



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

4:00 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

I. Call To Order

This City Council Work Session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzwaiter, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Tammi Thurm, Councilmember Justin Outling and Councilmember Michelle Kennedy.

Absents: Councilmember Goldie Wells.

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts and City Clerk representative Cathy Justice.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed Councilmember Wells would not participate in the work session.

II. Presentations

2. [ID 20-0091](#) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Presentation

Taking the prerogative of the Chair, Mayor Vaughan stated the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Presentation would be heard first.

City Manager David Parrish recognized Water Resources Director Steve Drew to provide an overview of the item.

Mr. Drew referenced Smart Cities initiative; spoke to water conservation; to sustainability; to water meter reading technology advancements; stated Water Resources Customer Service Manager Jeff Kimel was instrumental in working closely with the consultants regarding this project; and recognized Water Resources Senior Manager Kristine Williams.

Councilmember Justin Outling entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Williams made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); explained Excergy was a consultant hired to determine if AMI would be beneficial; explained the history of meter reading; spoke to the 2004 feasibility study; to the switch to monthly billing in 2006 through 2008; to real time metering; to 10-year planning; to capital improvement funds; to enhanced customer usage tracking; and to advanced notice of leakage for early intervention.

Councilmember Hightower inquired about application usability for those who do not have a personal computer or smart phone; and to an application that is accessible on any public computer or public portal.

Ms. Williams stated future business decisions would be made based on technology availability; alignment with the City's strategic goals; reduction in truck trips and carbon emissions; customer service; real time pressure and flow data to manage water flow distribution; vendor selection; and spoke to a future City Council update.

Councilmember Michelle Kennedy entered the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding meters and transmitters; other North Carolina cities usage of AMI; and technology adjustment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to partner with Jobcorp and Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) to employ people based on the new technology.

Councilmember Thurm requested information on the installation period to which Ms. Williams confirmed an installation period of approximately three years; and added staff would continue to set aside funds for future technology upgrades.

City Manager Parrish stated staff would provide updates.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No. 3 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

1. [ID 20-0062](#) Permanent Supportive Housing Presentation

City Manager Parrish recognized Neighborhood Development Manager Lamont Taylor.

Mr. Taylor made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); spoke to combining affordable housing and on-site case management for chronically homeless; to stable housing; to mainstream services; to employment growth; to partnerships; to project discussions; and to evaluating potential Greensboro sites.

Discussion took place regarding reduction of hospital visits and jail incarcerations; medical clinic wraparound services; and behavioral health and homelessness.

Councilmember Outling spoke to investments.

Mr. Taylor outlined potential PSH solutions; private funding; and spoke to an outside managed program.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to use of a voucher program; to the need for housing units; and to federal program funding.

Homelessness Prevention Coordinator Elizabeth Danley spoke to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) use of a "Move-On" strategy to transition residents from permanent supportive housing to Section 8 housing.

City Manager Parrish referenced City-owned assets in the Maple Street area; and to a counter proposal.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concern regarding use of the Maple Street building due to location in relation to the Greensboro Police Substation; and to a new site construction.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to program oversight; and to partnerships.

City Council requested City Manager Parrish to continue negotiations on the Maple Street property.

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3. [ID 20-0092](#) Recess to Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Thurm to go into closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the City's attorneys and the City Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

The City Council Work Session recessed to closed session at 4:51 p.m

Council returned to open session in the Council Chamber at 5:37 p.m. with all members in attendance except Councilmember Wells.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to return to open session at 5:37 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

III. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to adjourn the City Council Work Session. The motion carried by voice vote.

THIS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 5:38 P.M.

CATHY JUSTICE
CITY CLERK REPRESENTATIVE

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR