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## LANE CLOSURES ON MCDOWELL STREET

The Raleigh Convention Center project has implemented a temporary one-lane closure to the east lane on McDowell Street starting at South Street and ending at Davie Street. The lane closure will occur weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekend hours beginning Friday at 7 p.m. and ending Monday at 6 a.m., Jan. 24. Two lanes will remain open on McDowell Street during the temporary lane closure. Detour signs and flagmen will be in place to assist vehicular and pedestrian traffic during these hours.

## COUNCIL DELAYS DECISION ON HILLSBOROUGH STREET ROUNDBOUTS

The Raleigh City Council Jan. 9 delayed making a decision on completing design of the Hillsborough Street roundabouts. Council members want additional information and will discuss the item at their next regular meeting on Jan. 23.

Designs for the project are currently 25 percent complete. The scope of the project will involve the planning and design of the street construction, streetscape and pedestrian facilities for two areas along Hillsborough Street from Gardner Street to Oberlin Road that will improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, improve the appearance of the street, promote economic development, improve pedestrian access and create a sense of place.

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## COUNCIL DELAYS DECISION ON PROPOSED REVISED STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE USE OF DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SPACES

The Raleigh City Council on Jan. 9 deferred taking final action on proposed updated uniform standards for private use of downtown public spaces. The Planning Commission, at its Dec. 12 meeting, recommended the council approve the new rules. However, the council is awaiting a recommendation from its Law and Public Safety Committee, which is also studying the proposal. The Law and Public Safety Committee is scheduled to discuss the proposed standards at its meeting on Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. in the council chamber.

The proposed updated rules would cover news racks, outdoor dining, street vendors, street performers and minor encroachments in the Downtown Overlay District and in the nearby North Person, Peace Street and Glenwood South business districts.

Under the revised standards, citizens would be required to obtain a permit for the listed uses in the affected areas. The permits would be issued through a newly created Downtown Permits Office in the City's Inspections Department.

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## COUNCIL APPROVES SITE PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously Jan. 9 to approve a site plan for The Nash, a mixed-use development that will be on the northwest corner of Hargett and Dawson streets downtown.

The seven-story, 100-foot-tall building will sit on 1.73 acres and contain 7,536 square feet of retail space, 208 condominiums with a courtyard and pool, and a six-level parking deck with 297 spaces.

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## HEARING PLANNED REGARDING PARKING EXEMPTIONS FOR DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT

The Raleigh City Council on Jan. 9 authorized City staff to draft ordinances that would exempt the Downtown Overlay District and Pedestrian Overlay Districts from City parking requirements. The council and the Raleigh Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft ordinances on March 20 prior to taking final action on the proposals.

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## ANNUAL EXPO FOR MWBE CONTRACTORS AND BUSINESSES SET FOR JAN. 17 AT SOUTHEAST RALEIGH HIGH SCHOOL

The City of Raleigh and the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) are sponsoring the ninth annual expo for Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) on Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Southeast Raleigh High School, 2600 Rock Quarry Road.

The expo is free and provides MWBEs with an opportunity to learn about new business opportunities with Raleigh City government and Wake County schools. MWBE representatives will talk one-on-one with purchasing and acquisition staff members from the City and WCPSS. MWBE contractors and businesses will learn about more than \$200 million worth of projects planned by the City and WCPSS for next fiscal year, 2007-08. Participants also will be able to get information about purchasing and contract lettings for the remainder of this fiscal year.

To register for the expo or to get more information, contact the City of Raleigh Administrative Services Department at 890-3840 or email Heather Brock at [heather.brock@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:heather.brock@ci.raleigh.nc.us). In the event of inclement weather on Jan. 17, the expo will be rescheduled. Contact the Administrative Services Department on the day of the expo if weather conditions are adverse.

## COUNCIL ADOPTS 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

On Jan. 9, the Raleigh City Council adopted its 2007 meeting schedule. The meeting schedule will be:

DAY/DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	TIME
Tuesday, January 9, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, January 16, 2007	Zoning Hearing	6:30
Tuesday, January 23, 2007	City Council	1:00
Tuesday, February 6, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, February 20, 2007	City Council	1:00
Tuesday, March 6, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, March 20, 2007	City Council Zoning Hearing	1:00 6:30
Tuesday, April 3, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, April 17, 2007	City Council	1:00
Tuesday, May 1, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, May 15, 2007	City Council Zoning Hearing	1:00 6:30
Tuesday, June 5, 2007	City council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, June 19, 2007	City Council	1:00
Tuesday, July 10, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, July 24, 2007	City Council Zoning Hearing	1:00 6:30
Tuesday, August 7, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Wednesday, September 5, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, September 18, 2007	City Council Zoning Hearing	1:00 6:30
Tuesday, October 2, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, October 16, 2007	City Council	1:00
Wednesday, November 7, 2007	City Council	1:00 7:00
Tuesday, November 20, 2007	City Council Zoning Hearing	1:00 6:30
Tuesday, December 4, 2007	City Council	1:00

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## CITIZENS INVITED TO COMMENT ON NOMINATION OF BOYLAN APARTMENTS TO NATIONAL REGISTER

The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, to review the nomination of the Boylan Apartments for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The public is invited to comment on the nomination at the meeting, which will be held in Room 303 of the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett St. Residents with hearing impairments who need sign language services at the meeting should call the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department, 890-3107 (TDD) or 890-3100, at least 48 hours or two business days prior to the meeting.

Raleigh currently has 85 individual property listings and 19 historic districts in the National Register. Listing in the National Register allows property owners to become eligible for state and federal tax credits for rehabilitation of properties for commercial and residential purposes.

The Boylan Apartments are located at 817 Hillsborough St, just one-half mile west of the State Capitol. Built in 1935, the Boylan Apartments are Raleigh's earliest garden-style apartment complex. The complex is comprised of three three-story brick, Colonial Revival-style buildings arranged around an open courtyard. The buildings and site have retained integrity of design, setting and materials, and continue to be used as dwellings.

Another key aspect of the Boylan Apartments is that the complex was one of the first in the nation to participate in the federal Public Works Administration (PWA) program that lent federal funds to private developers. Raleigh businessman Rufus Boylan led the effort to build the Boylan Apartments. The PWA program provided jobs for the unemployed at the close of the Great Depression while creating quality modern housing for lower-income residents.

The Boylan Corporation retained ownership of the Boylan Apartments until 1976 when the complex was purchased by the Joyner family. The Joyners still own the property and are nominating the complex to the National Register in recognition of its historical significance.

The Joyners are investing more than \$1.4 million in a large rehabilitation project for the property, and National Register listing will allow them to use federal and state historic preservation tax credits to help finance the restoration.

The Raleigh City Council designated the Boylan Apartments a Raleigh Historic Landmark on Dec. 5.

The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission serves as the City Council's official historic preservation advisory body to identify, preserve, protect and educate the public about Raleigh's historic resources.

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#### DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

01-12 8:00 PM	Carolina Ballet - Monet I...	Memorial Auditorium
01-12 8:00 PM	North Carolina Symphony	Meymandi Concert Hall
01-13 2:00 PM	Carolina Ballet - Monet I...	Memorial Auditorium
01-13 8:00 PM	King Pup Radio Show	Fletcher Opera Theater
01-13 8:00 PM	Carolina Ballet - Monet I...	Memorial Auditorium
01-13 8:00 PM	North Carolina Symphony	Meymandi Concert Hall
01-14 2:00 PM	Carolina Ballet - Monet I...	Memorial Auditorium
01-14 4:00 PM	Martin Luther King Youth ...	Meymandi Concert Hall
01-19 8:00 PM	North Carolina Symphony -...	Meymandi Concert Hall
01-20 8:00 PM	Ron White	Memorial Auditorium