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## COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY DESIGN PLAN FOR FAYETTEVILLE STREET MALL, 7 P.M. DEC. 2

Raleigh citizens can comment on the preliminary design plan for Fayetteville Street Mall at a public hearing on Dec. 2. The public hearing will be held during the City Council meeting that begins at 7 p.m. at the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett St.

On Nov. 5, the City Council voted to select the "Civic A" preliminary design plan for remaking Fayetteville Street Mall and opening it up to vehicular traffic. The design plan was prepared by Mulkey Inc., which has been awarded a \$1.47 million contract by the City of Raleigh to provide design services for the first phase of the "Livable Streets" Downtown Plan -- the Fayetteville Street Renaissance project. The Fayetteville Street Renaissance project is an economic development and revitalization effort for the downtown street. The project includes design of improvements to Fayetteville Street Mall, portions of which could be opened to vehicular traffic in the 100 to 400 blocks, including conversion of Hargett and Martin streets from one-way streets to two-way streets.

Under the Civic A basic preliminary design plan selected by the City Council for Fayetteville Street Mall, two 11-foot travel ways would be centered in the corridor with parallel parking. Traffic signals would be added at Davie, Martin, Hargett and Morgan streets. The project would connect in front of the old State Capitol. There would be a wide streetscape for artwork, open space and outdoor dining. Also, the redesigned street would create a vista to the Capitol and allow flexibility for parades, festivals and other events.

City staff and representatives from Mulkey are finalizing a conceptual design plan for converting Martin and Hargett streets to two-way streets. The plan will include pavement markings, traffic signals and other details for the conversion.

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## COUNCIL APPROVES FEES FOR TVS TO BE NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CONSULTANT FOR PROPOSED CONVENTION CENTER

The Raleigh City Council on Nov. 18 unanimously approved amending the architectural agreement for the proposed downtown convention center to include fees for the project's national architectural design consultant, Thompson Ventulett Stainback (TVS) of Atlanta.

The amendment also adds specialty subconsultants to initiate Phase 1 predesign services (such as programming, conceptual confirmation and master planning) for the convention center. The new architectural fees in the agreement total \$620,000, plus reimbursement of \$58,950 for travel and other expenses.

Council members voted Nov. 5 to select TVS as the convention center national architectural design consultant, contingent upon negotiating a contract. TVS has extensive national and international experience designing convention centers. As the national architect for Raleigh's proposed convention center, TVS will assist the project's local architectural consultants -- O'Brien/Atkins and Clearscapes -- and the City and Wake County with designing the new facility. Phase 1 of the proposed convention center would consist of 506,000 square feet. The recommended site for the project is the block immediately west of the existing convention center.

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## MASTER DEVELOPER TASK FORCE TO MEET NOV. 26

A City Council appointed task force will meet Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to review the qualifications of those seeking to be retained as the master developer for the area of downtown Raleigh surrounding the proposed convention center. (The recommended site for the proposed convention center is the block immediately west of the existing convention center that is bounded by Salisbury, Cabarrus, Lenoir and McDowell streets.) The task force will meet in room 228 of the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett St.

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The task force is comprised of Roger Perry of East-West Partners, Hilda Pinnix-Ragland of Progress Energy, Mike Patterson, a retired bank chairman who also served as the chairman of the Convention Center Steering Committee, City Manager J. Russell Allen, City Attorney Thomas McCormick and Wake County Manager David Cooke.

The task force is to make a recommendation to the City Council on the southern downtown area master developer in February.

## Livable Streets Meeting Calendar

Meeting	Date/Time	Purpose
Master Developer Task Force	Nov. 26, 11:00 a.m. Room 228 Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex 222 W. Hargett Street	To review the qualifications of those seeking to be retained as the master developer for the area of downtown Raleigh surrounding the proposed convention center.
Raleigh City Council	Dec. 2 7:00 p.m. Room 201, City Council Chamber Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex 222 W. Hargett Street	Receive pPublic comment on preliminary design plan for Fayetteville Street Mall renaissance
Joint Meeting Raleigh City Council/Wake County Board of Commissioners	Dec.11, 6:00 p.m. Raleigh Convention and Conference Center	To receive staff update on progress of proposed convention center

## UPDATED LIVABLE STREETS WEBSITE NOW ONLINE

Downtown is hot and getting hotter with the plans to open Fayetteville Street Mall to traffic, the Progress Energy project, downtown development plans and the proposed new convention center.

There is now one place to keep track of all the activity downtown and stay up to date with the progress made on the Livable Streets program. By going to the City of Raleigh website <http://www.raleigh-nc.org/livablestreets/index.htm>, visitors can keep tabs on the status of downtown projects, view meetings and events calendars, view plans for opening Fayetteville Street and see the entire Livable Streets plan.

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## THE FIVE IN FIVE GOALS



1. **Complete a Fayetteville Street Renaissance** to reinvigorate the Street as the heart of Raleigh, our ceremonial corridor and the premiere address for office, events and cultural activity.
2. **Fund and build a new Convention Center & Hotel** to attract conventions and trade shows and improve the business environment for hotels, restaurants and other visitor services.
3. **Improve the pedestrian environment** making downtown accessible to everyone. Balance the needs of pedestrians against those of the car. Create an attractive, well lit, safe environment that links office and residential uses to amenities such as restaurants, museums and other venues.
4. **Undertake regulatory reform** to improve the business climate by re-moving regulatory impediments, making it just as easy to do business downtown as any place in the region. Explore adding incentives in the regulations.
5. **Expand downtown management** to take a one stop approach to management and advocacy.

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- City of Raleigh
- City Boards and Commissions
- State of North Carolina
- Wake County
- Federal Government
- Downtown Raleigh Alliance
- Chamber of Commerce
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Development Community
- Social Service and Faith Based Organizations
- Arts and Cultural Organizations
- Transportation and Parking Organizations
- Major Events / Attractions Facilities
- Colleges, Universities and Schools
- Office & Retail Tenants and Property Owners
- Downtown Residents and Area Neighborhoods
- Urban Design Partners

An organizational meeting and briefing of the Livable Streets Partnership was held Tuesday, October 6, 2002. As work sessions progressed over the next several months additional membership organizations and members were appointed the Livable Streets Partnership by the Raleigh City Council and others were added as Partnership Participants

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