



City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal Building
300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Committee

Monday, December 7, 2015

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

This Public Safety Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Call to Order

Present: 3 - Chairperson Marikay Abuzuaite, Vice Chair Tony Wilkins and Councilmember Yvonne J. Johnson

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Mike Barber

Also present were Assistant City Manager Wesley Reid, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and City Clerk Elizabeth H. Richardson.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to excuse Councilmember Barber from attendance at the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Councilmember Abuzuaite explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to refer the Consent Agenda to Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

1. [ID 15-0966](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$250,000 Amending State, Federal And Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Federal Grant Funds for 2015-17 Governor's Crime Commission Grant - Child Response Initiative
2. [ID 15-1008](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of November 9, 2015.

Motion to approve the minutes of the General Government Committee meeting of November 9, 2015 was adopted.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

3. [ID 15-0957](#) Joint Council-Human Relations Commission Resolution Adopting Changes to the Complaint Review Committee As Recommended By the CRC Enhancement Committee

Councilmember Abuzuaite stated that the item had been adopted unanimously by the Human Relations Commission on Thursday.

Assistant City Manager Reid spoke to the item; stated he had forwarded information to Council regarding the history of the item; and outlined what the Committee was being asked to do.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voiced appreciation for information that was forwarded to members.

Councilmember Wilkins referenced discussions regarding changing the name; and inquired if the committee would review fair housing cases.

City Attorney Tom Carruthers responded that the proposed committee would not include fair housing issues; that the current committee makeup would continue to hear fair housing issues; spoke to the specialized training for the committee; voiced that staff was recommending that Council as a whole consider the name change; and explained the process that would be used through the committee system.

Assistant City Manager Reid confirmed that staff was not opposed to including the word 'community' in the committee name.

Councilmember Wilkins voiced concerns for the changes in meeting locations and times; asked what the advantage was to changing locations; and stated he would vote to move the item to Council with some of the observations he had made for discussion at that time.

Assistant City Manager Reid responded that this would allow the committee to go into closed session which would not be open to the public; and that the alternate locations and times would allow the Committee to have educational public meetings prior to going into closed session.

Discussion took place regarding placing the item on the City's legislative agenda; pursuing the legislative bill in the 2016 Short Session; and things that were discovered during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Councilmember Wilkins commended staff for their work on the bill; voiced concern with a possible amendment four months down the road should the legislative bill be adopted; and spoke to the goal of the legislation.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter interjected that the community had waited over a year for Council to move forward; reiterated it would not be prudent to delay any longer; stated this was a good way to move forward; and recognized Human Relations Commission member David Wils in the audience.

Councilmember Wilkins confirmed the City would pursue legislative action; and stated that Zac Engle had been appointed the Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Chairperson Abuzuaiter, to
refer the resolution to Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

Ayes, 3 - Marikay Abuzuaiter, Tony Wilkins and Yvonne J. Johnson

Absent, 1 - Mike Barber

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. [ID 15-1017](#) Presentation From the Office of Community Engagement

Captain Trey Davis made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) which outlined the purpose of the Office of Community Engagement; meetings that had taken place to date; explained that this was to inform the Committee and public of the process; outlined the goal for what the office was seeking to do; added that the presentation was being used when the office went out into the community to introduce themselves; and emphasized the most important aspect of the division was to listen.

Councilmember Wilkins voiced his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in District 5 tonight due to a Council meeting being scheduled.

Captain Davis stated there had been several meetings which had an open healthy productive dialogue in an open forum; provided an outline of the responsibilities of the office; commended the work of Community Services Specialist Sue Davis; spoke to programs that the division would have; and to volunteer opportunities going forward. Captain Davis emphasized the importance to listen to and educate the public on common themes;

referenced efforts to connect people to community resources; and to building trust throughout the community.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter thanked the office for the work they had done.

Councilmember Wilkins commended the program; spoke to activity on nextdoor.com website from the Adams Farm area; and thanked the office for their work.

Captain Davis referenced the engagement of the community; and the ability for the division commanders and community resource officers to engage with the community through information shared on the site.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer X, Exhibit No. 35, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

Matters to be discussed by the Committee Members

There were no items for discussion by Committee members.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

There were no items for discussion by the City Manager.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:49 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

MARIKAY ABUZUAITER
CHAIRPERSON