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ably. This year the festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

In a written proposal, which all agencies requesting money must present to the city, the organization's staff touted the theater festival's strong track record as a constant moneymaker for city businesses. The thousands who have attended the NBTF since it began in 1989 have poured more than \$25 million into the local economy, according to officials at the organization.

About 60,000 people are expected to attend this year's six-day festival.

But the N.C. Black Repertory Company has received very little funding from the city over

the years, a fact that Hamlin says is baffling.

He says he doesn't know whether the city does not have faith in African American arts or if it simply doesn't believe the festival is worthwhile.

"I can't quite figure it out," he said.

The lucrative festival has had many suitors, according to officials at the organization. Reportedly, cities like Richmond and Atlanta have tried, and so far failed, to lure the festival away from Winston-Salem.

Hamlin says that as long as corporate and community support for the festival continues to be strong, he will try to keep it here.

"We would love to keep it here," he said. "We will continue

to try to influence the city...to encourage funding."

Hamlin is not daunted because he is unlikely to get extra money. He promises that the 10th anniversary festival will be the best yet.

"We are going to have a marvellous festival," he said.

The board also unanimously voted not to recommend a \$10,000 increase in funding for the Winston Lake YMCA Youth Incentive Program. Last year, the program, which provides summer day

camp and after-school programs for youths between the ages of 6 and 18, received \$85,000. The committee recommended that it receive the same amount for this year.

During the meeting, some members agreed that the YMCA organization could, itself, contribute more money to the program.

The board split 2-2 on whether to recommend \$145,200 for Experiment in Self-Reliance, a local organization that fights to reduce poverty. The agency received the same amount from the city last year and has received more than \$1 million in city money in the past.

Last week, Alderman Vernon Robinson grilled the agency's executive director with questions about ESR's finances dur-

ing a public hearing in which directors from the non-profits pitched their agencies to the board.

Among other things, Robinson criticized Twana Wellman for having a membership at the Piedmont Club, a posh meeting spot for the city's A-list.

The purchase of the Piedmont Club membership was OK'd by ESR's board. Wellman and board members say the membership is used mainly for business purposes.

Alderman Vivian Burke, who along with Alderman Nelson Malloy voted for ESR's request, said she will ask officials with the city manager's office to find out which other agency directors have memberships to the club. She said it was unfair for Wellman to be criti-

cized for her membership when no other directors were asked about their affiliations with such clubs.

"I felt they were being singled out," Burke said during the workshop.

Although Burke said she did not know much about Wellman, who took over the helm at ESR last November, she said the scrutiny Wellman experienced last week was unwarranted.

"I do not feel her name in particular needs to be criticized and publicized in a negative way," Burke said.

Alderman Wanda Merschel suggested that the city cut ESR's request by 20 percent.

"I feel that ESR is a wonderful program... (But) we do need to start paring back," she said.



Merschel

Saluting fallen veterans



Members of American Legion Post 220 raise their rifles for a 21-gun salute during Monday's Memorial Day tribute held at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Bonnie Henderson, assistant service manager, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office, thanked black veterans for their service to their country during the event's keynote address. "(Black soldiers) were considered mentally and morally unfit to serve on the front lines," she said. "...This was proved untrue when the 369th Infantry Regiment...received an award for bravery in combat."

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Project No.	County/Route	Division No.	Type	Location	Metric/English		
8.734038	Wilson	4	Grading, Drainage, Structures & Pavement markings	US-264 (Wilson bypass from East of SR 1136 to East of US-301)	Metric	10%	
6.349002B	Wilson	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structures	New interchange on US-264 at NC-222 near Saratoga	Metric	10%	5%
6.449010T	Cumberland	6	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structures	US-301 connector from US-301 to US-13 East of I-95	Metric	10%	5%
6.769006T	Wilkes	11	Widening, Grading, Draining, Paving Pvt. mk & Strs	US-421 from East of SR-2433 to East of SR2209	Metric	10%	5%
8.1792303	Catawba	12	Grading, Draining, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	Tate Blvd. Ext from SR-1476 (Fairgrove Church Rd. to I-40)	Metric	10%	
8.1051902	Dare	1	Shoulder construction	US-264 from SR-1100 (Stumpy Point Rd.) to US-64 Intersection	English	12%	
8.1404001	Wake	5	Resurfacing, Pavement Markings & Safety Improvements	US-164 & I-440 from West of US-164 Interchange at SR-1009 (Tryon Rd.) to East of SR-1728 (Wade Ave.)	English	15%	
8.1462401	Scotland, Robeson	6	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Lamber River and approaches on NC-71	English	12%	
8.2461801	Robeson	6	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Big Raft Swamp & approaches on SR-1318	English	10%	
8.1493801	Guilford	7	Safety Improvements	I-40 from Holden Rd to W of I-85, I-85 from S of NC-6 to N McConnell Rd, SR-2254 from E of Holden Rd.	English	12%	
8.1810203	Gaston, Mecklenburg	12	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structure	NC-27 from NC-273 to SR-1606 (Bell Meade Dr.)	English	8%	
8.272081	Avery	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structure	Bridge over Linville River and approaches on SR-1525	English	6%	
6.804832	Ashe	11	Grading, Drainage, Miding, Paving & Pavement & Markings	SR-1133 (Ray Taylor Rd.) From SR-1248 (Beaver Creek Rd) to SR-1134 (Back Mountain Rd.)	English	5%	5%
6.751010	Watauga, Yadkin	11	Milling, Resurfacing & Pavement Markings	2 Sections of Primary Roads	English	5%	5%
8.7791710	Catawba	12	Safety Improvements	US-321 from South of SR-2514 to North of US-6470 & I-40 from West of Brookford to East of SR-2514	English	0%	
8.1951201	Henderson	14	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Green River & approaches on US-176	English	6%	
8.7351207	Durham	5	Widening, Grading, Drainage, PVMT Markings & Structures	I-85 from West of Camden Ave to North of Midland Terrace & East of Cheek Rd on US-70	English	10%	

LETTING DATE: Tuesday, June 15, 1999

*** MONDAY, June 14, 1999 6 PM - MIDNIGHT ***

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