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Officials delay decision on how to fill Montgomery's seat after backlash

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The City Council put on hold its decision on how to pick a replacement for the East Ward City Council member after being berated by several Democrats in the ward who demanded a special election.

The City Council voted 5-3 to accept applications for East Ward Democrats once Derwin Montgomery resigns the seat and have the City Council choose his



successor. Montgomery, who is also one of the Chronicle's co-owners, was recently appointed to take the seat of N.C. Rep. Ed Hanes, who recently resigned to pursue other opportunities.

Mayor Allen Joines submitted the resolution after consulting with City



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Council members. He said there wasn't enough time for it to be on the ballot in the General Election and if a special election was held, the city would have to pay for it.

The vote divided the



council, with Robert Clark, Jeff MacIntosh and James Taylor siding against it. Clark, a Republican, drew applause when he said it wasn't right for a body with seven people who don't live in the East Ward



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to decide who represents that ward. He felt a special election was worth the money. "I think democracy

doesn't have a price to it," said Clark.

A group of East Ward



Carter

Democratic precinct chairs and residents attended with plans to advocate for a special election. They filled almost the entire 30minute public comment session with spirited con-See Council on A2



East Winston development plan gets mixed reviews

After holding meetings with residents and stakeholders in East Winston and surrounding communities on several different occasions over the past two years, on Tuesday, Aug. 21 representatives from Ayers Saint. Gross, a Baltimore-based design firm unveiled the East End Master Plan during a public gathering at First Calvary Baptist Church.

Since February 2016, Ayers Saint Gross has been

Food for thought

Children at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Winston-Salem are served breakfast as part of a summer feeding program. A coalition of groups unveiled a Think Orange campaign against hunger on Aug. 17, hoping to get more families to participate in programs like the summer feeding program. SEE STORY ON PAGE A3.

Aretha Franklin: history-maker

BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aretha Franklin, arguably the greatest voice in music history, died at her home in Detroit on Thursday, Aug.16.

Her legacy lives on.

As a 21-year-old Aretha Franklin worked on her singing voice in New York during the summer of 1963, her father, Rev. C. L. Franklin, raced to finish the final touches on the planned March on Washington.

Nearly five decades later, Franklin found herself in Washington and performing "My Country Tis of Thee" at the inauguration of the nation's first black president.

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Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin sings "My Country Tis of Thee" at the inauguration of the nation's first black president, Barack Obama, in 2009.

It wasn't the first time she sang to a Leader of the Free World.

Throughout her career, the Queen of Soul" often returned to the nation's capital for performances that at times put her in line with key moments of U.S. history. She sang for diplomats, welcomed emperors and brought one president - Barack Obama - to tears. Franklin accepted many honors and performed for charities and civil rights groups in Washington. She even got in one heated argument at the White House with another unnamed diva that resulted in the two performers reportedly exchanging obscene gestures toward each other.

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More than 100 residents gathered at First Calvary Baptist Church earlier this week to get a glimpse at the East End Master Plan developed by Ayers Saint Gross, a Baltimore-based design firm.

holding public meetings to receive feedback on what the community would like to see the future of the East End look like. The design firm, which is responsible for Wake Forest Innovation Quarter and most of the redevelopment downtown, was brought on by city officials and the Simon Green Atkins Community Development Corporation (CDC) to take a serious look at the neighborhoods west of U.S. Highway 52 and along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

City Council Member Derwin Montgomery, who is a co-owner of The Chronicle, said the purpose of hiring Ayers Saint Gross is to set guidelines for future developers and investors in East Winston.

During the question and answer portion of the meeting, Montgomery received mixed emotions from the

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Crystal Towers sale would displace 200

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Crystal Towers, an 11-story public housing apartment building for seniors and those with disabilities, is up for sale.

The high-rise on West Sixth

Street was built in 1970 and has approximately 200 residents. It's owned by the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, whose board approved the sale last week. HAWS says that the building's more than \$7 million in repairs is more than it can afford. A Request for Offers is open from Aug. 20-Oct. 15. HAWS has the right to reject any offer and any sale would need be to approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If the sale is approved, HAWS will offer Crystal Towers residents the option of moving into a one-bedroom unit at one of HAWS' properties or a voucher for a one-bedroom unit in privately owned rental housing, which could also be used outside the city and in other states as well. If residents use the voucher and their rent doesn't cover water, electricity

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