?" Our children play on soccer fields, baseball fields, and parks and must "slip and slide" on goose "grease." Golf courses are plagued by these nuisances and all that is being done is chase them to other locations. These are NOT migratory birds. They reside HERE and reproduce continuously. They live up to 20 years and reproduce 4-6 goslings per year. In some parts of our nation these pests have forced the closing of lakes and ponds to swimmers due to the level of pollution created (Warsaw, IN). They destroy lawns and gardens, ruin our lake shores, stain our sidewalks and walking tracks, and leave their messes all over athletic fields. When local governments take seriously these uncontrolled, continuously defecating, nuisances and begin efforts to control them, then your "humorous" attempts to raise awareness of PET wastes in our community might be taken seriously.

Overall

Calls about the changes to the Solid Waste collection schedule, including every other week bulk and recycling, continued to increase last week. Call volume was steady through the end of the week.

ZONING COMMISSION RESULTS

MEETING OF JULY 12, 2010

AGENDA ITEM	REQUEST/LOCATION	PROPOSED USE <small>* (Not binding if not stated as a condition)</small>	ACTION/VOTE	STAFF REC	STATUS	SPEAKERS
Z-10-06-002	CD-LI to CD-LI (change in conditions)	Utility Equipment and Storage Yard	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for; 0 opposed
	A portion of 3920 Naco Road		8 to 0			
	Donna Bell for Guilford County Schools					
Z-10-07-001	CD-GB to CD-GB (change in conditions)	Commercial Development	Approved	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for; 0 opposed
	1600 New Garden Road		8 to 0			
	Marc Isaacson for Krusch Development Company, LLC					
Z-10-07-002	County AG to City CD-CP	Corporate Office	Favorable Recommendation	Approval	August 17, 2010 City Council Meeting	1 for; 0 opposed
	East of Birch Creek Road, west of Knox Road and south of Burlington Road		8 to 0			
	Henry Isaacson for Burch Creek Farm, LLC and Landport Investments, LLC					
Z-10-07-003	RM-12 to CD-RM-26	Multi-Family Dwellings	Approved	Denial	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for; 0 opposed
	105 Tall Oaks Drive		8 to 0			
	Marc Isaacson for Alexian, LLC					
Z-10-07-004	RS-12 to CD-GO-M	Bank and Offices	Continued	Denial	Continued to the September 13, 2010 Zoning Commission Meeting	1 for; 1 opposed
	3701 West Friendly Avenue		8 to 0			
	Henry Isaacson for W. Luke and Glendale P. Johnson					

To view agenda with zoning conditions and maps, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Planning/boards/zoning/>

If you have any questions about these results, please contact Rawls Howard or Frederick Boateng (373-2144)

City Attorney
City of Greensboro



DATE: July 20, 2010

TO: Rashad M. Young, City Manager

FROM: Thomas D. Carruthers, Assistant City Attorney

SUBJECT: The End of the Short Session

The General Assembly closed for business and adjourned on Saturday July 10, 2010.

As expected H1717, Modernization of the State ABC system was adopted. HB80, Internet Sweepstakes was ratified as well and awaits the Governor's signature. The total ban on internet or server-based gaming will take effect December 1, 2010. S1361, High Point/Greensboro Boundary Swap was ratified and this will place the specified portions of Chimney Rock Road entirely within the city limits of Greensboro.

Despite the best efforts of our local delegation, S1345 Greensboro/Relocation of Wildlife, was defeated. Unexpected opposition from Farm Bureau and the insurance lobby doomed the local modification. The apparent reason for the opposition was the risk of liability that beavers pose throughout the state and the fear that the Greensboro relocation ordinance would encourage other jurisdictions to adopt this program.

Greensboro's efforts to change Section 6.83 of the City of Greensboro Charter were delayed. This revision will eliminate liens on a landlord owned premises when the water bill is in the name of the tenant. S1412 Greensboro/Collect Past-Due Utility Charges failed to leave committee. Therefore, it was not adopted and will need to be reconsidered next year. Passage next year will not affect the current City policies concerning water bill collection.

S1154, UNC Non-appropriated Capital Funding was ratified as expected. Included in this bill is authorization to finance \$3,200,000 in Aggie Stadium Press Box improvements, \$52,500,000 to renovate the Quad Dormitories, \$31,500,000 to renovate the Dining Hall, and \$1,700,000 to install fire suppression systems at UNCG. Unfortunately, funding for the new A&T School of Engineering building and the funding for the Technology Transfer Program between UNCG and A&T were deleted from the budget last week.

The two competing versions of the State Government Ethics Reform were reconciled and H961 was adopted and ratified. Included in this bill is a new voluntary mediation procedure for public records

disputes. This will hopefully provide a more efficient method of resolving disclosure disputes. It also contains mandatory attorney fees (except in limited circumstances) for the prevailing party if litigation occurs after unsuccessful mediation. This legislation also increased the disclosure requirements in personnel matters regarding salary and discipline. At present only current salary and the most recent increase, or decrease must be disclosed. Under the new legislation the entire history of increases and decreases as well as current salary is disclosed. Under prior law only the most current change in position was disclosed, now each and every change and type of promotion or discipline must be disclosed. This disclosure will include a general description of the reason for each promotion or the specific acts or omissions that are the basis of the dismissal.

The City appreciates the efforts of the entire local delegation. We wish the retiring members, Senator Dorsett, and Representatives Jones and Wiley success in their new endeavors.

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cc: Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager



EX. R-14
7-21-09
76-534

July 21, 2009

To: Greensboro City Council

From: The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress

Re: Greensboro Boards and Commission

On behalf of the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, we respectfully ask that the Greensboro City Council receive and adopt the attached recommendations relating to the City's Boards and Commissions as voted on with unanimous support at the April 9, 2009 meeting of the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress.

In offering these recommendations, we also want to express our appreciation to those citizens who step up and invest their time to serve the community on boards and commissions. We also know that it is sometimes difficult for Council to identify people who want to serve and we recognize that there are legitimate reasons that boards and commissions are not currently representative of the various categories of residents of the City. We expect such representation will have to emerge over a number of years.

Our primary objectives of the recommendations are the following: (1) that the City has a systematic process for reporting the representation on boards and commissions so that Council and the public will be aware of the makeup of the boards and commissions and the progress made toward wider representation, and (2) that Council has a deliberate process and procedure for appointments to the boards and commissions.

Thank you,

Art Davis
Co-Chair

Susan Taaffe
Co-Chair

Attachment



April 9, 2009

Recommendations from the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress to the Greensboro City Council regarding City Boards/Commissions

- Establish, follow and disclose to the public a formal appointment procedure.
- Actively recruit applicants that will provide a more representative balance relative to gender, district, ethnicity, and profession as reflected in the population of the City.
- Actively recruit representation of Community Development areas on the Community Resource Board.
- Conduct an annual report/analysis of boards/commissions composition (including gender, district, ethnicity, and profession)
- Require minimum information on all board/commission applications including gender, district, ethnicity, profession, employer, job title and any special affiliations.
- Conduct a clean-up of the data bank on an ongoing basis (establish standard procedures for this, including notifying applicants and volunteers if their names are being removed and why, such as passage of time, etc.)
- Fill expired term positions promptly