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Work Session - Tuesday, April 13 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

You will be receiving information on joining the WebEx Events session on Monday; staff will be available to assist with log ins and joining the virtual City Council meeting.

INFORMATION:

**Community Climate Action Plan Webinar Series**

*Staff Contact: Megan Anderson, Office of Sustainability, 996-4658, megan.anderson@raleighnc.gov*

The Office of Sustainability will be hosting a webinar series to introduce residents to the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). The series will kick off on Earth Day, April 22, from 12-1:30 P.M. with an overview of the Plan, and a panel discussion with City staff about how the City is leading the way on CCAP implementation.

City Manager Marchell Adams-David will provide opening remarks and panelists will include Ken Bowers (Planning and Development), Richard Kelly (Engineering Services), Wayne Miles (Stormwater), and Michael
Moore (Transportation). Each panelist will discuss how City of Raleigh projects and programs contribute to Raleigh meeting Greenhouse Gas reduction goals, improving resilience and contributing to climate equity. The webinar will include an opportunity for participants to ask questions of the panel.

A link to sign up for the event is provided below. Council is welcome to share this webinar widely in the community:

Sign up here: https://raleighnc.gov/events/community-climate-action-plan-introductory-webinar

Future webinars will focus on specific aspects of the plan. In May, Sustainability will partner with Planning and Development to celebrate Building Safety Month with a webinar focused on Buildings and Energy.

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Transit Overlay District Mapping
Staff Resource: Hannah Reckhow, Planning and Development, 996-2622, hannah.reckhow@raleighnc.gov

During the October 6, 2020 meeting, City Council authorized changes to the Transit Overlay District that implement the recommendations of the Equitable Development Around Transit report. A transit overlay district is a special type of zoning that makes it possible for developers and businesses to create transit-oriented development. TC-17-20 takes the Transit Overlay District (TOD) that was already in the zoning code and changes it to the Equitable Transit Overlay District (ETOD).

This text change – TC-17-20 TOD Overlay District – is currently posted on the Text Change Portal for public review. Planning Commission review will begin in April, and City Council review will likely occur in May and June 2021. Once adopted, staff will initiate mapping of the ETOD overlay along the Western and Southern Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes. Included with the Update materials is a staff memorandum which includes additional details on the process to map the TOD overlay.

(Attachment)

2021 Lake Wheeler Invitational: Intercollegiate Rowing Competition
Staff Resource: Scott Payne, Raleigh Parks, 996.4825, scott.payne@raleighnc.gov

From April 22 through April 24, Lake Wheeler Park will host an intercollegiate rowing event co-sponsored by UNC-Chapel Hill and the Duke University women’s rowing programs. Collegiate teams from Clemson University, Boston College, Stetson University, University of Central Florida, University of Miami, and the University of Wisconsin are scheduled to compete. The competition will adhere to current Atlantic Coast Conference COVID-19 protocols. During the competition the lake will be closed to public access starting April 22, and reopen to public boating on Sunday, April 25.

Public access to Simpkins Pond will not be impacted by the event. Spectators will not be allowed for the 2021 rowing regatta event.

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Weekly Digest of Special Events
Staff Resource: Derrick Remer, Special Events Office, 996-2200, derrick.remer@raleighnc.gov

Included with the Update materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.
(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the City Council Retreat

Park Inventories by Council District (Council Member Cox; Council Member Knight)
Staff Resource: Oscar Carmona, Raleigh Parks, 996-4815, oscar.carmona@raleighnc.gov

As a follow up to the March 12 retreat discussion on the proposed parks bond, staff was requested to provide a summary of park amenities by Council District. Staff have created an infographic for the entire park system and for each Council Member. These infographics contain summary level information on various park amenities for each Council District as well as a calculation for park and greenway access. Staff will update these annually.
(Attachment)

Follow Up from the April 5 Budget Work Session

FY2022 Tax Rate Increase (Council Member Cox)
Staff Resource: Mary Vigue, Budget and Management Services, 996-4270, mary.vigue@raleighnc.gov

During the work session, Council Member Cox asked a question about planned tax rate increases associated with the FY2022 budget. As a correction to the response provided at the time, at present the only programmed tax rate increase is $0.0078, or $0.78 cents, which is associated with the 2020 Affordable Housing Bond.
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Follow Up from the April 6 City Council Meeting

Police Department Policies (Council Member Cox)
Staff Resource: Chief C.L. Deck-Brown, Police, 996-3155, cassandra.deck-brown@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested information related to the digital link to police policies that are available to the public. Routinely, the link is provided publicly as the policies are located on the City website. The link:
All 130 policy titles are listed in the table of contents on the website and does include those 10 policies that are not public. Upon scrolling through the policies, non-public pages have a notation stating:

*This policy is not a public record pursuant to N.C. General Statute §132-1.4 and N.C. General Statute §132-1.7*

Per the statutes, the ten polices that are not available for public review are listed below:

1109-02 Radio Communications, Response to Calls
1109-05 Response to Hostages, Barricaded Suspects, and Sniper Incidents
1109-06 Planned Raids and Searches
1109-21 Special Events and Dignitaries
1110-01 Initial Investigation of Major Crimes
1110-04 Management of Informants and Informant Funds
1110-06 Undercover and Surveillance Operations
1110-15 Criminal Intelligence and Investigative Task Forces
1110-18 Raleigh Intelligence Center
1110-19 Event Deconfliction System

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**Eliminating Parking Minimums and Imposing Maximums in the UDO (Mayor Pro Tem Stewart)**

*Staff Resource: Ken Bowers, Planning and Development, 996-2633, kenneth.bowers@raleighnc.gov*

During the meeting Council requested that staff prepare a white paper on the topic of removing all off-street parking requirements for all uses in all districts, and replacing these with parking maximums, where appropriate. Once an unquestioned component of every zoning code, parking requirements have fallen into disfavor. The publication of *The High Cost of Free Parking* by Donald Shoup in 2005 did much to undermine support for minimum parking requirements by exhaustively documenting both the shaky empirical foundations as well as the many adverse impacts, not the least of which is that they represent a huge subsidy for drivers and a tax on anyone that chooses not to drive and park. Yet, parking spillover onto residential streets continues to be a pervasive fear perpetuating these requirements, including in Raleigh.

Raleigh has a long history of examining and modifying parking requirements. In 2007, TC-2-07 reduced parking in the Downtown Overlay District (DOD) and the Pedestrian Business Overlay District (PBOD). Parking ratios were further reduced after a 2008 downtown parking study and a parallel study of the City’s citywide parking table. The DOD and PBOD standards became the basis for the DX- district and Urban Frontage standards in the UDO, adopted in 2013, which further tweaked the parking table. More recent text changes, including TC-1A-20, have further reduced requirements. Staff conducted research and analysis for all these changes which can be adapted for this white paper.
To research this next step for Raleigh, staff proposes two tasks in addition to past work. Several cities in North America have removed parking requirements citywide in the last decade. Staff proposes to contact these jurisdictions to learn how this change impacted development and whether there have been adverse impacts. Secondly, staff believes that setting appropriate maximums will require further research. Like minimums, there is not a strong base of secondary data for determining what is a reasonable maximum. Additional research on how other municipalities have set maximums, the benefits of a form-based approach versus an estimated demand approach, as well as data from past parking studies, would provide guidance.

Staff estimates that these tasks will take longer than two weeks, and will target a presentation to Council at the May 18 meeting.

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At the October 6, 2020 meeting, City Council authorized changes to the Transit Overlay District that implement the recommendations of the Equitable Development Around Transit report. This text change – TC-17-20 TOD Overlay District – is currently posted on the Text Change Portal for public review. Planning Commission review will begin in April, and City Council review will likely occur in May and June 2021.

Once adopted, staff will initiate mapping of the ETOD overlay along the Western and Southern Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes. Mapping of the overlay on the New Bern BRT route will occur as part of the New Bern Station Area Planning project, and mapping of the overlay on the Capital BRT route will occur once a locally preferred alternative has been identified.

The ETOD overlay will be applied to the Western and Southern BRT routes through the rezoning process. Staff is developing a specific parcel-level recommendation for where the overlay could be applied. Staff will bring this before Council before initiating the rezoning process. The attached map shows the Western and Southern BRT routes with the approximate area the overlay could be applied.

Moving forward, staff will hold an introductory meeting for each corridor to provide an overview of the overlay district and the rezoning process. The request will then follow the standard rezoning process, including a first and second neighborhood meeting, Planning Commission review, and a public hearing held by the City Council. If TC-17-20 is adopted in June 2021, staff would conduct introductory meetings in August, a first rezoning neighborhood meeting in September, and a second neighborhood meeting in November. Planning Commission review of the mapping application for the TOD effort could then occur in December 2021 and January 2022, and City Council review could occur in February and March 2022.
*All permitted special events are subject to mass gathering limitations and Statewide requirements for face coverings and social distancing. For questions regarding the safe return of special events, please contact the Office of Emergency Management and Special events at 919-996-2200 or specialevents@raleighnc.gov.

Permitted Special Events

**Dine Out Downtown Glenwood South**
Glenwood Avenue
Saturday, April 10
Event Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Associated Road Closures: Glenwood Avenue between W. North Street and W. Jones Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 11:00pm. Note that local traffic will have access to the 600 block of W. Lane Street.

**Raleigh Union Station Community Yoga Programs**
Raleigh Union Station Plaza
Sunday, April 11 through Thursday, April 15
Event Times: 5:00pm – 8:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesdays; and 9:30am – 11:00am on Sundays
Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the events. Raleigh Union Station Plaza will be used during the above dates and times from 3-22-21 until 11-24-21. Details regarding class registration can be found through Yoga Soul·lect·tive for Mondays, Oak City Yoga for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Current Wellness for Thursdays and Sundays.

Other Events This Weekend

**Friday Favorites: Music from the Movies – North Carolina Symphony**
Friday, April 9
Streaming from Meymandi Concert Hall

**Community Fitness Class with Camp Gladiator**
Saturday, April 10
Moore Square

**Community Fitness Class – Yoga Flow**
Saturday, April 10
Moore Square

**Hurricanes vs. Red Wings**
Saturday, April 10
PNC Arena

**Copland & Dvorák – North Carolina Symphony**
Saturday, April 10
Streaming from Meymandi Concert Hall
Public Resources

**Event Feedback Form**: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

**Road Closure and Road Race Map**: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

**Online Events Calendar**: View all currently scheduled events that are regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events.
Council Member Follow Up
## Parks System Summary Sheet

### Fields & Courts
- **Developed Parks**: 135
- **Undeveloped Parks**: 45
- **2-5 Playgrounds**: 42
- **5-12 Playgrounds**: 66
- **Ballfields**: 59
- **Multipurpose Fields**: 22
- **Open Play Fields**: 63
- **Basketball Courts**: 89
- **Pickleball Courts**: 11
- **Volleyball Courts**: 32
- **Tennis Center**: 1
- **Tennis Courts**: 112

### Amenities
- **Dog Parks**: 7
- **Comfort Stations**: 43
- **Picnic Shelters**: 54
- **Disc Golf Courses**: 3
- **River Launches**: 6
- **BMX Track**: 1
- **Skate Park**: 1

### Centers
- **Art Centers**: 2
- **Active Adult Centers**: 2
- **Neighborhood Centers**: 11
- **Community Centers**: 20
- **Environmental Ed. Centers**: 3

### Aquatics
- **Aquatic Centers**: 3
- **Indoor Pools**: 3
- **Outdoor Pools**: 5
- **Splashpads**: 4
- **Diving Well**: 1

### Additional Information
- **Miles of Greenway Trails**: 118
- **Miles of Park Trails**: 38
- **Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Park**: 30%
- **Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Greenway**: 20%
- **Acres of Parks, Greenway, & Open Space**: ~9,210

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Manager's Update

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### District A Summary Sheet

**Developed Parks**
- 14
**Undeveloped Parks**
- 5

**Playgrounds**
- 2-5 Playgrounds: 9
- 5-12 Playgrounds: 12

**Acreage**
- ~1,420 Acres of Parks, Greenway, & Open Space

**Population**
- Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Park: 22%
- Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Greenway: 20%

### Fields & Courts
- Ballfields: 11
- Multipurpose Fields: 3
- Open Play Fields: 7
- Basketball Courts: 12
- Pickleball Courts: 2
- Volleyball Courts: 6
- Tennis Center: 1
- Tennis Courts: 42

### Amenities
- Dog Park: 1
- Comfort Stations: 10
- Picnic Shelters: 9

### Centers
- Art Center: 1
- Active Adult Center: 1
- Neighborhood Center: 1
- Community Centers: 2
- Environmental Ed. Center: 1

### Aquatics
- Aquatic Center: 1
- Indoor Pools: 2
- Outdoor Pool: 1
- Splashpad: 1
- Diving Well: 1
## District B Summary Sheet

### Developed Parks
- **12** Developed Parks

### Undeveloped Parks
- **5** Undeveloped Parks

### Playgrounds
- **4** 2-5 Playgrounds
- **9** 5-12 Playgrounds

### Trail Systems
- **20** Miles of Greenway Trails
- **8** Miles of Park Trails
- **~2,467** Acres of Parks, Greenway, & Open Space

### Population
- **19%** Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Park
- **10%** Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Greenway

### Fields & Courts
- **10** Ballfields
- **5** Multipurpose Fields
- **6** Open Play Fields
- **7** Basketball Courts
- **8** Volleyball Courts
- **10** Tennis Courts

### Amenities
- **1** Dog Park
- **7** Comfort Stations
- **8** Picnic Shelters

### Centers
- **2** Neighborhood Centers
- **3** Community Centers

### Aquatics
- **1** Aquatic Center
- **1** Indoor Pool
District C Summary Sheet

Fields & Courts

- Developed Parks: 49
- Undeveloped Parks: 18
- 2-5 Playgrounds: 12
- 5-12 Playgrounds: 19
- Ballfields: 24
- Multipurpose Fields: 3
- Open Play Fields: 20
- Basketball Courts: 30
- Pickleball Courts: 3
- Volleyball Court: 1
- Tennis Courts: 31

Amenities

- Miles of Greenway Trails: 37
- Miles of Park Trails: 5
- Acres of Parks, Greenway, & Open Space: ~2,233
- Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Park: 44%
- Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Greenway: 25%
- Dog Park: 1
- Comfort Stations: 14
- Picnic Shelters: 16
- River Launches: 2
- BMX Track: 1
- Outdoor Pools: 2
- Splashpad: 1

Centers

- Neighborhood Centers: 4
- Community Centers: 8
- Environmental Ed. Center: 1

Aquatics

- Outdoor Pools: 2
- Splashpad: 1
**District D Summary Sheet**

**Developed Parks**: 37
- 2-5 Playgrounds: 11
- 5-12 Playgrounds: 17
- Tennis Courts: 21
- Volleyball Courts: 14
- Pickleball Courts: 2
- Basketball Courts: 19
- Open Play Fields: 19
- Multipurpose Fields: 6
- Ballfields: 10

**Undeveloped Parks**: 9

**Miles of Greenway Trails**: 27

**Miles of Park Trails**: 9

**Acres of Parks, Greenway, & Open Space**: ~2,170

**Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Park**: 45%

**Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Greenway**: 30%

**Fields & Courts**

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## District E Summary Sheet

### Parks and Open Space
- **Developed Parks**: 23
- **Undeveloped Parks**: 8
- **2-5 Playgrounds**: 6
- **5-12 Playgrounds**: 9
- **Outdoor Pool**: 1
- **Splashpad**: 1
- **Miles of Greenway Trails**: 16
- **Miles of Park Trails**: 4
- **Acres of Parks, Greenway, & Open Space**: ~918
- **Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Park**: 21%
- **Population within a 10-Minute walk of a Greenway**: 15%

### Fields & Courts
- **Tennis Courts**: 8
- **Volleyball Courts**: 3
- **Pickleball Courts**: 4
- **Basketball Courts**: 11
- **Open Play Fields**: 11
- **Multipurpose Fields**: 5
- **Ballfields**: 4

### Amenities
- **Dog Park**: 1
- **Comfort Stations**: 5
- **Picnic Shelters**: 7
- **River Launch**: 1

### Centers
- **Active Adult Center**: 1
- **Neighborhood Centers**: 2
- **Community Centers**: 3

### Aquatics
- **Outdoor Pool**: 1
- **Splashpad**: 1