



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Services Committee

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This Community Services Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 4 - Chairperson Jamal T. Fox, Vice Chair Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann and Councilmember Justin Outling

Also present were Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and Deputy City Clerk Angela R. Lord.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Councilmember Fox explained the Committee procedure for conduct of the meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

There were no consent agenda items for this agenda.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

1. [ID 15-0757](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$1,448,228 Appropriating Nussbaum Housing Partnership Fund Balance for Affordable Housing Programs

Assistant City Manager provided an overview and history for the item; and recognized Community Planning Manager, Cindy Blue to present the item.

Councilmember Hightower stated the item had been approved by the General Government Committee on September 8th; and requested a brief presentation.

Ms. Blue made a PowerPoint Presentation; provided an overview and history for the item; highlighted current housing programs; spoke to a partnership with Community Housing Solutions; referenced free Housing and Urban Development (HUD) classes; outlined new housing programs; spoke to single and multifamily development funding; and provided projected participation numbers.

Councilmember Hightower inquired about heating repair programs; and in-house home buyer classes.

Ms. Blue spoke to contracting and regulations with outside organizations; HUD certified organizations; and clarified the need to out-source the classes.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer X, Exhibit No. 26 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann, to refer the ordinance to Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

2. [ID 15-0790](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Operating

Agreement Between the City of Greensboro and Greensboro Downtown
Parks Inc. for LeBauer Park

Assistant City Manager Wilson provided an overview and history of the item.

**Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to
refer the resolution to Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. [ID 15-0777](#) Greensboro Science Center Update

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to future growth of the Greensboro Science Center; the addition of an Octopus Tank; invited everyone to attend the September 25th Gala; stated television stars from the show Tanked would be in attendance; outlined additional improvements; stated the Science Center had been recognized in the top twenty North Carolina attractions; and spoke to the investment.

Discussion took place regarding the economic impact of the Science Center.

4. [ID 15-0778](#) Windsor/Chavis Joint Facility Planning Update

Assistant City Manager Wilson provided a brief overview and history of the item; and recognized Library Director Brigitte Blanton to present the item.

Ms. Blanton made a PowerPoint Presentation; highlighted the needed upgrades; confirmed there would not be a loss of services; outlined library services; spoke to the spacing challenges; outlined services and resources offered by City partners; what would happen when two community anchors occupy one space; and spoke to the Rebirth of Government in the Community.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to combining services; a one stop shop; asked if a location had been chosen; and for confirmation that there would not be a loss of services.

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to properties that were being researched; outlined the next steps; spoke to a unique concept; and to a vetting process.

Ms. Blanton confirmed the City would be expanding services.

Councilmember Fox spoke to having multiple services under one roof; requested the project be expedited; and thanked Ms. Blanton for her work on the item.

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5. [ID 15-0791](#) National Folk Festival Update

Assistant City Manager Wilson provided a brief overview of the item; and recognized Josh Sherrick of Parks and Recreation to present the item.

Mr. Sherrick spoke to Greensboro being on the National stage; outlined various areas of the Festival; provided the history of Greensboro hosting the Festival; made a PowerPoint Presentation; spoke to the definition of Folk; highlighted event hours; stated Belk was the title sponsor for the event; spoke to a partnership with Guilford County; City wide improvements; this being a completely free event; and extended an invitation for everyone to attend.

Discussion took place regarding the excitement in the air in Greensboro; the dedication of the public art piece "Rise Up"; economic impact; appreciation for staff for working with existing businesses; showcasing Greensboro;

and that no other City in North Carolina had hosted this event.

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Matters to be discussed by Committee Members

Councilmember Hightower provided information for the Paint the Town program on September 19th; contact information for people interested in volunteering; spoke to a Guilford County partnership initiative called Food Desert Storm to kickoff on September 19th; recognized Commissioner Ray Trapp for contacting the City; and spoke to transporting citizens to grocery stores for the event.

Assistant City Manager Wilson confirmed Commissioner Trapp had arranged for transportation.

Councilmember Hoffmann thanked everyone for their work on the Folk Festival; spoke to the planning involved with such an event; and reiterated the event was free.

Councilmember Fox spoke to exciting items coming to realization in Greensboro; to various projects spread out across the City; and commended Assistant City Manager Wilson and staff for all the hard work.

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 Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Outling to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

JAMAL FOX
CHAIRPERSON