



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

3:00 PM

VIRTUAL

### I. Call To Order

This virtual City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm Councilmembers in attendance. The following members were present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Yvonne J. Johnson, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts and Assistant City Clerk, Victoria L. Howell.

### II. Presentations

#### 1. [ID 21-0035](#) Legislative Agenda

Mayor Vaughan recognized City Attorney, Chuck Watts.

City Attorney Watts provided a spread sheet on the tentative City of Greensboro 2020 Legislative Agenda, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce agendas, which highlighted 32 areas of interest specific to the City as follows: Body Worn Camera, Triad Connected Cities, Restore Transportation Funding, Small Business Enterprise, Repair of Nonresidential Buildings and Re-write of Planning Statutes, Collection of Parking Fines Linked to DMV Registration, Presumptive Disability for Fire Fighters, Health Care for Retired Councilmembers, Fire Department: Search and Rescue Funds, 25 MPH Speed Limit Authority, Stand Up Scooter Statewide, School Zone Electronic Speed Enforcement, HB 278: Study Parity for First Responders, HB 431: FIBER NC Act, HB 77: Electronic Standup Scooters, HB 135: Enjoin Sanctuary Ordinances, HB 396: Municipal Local Option Sales Tax, HB 520: Firefighter Fighting Cancer Act, HB 570: Water/Wastewater Public Enterprise Reform, HB 902: Temp Open Clubs & Similar Establishments/Outdoor, HB 1010: Criminal Law Reform, HB 1200: Foreclosure Previous Grants/Rental & Utilities Assistance, SB 571: Local Government/Unsafe Buildings, HB 193: Greensboro/Small Business Enterprise, HB 311: Greensboro/Real Property Conveyances, Amend NCGS 95-25.8 to allow for automatic enrollment of new employees into deferred compensation plan, Workforce for New Collar Jobs, CARES Act Funding Request, Parks and Recreation Funding Advocacy Request, Realignment of general funds and increased resource support for COG Community Services related programs, Legislative Support for expanding and improving recreational access, and Advocacy and Support for Community Services facility investments.

Discussion took place regarding disciplinary action for body worn camera usage.

Deputy City Clerk Tebony Rosa stated the need for a remission due to technical difficulties at 3:05 pm.

Mayor Vaughan declared a recess at 3:05 pm. City Council returned to open session at 3:14 pm with all members in attendance.

Discussion continued regarding the removal of items from the Legislative agenda; engagement of small businesses; proactive Code Compliance; Rental Unit Certificate of Occupancy (RUCO); rental registration; problematic properties; collection of parking fines; City Council health care qualifiers; and speed limit criteria; and enforcements.

Councilmember Outling requested staff to research guidelines regarding rental properties; code compliance procedures; and a broader scale for electronic speed enforcement.

Discussion ensued regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding; privatization and sales of alcohol on Sunday's; and revenue streams.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to provide the revised Legislative agenda at an upcoming meeting.

(A copy of the Spread sheet is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No.1, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

## 2. [ID 21-0036](#) Entertainment Ordinance

City Attorney Watts spoke to a Entertainment Ordinance that was previously passed by City Council in 2014; to ORD revisions; to stakeholder engagement; and recognized Assistant City Attorney, Polly Sizemore.

Assistant City Attorney Sizemore spoke to pros and cons of the ordinance; to selling, serving, or allowing of alcohol; to criminal acts of violence; to use of deadly force; to crimes committed on the premises of businesses; and to the obtainment of security at businesses.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to review on a case by case bases; to preservation of businesses; to upcoming stakeholder meetings; to a public hearing; to re-branding bars; to violence and homicides; and to support for the Greensboro Police Department (GPD).

Discussion took place regarding aggravated assault locations; solutions for violence; business compliance; additional data; and state statutes.

Councilmember Outling requested staff to provide information on policy considerations.

Greensboro Police Chief Brian James spoke to collection of data; to a fair review of establishments; and to peer municipalities.

Discussion continued regarding policy considerations; stakeholder input; crime prevention; and the need for more data.

## **III. Adjournment**

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:55 P.M.

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR

VICTORIA L. HOWELL  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK