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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, August 15; Lunch Work Session at 11:30 - Lunch Provided

Council will meet in regular work session at **11:30 A.M.** in the **Council Chamber**. Please note the agenda for the lunch work session is included with the regular meeting agenda and may be accessed via the BoardDocs electronic agenda system:

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

The **regular** Council meeting begins at **1:00 P.M.**

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 pull from the consent agenda for discussion, please e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. the day of the meeting.

INFORMATION:

Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Staff Resource: Sadia Sattar, Budget and Management Services, 996-4273, sadia.sattar@raleighnc.gov

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of

governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. The mission of the GFOA is to advance excellence in public finance.

Established in 1984, the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards program encourages and assists state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

Staff is pleased to report that the City of Raleigh FY23 Adopted Budget book received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation award. The recognition is a testament to the city preparing a high-quality budget document that meets GFOA program criteria, but also strives to improve budget transparency in the community.

With the receipt of the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the City can now be designated as a GFOA Triple Crown Winner, which recognizes governments who have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. For many consecutive years the Finance department has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award for the Citizen's Annual Financial Report.

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GoRaleigh Access Program – Reservation and Dispatch Software Update

Staff Resource: David Walker, Transportation-Transit, 996-3942, david.walker@raleighnc.gov

As reviewed for Council in *Update Issue 2023-30* (August 4), the GoRaleigh paratransit assistance program (*GoRaleigh Access*) began using a new reservation and dispatch software (Ecolane) effective August 1. As with any new software installation, both staff and program clients experienced challenges during the startup that included data issues related to the conversion of a portion of some customer profile information. Following “go live” of the new software August 1, staff became aware of the data conversion issues which resulted in call center staff needing to spend additional time on the telephone with individual GoRaleigh Access customers. The additional call time resulted in extended wait times for some customers utilizing the call-in features of the system.

System performance has continued to improve daily, and staff reports that reservation processing times have returned to normal as of yesterday. In addition, trip volumes performed by both GoRaleigh Access vehicles and private taxi companies has stabilized.

There remain approximately three to five taxi companies that continue to have challenges with aspects of the new software system; staff is coordinating with and also providing additional training to these specific companies on the new processes.

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Art in the Public Right-of-Way Pilot Project Follow-up

Staff Resource: Sarah Powers, Raleigh Parks, 996-4685, sarah.powers@raleighnc.gov

Transportation (RDOT) and Raleigh Arts staff have been collaborating to develop a pilot project to add artistic elements within the public right-of-way. Two locations in the downtown area with “high traffic” and existing transportation/safety concerns were selected for the pilot projects. The artwork, in conjunction with flexible bollards, would mitigate the transportation/safety concerns. The first location is the intersection of Hargett and Salisbury Streets. This intersection has a very high amount of pedestrian traffic and was called out for concrete bump-outs to shorten the pedestrian crossing in the Downtown Raleigh Pedestrian Study and has a history of crashes involving pedestrians. The second location is an uncontrolled crosswalk on Salisbury Street between the two Wake County Justice Center buildings. This location met the same criteria as the first location and also suffers from vehicles queuing in front of the marked crosswalk, obscuring the line of sights for pedestrians. to and for pedestrian crossers. Both locations could have received traditional countermeasures in the form of concrete “floating islands”. The use of art in the right-of-way combined with flexible bollards is a more creative way of using the same space and achieves the same effect as concrete. Staff has carefully selected durable materials for the artwork that should have a long life to maximize the return on investment.

Since the last update to Council (*Update Issue 2023-10 (March 17)*), Raleigh Arts staff invited local artists to submit concept designs. Four artists submitted designs. A selection committee comprised of internal and external stakeholders including artist Susan Woodson, a resident who was hit by a motor vehicle at the Hargett/Salisbury intersection. The committee reviewed applications and came to consensus to select the design from the artist Jermaine Powell.

The artwork will be made of thermoplastic printed with the artist’s design. Thermoplastic is the material used for traditional pavement markings. Staff worked with the material vendor and the selected artist to refine the design and meet manufacturing requirements. Staff has supplied designs to the manufacturer and ordered thermoplastic for the art at the intersection of Hargett and Salisbury Street. The anticipated fabrication and ship time is six to eight weeks. Upon receipt, transportation staff will self-perform the installation in the September-October timeframe of this year. Below are renderings of the artwork that will be installed at the intersection of Hargett and Salisbury Streets:



Street Art at Hargett St/Salisbury St



Street Art at Hargett St/Salisbury St Enlarged

Concurrently, Raleigh Arts contacted all storefront businesses at the intersection of Hargett and Salisbury Street to share information about the upcoming project and ask for feedback:

Black Friday Market
 Curate Raleigh
 Death and Taxes
 The Merchant NC
 Emanuel & Dunn Law Firm
 Wells Fargo Bank

DECO Raleigh
 NASHONA Boutique
 Raleigh Raw
 Virgil's Cocktails and Cocina
 Laura C. Brennan, PLLC Law

The second location has been more difficult, so installation of artwork at the crosswalk between the Justice Center buildings will occur at a future date. The only fronting organization is the Wake County Justice Center, with use of the right-of-way at this location more complicated because of security concerns and the nature of courthouse operations. Staff has been in contact with the Justice Center Administration and the Wake County Sheriff's Office and will continue to work on finding solutions.

Transportation and Raleigh Arts have been working together for years to identify methods for the installation of art in the right-of-way. The task is not always easy. State and/or Federal guidelines preclude some locations, there are restrictions on the design and content of the art, and projects cannot cause operational or maintenance issues. Despite these obstacles, locations have been identified and processes made to allow art in the right-of-way for several projects. Below are examples of recent collaborations:

- 14 Traffic signal cabinet wraps (do not affect operation)

- 36 Sidewalk murals (Raleigh ArtBeats)
- 60+ Artworks on Bigbelly trash receptacles
- 9 Murals installed on the publication kiosks on Fayetteville Street



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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 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

No Items this Issue

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, August 11 – Thursday, August 17

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Permitted Special Events

[South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo](#)

Cabarrus Street & Raleigh Convention Center

Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12

Event Times: 10:00am - 5:00pm on 8-11-23 & 9:00am - 2:00pm on 8-12-23

Associated Road Closures: Lenoir Street between S. Dawson Street and S. McDowell Street will be closed from 8:00am until 6:00pm on 8-9-23 and 8-10-23, and Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street will be closed from 8:00am on 8-9-23 until 5:00pm on 8-12-23.

[Brotherhood Bash](#)

West Street

Friday, August 11

Event Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Associated Road Closures: N. West Street between W. Jones Street and 116 N. West Street will be closed from 1:00pm until 11:30pm.

[Raleigh's 50th Anniversary of Hip Hop](#)

Fayetteville Street & Raleigh Union Station

Saturday, August 12

Event Times: 12:00pm - 4:00pm on Fayetteville Street; 6:00pm - 12:00am at Union Station

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and Davie Street, and Hargett Street and Martin Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:00am until 7:00pm. Union Station Plaza will be used from 3:00pm until 10:00pm.

[Skywatching – Perseid Meteor Shower](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Saturday, August 12

Event Time: 9:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed. Big Field will be used from 7:00pm until 11:30pm.

[Black Flea Market](#)

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, August 13

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

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 12:00pm until 6:00pm every Sunday through 10-29-23.

[Queens of the Stone Age with Phantogram and The Armed](#)

Lenoir Street & Red Hat Amphitheater

Tuesday, August 15

Event Time: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Lenoir Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Dawson Street will be closed from 12:00pm until 6:30pm.

Other Upcoming Events

[Foodie Friday](#)

Friday, August 11

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

Jason Aldean

Friday, August 11
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Treasure Hunt

Saturday, August 12
Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

Back to School Giveaway

Saturday, August 12
Sanderford Road Park

Teen Programs Back to School Pool Party

Saturday, August 12
Biltmore Pool

Moore Square Market

Sunday, August 13
Moore Square

Summer Concert Series

Sunday, August 13
Pullen Park

Tyler Childers

Sunday, August 13
Red Hat Amphitheater

All-American Rejects

Monday, August 14
Red Hat Amphitheater

Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference

Monday, August 14 – Wednesday, August 16
Raleigh Convention Center

50 Cent

Tuesday, August 15
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Jazz in the Square

Thursday, August 17
Moore Square

Tessellate: Light & Shadow Installation

Ongoing through Monday, August 28
Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

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.

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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 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.