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Upcoming Community Meetings

MARTA

Community Forum on
Bus and Train Route Cuts

March 2, 2010

**Adamsville
Recreation
Center**

6.00 PM – 8.00 PM

Atlanta City Council

Community Development-
Human Resources
Committee

Public Work Sessions

March 3, 2010

1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

Code Enforcement

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March 18, 2010

1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

Recreation Centers

Both Work Sessions will
be held in Committee
Room #2 @ City Hall,
55 Trinity Avenue



Councilmember Michael Julian Bond (far right) taking the oath of office during the 2010 Inaugural Ceremony held at the Atlanta Civic Center on January 4.

COUNCILMEMBER BOND PROPOSES FUND TO ADDRESS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS; REFERENDUM NEXT STEP

The City is facing a public infrastructure crisis. Forty seven percent of city streets need resurfacing, 11% of city bridges are obsolete or structurally deficient. Over 50% of the City's fleet, including Atlanta Police Department squad cars and Atlanta Fire Rescue engine trucks, are past their effective life cycle.

To remedy these immediate infrastructure needs will cost the City some \$750 million. Over the next 25 years that amount will rise to \$3.1 billion. On February 1 the City Council, in a 13 to 0 vote, passed legislation introduced by Councilmember Bond requesting the

General Assembly place a referendum before Atlanta voters for a one cent Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST). The MOST would allow the City to capture funds from non-residents whose daytime population exceeds 1 million who work and visit Atlanta.

These non-residents use City services such as public safety and water resources in addition to placing a tremendous burden on the public infrastructure.

Please contact your State Representative and State Senator to support this important legislation.

BOND ASKS FOR CITYWIDE POLICE ZONE & BEAT REDESIGN

On January 4, during the City Council's inaugural meeting, Councilmember Michael Julian Bond introduced legislation requesting the Atlanta Police Department develop a city-wide zone and beat redesign plan. The resolution passed unanimously on February 1. It is anticipated APD will present recommendations this summer to the Mayor and Council.

The legislation addresses findings from an April 2009 performance audit on police patrol officer availability. The report found that a realignment of police resources, including the current beat boundaries, would increase police patrol presence and response city-wide. The City's zone and beat boundaries were last formulated in 2004 while in the intervening years the City's population has grown to well over half a million. This dramatic shift in population has led to increased fears and pressing concerns regarding decreased police availability and slow response time. Councilmember Bond believes all residents should feel safe in their communities and he will continue to advocate on this issue. Meetings for public input on the beat and zone redesign will be announced in the coming weeks. Please make your voice count!



Councilmember Bond (right) reviewing legislation during the January 19, 2010 City Council meeting.

BOND HONORS SNCC LEGACY

On February 1, the Atlanta City Council adopted legislation authored by Councilmember Bond officially renaming Raymond Street, SW to SNCC Way, SW in honor of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The group's headquarters were housed at 6 Raymond Street, on what is today the campus of Clark Atlanta University. Sit-ins, voter registration drives and participation in the 1961 Freedom Rides were all launched from the Raymond Street office. An unveiling ceremony is scheduled for mid-April.



Julian Bond and members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Atlanta, Georgia, March 23, 1963 (Photograph: Richard Avedon)



Councilmember Bond with Kit Sutherland, president of the Fourth Ward Alliance in District 2.

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Solid Waste	(404) 330-6333
Public Works	(404) 330-6240
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Recycling	(404) 865.8540
Bureau of Code Compliance	(404) 330-6190
PARKatlanta	1-888-266-1360