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INFORMATION:

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, June 17; Lunch Work Session at 11:30 - Lunch Will be 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.

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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 April 7 Budget Work Session

Utility Account Growth by Community (Council Member Branch)

Staff Resource: Whit Wheeler, Raleigh Water, 996-4582, william.wheeler@raleighnc.gov

During the work session, Council requested that staff report back on growth is occurring in Raleigh and the six merger communities. Raleigh Water is a regional utility that provides water and sewer service to the majority of Wake County, one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. Perhaps the best way to quantify this growth is to track new service meter sets. Below is a summary of the new meter sets that have been completed in each jurisdiction over the last five calendar years (2020-2024):

Total Meter Sets by Township										
Township	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Total %			
RALEIGH	2,025	2,076	2,455	3,138	3,096	12,790	47%			
WAKE FOREST	695	893	873	872	1,007	4,340	16%			
WENDELL	406	441	427	864	1,140	3,278	12%			
GARNER	233	488	665	508	418	2,312	9%			
ZEBULON	378	387	371	494	651	2,281	8%			
KNIGHTDALE	133	143	222	279	632	1,409	5%			
ROLESVILLE	151	105	164	123	134	677	2%			
Grand Total	4,021	4,533	5,177	6,278	7,078	27,087	100%			

The data shows that 47% of new meter sets the past five years were in the Raleigh service area, while the other 53% were located in the merger communities. It is worth noting that the majority of these meter sets were for service to single-family residential homes. However, when looking at larger meters sizes (greater than 1-inch meters) associated with commercial and multi-family development Raleigh has nearly two-thirds of that development, an indicator of higher-density development in Raleigh.

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Meter Sets Larger than 1" by Township										
Township	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Total %			
RALEIGH	166	127	123	170	203	789	65%			
WAKE FOREST	23	22	30	39	28	142	12%			
WENDELL	7	7	16	23	27	80	7%			
GARNER	11	19	34	28	19	111	9%			
ZEBULON	7	5	3	5	7	27	2%			
KNIGHTDALE	8	8	6	11	15	48	4%			
ROLESVILLE	0	0	3	1	11	15	1%			
Grand Total	222	188	215	277	310	1,212	100%			

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Follow up to the June 3 Council Meeting

Future Skycrest Drive Extension (Council Member Patton)

Staff Resource: Carter Roberson, Transportation, 996-7942, john.roberson@raleighnc.gov

The future Skycrest Drive extension from Southhall Road to Forestville Road is a proposed 4-lane divided avenue with sidewalks and separated bike lanes on both sides including a bridge crossing over the Neuse River has been included in Raleigh's Street Plan since Council's adoption in 2013 (See map below). Much of the right-of-way west of the Neuse River has been dedicated via previous development. The planned extension was modeled by CAMPO in 2021 as part of the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), but not included in the fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (the funded portion of the MTP).

Intended as an east-west alternative to Old Milburnie and Buffaloe roads, the project has thus far been identified as a future roadway extension, with no committed funding associated with a project nor detailed studies on design, feasibility, or environmental impacts. This project would likely have to be considered through a future bond and grant opportunities. The earliest projected timeframe for construction would be in the next 5-10 years or beyond.

The graphic below provides a location for the proposed path of a future Skycrest Drive extension:

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Future Skycrest Drive Extension

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Reports of Sewer Odor at Gorman Street and the I-440 off ramp (Council Member Lambert-Melton) Staff Resource: Scott Smart, Raleigh Water, 996-3712, scott.smart@raleighnc.gov

During the June 3 Council Meeting, staff were requested to provide a report regarding the strong odor from the sewer infrastructure at Gorman Street and the I-440 ramp.

Multiple crews were deployed to inspect sanitary sewer infrastructure in this area to investigate the odor concern and ensure that no sanitary sewer overflow was occurring or had occurred. Several lift stations, force main easements, air release valves, and manholes were examined in the vicinity. The investigation concluded that there was no indication of an active problem in the area. One minor deficiency was noted at an air release valve, approximately ¾ of a mile from the identified location, which has been addressed but is not believed to be a source of the identified odor concerns. A three-year historical review of our work order system shows that one call was received, on August 21, 2024, related to odor in the identified area of concern. That issue was addressed with the customer at that time.

Raleigh Water requests notification of any sewer odor complaints in the system, as these could indicate a sanitary sewer overflow that needs addressing. Additionally, this information can help Raleigh Water determine the conditions causing the odor if it is not related to a sanitary sewer overflow. Notifications are accepted 24/7 by calling 919-996-3245.

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Weekly Events Digest

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Permitted Special Events

Capital City Juneteenth Celebration

Dix Park, Harvey Hill Saturday, June 14

Event Time: 2:00pm - 6:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Cranmer Drive between Umstead Drive and Palmer Drive, and the Graham parking lot entrance on Umstead Drive will be closed from 9:00am until 9:00pm. Harvey Hill will also be used during this time.

Live After 5

City Plaza

Wednesday, June 18

Event Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will

be closed from 11:00am until 11:45pm.

Other Upcoming Events

Juneteenth Celebration at The Pines

Friday, June 13 Carolina Pines Park

After Emancipation: North Carolina Education, Past, Present, and Future

Friday, June 13 City of Raleigh Museum

Family Fun Day - Archaeology!

Saturday, June 14 City of Raleigh Museum

Riley Green

Saturday, June 14

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Touch & Tell: Public Art Pop-Up

Saturday, June 14 Caraleigh Park

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Sunday, June 15 Memorial Auditorium

Lil Baby

Sunday, June 15 Lenovo Center

Fayetteville Street Streetscape Plan: Drop-In Open House

Monday, June 16 City of Raleigh Museum

Ask-A-Planner: Sustain-A-City: Infrastructure and Services

Monday, June 16 Virtual

JCMP CommUNITY Stories

Monday, June 16 John Chavis Memorial Park

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Monday, June 16 Red Hat Amphitheater

Artival

Tuesday, June 17 John Chavis Memorial Park

Avril Lavigne

Tuesday, June 17 Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

The Midweek Market

Wednesday, June 18 Moore Square

Chavis Frolics

Wednesday, June 18 John Chavis Memorial Park

Wake County Public School System Graduations

Through Wednesday, June 18 Raleigh Convention Center

Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19 Marbles Kids Museum & Moore Square

The Road from Emancipation to Freedom

Thursday, June 19 City of Raleigh Museum

Juneteenth: A Chavis Celebration

Thursday, June 19 John Chavis Memorial Park

The Color Purple

Through Sunday, June 29 Raleigh Little Theatre

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 & Road Race Map: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

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Online Events Calendar: View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dix Park.