

CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
2nd WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023

The City Council for the City of Concord, North Carolina, held the City Council 2nd Work Session in the 3rd floor City Hall Council Chambers located at 35 Cabarrus Ave, W, on June 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.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
Council Member John A. Sweat, Jr.

Others Present:

City Manager, Lloyd Wm. Payne, Jr.
City Attorney, Valerie Kolczynski
Assistant City Managers
Various Department Directors

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Mayor Dusch called the meeting to order

Possible Downtown Grant amendment

Council Member King stated he had met with several downtown restaurant owners. He explained that the downtown restaurant owner of Two Gals stated that she would have applied for the Downtown Façade Grant to assist with the funding of the new patio she installed but the contractor could not wait for approval.

Council Member King proposed a change to the current Grant Policy to state if a downtown business owner has made upfits to their business within the last 12 months, they could apply for Grant funds retroactively.

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff review and bring the proposed amendment to City Council for approval at the July 13th meeting.

Certificate of Insurance requirements for City co-sponsored events

Council Member Stocks stated an application was submitted previously by Ms. Wilma Means requesting the City co-sponsor an event but the application was denied because the minimum amount of insurance as required by the City's Risk Management Department was not met. Staff stated that was correct.

Council Member Stocks asked if the minimum amount of insurance required by the City could be stated in the Policy so applicants are aware of that before submitting an application. The Human Resources Director, Chantel Thompson, stated the Policy could be amended to include that minimum requirement.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the proposed amendment to the Co-Sponsorship Policy will be included on the July13th City Council meeting agenda.

Possible sewer extension for projects with the July 19th deadline

The City Manager stated the Planning and Neighborhood Development Services Director,

Steve Osborne, provided the Council with a list of projects that has been approved. He stated most are moving through the process but some are not progressing and will not meet the July 19th deadline. He stated a few of those projects have been making progress but will not meet the deadline due to unforeseen reasons that was not the fault of the developer nor the City. Therefore, staff is requesting Council to review and decide whether or not to allow an extension for these projects.

Council Member King asked the Planning and Neighborhood Development Services Director if there would be a perimeter that the developer will have to explain why they are requesting an extension. The Planning and Neighborhood Development Services Director stated the developer would have to apply for the extension and state the reason.

It was the consensus of the Council to have an amendment to the Sewer Allocation Policy to include one six-month extension as requested by the developer on the July 13th City Council meeting agenda.

September Sewer Allocation meeting

The City Manager stated the September 2nd Work Session is scheduled to be an allocation meeting. Currently, the City only has 118,000 gallons of sewer to allocate and all that is in the Economic Development (ED) bucket. He stated staff is not expecting the true-up to increase the ED bucket to the 250,000 gallons. He asked if Council wanted to conduct or cancel the September allocation meeting.

A motion was made Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Stocks to cancel the September 2023 sewer allocation meeting—the vote: all aye.

Concord United Committee

Discussion was held in regards to the Committee's submitted recommendations of changes that could be made within the City of Concord Departments.

The City Manager stated that he and the City Attorney could review those recommendations and determine what the City can and cannot do from a legal standpoint and then draft a response for the Council to review.

It was the consensus of the Council to accept the City Manager's suggestion.

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There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Council Member King and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie to adjourn—the vote: all aye.

William C. Dusch, Mayor

Kim J. Deason, City Clerk