



June 11, 2010

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

Contact Center Feedback

Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of 5/31/10 – 6/6/10.

Budget Reduction Scenarios

- 1) Attached is a memorandum dated June 11, 2010 from Larry Davis, Director of Budget Evaluation, responding to various budget reduction options presented at the June 8th Work Session.
- 2) Attached is a summary of the lists compiled by City Council at its June 8th Work Session related to various changes to the budget and the associated budgetary impact.

Fee Changes for Parks & Recreation

Attached is a memorandum dated June 11, 2010 from Greg Jackson, Director of Parks & Recreation, describing the various fee increases recommended for the FY 2010-2011 budget.

Water Projects Debt Financed vs. Pay-Go

Attached is a schedule of all water related projects that have been either financed through Revenue Bonds or paid for on a pay-as-you-go basis over the past 10 years.

Water Rates and Related Debt Ratios

Attached is a memorandum dated June 11, 2010 from Rick Lusk, Finance Director, with two rate increase scenarios and the impact on key debt ratios.

Water & Sewer Trust Agreement

Attached is a memorandum dated June 10, 2010 from Robert W. Morgan, Deputy City Manager, summarizing the Revised City and County Water and Sewer Line Agreement, identifying pros and cons of the agreement, and identifying issues to resolve if the agreement is terminated.

Voter Authorized Bonds for Economic Development

Attached is a list of projects approved through the \$10 million voter authorized 2006 economic development bonds bond referendum and their current status.

Bond Anticipation Notes on the June 15th City Council Agenda

Attached is a memorandum dated June 11, 2010 from Rick Lusk, Finance Director, explaining the reduction value of the Bond Anticipation Notes on the June 15th City Council agenda.

Legislative Agenda Update

Attached is a memorandum dated June 10, 2010 from Thomas D. Carruthers, Associate Attorney, providing a status update on the legislative agenda during week five of the General Assembly session.

Camera at Aycock & Lee Street

The camera at the corner of Aycock and Lee Street is up and operational.

Greensboro Parks & Recreation Re-Accreditation of National Agency

The Commission of Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) certified the Greensboro Park & Recreation Department as one of 66 nationally-accredited agencies in the United States in October 2006. Attached is a memo from Parks & Recreation Director, Greg Jackson explaining the community and departmental impact of the Greensboro Park & Recreation Department seeking re-accreditation status to maintain the national certification.

M/WBE Good Faith Criteria

Attached is a memo from M/WBE Manager, Kathleen Hopkins-Smith dated June 10, 2010, regarding the contracting statutes that relate to M/WBE requirements.

Voluntary Dismissal in the Mike Weaver et al v. City of Greensboro et al Case

The voluntary dismissal was filed without prejudice which means a new action based on the same claim may be commenced within one year or less after such dismissal. The discovery provided to Council in this matter will not need to be answered and may be destroyed. A copy of the discovery will be maintained with the case file in the City's Legal Department.

Jail Evacuation Assistant Agreement

Guilford County is conducting a jail evacuation training exercise on June 22, 2010. Guilford County is requesting to use City buses and bus operators to participate in this training exercise. City buses will pick up inmates and transfer them to another location. The inmates in this exercise will be Sheriff's deputies dressed as inmates. This is a one day event, and the agreement will terminate after the conclusion of the event. Guilford County will indemnify the City and reimburse the City for the additional expenses the City will pay to Veolia for using their operators for this special event, \$48.68 per hour per vehicle.

Amphitheater Site

As you are aware, there is current activity underway at the Amphitheater site. The contractor is in the process of completing the final phase of their ORIGINAL work to install the remaining catch basins and drain lines and completing the final grading at the site. This work was part of their contract and has been encumbered and funded from the FY 08/09 Coliseum Operating budget. It will also be necessary to install an irrigation system and reseed this area. This is important to avoid erosion to the site. In addition, please be aware that activity near the Amphitheater site may give the public the mistaken impression that the city is back working on the Amphitheater, this is not the case. The work underway is related to the Greensboro Aquatic Center contractor using the Canada Dry Building North parking lot site for storing of materials and equipment which is immediately adjacent to the Amphitheater site.

Cone Mills Contract Extension

The City Council asked the staff to determine if the current agreement with International Textile Group, Inc. "ITG" could be extended 6 months. The extension is possible but certain steps must be followed. City staff will need a letter from ITG providing certain data to analyze the request in accordance with the Council approved Economic Development Program Financial Assistance Guidelines. The staff will then analyze the request and determine the value of the jobs and capital investment to the community that will be created and/or retained by providing the requested economic development assistance. We will also study the market and determine the value of the methane gas that will be provided to Cone Denim's White Oak plant under the requested extension. City staff will make a recommendation on the request and whether the incentive is necessary for Cone Denim to retain the capital investment and staffing referenced in the request letter. We will present our findings of what the value (opportunity cost) is of the economic development assistance being requested (methane gas) by ITG and what the value is to the community of the capital investment and jobs that Cone Denim can save by retaining access to the methane gas for an additional 6 months. The value to the community will include the property taxes that are assessed on the facility as an operating factory vs. a closed facility and the economic impact, including sales taxes, on goods and services that the company and its employees purchase in the community.

These findings and our recommendation will be presented to City Council at a public hearing where City Council will consider and take action on the request. The public hearing will be advertised at least 10 days before it takes place. Speakers for and against the request will have an opportunity to speak at the public hearing.

Public Affairs Department Contact Center Weekly Report Week of 5/31/10 - 6/6/10

Contact Center

4186 calls answered this week

Top 5 calls by area

Water Resources

Balance Inquiry – 905
General Info. – 174
New Signup- 166
Cutoff – 119
Phone Signups - 88

Field Operations

Bulk Guidelines – 71
Repair Green Can - 61
No Service/Trash – 40
Appliance pick up - 33
Dead Animal – 31

All others

Police/Watch Operations – 294
Landfill/Transfer/HHW – 116
Courts/Sheriff - 81
Overgrown Lots – 45
Online Payments – 32

Comments

We received a total of 7 comments this week:

Budget – 4 comments

- I ask you to hold water rates to current levels due to poor economic conditions.
- I have an idea regarding leaf collection. Why not sell biodegradable paper bags for leaves to offset the cost of collecting them? They are easy to fill because they stand up like a giant grocery bag. They are good for the environment. Older people would have an easier time getting their leaves from the backyard to the curb. Here is a link with a picture:
<http://www.bagandtag.com/paper-yardwaste-bags.htm>
- Customer called to advise City Manager's Office we need to restructure council districts and get rid of one council person.
- Resident calling to say that he needs the loose leaf service as he has an enormous amount of leaves. Please keep this service. He also does not want to see a tax increase.

Transportation – 1 comment

- Customer called two or three days ago and asked to have the street sign at Hubbard and Sixteenth replaced and a 25mph sign replaced. Caller wanted to thank the group for the fast turn-around time.

Water Resources – 2 comments

- Customer called to thank Customer Service staff and the men who came out to install her meter, expediting her order when she truly needed it. She stated everyone that she encountered in the process was pleasant, polite, and professional while rushing to meet her needs. She wants City Council and management to know how good of a job their employees are doing for the citizens of Greensboro.
- This service should be free of charge. It gets you the money faster and requires less overhead for processing payments thus improving the City's cash flow. If you want more people to use it, make it free.

Overall

Calls about overgrown lots and disposal procedures decreased last week. Otherwise, we received the normal mix of calls. Call volume was lighter last week due to the City being closed on Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.



June 11, 2010

TO: Rashad M. Young, City Manager
FROM: Larry Davis, Director
SUBJECT: Budget Reduction Questions - Miscellaneous

Attached are questions or ideas raised during the Council Budget Work Session on June 8 and short responses generated by various staff.

1. City Manager's Office – Economic Development maintenance/operations
The recommended budget for economic incentives for FY 10-11 will be reduced from \$1,434,862 to \$1,135,352.
2. Historic Tax Districts – Postpone historic self imposed tax until a plan is presented.
Funds received through the Municipal Service District (MSD) tax levy are maintained in a separate reserve account, available exclusively for historic district purposes. MSD funds are a self-imposed tax and if City Council were to postpone or discontinue the MSD tax levy, there would be no general fund savings or additional funds available in the general fund as a result of postponement due to the fact that the general fund does not subsidize the Municipal Service Districts or any of the district's projects.

By way of background, in 1988 the City Council adopted a policy that historic district property owners should share in the cost of improvements provided by the City at a higher level than provided city wide. The College Hill and Charles B. Aycock Historic Districts were designated as Municipal Service Districts in 1989, under special North Carolina enabling legislation, at the request of the Historic District Neighborhoods Association for the purpose of continuing streetscape projects designed to enhance the special character of the historic districts.

3. Human Relations – Cut additional maintenance/operations funds
The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget for Human Relations presented May 25th included a 16% reduction in maintenance and operations funds, from \$124,030 to \$104,113. The Recommended Budget presented for adoption on June 15 will not include any additional recommended reductions for the Human Relations Department.

4. Nussbaum Housing Fund/Planning – Further decrease in expenditures which should represent more than \$250,000.
The recommended budget presented for adoption on June 15 will include additional program reductions in the Planning Department and the Housing and Community Development Fund totaling \$228,000. This is a result of the efficiencies gained by combining Planning and HCD Departments.
5. Bulk Pickup
The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included a service modification for residential bulk collection, with service being modified from weekly service to every other week service, at an annual savings of \$319,600.
6. HRIS Compensation and Compliance – Why the Increase?
This Human Resources program budget increased from \$150,832 for FY09-10 to \$1,094,943 for FY 10-11 due to several reasons. Included in the FY 10-11 budget are two one-time expenditures: \$400,000 for a city-wide time-keeping system and \$250,000 for a review and analysis of the city's total compensation and benefits program. Another reason for the increase is the reallocation of expenditures due to some restructuring in the department. About \$300,000 was moved from the Employment Program to the HRIS, Compensation and Compliance Program.
7. General Insurance Funds – Why the Increase?
The General Insurance Fund expense budget in the various divisions is budgeted based on the best estimate during the budget process using the history of prior year expenses, trends, pending lawsuits and litigation and current year activity levels, although the prior trends don't necessarily predict future activity. We also try to match the contribution rates to the fund according to the actual expense history of the departments utilizing the funds. We need to prepare the budget conservatively to allow for any unforeseen or significant claim which could deplete all of the funds on hand. Also, the General Insurance Fund pays a contribution to an Excess Liability Fund established in the spring of 2007, to provide self-funding of excess liability and replace the purchase of an excess liability insurance policy with an outside carrier to cover the City's excess liability risk exposure.
8. Legal – Outside Attorneys
As part of an IFYI from September 4, 2009, Legal proposed several methods of controlling budgets and use of outside counsel. Based on this memorandum, a city-wide policy for the selection of outside legal counsel was developed and had the following requirements:
Where feasible, all legal matters should be handled in-house considering the nature of the matter, the expertise required, and the urgency of response. All matters not involving conflicts, unavailable expertise, licensing, Court approvals, or additional staff should be handled by the City Legal Staff. In those instances where outside attorneys are retained, City Legal staff, and the staff of other Departments, should be used to assist where possible to keep outside attorney's expenses to a minimum.

9. Elections – What is the purpose of these funds?

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th includes \$163,000 for payment of elections costs that might occur during the fiscal year. Although regularly scheduled municipal elections will not occur during FY 10-11, funds are budgeted in “off” years should Council decide to place a local item (i.e. bond referendum) on a fall or spring ballot.

10. Network Services – Why the Increase?

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included an approximately \$1.95 million increase for the Network Services Fund budget. Most of this increase is due to a budgeted transfer from the fund’s reserves to the operating fund in order to contribute \$1.3 million to help balance the General Fund budget (this transfer will increase to \$1.7 million in the budget to be presented for adoption on June 15th). The Network Services Fund is also assuming the cost of two positions being transferred from the General Fund to the Network Services Fund, valued at \$127,000 annually.

11. Capital Reserve – Non Department General Government

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included \$225,000 for two General Fund transfers to the General Capital Projects Fund. \$100,000 was budgeted for the Neighborhood Small Projects Program, an annual program in which neighborhoods submit requests for funds to help with neighborhood based projects. \$125,000 was budgeted for roof repairs at the Coliseum. The Recommended Budget presented for adoption on June 15th will not include funding for the Neighborhood Small Projects Program for FY 10-11. This reduction is being recommended as part of several budget reductions to provide a one-half cent tax decrease.

12. Equipment Services – Reduce Capital Replacement

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included a transfer from the Equipment Services Fund to the General Fund of \$254,639 to help balance the General Fund Budget. The Recommended Budget presented for adoption on June 15th will increase this transfer by \$300,000, for a total transfer of \$554,639.

13. Small Tools and Equipment – Why the Increase

The FY10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included an increase for Small Tools and Equipment for all funds from \$1,459,005 to \$3,099,480, an increase of \$1,640,475. The Recommended Budget for the Technical Services Fund includes an increase of \$1,500,000 in Small Tools and Equipment for the replacement of 300-350 radios used by public safety personnel. This accounts for the large increase in this budgeted account. For the General Fund, the Small Tools and Equipment account increases from \$1,131,490 to \$1,167,271.

14. Contingency

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included \$30,000 in Council Contingency. The Recommended Budget presented for adoption on June 15th will not include this appropriation.

The only recent use of contingency by city council was the allocation of \$30,000 to Police Overtime in February 2008.

15. Cellular Phones

The organizational Wireless Technology Study conducted by staff in FY 08-09 identified approximately \$93,000 in reductions to wireless technology costs (phones, internet cards, pagers) within City departments. In addition, Engineering & Inspections and Fire identified \$355,425 and \$220,274 respectively in cost avoidances that have been made possible through the use of wireless internet cards. In FY 10-11, staff will evaluate the use of employee stipends in lieu of providing City owned cell phones as a means of reducing overall cell phone expenditures.

16. Consultant Services

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included \$50,000 for special projects/consultant services. The Recommended Budget presented for adoption on June 15th will reduce this appropriation to \$10,000.

17. Lobbyist

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included \$23,629 for a state lobbyist. That funding has been removed from the budget.

18. Parking Fund Balance

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included an \$800,000 contribution from the Parking Fund to the General Fund to help balance the General Fund budget. The Recommended Budget presented for adoption on June 15th will increase this contribution to \$955,000, using Parking Fund fund balance to support this additional increase. This transfer increase is being recommended as part of several budget reductions to provide a one half cent tax decrease.

19. Lakes User Fees

As part of the effort to restore current operation hours to city lakes, Parks and Recreation has raised various fees. These increases are estimated to generate over \$28,000 in additional revenue for FY 10-11. Additionally, by restoring Lake Higgins to current operations, an increase in revenue of \$8,500 is also anticipated for a total revenue impact of \$36,500.

20. Disparity Study

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included \$200,000 for a Disparity Study to determine appropriate Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation levels for the organization. It is recommended that this item be included in the Recommended Budget to be presented for adoption on June 15th.

21. Compensation Study

The FY 10-11 Recommended Budget presented May 25th included \$250,000 for a Compensation Study to review and provide analysis of the city's total compensation and benefits program. It is recommended that this item be included in the Recommended Budget to be presented for adoption on June 15th.

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**Impact on General Fund Budget from
June 8th City Council Work Session**

General Fund Expenditure Changes Council Add Backs

<u>Program/Service</u>	<u>Expenditure Dollar Amount (Increase/Decrease)</u>
School Crossing Guards	\$254,100
Loose Leaf Collection	\$594,950
Lakes Programming	\$96,069
Non Departmental - Sports Commission	\$7,500
Non Departmental - Greensboro Partnership	\$20,000
Non Departmental - Children's Museum	\$100,000
County Library Funding	\$422,300
Expenditure Sub Total	\$1,494,919

General Fund Reductions or New Revenues

<u>Program/Service</u>	<u>Revenue Dollar Amount (Increase/Decrease)</u>
Economic Incentive Payments	\$299,630
Non Departmental - Consultant Services	\$40,000
Non Departmental - Council Contingency	\$30,000
Planning Department Reductions	\$228,468
Field Operations M/O Reductions	\$200,000
Lakes Programming	\$8,500
(Revenue associated with restoring Lake Higgins to full operating hours)	
Transfer From Equipment Services	\$300,000
Transfer From Network Services	\$400,000
Revenue Sub Total	\$1,506,598

Appropriated Fund Balance will be adjusted for sub total difference.

Parks and Recreation Department
City of Greensboro



June 11, 2010

TO: Rashad Young, City Manager
FROM: Greg Jackson, Parks and Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Fee Increases in the FY 10-11 Budget

The Parks and Recreation Department FY 10-11 budget includes a variety of modest fee increases for shelter rentals, Gillespie Golf Course green and cart fees, fees associated with lake operations, Sportsplex admission fees, show wagon rentals and adult athletic registration fees. Based on citizen input, Parks and Recreation Commission input and City Council direction, staff recommends the following changes to our fees and charges.

Shelter rentals: Shelter rental fees in the regional parks will be increased \$5 per rental. Rental rates are still within the norm for the region.

Gillespie Golf Course: Green fees will increase \$1, cart rentals and range balls will increase \$.50.

Annual Permits: The annual fishing and launching passes will increase from 25-35% for residents.

Daily Boat Launches and Rental Fees: Depending on the number of individuals, the increase for boat rentals and launching will increase between 10 to 50%. The increase is no more than \$2.

Lake Townsend Dry Dock Storage Fee: Based on market data comparisons with other boat storage rates and the fact that there is a long waiting list for dry dock storage spaces, a 100% increase is recommended. The annual resident fee will increase from \$400 to \$800.

Adult Athletic Fees: Staff analyzed the cost of adult team sports for basketball and softball leagues. The fees will be increased to make the programs recover all expenses associated with the program. Resident team fees for softball and basketball will increase to \$475 with non-residents paying a 125% differential.

Show Wagon Stages: Rentals of the various show wagons will increase for not-for-profit 501 c-3 organizations by 100%. These fees are still below the actual costs to provide the service.

Greensboro Sportsplex: Daily entrance fees will increase \$1 for residents and multi visit punch cards will increase accordingly.

For all the increased fees, non-resident rates will increase per our policies and procedures. All fee increases will be effective July 1, 2010. The attached spreadsheet details the entire recommended fee increases outlining the current fees versus proposed fees including the non-resident differential.

GJ/dm

Attachment

**Greensboro Parks Recreation
Proposed Fee Schedule 2010**

Effective July 1, 2010 if adopted							
Location/Type of Fee	Description	Current Resident	Current Non resident	Res/NR difference	Proposed Resident	Proposed Non resident	Res/NR difference
ATHLETICS							
Basketball - Men's	Team fee	400	845	111%	475	1069	125%
Basketball - Women's	Per player	40	90	125%	40	90	125%
Softball - Co-Rec.	Team fee	375	845	125%	475	1069	125%
Friday Softball	Team fee	275	620	125%	475	1069	125%
Softball - Men's	Team fee	375	845	125%	475	1069	125%
Softball - Women's	Team fee	375	845	125%	475	1069	125%
GILLESPIE PARK GOLF COURSE							
Green Fees							
Regular	Weekdays and weekend	10	10	0%	11	11	0%
SR/JR/Lady	Monday through Friday	8	8	0%	9	9	0%
Twilight Walking	Weekdays and weekend	8	8	0%	9	9	0%
Cart Fees							
18 Hole	Weekdays and weekend	8	8	0%	8.50	8.50	0%
9 Hole	Weekdays and weekend	5	5	0%	5.50	5.50	0%
Twilight	Weekdays and weekend	6	6		6.50	6.50	
Pull Carts	Weekdays and weekend	2	2	0%	2.50	2.50	0%
Driving Range	50-55 balls per bag	5	5	0%	5.50	5.50	0%
MISCELLANEOUS RENTALS							
Millennium Show Wagon	For profit, per day up to 8 hours	750	1125	50%	750	1125	50%
	Not for profit (501 C-S), per day up to 8 hours	200	300	50%	400	600	50%
16' X 16' Stage	For profit, per day up to 8 hours	100	150	50%	200	300	50%
	Not for profit (501 C-S), per day up to 8 hours	100	150	50%	200	300	50%
Large Show Wagon	For profit, per day up to 8 hours	750	1125	50%	750	1125	50%
	Not for profit (501 C-S), per day up to 8 hours	200	300	50%	400	600	50%
50K Generator	Set-up, fuel, personnel	100	150	50%	150	225	50%
REGIONAL PARKS							
Barber Park							
Shelters-Weekdays (except holidays)	Shelter #1	50	75	50%	55	82.50	50%
	Shelter #2	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #3	25	38	52%	30	45	50%
	Shelter #4	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #5	90	135	50%	95	142.50	50%

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	Shelter #6	60	90	50%	65	97.50	50%
	School groups	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
Shelters-Weekends/Holidays	Shelter #1	55	83	51%	60	90	50%
	Shelter #2	40	60	50%	45	67.50	50%
	Shelter #3	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #4	40	60	50%	45	67.50	50%
	Shelter #5	100	150	50%	105	157.50	50%
	Shelter #6	65	98	51%	70	105	50%
Sprayground	Admission (age 3-12; age 2 and younger free)	1.00	1.50	50%	0.00	0.00	0%
	Admission (age 13 and older)	2.00	3.00	50%	0.00	0.00	0%
Bryan Park							
Shelters-Weekdays (except holidays)	Shelter #1	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #2	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #4	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #5	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #6	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #7	120	180	50%	125	187.50	50%
	Shelter #8	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #9	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	School groups	30	45	50%	30	45	50%
Shelters-Weekends/Holidays	Shelter #1	35	52.50	50%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #2	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #4	35	98	180%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #5	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #6	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #7	130	195	50%	135	202.50	50%
	Shelter #8	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #9	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
Country Park							
Shelters-Weekdays (except holidays)	Shelter #1	100	150	50%	105	157.50	50%
	Shelter #2	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #3	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #4	60	90	50%	65	97.50	50%
	Shelter #5	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #6	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #7	100	150	50%	105	157.50	50%
	Shelter #8	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
	Shelter #9	60	90	50%	65	97.50	50%
	School groups	30	45	50%	35	52.50	50%
Shelters-Weekends/Holidays	Shelter #1	110	165	50%	115	172.50	50%
	Shelter #2	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #3	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
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	Shelter #8	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #9	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
Hester Park							
Shelters-Weekdays (except holidays)	Shelter #1	90	135	50%	95	142.50	50%
	Shelter #2	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
	Shelter #3	25	38	52%	30	45	50%
	Shelter #4	60	90	50%	65	97.50	50%
	Shelter #5	25	38	52%	30	45	50%
	Shelter #6	35	53	51%	40	60	50%
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	Shelter #6	40	60	50%	45	67.50	50%
	Shelter #7	65	98	51%	70	105	50%
Gazebo	Weddings only	40	60	50%	45	67.50	50%
WATERSHED PARKS							
Dry Dock Storage	Six Months - Townsend	210	315	50%	450	675	50%
	One Year - Townsend	400	600	50%	800	1200	50%
Kayak/Canoe Storage	Six Months - Higgins & Brandt	50	75	50%	60	90	50%
	One Year - Higgins & Brandt	90	135	50%	100	150	50%
Launch	1 Person	4	6	50%	6	9	50%
	2 People	5	7.50	50%	7	10.50	50%
	3 or more	6	9	50%	8	12	50%
Rowboat Rentals	1 Person	8	12	50%	10	15	50%
	2 People	10	15	50%	11	16.50	50%
	3 People	11	16.50	50%	12	18	50%
Canoe Rental	Brandt and Higgins	15	22.50	50%	17	25.50	50%
Kayak/Canoe Rentals	Solo	10	15	50%	12	18	50%
	Tandem	15	22.50	50%	17	25.50	50%
Annual Permits	3 Lakes-fishing & launching	80	120	50%	100	150	50%
	Canoe/Kayak - Single	40	60	50%	50	75	50%
	Canoe/Kayak - Family	60	90	50%	80	120	50%
	Pier Fishing	25	37.50	50%	30	45	50%
	3 Lake Senior-fishing & launching	60	90	50%	80	120	50%
	Lake Townsend Yacht Club Annual	100	150	50%	125	187.50	50%

**Greensboro Parks Recreation
Proposed Fee Schedule 2010**

Effective July 1, 2010 if adopted							
Location/Type of Fee	Description	Current Resident	Current Non resident	Res/NR difference	Proposed Resident	Proposed Non resident	Res/NR difference
	SPORTSPLEX						
Greensboro Sportsplex	<i>General Pricing:</i>						
	Daily	5	7	40%	6	8	33%
	Non-Peak Daily	4	6	50%	5	7	40%
	Open Play Punch Cards (10 visits)	20	25	25%	50	70	40%
	Open Play Punch Cards (25 visits)	40	50	25%	125	175	40%

Water Resources Capital Project Summary
FY 1999-2000 Through FY 2008-2009

Capital Improvement Fund-PayGo	\$ 142,751,364	38.99%
Bond Funds	<u>223,330,031</u>	<u>61.01%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 366,081,395</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

Water Resources Capital Improvement Fund-PayGo
FY 1999-2000 Through FY 2008-2009

Capital Improvements:

Water Line & Water Tank Construction	\$ 13,558,285
Randleman Dam Project	33,084,223
Randleman Water Treatment Plant Project	33,544,093
Chloramine Conversion Project	7,604,958
Osbourne Improvements	3,816,049
Automated Meter Reading Project	11,275,498
Sewer Line Construction	28,146,593
I-85 Bypass Stubouts	170,643
Haw River Project	7,823,005
Annexation Related Improvements	686,608
Billing Software Upgrade	<u>3,041,679</u>

Total PayGo **\$ 142,751,634**

Expenditures by Fiscal Year

FY 99-00	\$ 1,852,008
FY 00-01	5,521,070
FY 01-02	13,666,320
FY 02-03	26,394,498
FY 03-04	9,762,790
FY 04-05	5,231,944
FY 05-06	8,227,950
FY 06-07	16,148,136
FY 07-08	46,181,522
FY 08-09	<u>9,765,396</u>

Total PayGo **\$ 142,751,634**

Water Resources Bond Funds
FY 1999-2000 Through FY 2008-2009

Bond Fund - Series 1995:
(\$50,000,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Water Line Construction \$ 2,942,188

Non-Operating Expenses:

Bond Issue Expense 5,549

2,947,737

Note: Additional expenditures of \$49,552,263 were made in years prior to FY 1999-00, for a total of \$52,500,000.

Note: Additional project resources were provided from investment income during construction in all bond funds listed in this schedule.

Bond Fund - Series 1998:
(\$40,000,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Winola Court Water Tank \$ 38,126

Northside Feeder Main 3,372,746

Mitchell Water Plant 538,015

Lake Townsend Water Plant 53,141

Randlemen Dam Feeder Main 30,000

Reedy Fork Pumping Station 266,903

Lake Daniel Reservoir 3,975,316

Reidsville Water Line Project 2,010,680

Reidsville Water Plant Improvements 3,470,633

Sewer Lift Stations 817,284

North Buffalo Plant 2,266,923

Osborne Treatment Plant 4,799,323

Water Line Construction 112,296

Non-Operating Expenses:

Bond Issue Expense 48,387

21,799,773

Note: Additional expenditures of \$20,050,227 were made in years prior to FY 1999-00, for a total of \$41,850,000.

Bond Fund - Series 2001:
(\$45,740,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Stevco Building	\$ 1,658,914
Lake Daniel Reservoir	3,224,704
Osborne Treatment Plant	18,640,653
North Buffalo Extension	1,250,988
South Buffalo Extension	2,142,677
Reedy Fork Pumping and Lift Station	1,033,513
Bledsoe Drive Pumping Station	905,578
Peach Orchard Pumping Station	893,944
Randlemen Feeder Main/Engineering	22,000
Northside Feeder Main	331,191
Lake Brandt Dam Repair	1,288,975
Mitchell Water Plant	498,800
Mitchell Sediment Basin Improvements	2,670,140
Mitchell Pumping Station	393,605
Mitchell Filter Rehabilitation	1,732,660
Reidsville Improvements	281,698
Randleman Water Supply	1,694,187
Burlington Water Interconnection	170,300
Muddy Branch Sewer Rehabilitation	1,340,425
Lawndale Lift Station	1,185,368
Townsend Plant Sediment Basin Imprv	1,776,727

Non-Operating Expenses:

Capitalized Interest Expense	0
Bond Issue Expense	2,318,574
	746,901
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	46,202,522

Bond Fund - Series 2003:
(\$43,435,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Mapping Project of Water/Sewer System	369,697
Water Resources Operations Center	7,474,167
Water Supply	7,264,118
Water Treatment Plants	1,430,368
Sewer Pumping Stations	14,554,521
North Buffalo Pilot Facility	38,600
Osborne Treatment Plant	1,915,067
Haw River Project	7,823,573
Sewer Mains	4,644,915

Non-Operating Expenses:

Capitalized Interest Expense	1,895,086
Bond Issue Expense	589,888
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	48,000,000

Bond Fund - Series 2005:
(\$40,860,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Mapping Project of Water/Sewer System	1,164,746
Water Mains, Tanks & Supply	3,359,563
Water Treatment Plants	4,748,011
Sewer Pumping Stations	6,318,246
Osborne Treatment Plant	859,578
Sewer Mains & Pump Stations	25,172,758
Water Reclamation Facilities	593,600

Non-Operating Expenses:

Capitalized Interest Expense	2,221,136
Bond Issue Expense	628,734
	<u>45,066,372</u>

Bond Fund - Series 2007 (projects in progress):
(\$48,040,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Water Treatment Plants	5,744,962
Water Mains, Tanks & Supply	567,432
Sewer Mains & Pump Stations	26,338,226
Osborne Treatment Plant	5,221,658

Non-Operating Expenses:

Capitalized Interest Expense	2,027,696
Bond Issue Expense	594,016
	<u>40,493,990</u>

Bond Fund - Series 2009 (projects in progress):
(\$53,180,000 Revenue Bonds)

Capital Improvements:

Mitchell Clearwell Replacement	185,924
Townsend Dam Replacement	18,294,590
Randleman Dam	339,123
	<u>18,819,637</u>

Total - All Bond Funds

\$ 223,330,031

Expenditures by Fiscal Year

FY 99-00	\$ 28,265,855
FY 00-01	16,111,034
FY 01-02	16,528,511
FY 02-03	7,733,769
FY 03-04	35,165,096
FY 04-05	26,205,218
FY 05-06	10,799,288
FY 06-07	33,497,363
FY 07-08	38,689,646
FY 08-09	10,334,251

Total - All Bond Funds

\$ 223,330,031



June 11, 2010

TO: Rashad M. Young, City Manager

FROM: Rick Lusk, Director

SUBJECT: Proposed FY 10-11 Water & Sewer Rate Increase

In response to City Council's request, below are descriptions of (1) the effect on the proposed water and sewer rate increase if the City/County Water and Sewer Line Agreement were terminated and (2) the potential system impact of a water and sewer rate increase of 6.0%.

Attached is a chart of the impact in the same format as was provided during the water rates presentation on April 27, 2010.

(1) Termination of the City/County Water and Sewer Line Agreement

- (a) If the required six months' notice to terminate the City/County Water and Sewer Line Agreement was given to the County by July 1, 2010, the City would stop paying 25% of the gross revenues collected by the City for water and sewer service provided outside the City, currently billed at (2) times the inside customer rate, on January 1, 2011. This would provide additional revenue to the City estimated at \$1.9 million annually. For FY 10-11, additional revenue of approximately \$950,000 would be received from January 1 – June 30, 2011.
- (b) *This would result in a projected 7.50% rate increase for FY 10-11 versus the proposed 8.75% rate increase*, based on maintaining an annual Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) at 2.0 and unrestricted reserves as a % of operations and maintenance expense between 35% and 50%.
- (c) *For FY 11-12 this would result in a projected 5.40% rate increase versus the proposed 6.40% rate increase*. For the two-year period, FY 10-11 and FY 11-12, the combined projected rate increase would be lower at 12.9% versus the proposed 15.15%.
- (d) It is our recommendation that the City's share of funds in the City/County Joint Water and Sewer Trust Fund would be placed in a separate Economic Development account to be used for constructing water and sewer lines outside the existing corporate limits.

(2) **Termination of the City/County Water and Sewer Line Agreement and a 6.0% Water and Sewer Rate Increase**

- (a) Termination of the City/County Water and Sewer Line Agreement and a water and sewer rate increase of 6.0% would lower the DSCR to 1.94 in FY 10-11 and would require a 6.75% rate increase in FY 11-12 to achieve a DSCR of 2.0.
- (b) The City's DSCR has declined since 2008, from 2.64 to an estimated 2.10 at June 30, 2010. Including the proposed FY 10-11 budget, the DSCR will have declined for the third consecutive year. The City's target of 2.0 times coverage, which has not been lower than 2.20 since 2004, has resulted in bond rating increases from the AA category to the highest AAA category with Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's. Moody's rating is Aa1, their second highest rating.
- (c) We believe that the bond rating agencies would negatively view a continuing trend of declining coverage ratios, a DSCR below the City's 2.0 target and a practice of setting rates and maintaining unrestricted reserves below the Medians for the City's AAA/AA ratings.

RL/rmy
Attachment

NOTE: All of the following are based on assumptions in the 8.75% proposed rate increase, with variations as noted at the right.

Annual DS Coverage- Parity (x)		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Comments
<i>Actual Results:</i>		2.64x	2.23x	2.10x					
<i>Projected Rate Increase:</i>									
	FY11 FY12 FY13 FY14								
(1)	7.5%, 5.4%, 4.80%, 1.50%				2.00x	2.00x	2.00x	2.00x	Includes \$950k FY11/\$1.9M FY12 & fwd annual Trust revenue only, full balance of W/S Trust received at termination placed in separate Economic Development account
(2)	6.0%, 6.75%, 5.0%, 1.35%				1.94x	2.00x	2.00x	2.00x	6% Rate increase in 2011, with ongoing rate increases necessary to maintain 2.0x coverage. Includes \$950k FY11 / \$1.9M FY12 & fwd annual Trust revenue, with balance of W/S Trust at termination is placed in separate account for Economic Development
Goal = 2 times parity debt service		Springing Reserve of \$8.76M at 1.50x is required							
Moody's MEDIAN (Aaa)		2.37x	Moody's MEDIAN (Aa1)		2.90x	Moody's MEDIAN (Aa2)		2.13x	
			Charlotte (2009)		2.30x	Greensboro (2009)		2.23x	
Moody's MEDIAN (Aa3)		2.40x	Raleigh (2009)		2.38x	Winston-Salem (2009)		1.73x	

Unrestricted Reserves as % of Operations & Maintenance		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Comments
<i>Actual Results:</i>		52.20%	42.05%	46.59%					
<i>Projected Rate Increase:</i>									
	FY11 FY12 FY13 FY14								
(1)	7.5%, 5.4%, 4.80%, 1.50%				43.15%	50.16%	49.60%	50.36%	Includes \$950k FY11/\$1.9M FY12 & fwd annual Trust revenue only, full balance of W/S Trust received at termination placed in separate Economic Development account
(2)	6.0%, 6.75%, 5.0%, 1.35%				41.40%	48.38%	47.99%	48.70%	6% Rate increase in 2011, with ongoing rate increases necessary to maintain 2.0x coverage. Includes \$950k FY11 / \$1.9M FY12 & fwd annual Trust revenue, with balance of W/S Trust at termination is placed in separate account for Economic Development
Goal = 35% - 50%									
Moody's MEDIAN (Aaa) %		60.40	Moody's MEDIAN (Aa1) %		66.00	Moody's MEDIAN (Aa2) %		65.50	
			Charlotte (2008)		159.80	Greensboro (2008)		52.20	
Moody's MEDIAN (Aa3) %		115.80	Raleigh (2008)		66.00	Winston-Salem (2008)		114.20	



June 10, 2010

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Robert W. Morgan, Deputy City Manager

Subject: City and County Water and Sewer Line Agreement

The purpose of this document is to summarize the Revised City and County Water and Sewer Line Agreement, identify pros and cons of the agreement and identify issues to resolve if the agreement is terminated.

The City of Greensboro and Guilford County have had an agreement for extending water and sewer lines outside the City's corporate limits since May 20, 1968. This agreement was last revised on May 17, 2007. The purpose of the agreement was for the City and County to expand the existing water and sewer facilities outside the corporate limits of the City. There existed a need to ensure continued growth and development occurred in a manner most conducive to the public health and general welfare. The agreement specifies the criteria, rules, and regulations for extending water and sewer lines. Over the years the County has financed water and sewer extensions which were paid by the County and not funds generated by this agreement. Using both County bonds and Water and Sewer Trust fund monies, as well as private investment, millions of dollars have been spent on water and sewer extensions in the unincorporated areas of the county. These extensions became part of the Greensboro's water and sewer utility assets and as such became Greensboro's responsibility to maintain.

The current City and County Water and Sewer Agreement specifies:

- a service area (WSSA)
- a means to address public health hazards due to contaminated wells or failing septic tanks
- sources of funding (County assessments, County acreage charges, interest on funds and 25% of water and sewer revenues for all persons, firms and corporations connected to lines constructed pursuant to the agreement and outside the City's corporate limits) for utility line extensions for economic development projects, over sizing of lines and pump stations, system operational enhancements, existing schools, public health problems in existing residential subdivisions and federal home projects.
- criteria and priorities for expenditure of funds for extending water and sewer lines outside the corporate limit including for economic development
- fees and assessments
- joint capital improvement planning and project approval
- transfer of all utility assets constructed under the agreement to the City

- application of City development regulations on developments outside corporate limits receiving water and sewer utilities
- City and County cooperation on comprehensive plans.
- terms for terminating the agreement

Guilford County maintains the deposits in the Water and Sewer Trust Fund. The revised agreement requires the County to provide an annual report by December 31. The December 31, 2009 report indicates that there is \$14,493,236 in the fund balance. The total fund balance to be divided will depend on what projects are completed under the agreement. Projects are at various stages: some are under contract or have been approved by both jurisdictions or a single jurisdiction and some are in various stages of planning. The City and County will need to agree on a final project list to calculate a final fund balance. The City sends approximately \$1.9 million dollars a year to the County from water and sewer revenues. These payments are sent quarterly so the December report does not include two quarterly payments made in January and April of \$909,392. These payments will also affect the fund balance.

In using the current agreement the City staff makes the following observations:

PROS

- Provides County a means to build water and sewer lines to County schools or to address public health issues relative to contaminated and failing wells and failing septic tanks and then turn over the assets to City for maintenance
- Establishes a mechanism for over sizing water and sewer lines to ensure proper development of the utility
- Provides a means for City development regulations to apply to future annexation areas
- Encourages joint planning between City and County staffs
- Identifies sources of monies to provide incentives for economic development and for directing the development of extensions

CONS

- Requires joint approval of water and sewer extensions which complicates and slows down decisions about growth and economic development
- Restricts the City's ability in setting priorities for use of one of its greatest assets
- The majority of monies in the trust fund comes from City collected revenues from outside water and sewer customers yet the agreement requires joint approval for expenditures
- Expectation that the County will not issue additional bonds to finance future water and sewer extensions
- Delays the timing for annexations of properties developed under the agreement

- Delays access to up to date information as to the financial status of the trust fund

The Revised City and County Water and Sewer Agreement contains the following termination clause: "This contract may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties or by either party upon six months" notice given to the other governing body. In the event that this contract is terminated as above mentioned, the disposition of any funds remaining in the Joint Water and Sewer Trust Fund shall be divided equally. All such funds will be used for the purposes of constructing water and sewer lines within the WSSA or may be used to retire debt for previous water and sewer extension in the WSSA." Please note that the Water and Sewer Service Area (WSSA) is identified on a map and is an area that surrounds the City but lies outside its corporate boundaries.

It should be noted that the City has the authority to extend utility lines outside its corporate limits, set fees and charges for those extensions and condemn property for those extensions.

If the agreement is terminated the following issues will need to be addressed:

- City would need to develop a policy for extensions of water and sewer in unincorporated Areas of Guilford County
- City would need to identify monies to finance the extension policy as well as economic development incentives
- City and County would need an agreement to accommodate the construction of County financed utility extensions
- City would need to develop policies that require developments in unincorporated areas being provided access to public water and sewer adhere to City development regulations and ordinances relative to at least density, transportation, storm water and water and sewer infrastructure.
- City and County would need to agree what projects are being funded out of the Water and Sewer Trust Fund prior to the division of the fund balance

RECOMMENDATION

If the Mayor and City Council decided to terminate the City and County Water and Sewer Line Agreement, it should authorize the City Manager to notify Guilford County that it is terminating the Water and Sewer Agreement effective December 31, 2010 as specified under the terms of the agreement and to address issues relative to the termination listed above.

RWM/mm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND FUND (authorized 2006)

PROJECT	COUNCIL DISTRICT	PROJECT STATUS	AMENDED BUDGET	SPENT/ENCUM TO DATE
Economic Developmt/Administration	All	Available for future projects	\$ 4,806,775	\$ 8,294
Kisco Senior Living Center	5	FY 2013 thru FY 2017	1,000,000	-
Goria & Mconnell Properties	1	Project underway	1,086,305	1,086,305
DDC Investments	5	Project underway	500,000	500,000
GTCC Northwest Campus	5	Project underway	1,000,000	1,000,000
SCD I, LLC	2	Contract Pending	542,920	542,920
Piedmont Triad Airport Authority	N/A	Contract Pending	1,064,000	1,064,000
FUND TOTAL			10,000,000	4,201,519
BOND PROCEEDS TO DATE			(2,000,000)	2,000,000
REMAINING BONDS TO BE ISSUED			\$ 8,000,000	
UNENCUMBERED BOND PROCEEDS (SHORTAGE) 6-11-10				\$ (2,201,519)

Financial & Administrative Services
City of Greensboro



June 11, 2010

TO: Rashad M. Young, City Manager

FROM: Rick Lusk, Finance Director

Subject: Proposed \$12,560,000 Bond Anticipation Notes
City Council Agenda Item on June 15, 2010

We are recommending that the proposed short-term bond anticipation notes (BAN's) of \$12,560,000 on the June 15, 2010 City Council agenda be reduced to \$9,745,000 due to the current status of several economic development projects. The plan is not to issue any BAN's for Economic Development purposes.

The reduction in the need to issue BAN's is largely based on bids received by the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority coming in lower than anticipated, thus reducing the total project commitment by as much as \$500,000. Also, the GTCC Northwest Campus project is progressing slower than originally forecasted therefore the City does not need to issue notes for cash flow purposes for this project.

We expect to issue the BAN's for a term of approximately 4 months at a net interest cost of 0.45% to 0.50%. The note closing date is scheduled for June 29, 2010 with a maturity date of November 3, 2010.

RL/nls

attachment

**PROPOSED GO BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTE &
GO BOND ISSUES**

**BONDS to be
issued October
2010**

**BANS to be
issued June
2010**

**City Council
Contract
Award Date**

2000 Bond Referendum

Street Improvements:

Battleground Rail Trail Project
New Garden Road Phase II
Homaday Road (a)
Jolson Street (a)
Market Street West R-O-W
Gateway Garden Intersection Imprv.
Sidewalk Projects
Downtown Greenway
Church St & Tankersley Dr
High Point Rd / Lee St Streetscape
Horsepen Creek - Flemme Rd. Conn.
Street Light Improvements
Various Projects

1,846,000
4,932,786
2,933,500
161,000
1,000,000
330,000
1,148,243
1,482,196
601,500
130,210
539,064
56,206
339,295
15,500,000

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9,970,595

May 5, 2009
June 2, 2009
October 20, 2009
October 20, 2009
N/A
N/A
N/A

Public Transportation:

Public Transit Improvements

500,000

44,465

N/A

Neighborhood Redevelopment:

East Market St Neighborhood Redev.

1,300,000

990,988

485,000
August 3, 2009

Parks & Recreational Facilities:

Hilltop Road Recreation Center (c)
Keeley Park (a)

3,946,037
2,653,963
6,600,000

2,001,363
2,653,963
4,655,326

November 17, 2009
January 5, 2010
2,840,000

Total 2000 Bond Projects

23,900,000

15,661,374

3,370,000

2006 Bond Referendum

Fire Station:

Mt. Hope Church Road Sta. #57 (a)

345,000

341,289

345,000
December 15, 2009

Library Facilities:

Lake Jeanette Branch

300,000

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Economic Development:

GTCC Northwest Campus
Piedmont Triad Airport Authority (b)
SCD I, LLC (b)
Other Economic Development Projects

1,000,000
1,064,000
136,000
1,800,000
4,000,000

1,000,000
1,064,000
136,000
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February 17, 2009
October 20, 2009
March 16, 2010
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Total 2006 Bond Projects

4,645,000

2,541,289

345,000

2008 Bond Referendum

Street Improvements:

Horsepen Creek Road
Sidewalk Improvements
Street Maintenance
Florida Street Extension
Cone Blvd/Nealtown Road Extension
Land R-O-W

600,000
1,240,000
420,000
200,000
200,000
80,000
2,740,000

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Parks & Recreational Facilities:

Pool Repairs/Upgrades
Gateway Gardens Phase II
Barber Park Phase II Design
Aquatic Center (d)

215,000
500,000
265,000
6,000,000
6,980,000

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-
27,813
6,000,000
6,027,813

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30,000
6,000,000
6,030,000
December 15, 2009

Total 2008 Bond Projects

9,720,000

6,027,813

6,030,000

2009 Bond Referendum

Natural Science Center:

Natural Science Center

1,735,000

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Total - All Bond Referendums

40,000,000

24,230,476

9,745,000

Notes:

- (a) A portion of this project is being funded from bonds issued in 2008 or from other funds.
- (b) A contract for this project is in the process of being executed.
- (c) A portion of this project is being funded from bonds to be issued in FY11-12.
- (d) A portion of this project is being funded from bonds to be issued in FY11-12 and other funds.

City Attorney
City of Greensboro



June 8, 2010

TO: Rashad A. Young, City Manager
FROM: Thomas D. Carruthers, Assistant City Attorney
SUBJECT: Week Five of the Short Session

As mentioned last week, the Senate Committee on State and Local Government met on Tuesday to consider the following Local Bills, S1345 Greensboro Relocation of Wildlife, S1361 Greensboro/High Point Boundary Swap, and S1448 Greensboro City Manager Contracts. The Committee reported favorably on S1361 and this matter was sent to the floor of the Senate for consideration. It then passed its 2nd and 3rd readings on the floor of the Senate and should transfer to the House for further consideration. S1448 and S415, Appointment of Greensboro City Attorney, were pulled from consideration by the committee due to the lack of unanimous support from the City Council and the local delegation.

S1345 has encountered opposition from the NC Wildlife Commission. The Commission has expressed concern that the relocation of beavers rather than eradication of beavers in the City of Greensboro will result in unforeseen complications as these animals try to establish habitat at human selected locations rather than those chosen by the natural movement of the indigenous beaver population. The City is still considering its options regarding this opposition.

One bill of local interest is S1154, UNC Non-appropriated Capital Funding. This bill was released from the Senate Finance Committee and has passed its second reading in the Senate. This will authorize the financing and construction of numerous projects statewide outside the general fund. Included in this bill is authorization to finance \$3,200,000 in Aggie Stadium Press Box improvements, and \$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.

TDC

cc. Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager



June 4, 2010

TO: Rashad Young, Manager, City of Greensboro
FROM: Greg Jackson, Director, Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Agency National Re-accreditation

In October 2006, the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) certified the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department as one of 66 nationally-accredited agencies in the United States, meeting 155 standards for professionalism and quality citizen services. This certification was the culmination of a 2-year self-assessment process and review by peers in the National Recreation and Park Association, the National League of Cities and the International City Managers Association. The assessment encompassed every aspect of our parks and recreation operations and included coordination with other city departments.

As required by CAPRA, the department is now seeking re-accreditation status to maintain our national certification. The benefits of national accreditation are as follows:

Community Impact:

- Improves efficiency and effectiveness in financial and management decisions
- Keeps the department accountable to citizens, assuring responsiveness to their needs
- Identifies areas for improvement, based on national and international standards for best practices in the field of parks and recreation
- Increases visibility for financial support; i.e. grants, sponsorships and donations
- Increases visibility for industries and corporations that seek to relocate in our city

Departmental Impact:

- Allows for ongoing review and updates for policies, procedures, job descriptions, programs and services
- Promotes development of long-range plans for facilities, programs and services
- Develops more efficient and effective plans in community education, which keeps our staff up-to-date with changing trends and demographics
- Emphasizes communications at all levels, reinforcing the importance of teamwork
- Provides operating standards for employees to ensure better communications with citizens
- Encourages employees to take an active role in preparing for future career choices with the city through inter-departmental training

In the spring of 2011, a team of industry professionals from across the country will visit Greensboro to review our standards of operation and evaluate the department's progress over the past five years. The estimated cost of the self-assessment process is \$3,000 to \$5,000. This cost will be absorbed by the department as we strongly believe that maintaining national accreditation status will continue to benefit our citizens and the City of Greensboro organization.

In advance, thank you for your support as we move forward with this challenging endeavor.

GJ/dm

cc: Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager

City of Greensboro



June 10, 2010

TO: Rashad M. Young, City Manager
FROM: Kathleen Hopkins-Smith, M/WBE Manager
SUBJECT: M/WBE Contracting Statutes

As we discussed, I am providing you the contracting statutes that relate to M/WBE requirements:

General Statutes for NC applies to all entities (**including Guilford County**) which have a “diversity officer/purchasing buyer” who has been assigned to track their ‘efforts.’

Building Projects:

Projects with State funding	\$100,000 or more	G.S. 143-128.2(a)
Locally funded projects	\$300,000 or more	G.S. 143-128.2(a)
Projects in the informal range	\$30,000 to \$500,000	G.S. 143-131(b)

Please note that according to the Institute of Government, the state *“does not define "building" and therefore even for construction projects that do not involve buildings, such as water and sewer projects. If your local government is using state funds for such a project, check the grant documents to determine if the minority business participation statutes will apply.”*

The Statues state that **“...each entity SHALL set goals and provide a good faith effort to recruit minority (defined as M/WBEs or historically underutilized businesses) to participate in contracting opportunities...”** The City of Greensboro is allowed to set our own goals separate from the state’s goals because we had a disparity study that proceeded the state’s rulings of a standard 10%. However, **the state will not run our program for us. All state agencies and public entities are required to have someone set the goals and provide evidence of good faith.**

The state **ONLY facilitates** (took over a centralized database for certified M/WBE firms) the **certification process**. We still have to help get firms directed for certification, as well as run our good faith program and provide evidence that we are following state statues and guidelines. Again, the Institute says, **“this new requirement (Statewide Uniform Certification) applies even if your local government is receiving no state money for the project.”**

On the federal level, the Code of Federal Regulations (**49 CFR 26**) requires that certain contracts or grants requiring Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) participation a goal and a good faith effort is required.

Our M/WBE Plan/initiative provides for setting verifiable goals (with the disparity study giving objective evidence of these goals) and good faith for our local projects.

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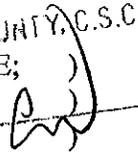
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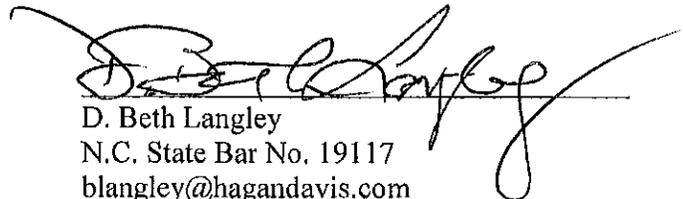
THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, NORTH
CAROLINA; WILLIAM H. KNIGHT,
NANCY VAUGHAN, ROBBIE PERKINS,
DANNY THOMPSON, T. DIANNE
BELLAMY-SMALL, JIM KEE, ZACK
MATHENY, MARY RAKESTRAW AND
TRUDY WADE in their official capacities as
members of the GREENSBORO CITY
COUNCIL; GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH
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CAROLINA, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY
DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Plaintiffs, by and through the undersigned counsel and pursuant to Rule 41(a) of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby voluntarily dismiss this action without prejudice. Each party shall bear its own costs.

This the 3rd day of June, 2010.


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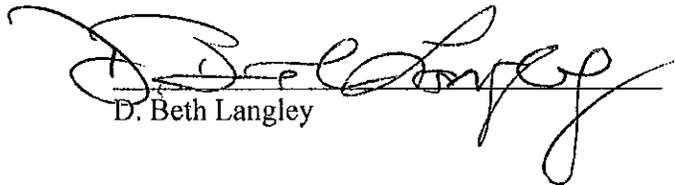
The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE was duly served upon counsel for Defendants, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure by depositing it in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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This the 3rd day of June, 2010.


D. Beth Langley