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COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO STUDY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PLAN PROPOSED FOR CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Raleigh City Council's Public Works Committee will study a new solid waste fee structure and collection procedures proposed for customers in the Central Business District (CBD). During their June 6 meeting, council members agreed to send the proposal to the committee for further review. The Public Works Committee's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at 1 p.m. in the city council chamber.

Under a new solid waste collection system proposed for the more than 200 businesses in the CBD, customers would have to purchase specially marked bags or rollout carts from the City as non-CBD businesses are now required to do. The fees would be \$1 per bag or \$30 a month for a 96-gallon cart. Currently, there are no restrictions on the type of solid waste containers that CBD customers can put out on the curb on collection days.

CBD businesses that currently use trash compactors or private solid waste companies would not be affected by the new system.

COUNCIL APPROVES TTA STATION AT NC STATE

The Raleigh City Council on June 6 approved the location of a Triangle Transit Authority station facility on a portion of the North Carolina State University campus. The station will sit on a 1.09-acre site currently zoned O&I. The station will be located near Pullen Road and Yarborough Drive.

The station will not include on-site or off-site parking. Neighborhood access to the station will be by walking

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SECTIONS OF HARGETT AND MARTIN STREETS TO BE CLOSED FOR TWO-WAY CONVERSION

Hargett Street from West Street to McDowell Street will be closed beginning Friday, June 9 at 9 p.m. so it can be converted from one-way to two-way traffic. Also, two-way conversion work will close Martin Street between Wilmington and Person streets on Sunday, June 11. Both streets will reopen on Monday, June 12 at 6 a.m. and operate as a two-way street.

The closure is part of the City of Raleigh's plan to convert Hargett and Martin streets between East and West streets to two-way traffic. People attending events this weekend in Downtown Raleigh should be aware of the street closings and plan their routes accordingly. The closing of Martin Street between Wilmington and Person streets was delayed until Sunday so it would not interfere with traffic heading to Saturday's Downtown Raleigh Live concert in Moore Square. Also scheduled for Saturday are three high school graduations at Memorial Auditorium. The closing of Hargett Street from West Street to McDowell Street is not being delayed and will last throughout the weekend as was originally planned.

Through July 3, work on the Hargett and Martin streets conversion project will take place on weekends using a series of rolling two-block street closures on the weekends. Also, Wilmington and Salisbury streets between Morgan and Davie streets will be reduced to two through-lanes due to the addition of parking on the east side (Wilmington Street) and west side (Salisbury Street). The Hargett and Martin streets two-way conversions and the additional parking on Wilmington and Salisbury streets are part of the first phase of the City's Fayetteville Street Renaissance Project. The first-phase also includes reopening four blocks of the Fayetteville Street pedestrian mall to vehicular traffic. A public celebration of the completion of the first phase is scheduled for July 29.

The Fayetteville Street Renaissance Project is an economic development and revitalization effort for the downtown street.

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CONSULTANT CHOSEN FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PROPOSED JOINT STADIUM FOR SHAW UNIVERSITY, ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE

HVS International Consulting was unanimously chosen by the Raleigh City Council June 6 to do a feasibility study on a proposed joint multipurpose athletic stadium for Shaw University and St. Augustine's College.

The City of Raleigh and Wake County are sharing the cost of the approximately \$75,000 feasibility study. The City, working in conjunction with the County, issued a request for proposal (RFP) from consultants for the study. Two consulting firms responded to the RFP, and HVS International was ultimately recommended by staff personnel to do the feasibility study based on the company's presentation, qualifications, background and references. Representatives from Shaw and St. Augustine's also reviewed the two consultants' proposals.

The Raleigh City Council and the Wake County Board of Commissioners will schedule a joint meeting to outline the scope of work for HVS International regarding the feasibility study. Representatives from Shaw University and St. Augustine's College also will attend the joint meeting.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES REVISION TO ALLOW LARGER CROWN SIGNS ON BUILDINGS TALLER THAN 200 FEET

To promote downtown Raleigh as a special place, the Raleigh City Council, on June 6, approved a text change that amends the City's sign ordinance to allow a crown sign of up to 750 square feet on downtown buildings taller than 200 feet.

The text change establishes a downtown signage district as a special signage control area. The signs must be located at the crown of the building and cannot extend below the top of the upper floor of the building. The signs are only allowed to be internally lit and cannot have more than one line excluding any symbols. The sign must be the same on all sides of the building and may not be a changeable copy sign.

RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL APPROVES LOAN FOR RELOCATION OF HISTORIC ALL SAINTS CHAPEL

The Raleigh City Council has approved a request from the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission to authorize a loan of \$141,000 toward the relocation and rehabilitation of the 1874 All Saints Chapel.

The 18-month loan from the City's preservation revolving loan fund to Amalgamated Empire Properties, LLC will be used in the relocation and rehabilitation of the All Saints Chapel. The structure is proposed to be moved from its current location on West Morgan Street to a lot at 110 South East Street. The City Council authorized the sale of the lot to Empire Properties at the May 16 meeting.

The property was designated a Raleigh landmark in 1979 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is historically important for its association with Bishop Theodore B. Lyman, who served the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina from 1873 to 1893. Bishop Lyman extended the breadth of the church geographically and socially across the state by encouraging the building of churches. He also aggressively supported educational and theological instruction for African-Americans at St. Augustine's College at a critical point in its development.

The chapel is a fine example of the frame board-and-batten clad Carpenter Gothic style. Designed by Rev. Johannes A. S. Oertel, the chapel features some unusual features for the style, most notably side wings that provide additional breadth and clerestory windows above the wings that contribute a lofty feel to the interior space.

The preservation revolving loan fund was established by the City Council in 1992. The loan fund is designed to work as a revolving fund to assist in providing gap financing for historic preservation projects. The loan repayment reimburses the fund and makes those dollars available for future projects.

CITY COUNCIL SELECTS DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING CONSULTANT

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously June 6 to select Corbin Design to develop a wayfinding plan and system for the downtown area. The City administration will negotiate a contract with the company for the project.

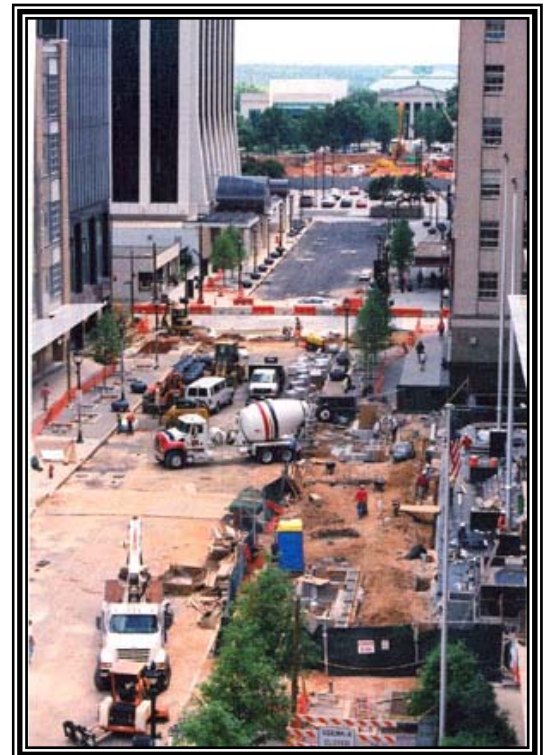
The City interviewed six consulting firms regarding the downtown wayfinding plan and system, and staff ultimately recommended Corbin Design. The wayfinding system will use signs to help direct visitors to downtown from Raleigh's major entryways and direct them to locations within downtown, such as parking areas or attractions. Signs for both pedestrians and motorists would be used.

Downtown Raleigh is undergoing a renaissance of public and private development that is expected to attract more visitors to the area. These new projects include a convention center, four-star Marriott hotel, a redesigned Fayetteville Street that will be reopened to vehicular traffic, and additional quality housing, dining and entertainment establishments.

ARTS COMMISSION TO FUND FAYETTEVILLE STREET BROCHURE

Working in conjunction with the Raleigh City Museum, the City of Raleigh Arts Commission will fund the production of a brochure of both the architecture and history of Fayetteville Street. On Tuesday, June 6, the Raleigh City Council approved the Arts Commission request to fund the brochure's printing costs of \$2,500.

The brochure will be available at the Raleigh City Museum for the re-opening of Fayetteville Street from a pedestrian mall to vehicular traffic on July 29.



'RALEIGH WIDE OPEN' IS THEME FOR JULY 29 OPENING PARTY

The incredible energy, excitement and potential of downtown Raleigh is captured in the theme for the July 29 opening party for Fayetteville Street. It is "Raleigh Wide Open!"

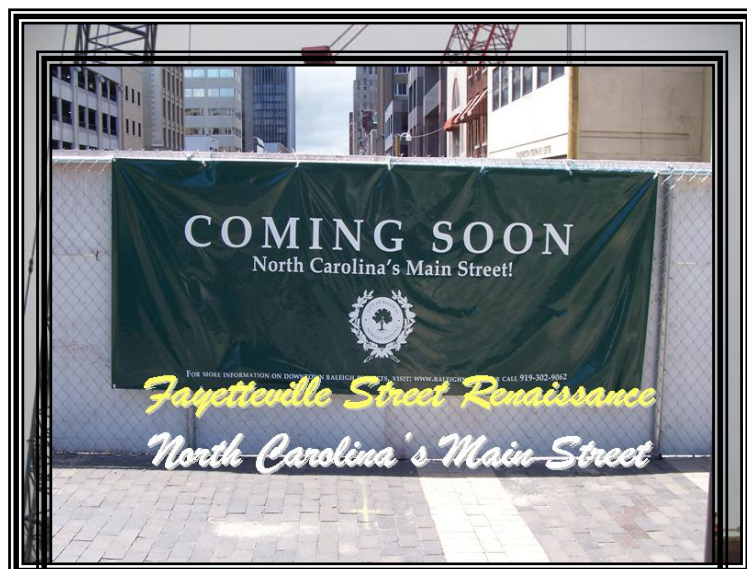
The City of Raleigh, the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and the staff of Artsposure are busy pulling together the party that will mark the opening of the four blocks of "North Carolina's Main Street" from the State Capitol to the Sheraton Hotel.

The grand opening party will feature music, street performers, food, libations and fireworks.

The party will mark the end of 16 months of construction that returns the street's 100 to 400 blocks to vehicular traffic. The conversion from a pedestrian mall began March 14, 2005 and came with a price tag of \$9.33 million. T.A. Loving Company of Goldsboro is the project contractor.

The four blocks are being converted to a 40-foot-wide thoroughfare with parallel parking on both sides of the street. Traffic signals at Davie, Martin, Hargett and Morgan streets are being modified. Hargett and Martin streets are being converted to two-way traffic.

The new street will offer a wide streetscape for art, open space and outdoor dining. The new design allows flexibility for parades, festivals and other events, such as the opening celebration set for July 29.



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DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

Date	Event Name	Location
06-09 7:00 PM	Wake Forest High School G...	Memorial Auditorium
06-09 8:00 PM	Forever Plaid	Kennedy Theater
06-10 11:00 AM	Fuquay Varina High School...	Memorial Auditorium
06-10 2:00 PM	Sanderson High School Gra...	Memorial Auditorium
06-10 2:00 PM	Raleigh Downtown Live	Moore Square
06-10 5:00 PM	Mary Phillips High School...	Meymandi Concert Hall
06-10 7:30 PM	Raleigh Ringers	Meymandi Concert Hall
06-10 8:00 PM	Forever Plaid	Kennedy Theater
06-11 8:00 PM	Forever Plaid	Kennedy Theater
06-14 8:00 PM	The Glass Menagerie	Kennedy Theater
06-15 8:00 PM	The Glass Menagerie	Kennedy Theater
06-16 8:00 PM	The Glass Menagerie	Kennedy Theater
06-16 8:00 PM	Rhonda Vincent and the Rage	Meymandi Concert Hall
06-17 8:00 PM	The Glass Menagerie	Kennedy Theater