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Photo by Layla Garms

Parking violation fees could rise.

Council to weigh money saving ideas

BY LAYLA GARMS
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The City Council is considering a list of recommendations made by the Citizens' Organizational Efficiency Review Committee (COERC) to increase the efficiency of city government while tightening purse strings.

The nine member committee based its findings on a three month review of the city's organization. The recommendations would yield an estimated \$4.7 million in expenditure savings and new revenues.



Taylor

"As we understand, the budget outlook for FY 2013-2014 could be bleak. With foresight of this situation, the City Council created the Citizens' Organizational Efficiency Review Committee to develop options that could help close future budget gaps," COERC Chairman Glenn Orr wrote in a letter to City Manager Lee Garrity, Mayor Allen Joines and members of the City Council. "... The recommendations put forward in the report that follows are absent political considerations and are the result of the Committee's careful consideration of the programs and services offered by the city, their budgetary impact, the efficiency of these services, the Committee's view of their relative importance to the community, and the potential impact on the community should the programs and services be altered or eliminated."

Recommendations ran the gamut, from increasing fees for city inspections, cemetery plots and business privilege licenses, to reducing services such as backyard garbage collection and doing away with the city's annual bulky item collection.

"They're very comprehensive. They've developed some recommendations that do address some city inefficiencies but also some things that would involve adjusting our user fees, particularly those that have not been increased in a number of years ... but also the level of service that the city provides," said Ben Rowe, director of the city's Budget and Evaluation department. "...I think that that could potentially be helpful in our efforts to balance the budget in the coming year."

Some recommendations, such as the committee's suggestion to eliminate the city's response to non-emergency

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Photos by Todd Luck

Jaydan Hughes portrays Jesus, while Matthew Killian, David Killian and William Sheff play the roles of soldiers in an Easter production at Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church on Sunday. Read more about the Easter celebration on page A2.

The Greatest Story Ever Told

New superintendent brings some baggage

Questions raised about Emory's Pitt County tenure

BY LAYLA GARMS
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By the time Dr. Beverly Emory takes office as Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' new superintendent in July, she will likely already be well acquainted with several members of the local community, including former NAACP Chapter President Stephen Hairston.

Hairston has been vocal in his opposition to the Board of Education's decision not to publicize the names of finalists for the superintendent.

"The city was transparent when they were trying to get the next police chief," Hairston pointed out. "...But the school board for some reason seems to think that they can't trust us."

Last week, Hairston, a retired police sergeant, voiced further concerns about Emory, who currently serves as superintendent of Pitt County Schools, after learning about her home county's legal woes.



Submitted Photo

Ronald Travis (left) poses with incoming Superintendent Dr. Beverly Emory and Board of Education member Victor "Vic" Johnson.

"She brings a lot of baggage with her," Hairston said. "...If we had known who the finalists were, these are some of the concerns that I would've brought up, that anybody else could've brought up."

Since 1971, Pitt County and its county-seat, Greenville, have been under a desegregation order mandat-

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Agencies: Despite progress, defeating homelessness still a struggle

BY TODD LUCK
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Local agencies that help the homeless are celebrating recent reports that show homelessness is down, while hoping that the community will still continue to support their efforts.

The Point-in-Time Count on January 30 found 82 chronically homeless individuals this year compared to 194 in 2005, which is a 58 percent drop. Chronic homelessness refers to someone with long-term or repeated homelessness with a disabling condition. The Point-in-Time Count tallies the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless people on one night a year. The count, along with information from the Carolina Homeless Information Network, found a 40 percent



Galloway

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File Photo

Volunteers serve clients at the Samaritan Soup Kitchen in 2010.



Photo by Layla Farmer
Curt Beech (seated, left) with his daughters Eden and Tate, wife Mary Beech '94 and (back row, from left) his parents, Jack and Sharon Beech, sister Amy Iori and brother Mark Beech.

Setting the Scene

WFU alum is major movie player

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Wake Forest University alumnus Curt Beech returned to his alma mater earlier this week to talk with current students about his career as a feature film art director. Beech, a member of the univer-

sity's Class of 1994, served as guest speaker for the opening day of the school's sixth annual Reynolda Film Festival.

Beech, whose film credits include the Academy Award winning productions "Lincoln" and "The Help," addressed the audi-

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