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INFORMATION:

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, July 2 - 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/Public>

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.

City Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day

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

GoRaleigh Transit - Return to Fare Collection - Strategy

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation, 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

As Council may recall, the FY2024-25 operating budget includes a resumption of fare collection by the GoRaleigh transit system, scheduled to begin July 1. Due to fares having been suspended since March 2020, GoRaleigh will be instituting a 90-day “soft launch” associated with the resumption of fare collection.

The fixed route service system will encourage riders to “Find Your Fare” during the month of July. Riders can explore available ticketing options to prepare for when fares will be enforced in the Fall of 2024. Payment options for passengers include new digital ticketing (via Umo) and a convenient pass for income qualified riders to ride fare free.

In August, riders will “Practice Your Pass” by using their preferred fare payment method. GoRaleigh will provide riders with a free promo code through Umo mobile ticketing or a free Day Pass for the bus. Riders will not have to pay a fare, but will be required to use a payment method to ride. During September, riders can use their payment method of choice to board the bus and start their journey. Riders with the Umo app on their phone will have the opportunity to “tap and go” when boarding the bus, if they have a registered account and an associated debit or credit card. Additional opportunities for tap and go technologies (direct tap of debit or credit card) are still under exploration, and updates on that technology will be shared with Council via future program updates.

GoRaleigh Access service will have suspended fares through July and August. During these months, staff will demonstrate to riders how to use their new electronic trip payment accounts. Access riders will be able to load this account with a credit or debit card by calling the regular reservation number, a customer service representative will perform this transaction. Riders may also load their account in person with cash or card at the Raleigh Municipal Building, the GoRaleigh Station, or at the GoRaleigh Operations Center (4104 Poole Road). With this new technology, physical tickets will no longer be used.

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Rolesville Microtransit Service Update

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

On July 1, GoRaleigh was scheduled to introduce a new Wake Transit Plan microtransit service in Rolesville called Microlink. The MicroLink service zone includes the corporate limits of Rolesville and surrounding unincorporated Wake County, along with service to important retail and community services within Wake Forest.

The 401X service connecting Rolesville to Raleigh via Triangle Town Center has suffered from poor performance since the route was first introduced in 2019. The Wake Bus Plan update recommended discontinuing the 401X and instead implementing a micro-transit service covering the Town of Rolesville connecting residents to various destinations within Wake Forest.

Rolesville previously completed a transit study that identified strong demand for better service connecting Rolesville to Wake Forest. A new zone based micro-transit service was therefore identified to replace the 401X in FY25.

This innovative service is programmed to be funded through the FY25 Wake Transit Plan. Due to a lack of agreement between the Master Agreement participants (GoTriangle, Wake County, and the Capital Area MPO) over the allocation of vehicle registration tax funds to the Wake Tax District, the GoTriangle Board of Trustees has not approved the FY25 Recommended Work Plan at this time. This means that the necessary funding for the planned micro-transit service will not be available beginning in July and could be delayed until later this fall. As a result, the launch of Microlink will not proceed as scheduled on July 1.

To ensure continuity of transit coverage in the Rolesville area, GoRaleigh will continue the 401X route through the end of July or August or until funding questions can be resolved and an agreement can be reached between all participants.

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Affordable Housing Summit Draft Agenda

*Staff resources: Emila Sutton, Housing and Neighborhoods, 996-6947, emila.sutton@raleighnc.gov;
Holly Sharp, Communications, 996-3010, holly.sharp@raleighnc.gov*

The 2024 Affordable Housing Summit is scheduled for Saturday, August 17 at the Raleigh Convention Center. This event is free and open to the public, with a maximum capacity of 300. Food, refreshments, childcare, and translation services will be offered.

The format of the Affordable Housing Summit will follow a progressive structure, designed to facilitate a continuous learning experience for participants throughout the day. The day will consist of speakers, presentations, live polling and surveying, and information tables. We look forward to using the Summit as an opportunity to gain public input and mutual learning around the topic of affordable housing. Ideas and feedback received at the Summit will help inform the City's work, including the new Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

[View the draft agenda.](#)

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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

Follow Up from the June 4 Council Meeting

City-Sponsored LGBTQ+ Events (Council Member Black)

Staff Resource: Briana Scurry, Department of Equity and Inclusion, 996-5687, briana.scurry@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, staff was requested to provide a list of City-sponsored LGBTQ+ activities. Included with the *Update* materials, while not exhaustive, is a list of current and previous City events or activities that have some relation to the LGBTQ+ community.

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Follow Up from the June 18 Council Meeting

Nuisance Abatement Liens – Foreclosure Status (Council Member Patton)

Staff Resource: David Fitzgerald, Finance, 996-4931, david.fitzgerald@raleighnc.gov

During the Council meeting, staff was requested to report on the foreclosure status of the two properties that were subject to liens for unpaid ad valorem taxes and whether these properties could be subsequently acquired for affordable housing.

Based on City and County records, the following are the delinquent balances on the two parcels:

Parcel	City		City/County	Total Amount Delinquent
	Abatements	Penalties	Ad Valorem Taxes	
605 Bragg (0066428)	\$4,351.71	\$3,900.00	\$6,626.84	\$14,878.55
619 Cumberland (0047741)	\$30,222.21	\$7,650.00	\$13,636.67	\$51,508.88

Wake County staff indicated that both parcels are currently assigned to agents and the foreclosure process has started. The properties are owned by multiple heirs and depending on the research required to notify all heirs and the formal recording of the lien, the process may take 8 to 9 months before the Sheriff sets a sale date. The proceeds from the sale will extinguish the County liens only. The City liens would transfer to the new owner and are typically paid when the property is developed or sold.

If the City desires to acquire the property for affordable housing use, it may bid on the property at the foreclosure sale in the same manner as any other prospective buyer.

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Mobile Hygiene Opportunities -Unsheltered Populations (Council Member Forte)

Staff Resource: John Niffenegger, Housing and Neighborhoods, 996-6961, john.niffenegger@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, Council requested an update on the potential to provide mobile hygiene and shower opportunities for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Recap

As discussed in *Manager's Update Issue [2023-20](#)*, many of the known large-scale homeless camps have been located on NCDOT and private property. Due to the significant threat to motorists, basic sanitation equipment is generally not permitted on NCDOT right-of-way. Additionally, *Update Issue [2024-04](#)* addressed potential legal implications identified by the City Attorney's Office should the City choose to provide sanitary services at camps located on City property. One strategy aimed at addressing the basic sanitary needs of people living unsheltered is mobile engagement, in which amenities such as showers and other essential services are provided offsite at set dates, times, and locations, with a predictable rhythm to locations. While this strategy does not address the root causes of homelessness, it can help connect people living unsheltered with basic sanitary services.

Update

On June 13, the Housing and Neighborhoods Department hosted the second Meet Us at the Square event at Moore Square Park. The event, which was attended by over 550 people, was held in partnership with other City departments, nonprofit partners, and community members and offered a comprehensive array of services and donations to individuals in need. This included mobile showers and personal hygiene kits (provided at a cost of \$4,500 by [ReNew Mobile Showers](#)), haircuts, free health screenings, employment assistance, legal aid, food and clothing distribution, and veterinary Care.

Going forward, Housing & Neighborhoods staff will be coordinating two Meet Us at the Square type events per year. Staff will also coordinate with partners hosting similar events with the goal of establishing a regular cadence.

Future Considerations

Municipalities that partner with organizations that provide mobile showers may do so through a Request for Proposals (RFP) and contracting process to provide these services on an as-needed basis. Other partnership models between municipalities and mobile shower service providers are less formalized. Typically, the municipality provides the organization with locations to park near service providers and waive permitting fees. This is the most common type of partnership model in which the mobile shower organization has a standing calendar with rotating locations that are typically near service providers such as: the Department of Human Services, public libraries, shelters, churches, etc.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, June 28 – Thursday, July 4

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

Permitted Special Events

[Raleigh Food Truck Rodeo](#)

Fayetteville Street

Saturday, June 29

Event Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and the south end of City Plaza, and Hargett, Martin, and Davie streets between Salisbury and Wilmington streets will be closed from 8:00am until 10:30pm.

[Raleigh 4th of July Fireworks 2024](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Thursday, July 4

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

Event Details: Activities begin at 6:00pm and fireworks are scheduled for 9:30pm. Free event parking will be available at downtown parking decks and NC State Centennial Campus, and free shuttles will operate from downtown's Moore Square Park to and from Dix Park starting at 5:30pm. Detailed information, including event schedule, parking and shuttle maps, and accessibility, is available on the [4th of July Fireworks event webpage](#).

Other Upcoming Events

[Bailey Zimmerman](#)

Friday, June 28

Red Hat Amphitheater

[City Connect Series: Raleigh Tomorrow](#)

Saturday, June 29

Marsh Creek Park

[Hands-on-History at Fletcher Park](#)

Saturday, June 29

Fred Fletcher Park

[BrickUniverse](#)

Saturday, June 29 & Sunday, June 30

Raleigh Convention Center

[Forest Bathing](#)

Sunday, June 30

Flowers Cottage at Dix Park

[Dream Moore Market](#)

Sunday, June 30

Moore Square

[Summer Concert Series](#)

Sunday, June 30

Pullen Park

Pete Davidson

Sunday, June 30
Meymandi Concert Hall

A Day To Remember

Tuesday, July 2
Red Hat Amphitheater

Pepe Aguilar

Wednesday, July 3
PNC Arena

4th of July at the State Capitol

Thursday, July 4
State Capitol Grounds

2024 July 4th Open House

Thursday, July 4
Joel Lane Museum House

Star Spangled Block Party

Thursday, July 4
Brier Creek Commons

Public Resources

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome 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.

Council Member Follow Up

City Organized LGBTQ+ Events

Past Events

- LGBTQ+ Lunch Meet Up, October 31, 2023 (<https://corecon.raleighnc.gov/lgbtqia-community-lunch-meetup-set-oct-31>)
- Pride Month Proclamation, June 7, 2023 (<https://raleighnc.gov/government/services/letter-and-proclamations-mayor/pride-month-proclamation-2023>)
- Statement of PRIDE, July 27, 2023 (<https://corecon.raleighnc.gov/city-raleigh-celebrates-pride-month>)
- Harmony LGBT Chamber Events (promoted on raleighnc.gov Small Business Calendar)
- LGBTQIA+ Historic Context Study, June 2022 (<https://cityofraleigh0drupal.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/drupal-prod/COR10/lgbtqia-community-meeting-presentation-2022-06-22.pdf>)

Current/Future Events (2024)

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources

- [“Out” in Nature Series](#), beginning June 2
- [First Friday: Adult Drag Story Hour](#), June 7
- [Pride Ride Trolley Tour](#), June 9
- [How do I love thee? Let me count they ways](#), June 12
- [LGBTQ Community in the Outdoors](#), June 15
- [Pride Day on the Lawn](#), June 27

Department of Equity & Inclusion

- Social Equity Book Club: “Perfect Peace,” June 27
- Beyond the Binary: Gender Equity Foundational Training, TBD
- COR Equity Team: LGBTQ+ Taskforce/ Working Group
 - LGBTQ+ Community Interest Form, published June 11
 - Walking Group at Out! Festival, June 22
 - Group Meet up at Green Monkey, June 22
 - Teams Chat
 - More events forthcoming

Harmony LGBT Chamber (promoted on raleighnc.gov)

- Business Mixers, various dates
- Pride Life Expo, April 2

Planning & Development

- [LGBTQIA+ Historic Context Study](#), July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024