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## City passes budget



Photo by Todd Luck

Many attendees wore Working America shirts at Monday night's City Council meeting to show support for raising the minimum wage for city workers to \$15 an hour by 2021.

### W-S council commits to \$15 wage minimum by 2021

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem City Council passed its \$530 million budget with no tax increase on Monday, June 18, with a commitment to raise the minimum wage for city workers to \$15 by 2021.

Last month, several advocates spoke during a public comment session asking for the city to put its commitment to reach a living or family wage of \$15 an hour by 2021 into a res-

olution. The city did just that as it included it in its annual personnel resolution, which increased the minimum city wage for this year to \$12.50 an hour.

Before the vote, Rev. Craig Schaub of Parkway United Church of Christ urged the council to make the commitment.

"Vote for a budget that sustains families, that strengthens our city," said Schaub.

Bishop Willard Bass, who spoke during the budget hearing to thank the city for its support of Freedom Tree at IDR, also added his support to a \$15 minimum city wage.

"I believe what the family wage will do is help our community a lot by showing that we care for

those who lack resources," said Bass.

Many attendees wore red T-shirts from the worker advocacy group Working America to show their support, and some also spoke during the hearing. Several speakers were concerned about language in the resolution that said the goal was "subject to funding availability."

City Manager Lee Garry said that commitments the city makes on future funding are subject to money available in future budgets.

"The reality is, everything you do ... even if that language wasn't in there, everything is subject to the budget each year," said

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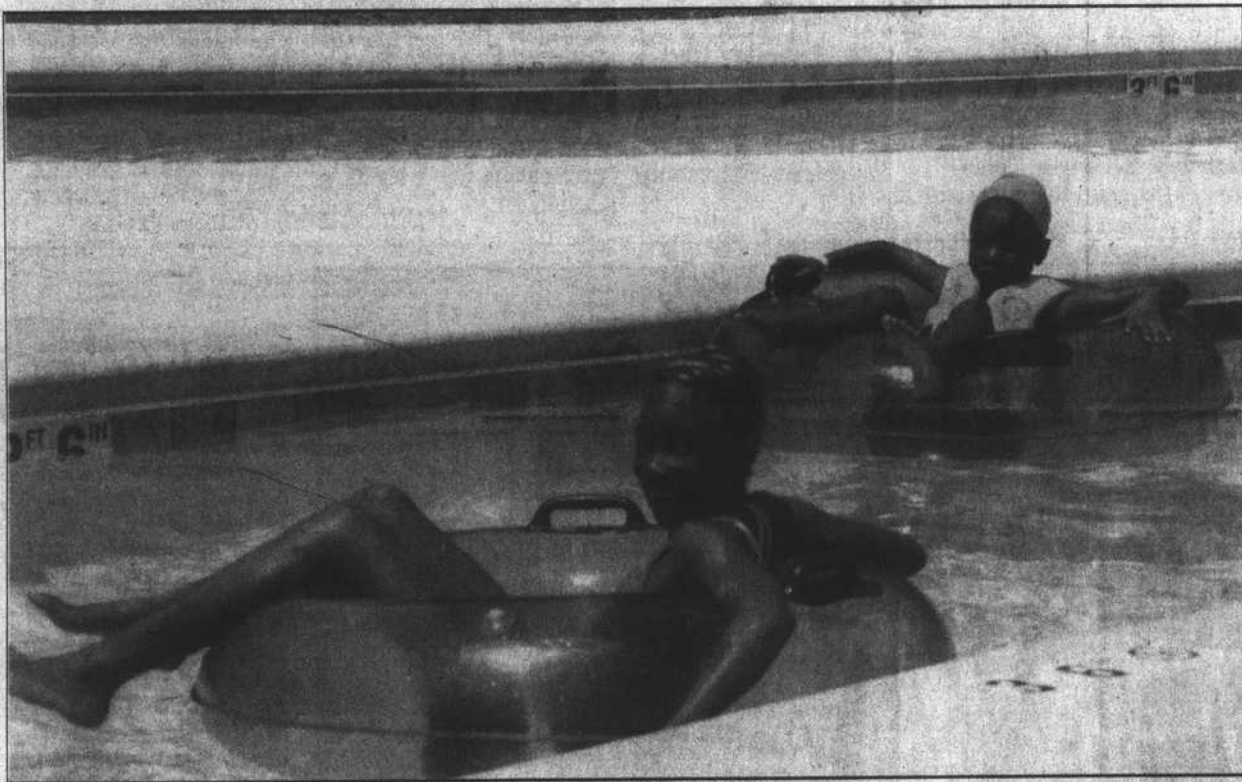


Photo by Tevin Stinson

With temperatures in the mid-90s all week, residents have been taking advantage of the Winston Waterworks water park at 3584 Winston Lake Road.

## Juneteenth Festival celebrates freedom

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

Last weekend, communities across the country came together to celebrate Juneteenth, or Freedom Day. The American holiday commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the United States.

Here in the City of Arts and Innovation, Triad Cultural Arts Inc. has played host to the Juneteenth Festival for the



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Hundreds of residents gathered at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter and Bailey Park last weekend for the 14th annual Juneteenth Festival.

past 14 years. This year's celebration began with an African libation ritual performed by Dr. Felicia Piggott-Long. While watering a plant, Piggott-Long roared the names of ancestors who paved the way for African-Americans. She then asked festivalgoers to join in.

"Martin Luther King Jr.," "Malcolm X," "Maya Angelou" were just a few of the names that echoed from the center of Wake Forest Innovation Quarter.

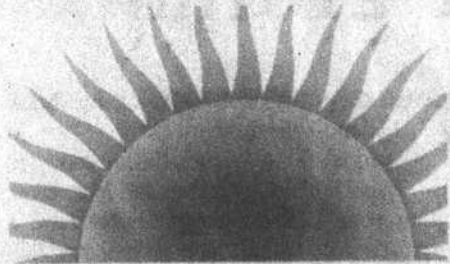
For the second year in a row, Dr. Kimya Dennis and

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## Keep cool, safe in the heat

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Welcome to summer. Today is the first day, although some people checked out Winston Waterworks water park this week



before the big day arrived. Forecasters are warning of dangerous heat in North Carolina this week.

The National Weather Service said the heat is expected to run at least through Thursday, today.

Temperatures in the Triad are predicted

to reach the mid-90s with a heat index close to 100. Also, forecasters said high temperatures from Charlotte to Raleigh to Wilmington are expected to be in the upper 90s. But forecasters say including the effect of humidity, the heat index will range from 103 to 109 degrees every day.

The weather service said once the heat index tops 90, people are at much higher risk for sunstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion if they have prolonged exposure to the heat.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency where the person's body temperature reaches 106 degrees or higher. A person can become unconscious and needs emergency medical assistance. Heat stroke can be fatal.



With the heat index reaching 100 degrees this week, residents of all ages take advantage of one of the city's newest attractions, the Winston Waterworks water park on Winston Lake Road.

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## Senate overrides Cooper vetoes of judicial district, election bills

BY GARY D. ROBERTSON  
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RALEIGH — Republican legislators are moving to try to override Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's vetoes, this time on legislation redrawing judicial districts in some of North Carolina's counties and election security.

The North Carolina Senate on Tuesday, June 19, voted to override Gov. Roy Cooper's vetoes of two bills — Senate Bill 486, which tightens election security measures to protect against the threat of outside influence, and Senate Bill 757, which makes changes to judicial districts in four counties.

House Republicans would vote

either Wednesday or today.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's vetoes of two bills adds more uncertainty to already unusual state elections this fall for judges and in races where new political parties want to field candidates.

Cooper announced late Friday — less than three hours before a 10-day state constitutional deadline — his

decision to block a pair of measures.

One adjusts many judicial election districts in Wake, Mecklenburg, Pender, and New Hanover counties.

The other bill requires criminal background checks for key state and county election board workers and makes more directions about how this November's elections for judi-

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