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Royal Wedding

The fourth bride of King Goodwill Zwelithini, Queen Jane Thandekile, prepares to dance for the king during a traditional wedding ceremony held in the capital of Kwazulu. The knife she is holding in her hand is used to point at the king during the dance.

No support for land request

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status, the city would deed the land to the CDC," task force chairman and subcommittee member Ernest Pitt said Wednesday. "We can't recommend that the city do something they can't legally do.

"We would recommend it if it had tax-exempt status... We want the city to work directly with the development group so as not to delay the project, and the development group is going to work with the CDC anyway. We have to make sure we're

doing things that are legally proper."

A letter from city development Director J. Allen Joines to the CDC's attorney said that while the city is committed to the East Winston Area Plan, the CDC must receive tax-exempt status before the land can be donated. The city will seriously consider the request after complete financial projections are available on the center, as well as the financial structure of the partnership and corporation, the letter said. Leasing information

on prospective shopping center tenants and details of the center's financing will also be required before the city will consider the project.

CDC Chairman and task force member James R. Grace Jr. said the group expects to receive tax-exempt status in November, but would like to have the task force's backing anyway. "It still has to be voted on by the task force," he said. "I would imagine that Turner is getting the information ready for the city or already has it.

I've seen some prospective tenants."

MWBE chief: No to set-asides

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availability of minority- and women-owned firms."

Chairman of Voices of Minority Contractors, a local group of minority businesses, James R. Grace Jr. thinks local minority-owned businesses should have more of a chance. "It's (set-aside) an entre that would otherwise not be there," he said. "Give them a chance, that's all I'd like to see done.

"It's a way of life that white people and white businesses have an unfair advantage, because we were systematically excluded from the marketplace for so long. We have to have an 'in.'"

Because many minority-owned

businesses are "first-generation" businesses, owners and managers have few role models to follow and sometimes have problems making contacts. "You don't know the people at the bank," Grace said.

Although set-aside contracts are illegal in North Carolina unless the state legislature approves them, Winston-Salem was given the go-ahead by the state legislature last year to implement a set-aside program.

A task force appointed by the city Board of Aldermen recommended that the board not implement set-aside contracts, however, until a pending court case on set-aside programs in Richmond, Va. is

resolved, City Attorney Ronald G. Seeber said.

The task force continues to meet monthly and is scheduled to submit an annual recommendation regarding set-aside programs to the Board of Aldermen, Hanes said.

The city then established the Minority- and Women-Owned Business certification plan and hired Hanes last winter. In order to be certified, a company must have at least 51 percent of its shares owned by minorities or women, Hanes said.

Grace, however, still feels that Hanes is not enough. "One person is woefully inadequate," he said.

Task force: Hanes needs help

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enough flexibility in the budget, that the city's too tight to back it," advisory committee member Clay Ring said.

Hanes told the committee that she wants to conduct two free workshops to teach minority-owned and women-owned firms about the city's purchasing and contracting procedures, but needs \$1,000 for educational materials. She also said she had been told by city staff that the budget does not include money for such things.

Chico Carter said the program will not succeed in helping minority- and women-owned firms do business with the city unless the Board of Aldermen makes a financial commitment to the project. "That's what the city will do, put programs in place and give them just enough money for it to fail," committee member Chico Carter said.

"I think it's an investment the city should make," committee member Marie Roseboro said. "If

you do it, and it's good, they'll pay for it later."

Committee Chairman Bill Enloe Jr. emphasized the need for a staff assistant or full-time secretary for Hanes' office, and said the committee should tell the Board of Aldermen of their need in their annual report to be made this fall. "My feeling is we're not out just to write a glowing report to the board," Enloe said. "I've got no problems saying that she (Hanes) can't do her job because she doesn't have help."

Hanes now uses secretaries from the purchasing department or assistant city manager's office who happen to be free. She had a full-time high school student working as an intern to assist her earlier this summer.

City/County Purchasing Agent Donald L. Farmer said that because Hanes' position was only recently created, her job description is still being defined. "It will take time," he said.

Hanes reported that she is almost finished recertifying minority- and women-owned firms, and that several will be decertified as a result of her investigation. More than 50 percent of a firm must be owned by minorities or women to qualify for the program.

She is also compiling a report of where the city is spending money when purchasing is not done through the purchasing department. Some department heads are authorized to purchase some items for their particular needs, Hanes said. "I've gone to all departments, and gotten all the information except from three departments," she said. "One (department) is fairly big."

In other business, Bill R. Dow, director of the N.C. Small Business and Technology Center based at Winston-Salem State University, gave a presentation to the board. Dow said that the program gives free advice to small businesses and can help them refine their business plans and projections.

Leaders: Don't vote Democratic automatically

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Black community leaders urged blacks to challenge years of tradition and stop automatically voting for Democrats when other candidates may better represent their interests.

"We need not get so attracted to the Democratic Party that we don't explore our options, including the Republican Party," Danny Bakewell, president of the Brotherhood Crusade and a member of the newly formed Black Political Interest Network, said at a rally Saturday.

"We are not against Democrats (or) Republicans. But we are unequivocally for black people," he said.

The network was formed after last

month's Democratic convention. Bakewell and other community leaders said the Rev. Jesse Jackson was poorly treated by Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Anthony Essex, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the NAACP, criticized the community leaders who encourage blacks to stay with the Democratic Party for the sake of party unity.

"Democrats calculated they could play Jackson out and still get most of the black vote," said Essex.

But Rep. Mervyn Dymally, D-Calif., said that the Democrats are still the best party for blacks, and that they should work for change within the party.

Civil Rights Hall of Fame telethon set

GARY, Ind. (AP) -- The Manhattan singing group will join Pops Staples and other entertainers Friday for the third annual National Civil Rights Hall of Fame Telethon from the Genesis Convention Center.

The telethon will be broadcast live on the Black Entertainment Television network from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., with co-hosts actress Jayne Kennedy and sportscaster Jim Rose from Chicago's WLS-TV.

In addition to the Manhattan bluesy style and Staples' gospel rhythm, the telethon will feature the Dells and "Big Daddy" Kinsey and

the Kinsey Report.

Actress Margot Kidder will appear and there will be several surprise guests during the telethon, organizers say.

Proceeds from the telethon will go to the construction of the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame and Museum at the Genesis Center. About \$1 million of the \$4 million cost of the project has been so far.

When completed, the hall and museum will include an exhibition hall, library and audio-visual displays and other memorabilia of the civil rights movement dating to the 17th century.

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