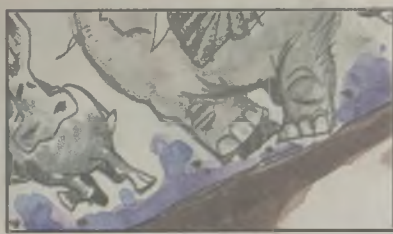


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## Council finds 2-step solution

### Filling East Ward vacancy to include temporary appointment

BY TODD LUCK  
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The Winston-Salem City Council has decided to appoint someone to temporarily fill the East Ward seat and then hold a

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special election, contingent on General Assembly action.

East Ward City Council Member Derwin Montgomery, who is also one of the Chronicle's owners, was recently picked to replace 72nd District State Rep. Ed



City Council Members Robert Clark, Dan Besse and Derwin Montgomery listen to residents during Tuesday night's meeting Sept. 4.

Photos by Todd Luck

Hanes, who retired from the General Assembly to pursue other opportunities.

Montgomery hasn't announced when he'll resign his City Council seat

for his new position, but has said there are items that will come before the council he wants to vote on before he steps down.

Replacing Montgomery

became a controversial topic when the council considered it last month. A split City Council had approved a process where it would've taken applica-

tions from the public and then selected who would represent the East Ward. This drew the ire of some Democrats in the ward, who demanded a special

election.

The City Council decided to reconsider its action, but council members were unsatisfied that the only type of special election they could hold wouldn't have a primary and would instead rely on political parties to nominate the candidates.

During Tuesday's meeting, Montgomery proposed a two-part solution. First, to have an interim City Council member, nominated by the Forsyth County Democratic Party's executive committee members in the East Ward once Montgomery announced his retirement, who would be approved by the council.

The second part involves the City Council crafting a local act in its General Government Committee that the General Assembly would pass authorizing special elections for council seats in Winston-Salem that would

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

More than a dozen people came together last weekend to discuss ways to stop the violence and encourage people to put the guns down during an open discussion hosted by Rally Up Winston-Salem.

## Rally Up seeks ways to stop the violence in W-S

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

In response to the recent rise in violent crimes in the area, Rally Up Winston-Salem, a grassroots organization against street and gang violence, is bringing people together to share their thoughts, feelings, and solutions to the issues currently plaguing the city.

Last Saturday, Sept. 1, Rally Up launched an initiative to have open discussions with residents where most of the violence is taking place to allow everyone an open platform to express themselves. During the event titled "Project Ground Zero: Real Talk for a Real Time," held at Rupert Bell Park, more than a dozen residents came out to

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## Florida win by Gillum shocks political world

FROM CHRONICLE WIRE REPORTS

Wildly outspent by a billionaire challenger and the daughter of a former Florida governor, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, 39, shocked the political establishment to win the gubernatorial primary in Florida on Aug. 28.

Gillum, an African-American, defeated former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham 34 percent to 31 percent to



Gillum

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win the Democratic nomination. He will now face pro-Trump U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis in the general election on Nov. 6.

The Associated Press reports that DeSantis wasted no time in stirring controversy.

The man who could become Florida's first black governor on Sunday, Sept. 2, called on his opponent to refrain from name-calling and to focus on the issues.

Gillum was asked about comments Republican DeSantis made after Tuesday's primary. DeSantis said voters aren't going to "monkey this up" by electing Gillum.

"He's gotten accustomed to calling names. He's a Harvard-educated man, surely he knows his way around

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## County to pick who will build new courthouse today

### Commissioners also considering options on courthouse parking

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Forsyth County commissioners will choose who will build the new

Hall of Justice during their meeting today.

The county received three proposals for the project, which has a \$120 million budget. Each proposal has two companies teaming-up for the project. A majority of a committee made of county staff and stakeholders recommended Whiting-Turner Contracting, a national con-

struction firm, which is teamed with Holt Brothers Construction, a Raleigh-based minority-owned company, founded by former football stars Terrence and Torry Holt. The commissioners, however, may choose any of the three proposals.

The other two proposals were from locally owned Frank L. Blum Construction Co. teamed with

Barnhill Contracting Co. and Samet Corp. teamed with Balfour Beatty Construction. Each of the companies has an extensive portfolio of construction projects.

During last week's briefing on Aug. 30, County Commissioner Everett Witherspoon reiterated his support for Greensboro-based

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