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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, May 4 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in regularly scheduled sessions at **1:00 P.M.** and **7:00 P.M.** The agenda for the meeting was published on Thursday:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/raleigh/Board.nsf>

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to have pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, please send an e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

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:

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 March 2 City Council Meeting

Status Update - Permanent Expansion of Outdoor Seating (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: Derrick Remer, Emergency Mgt. & Special Events, 996-4657, derrick.remer@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested that staff consider the temporary expansion of outdoor seating as a more permanent policy, citing that COVID-19 has allowed the community to look at public spaces differently. A cross-departmental team of staff from Transportation, Planning and Development, Raleigh Fire, the City Attorney's Office, Engineering Services, and the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events is evaluating the feasibility of safely and equitably implementing permanent parklets and "pedlets" as part of an overall strategy to support the resurgence of the community.

In June 2020 the City Council approved an Outdoor Seating Temporary License program, lessening current zoning enforcement for the private use of public spaces (PUPS) in order to allow food and beverage establishments the opportunity to expand their service areas onto the public right-of-way while still adhering to the State's restrictions on occupancy. Through the program, staff have worked with local business owners to help establishments pivot toward practices that will help sustain them in the months to come.

To date, 52 businesses have taken advantage of this program, extending dining along sidewalks, as well as into on-street parking spaces, public plazas, and streets, while numerous others have expanded onto private property. An Outdoor Seating Temporary License will last until all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted by the State plus an additional 30-day grace period following this date, at no cost to the applicant.

Currently, the temporary process to expand business operations onto the public right-of-way is clear and straight-forward; however, there are existing requirements surrounding permanent outdoor seating and parklets that were put into place in 2007, and staff are working with the City Attorney's Office to understand what changes to City Code would be necessary to implement any proposed updates to those requirements. Ideally, the processes for permanent outdoor seating, parklets, and pedlets would be streamlined to mirror the process that was put into place to address temporary expansions.

Aside from City Code, some additional factors to consider when weighing the implementation of permanent expansions of businesses onto the public right-of-way include:

- Cost, both for the business owner and for the City
- Existing regulations surrounding alcohol and ABC permitting
- How permanent expansions could impact NCDOT operations
- Whether there are certain places where permanent expansions would not be allowed due to safety concerns, undue burden on the surrounding area, or other reasons
- Whether this process would exist for only certain types of businesses (i.e. bar/restaurant vs. retail)
- How to factor in the wishes of neighboring businesses and property owners
- How to restrict overall dimensions of the permanent expansion area

- How these types of expansions could impact special event road closures and event infrastructure
- Whether these areas would be used as public spaces, for private use only, or a hybrid model

The Downtown Raleigh Alliance is leading a study with an independent consultant to better understand what downtown stakeholders want and need, and one aspect of that study entails examining permanent expanded outdoor seating. Results from the study are anticipated in early June, and City staff will evaluate those results and then incorporate them into a final recommendation that takes into account how permanent outdoor seating on the public right-of-way would impact business operations, accessibility, and the experience of those who visit downtown.

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Follow Up from the City Council Retreat

Options for Interim HVAC Improvements - Community Centers (Council Member Forte)

Staff Resource: : Oscar Carmona, Raleigh Parks, 996-4815, oscar.carmona@raleighnc.gov

There are 20 community centers in the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) system that house gymnasiums. Currently, there are four gym locations without air conditioning: Green Road (Gym #1), Laurel Hills, Method and Tarboro Road. Installation of an air-conditioning system at Tarboro Road Community Center is currently under construction and is expected to complete in time for this upcoming summer camp season.

Following discussion during the retreat, staff identified funding sources to support the air-conditioning projects for Green Road Gym #1, Laurel Hills, and Method. Design is currently underway. Council Member Forte requested staff explore temporary gym cooling options for the interim at these 3 locations.

Staff prepared cost estimates based on cooperative procurement contracting and pricing with government discounts to provide commercial-grade portable air-conditioning units including the following scope:

- Rental of a 25-ton air conditioner with 56KW diesel generator for Green Road and Method.
- Rental of a 40-ton air conditioner with 100KW diesel generator for Laurel Hills.
- Fencing to protect the portable equipment outside the gym.
- Electrician setup and breakdown at each site.
- Accommodate approximately 10-15-degree cooling without any humidity control.

Estimated Cost and Recommendation:

- \$7,500 for one-time setup/breakdown and fencing at all three locations
- Rental cost including projected fuel expenses for all three locations:

3 Months	\$184,500
4 Months	\$243,500
5 Months	\$302,500
6 Months	\$361,500

The above estimate does not take into consideration staff overtime and on-call response related to servicing and fueling. Staff will utilize residual funds from completed capital projects to support the \$184,500, three-month rental cost and the \$7,500 one-time setup fee for a total \$192,000.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, April 30 – Thursday, May 6

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | (919) 996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

**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 Fayetteville Street

Fayetteville Street District

Friday, April 30 (rescheduled date)

Event Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Hargett Street and Martin Street, and Hargett Street and Martin Street between Salisbury Street and Wilmington Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 11:00pm. Note that local vehicular traffic will have access to the 100 and 300 blocks of Fayetteville Street.

Dine Out Downtown Warehouse District

Warehouse District

Saturday, May 1

Event Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: S. West Street between W. Morgan Street and W. Hargett Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 11:00pm.

Drive-In Movie at Dix Park

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Saturday, May 1 (rescheduled date)

Event Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Big Field will be used from 4:00pm until 11:00pm and Barbour Drive/Biggs Drive between Blair Drive and Goode Street will be closed from 6:00pm until 11:00pm.

Black Flea Market

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, May 2

Event Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 6:00pm.

Raleigh Union Station Community Yoga Programs

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, May 2 through Thursday, May 6

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 Upcoming Events

[Friday Favorites: Ragtime Kings – North Carolina Symphony \(streaming\)](#)

Friday, April 30

Streaming from Meymandi Concert Hall

[National Bike Month Events](#)

Saturday, May 1 – Monday, May 31

Locations Citywide

[Young People's Concert Matinee: Peter and the Wolf – North Carolina Symphony \(streaming\)](#)

Saturday, May 1

Streaming from Meymandi Concert Hall

[Hurricanes vs. Blue Jackets](#)

Saturday, May 1

PNC Arena

[Moore Square Market](#)

Sunday, May 2

Moore Square

[Hurricanes vs. Blackhawks](#)

Monday, May 3, Tuesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 6

PNC Arena

[NC State Live @ the Lot](#)

Thursday, May 6

Spring Hill Park and Ride Lot

Public Resources

[Pilot Text Alert Program](#): Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

[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 impact City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.