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City Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day

City administrative offices will be **closed** on **Monday, July 4** in observance of the **Independence Day** holiday.

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, July 5 - 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.

INFORMATION:

Wade Avenue & Five Points Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project – Wade Avenue Closure

Staff Resource: Janeen Goodwin, Raleigh Water, 996-3494, janeen.goodwin@raleighnc.gov

Raleigh Water is continuing construction of an important water and sewer main replacement project in the Five Points and Upper Pigeon House area. The project is replacing approximately 12,000 linear feet (LF) of

cast iron waterline originally installed in the early 1900s. The project will improve pressures and fire flow in the various areas and will also reduce the risk of infrastructure failure. Approximately 14,000 LF of aging and deteriorated sanitary sewer pipe is also being replaced with this project.

A portion of this project is located within the westbound lane of Wade Avenue between the Capital Boulevard ramp and Scales Street. This construction work requires the closure of the Capital Boulevard northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) ramps onto Wade Avenue to install the new waterline. This section of work must be completed before August 2022 to coordinate with an upcoming NCDOT resurfacing project for Wade Avenue. Ramp closures will be over the following two consecutive weekends:

July 8- July 11

July 15 – July 18

Detours will begin at 7:00 PM Friday and end at 6:00 AM Monday.

Staff is communicating with residents and businesses in the area and along the detour routes via email notification, electronic message boards forecasting the ramp closures, press releases, social media, and the project webpage. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2023. Additional information may be found on the [project website](#).

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Raleigh Community Connectors Program

*Staff Resources: Tiesha Hinton, Office of Community Engagement, 996-2707, tiesha.hinton@raleighnc.gov
Bynum Walter, Planning and Development, 996-2178, bynum.walter@raleighnc.gov*

Staff with the Office of Community Engagement and the Planning and Development Department are recruiting candidates for a new Community Connectors program. The program will partner each Community Engagement and Planning and Development with residents who are trusted voices within their neighborhoods to provide an equitable distribution of information and educate the community about city initiatives, and programs, and events. The Community Connectors will support the Public Project Community Support Fund efforts and the Planning & Development Services Department rezoning process and upcoming station area planning initiatives for the Western and Southern Corridors.

Community Connectors will represent each Council district, reflect the demographic diversity of the city, and exhibit an enthusiasm to connect city departments with members of the community. Additional information is available in the staff memorandum included with the *Update* materials.

(Attachment)

2022 Parks Bond Referendum - Equitable Rollout Update

Staff Resource: Stephen Bentley, Parks, 996-4784, stephen.bentley@raleighnc.gov

During the May 17 City Council meeting staff was directed to begin the development of an equitable approach to the implementation of projects to be funded via the 2022 parks bond referendum. Since that time, staff from several departments including PRCR, Engineering Services, Raleigh Transportation, Planning and Development, and Community Engagement have met to discuss collaborative opportunities and overall frameworks for the future implementation of the proposed bond.

The first items staff are looking at are resource capacity, roles and responsibilities and strategies to rollout the bond with a high focus on equity and intentionality. Staff will present options for consideration by the Council during the September 6 regular meeting, with further recommendations in the Fall. Included with the *Update* materials is a summary memorandum with additional information.

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Special Events Office, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

General Information Item

CB Pugh Enterprises - Public Comment July 5

Staff Resource: Larry Jarvis, Housing & Neighborhoods, 996-6947, larry.jarvis@raleighnc.gov

Mr. Chris Pugh with CB Pugh Enterprises has indicated that he will appear before Council at the July 5 meeting to request relief associated with increased construction costs. According to Mr. Pugh, he was required to bring his own funding to closing because the sales price did not cover the total construction loan amounts for homes constructed at 1508 Pender Street and 310 N. Carver Street in East College Park. Mr. Pugh is one of four homebuilders in the East College Park project; he is also building affordable homeownership units in the Martin/Haywood neighborhood.

The first homeownership phase in East College Park includes 98 City-owned lots sold to homebuilders for the construction of a mixed income homeownership project. Lots were sold for \$25,000 which was the tax value at the time of project approval. Each builder was required to reserve at least 60% of the homes for income restricted buyers with 40% not having income restrictions. Per the City's contract with each builder, the sales price of income-restricted homes could not exceed the HUD HOME purchase price limit which most recently was \$275,000. On June 1, HUD increased the limit to \$309,000. The contract gives each builder the right to acquire and own up to five lots, but it does not require builders to acquire lots from the City.

On July 5, 2019, Mr. Pugh entered into a sales contract with a buyer for a home to be constructed at 1508 Pender Street for \$259,000. Mr. Pugh purchased the lot from the City on February 10, 2021, and sold the completed home to the buyer on April 25, 2022. Mr. Pugh purchased 310 N. Carver Street from the City on February 10, 2021, and on December 1, 2021, he entered a sales contract with a buyer to build and sell a home on the lot for \$260,000. The completed home was sold on May 17, 2022.

City staff is fully aware of the substantial increases in construction costs and delays in the delivery of building components such as windows and appliances which have adversely impacted the construction industry. All the builders in East College Park and developers of affordable rental housing have been affected. However, there is no mechanism for retroactively providing relief to Mr. Pugh or any of the other East College Park homebuilders.

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Follow Up to the June 21 Work Session

Future Sidewalk Projects (Council Member Knight)

Staff Resource: Jason Myers, RDOT, 996-2166, jason.myers@raleighnc.gov

During the work session, Council requested the list of future sidewalk projects that could be addressed with funding through use of future capital reserves/fund balance. Staff has looked carefully at the highest-ranking project segments from the adopted Pedestrian Plan. This list is divided into three types of projects:

1. Sidewalk Only Projects: Streets that currently have the planned number of lanes and curb and gutter but are lacking sidewalks.
2. Curb and Gutter Projects: Streets that currently have with the planned number of lanes but are lacking curb and gutter.
3. Major Street Improvement Projects: Streets without the planned number of lanes.

In recent years, sidewalk only projects (Category #1) have been completed with Capital Improvement Program sidewalk funding. Examples of recently completed projects include sidewalk on the south side of Centennial Boulevard (Avent Ferry Road to Nazareth Drive) and Raleigh Boulevard (New Bern Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard). These projects generally complete an entire segment prioritized by the Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. The segments can be longer than one mile in length.

Under current practice, the City has usually not advanced the construction of sidewalk only along streets that do not have curb & gutter (Category #2).

Major street improvement projects (Category #3) have been prioritized and funded as “Complete Streets” projects, generally through Transportation Bond funding. Examples of recently completed projects of this type include New Hope Church Road (Green Road to Deanna Lane) and Pleasant Valley Road (Glenwood Avenue to Duraleigh Road).

In selecting projects to begin in FY23, staff will use a more strategic approach to expedite sidewalk production with greater overall community value. Rather than work rigidly on the highest-scoring sidewalk-only project in its entirety, staff has looked at all the highest scoring segments and is focusing attention on the most cost effective and impactful sections of missing sidewalk within a pedestrian plan segment. Staff has also looked for missing sidewalks that were not prioritized in the Pedestrian Plan but would serve a purpose outside of a residential-only neighborhood.

For example, Fox Road, from Old Wake Forest Road to Louisburg Road (~1.2 miles) is a major street improvement project to upgrade to a 2-lane divided avenue. In evaluating projects for the 2017 Transportation Bond, this project was estimated to cost approximately \$11 million. It is one of the highest-ranking sidewalk projects in the pedestrian plan that is not already in project development or in conflict with

other City efforts (such as BRT implementation). Staff recommends installing curb and gutter and sidewalk along approximately 900 feet of the street to connect a few neighborhoods directly to Fox Road Elementary. This smaller scale project is estimated to cost approximately \$425,000 and will provide benefit in the years before the major street improvement project can be completed.

Staff expects to complete the following projects with FY23 and FY22 CIP funding, totaling \$1.3 million:

Street	Project Description
North Hills Drive	Approximately ¼ mile of sidewalk between Lead Mine Road and Hillock Drive
Pecan Road	Connecting existing transit stops to South Wilmington Street and South Saunders Street
Fox Road	Approximately 900 feet of sidewalk on the north side of Fox Road near Fox Road Elementary
Lead Mine Road	Approximately 700 feet of sidewalk on the west side between Glenwood Avenue and Town and Country Road
Wade Avenue	Approximately 1100 feet of sidewalk on the north side between St. Marys Street and Glenwood Avenue

The following projects are also impactful sidewalk opportunities. If or when additional funding is allocated for pedestrian plan implementation, staff recommends advancing these projects. The total cost of these investments is projected to be approximately \$1.8 million:

Street	Project Description
Blue Ridge Road	Small gap in sidewalk near Forestview Road
Hillsborough Street	Small gaps in sidewalk between Meredith College Street and Gorman Street
Lake Wheeler Road	Approximately 2000 feet of sidewalk on the east side between Centennial Parkway and Kirkland Road
Litchford Road	Approximately ¼ mile of sidewalk on the east side, north of the shopping center at Harps Mill Road
Sanderford Road	Approximately ¼ mile of sidewalk on the east side between Fox Hollow Drive and Elkpark Drive
Ligon Street	Approximately 500 feet of sidewalk near the Al-Iman School and NCSU's E. S. King Village

Following are approved sidewalk petition projects and street improvement petitions with sidewalk that are not yet funded. Current rough cost estimates for sidewalk petitions are \$3.6 million and street improvement petitions with sidewalks are \$8.7 million.

Street	Project Description
Colleton Road	Bertie Drive to Oakwood Avenue (Sidewalk Petition)
Marcom Street, Kelford Street, and Burt Drive	Gorman Street to Stovall Drive (Sidewalk Petition)
Inglewood Lane	Yadkin Drive to Manchester Drive (Sidewalk Petition)

Brookhaven Drive	Glenwood Avenue to York Elementary (Sidewalk Petition)
Rembert Drive	Winthrop Drive to Brookhaven Drive (Sidewalk Petition)
Cobblestone Court	Ridge Road to End (Sidewalk Petition)
Aberdeen Drive	Rose Lane to End (Street Petition – includes sidewalks)
Carolina Avenue	Western Blvd to Powell Drive (Street Petition – includes sidewalks)
Granville Drive	Glenwood Avenue to Transylvania Avenue (Street Petition – includes sidewalks)

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Follow Up to the June 21 City Council Meeting

Public Comment - Artistic Trash Receptacles for Glenwood South - Status (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: Michael Moore, RDOT, 996-3030, michael.moore@raleighnc.gov

Staff has identified 15 viable sites on the blocks immediately east and west of Glenwood Avenue, from Johnson Street to Jones Street, to install dual trash and recycling receptacles. A pilot trash and recycling receptacle was installed at the corner of Johnson & Glenwood to test the design for usability and durability. Solid Waste Services has been emptying them at least once a week and found the product to work well.



Receptacles have been ordered; unfortunately, production is behind by at least two weeks due to significant storm damage to the factory area in Wisconsin. The supplier estimates shipping by July 8 and staff anticipates deploying the receptacles within a few weeks following receipt. Vinyl art wraps by seven different artists will follow this fall.

Each dual station will have one receptacle wrapped in art and one wrapped with a message encouraging the public to put their waste in the right place rather than littering.

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Downtown City Plaza and Public Realm Improvement Updates (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resources: Evan Raleigh, City Manager's Office, 996-4656, evan.raleigh@raleighnc.gov

Pat Young, Planning and Development, 996-2704, patrick.young@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested a status on previously authorized public realm improvements. The City of Raleigh staff team is continuing to partner with Downtown Raleigh Alliance to make progress on the prioritized improvements to the Downtown public realm and City Plaza that includes sound and lighting upgrades, shading options, wi-fi connection, and LED screen purchase. To implement these improvements, the following budget allocations were identified by the City Council to date:

- \$400K was allocated from the AARP fund towards the sound, lighting, and shading improvements in Plaza.
- \$75,000 was allocated from general funds towards the purchase of mobile LED screen.

Those items are moving forward incrementally with the following status reported:

City Plaza Sound upgrades - City Plaza Sound system design is complete, and RFP received by April 26th. The final contract is pending at procurement office for approval. Here is the link to the bids

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pEAC-1-Q5yin49uddEs8q0LItnhX8Qd?usp=sharing>

City Plaza Lighting upgrades - Design of lighting system was completed by RCC staff. Staff is working with potential companies to negotiate the contract, cost, and specifications that meets the City's needs. This has been challenging mostly due to the budget. The cost of materials has almost doubled in the past year or two.

The contracts for both sound and lighting upgrades are projected to cost around \$300,000 total.

City Plaza shades - Additional umbrellas were purchased and deployed this Summer to enhance shading at City Plaza. Design concepts for permanent shade options were identified by the Urban Design Center team and discussed with Highwoods Property team, that was well received. However, these options would require initial structural feasibility analysis due to the unique structural challenges that apply to the space.

No funding source has been identified to initiate structural and design feasibility for permanent shade structure options at City Plaza. Additionally, DRA and Highwoods have noted that any permanent structures would require community input and still allow for flexibility of the Plaza for hosting special events. The options could cost in the range of thousands to a million depending on the material and design preferred. Hence, the consensus was to move forward with temporary shading options that would allow for flexible use of the space without causing visual and spatial disruption. Staff is continuing to explore other stable and movable shade design options for City Plaza that could be more durable than table-attached umbrellas.

Wi-Fi for Plaza – IT staff has identified a vendor who provided a reasonable quote for the Wi-Fi connection at City Plaza that would cost around \$50,000. However, the funding source has not been identified to move this contract forward. Additionally, operational budget must be identified in each fiscal year to continue this service into future years as well.

LED Screen - The LED screen contract was out for BID and a vendor selected. The screen is currently being constructed and expected to be delivered in the next few weeks. Staff is awaiting confirmation on the expected date of delivery from the vendor. Based on recent discussion, the screen will be stored and managed by DRA. There are two vendors short-listed to provide operational support on an event-by-event basis. However, an initial amount of \$20,000 is essential to allow for timely deployment of the mobile screen

by COR Partner Departments/DRA team this year. This amount has not been identified and additionally, an operational budget must be allocated for successful deployment each year from hereon.

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To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Bynum Walter, AICP, Planning Supervisor Tiesha Hinton, Senior Manager, Office of Community Engagement
Department	Planning and Development
Date	June 28, 2022
Subject	Community Connectors Pilot Program

Introduction

The Office of Community Engagement, in partnership with the Planning and Development Department is working to establish the Community Connectors Pilot Program. The program will hire residents who are trusted voices within their neighborhoods to provide an equitable distribution of information and educate the community about city initiatives and programs, and events.

Recent History and Context

This program brings together the existing Neighborhood Ambassador program within the Planning and Development Department and adds the ability to expand the reach of the City of Raleigh's organizational outreach and community engagement efforts around multiple programs, initiatives, and events. This potential partnership with natural leaders in the community will create a direct method to cultivate the two-way exchange of information and strengthen the relationship between city departments and the community.

The neighborhood ambassador role has been used in the Dix Edge Area Study and New Bern Station Area Plan with great success. For both projects, neighborhood ambassadors lived within the study area and advised staff on how to engage and communicate with the community effectively. They also helped to distribute information directly to residents to keep them engaged and informed. One example of how the neighborhood ambassador has shaped community engagement is the community cookout that was held during the Dix Edge Study. The event brought food, music, games, and information from various city department to attendees. The project team presented information and had surveys for attendees to provide feedback on study recommendations. The idea for this event came directly from a neighborhood ambassador who stressed the importance of outreach outside of the traditional meeting format. The project team received valuable feedback on the proposed recommendations while also building relationships between a variety of city departments and residents of the area.

Community Connector Roles and Responsibilities

The Community Connectors would serve as independent contractors and the program would function on an as needed basis. An ideal Community Connector would bring lived experience as a part of an underrepresented community, be a natural relationship builder with community members of diverse backgrounds, and dedicated to providing productive feedback, pays attention to detail, and has excellent communication skills.

Specific duties include:

- Sharing information with communities to increase the understanding of City projects and processes and make community members aware of future opportunities for engagement.
- Co-developing effective and culturally sensitive outreach strategies (door to door canvassing, calling, texting, social media, etc.).
- Gathering information from residents and discussing key issues that are important for the community.
- Outreach to peers, neighbors, and community members to center lived experiences and hear community needs, concerns, and issues.
- Leverage and develop community resources
- Attending station area planning project and rezoning neighborhood meetings.

Program Scale and Recruitment

The program would initially begin by hiring fifteen Community Connectors; 10 in Planning and Development to support rezoning neighborhood meetings and project planning efforts, and five in Community Engagement to support the Public Projects Community Support Fund efforts. Consideration would be given to adding volunteers to serve across the city in an unpaid capacity to provide additional support.

For stipend-based positions, staff will rely heavily on outreach and nomination support from community organizations to identify well-qualified candidates. It is essential that Community Connectors represent the breadth of diversity in the Raleigh community. Prioritization could be given to candidates of specific low-wealth communities and bilingual cultural brokers within their communities. Staff will utilize Census Data and strategic recruitment efforts for stipend-based positions.

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Scott Payne, Interim Director, PRCR
From	Stephen C. Bentley, Assistant Director, PRCR
Department	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR)
Date	June 27, 2022
Subject	Status Update: Proposed Parks Bond Equitable Rollout Strategies

At the May 17, 2022 City Council meeting staff was directed to begin the development of an equitable approach to the implementation of the proposed Fall 2022 parks bond referendum. Since that time, staff from several departments including PRCR, Engineering Services, Raleigh Transportation, Planning and Development, and Community Engagement have met to discuss collaborative opportunities and overall frameworks for the future implementation of the proposed bond. The first items staff are looking at are resource capacity, roles and responsibilities and strategies to rollout the bond with a high focus on equity and intentionality.

Capacity = Staff from multiple departments are reviewing future workloads and staffing capacity to ensure that adequate resources exist or are proposed in the future in order to manage the work in an efficient, effective and collaborative manner. The proposed bond tax impacts will include additional project management related resources in future operating budget requests for departments to support the implementation. This may be a combination of resource requests that could include staffing, contractual services, technology needs, training and more.

Roles and Responsibilities = Currently, staff is working together to define cross-departmental responsibilities for each project within the proposed parks bond. From a broader standpoint PRCR, Planning and Development (Urban Projects Group), Communications and Community Engagement will lead all planning, outreach, communications, and engagement relations activities for the proposed bond projects. The Engineering Services Department will lead major design, permitting, bidding and construction activities in the bond. Several departments will play partnership roles in the bond implementation including Budget, Finance, City Attorneys, Equity and Inclusion and City Communications.

Initial Equitable Implementation Considerations = Learning from the 2014 parks bond roll-out and its timing, staff is looking to initiate projects with more complexity and longer lead times early in the bond roll-out. A few examples of these are Neuse River Park (formerly referenced as the Leonard Tract), Kyle Drive Park, Phase 2 of John Chavis Memorial Park and the South Park Heritage Walk in conjunction with the Chavis-Dix Strollway. Each of these require various levels of community engagement prior to initiating design processes. Over the course of the next several months, staff will develop draft intentional, inclusive, and transparent community engagement outlines for each project. This will help set up clear expectations and schedules for the community moving forward.

Additionally, staff is interested in rolling out those projects located in higher priority areas of the [Wake County Community Health Vulnerability Index](#) early in the 5-year plan. This index looks at five community attributes including 1.) Unemployment; 2.) Educational Attainment Level; 3.) Age Dependency; 4.) Housing Vacancy; and 5.) Poverty Rate. Other items that staff will be reviewing for a more equitable implementation of the proposed bond are in areas of minority and women-owned business enterprises, workforce development opportunities and other local impact options.

Staff will bring preliminary options for the Council to consider during the September 6, 2022 meeting. After staff receives feedback on these options in September further recommendations will be brought forward in late Fall 2022 for the City Council to consider.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, July 1 – Thursday, July 7

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
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Permitted Special Events

[Morning Times First Friday Market](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, July 1

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 6:00pm until 11:59pm.

[Raleigh's July 4th Fireworks Celebration](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Monday, July 4

Event Time: 6:00pm - 11:00pm

Event Details: ABC11/WTVD-TV is our partner in presenting this family-friendly event on Monday, July 4, starting at 6:00pm. Enjoy music, games, and the main event, fireworks at 9:30pm. There will be No Parking on the Dix Park campus July 4. Free event parking will be available at certain downtown parking decks and Centennial Campus, with a free park and ride shuttle service. View the [event webpage](#) for additional information.

Other Upcoming Events

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, July 1

Downtown Raleigh

[First Friday Feature: National Treasure & Pop-Up Carolinas](#)

Friday, July 1

Moore Square

[Train](#)

Friday, July 1

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

[Explore Dix Park: Guided Walking Tour](#)

Saturday, July 2

Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

[Saturday JAM Session! – DJ Rodney](#)

Saturday, July 2

Moore Square

[North Carolina State Capitol Fourth of July](#)

Monday, July 4

State Capitol Grounds

[Star Spangled Block Party and Fireworks Show](#)

Monday, July 4

Brier Creek Commons

July 4th Open House 2022

Monday, July 4

Joel Lane Museum House

Oak City Biz Labs: City of Raleigh Small Business Stabilization Info Session

Wednesday, July 6

Virtual

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.