



Tuesday, September 09, 2025
REGULAR MEETING - SECOND TUESDAY
WORK SESSION
RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chamber, Room 201
222 West Hargett Street

PRESENT:

Mayor Janet Cowell, Mayor Pro Tem Stormie Forte, Council Member Jonathan Lambert-Melton, Council Member Mitchell Silver, Council Member Megan Patton, Council Member Corey Branch, Council Member Jane Harrison and Council Member Christina Jones

A. 4:00 P.M. WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order.

A.1 Dix Park Update

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Director Stephen Bentley and President and CEO of Dix Park Conservancy Ruffin Hall provided an update on the anticipated impacts of the transition of the State of North Carolina government from the Dix Park campus, an overview of current and short-term projects, and various other items.

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Clerk's Note: Council Member Branch arrived to the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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Staff responded to several questions from Council Members relating to park visitor data, improvements to the edge of the property, tree preservation, lease details, budget considerations, and community feedback opportunities.

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President Hall responded to various questions surrounding the Dix Leadership Committee governance structure, fundraising efforts, and the Dix Park Master Plan.

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Clerk's Note: Mayor Pro Tem Forte departed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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Discussion took place regarding general connectivity between the park and downtown, with Council Members highlighting the upcoming economic impact study.

B. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cowell adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Bryce A. Dunn

Deputy City Clerk