

CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023

The City Council for the City of Concord, North Carolina, held the scheduled City Council Work Session in the 3rd floor City Hall Council Chambers located at 35 Cabarrus Ave, W, on December 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor William C. Dusch presiding.

Council members were present as follows:

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem JC McKenzie
Council Member Andy Langford
Council Member W. Brian King
Council Member Betty M. Stocks
Council Member Terry L. Crawford
Council Member Jennifer Parsley-Hubbard

Members Absent:

Council Member John A. Sweat, Jr.

Others Present:

City Manager, Lloyd Wm. Payne, Jr.
City Attorney, Valerie Kolczynski
City Clerk, Kim J. Deason
Assistant City Managers
Department Directors

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The following agenda was presented for discussion:

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Presentations:

Mayor Dusch presented a retirement plaque to Brian Dunlap for over 31 years of service with the City of Concord.

Presentation of retirement plaque to Gene Sechler for over 28 years of service with the City of Concord.

Presentation of retirement plaque to Captain Larry Hubbard for over 25 years of loyal and dedicated service with the City of Concord Police Department.

Informational Items:

Presentation by Youth Council President, Tariq Johnson.

Presentation of the Independent Auditor's report on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023.

Departmental Reports:

Staff will provide an update on the Downtown Streetscape project at the December 14th City Council meeting.

Parks and Recreation staff will provide a bond update at the December 14th City Council meeting.

Presentations of Petitions and Requests:

Consider a motion to approve the purchase of 438 Allison Street NW. from Daniel Klussmeier for \$190,000 using Community Development Block Grant funds.

The Planning and Neighborhood Development Services Director, Steve Osborne, stated the Council previously approved the purchase of 228, 234, 236, and 240 McGill Avenue NW along with a vacant lot located on Allison Street NW in the Gibson Village Community with a goal of revitalizing the area by partnering with local non-profits to address the lack of food access and create a business incubator.

He stated the property owner located behind 228 McGill Avenue NW has expressed his desire to sell. If purchased, this parcel will allow greater flexibility with the layout of the sites. An offer, contingent on Council approval, has been accepted by the owner for \$190,000. If approved, Community Development Block Grant funds would be used for the purchase.

Consider approving the Concord Co-Sponsorship application for the MLK, Jr. Memorial March and Wreath Laying Ceremony on January 15, 2024.

The Emergency Management Coordinator, Ian Crane explained the in-kind services the applicant is requesting. He stated the applicant is currently finalizing insurance quotes to secure the required coverage for the event. It is staff's recommendation that if approval is granted it be contingent on successfully obtaining insurance coverage to meet the City requirements.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Carolina Siteworks, Inc. for the construction of the Zion Church Rd. Water Line Extension.

The Water Resources Director, Jeff Corley, stated the Zion Church Rd. water line extension project consists of the installation of approximately 3,184 ± linear feet of 12" water main providing a loop system on Zion Church Rd. and replacing the existing 8" water line for the purpose of improving the water supply system. The project was bid under the formal bidding process. Bids were taken on October 31, 2023 and six (6) bids were received. The lowest responsible bidder was Carolina Siteworks, Inc. in the amount of \$1,023,861.85. He stated the bid amount is under the budgeted amount for the project.

Consider adopting a General Fund Capital Project Fund project budget amendment.

The Assistant City Manager, LeDerick Blackburn, stated the Solidwaste Shed project total was \$1.4 million under budget. Therefore, staff is requesting the funds be moved to the Future Projects account to be used for future CIP projects.

Consider appointing or reappointing two members (1 board member and 1 alternate) to serve on the Centralina Regional Council Board of Delegates for CY 2024.

Mayor Dusch stated appointments/reappointments will be made at the December 14th Council meeting.

Consider making appointments or reappointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Cabarrus-Rowan Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO).

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Consider making an appointment to the CDDC Board of Directors.

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The City Manager introduced Marcella Beam as the City's new Assistant City Manager.

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Consent Agenda:

There were no comments regarding the consent agenda.

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There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Council Member King,

seconded by Council Member Parsley-Hubbard, and duly carried, to adjourn—the vote: all aye.

William C. Dusch, Mayor

Kim J. Deason, City Clerk