



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This Public Safety 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 Marikay Abuzuaiter, Vice Chair Tony Wilkins, Councilmember Mike Barber and Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson

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

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Barber, to refer the consent agenda to Council. The motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes, 4 - Marikay Abuzuaiter, Tony Wilkins, Mike Barber and Yvonne J. Johnson

1. [ID 15-0769](#) Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number One in the Amount of \$33,486.00 with H.M. Kern Corp. for Fire Station 59 - Contract No. 2012-072
2. [ID 15-0753](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$803,546 Amending the FY 15-16 Technical Services Fund Budget and the FY 15-16 Technical Services Capital Project Fund Budget

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

There were no business items for this agenda.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. [ID 15-0781](#) Update on Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP)

Police Chief Wayne Scott made a PowerPoint Presentation which outlined the history and philosophy of Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP); explained what NOP was about; spoke to the goals and strategy of NOP; to the collection of data; outlined the goals for patrol deployment as well as related departmental goals; and outlined the process for responding to priority one calls. Chief Scott provided the preliminary findings from Phase 1; outlined the impacts on patrols and the department; the new patrol staffing level process; and added that the plan would be implemented by repurposing exiting positions. Chief Scott provided the process for implementation of Phases 2 and 3 of the NOP; and stated the department would continue to work with Dr. Santos on implementation.

Committee members commended the work of the Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson inquired about what was being done regarding street crime; and what Chief Scott's view was regarding the citizen's review process.

Chief Scott responded that the department was adding a street crime unit which would work seven days a week to fulfill a gap to work with repeat offenders; help prevent future crime; spoke to the best method of prosecution; and the success of the gun crime program. Chief Scott voiced that the citizen's review process was important to the department; that the City had a good review process; that changes proposed by Council were positive; and emphasized that police departments around the state were looking at Greensboro's process.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter thanked Chief Scott for his work; and spoke to the challenges in ensuring NOP was a success.

Matters to be discussed by Committee Members

There were no items for discussion from the members of the Committee.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

Assistant City Manager Wesley Reid provided the status of the Fire Chief search; spoke to and provided photographs of the 9/11 Stair Climb over the past weekend; commended the Fire Department; thanked Council for issuing the public safety appreciation certificates which would be presented on Friday, September 11th; and spoke to those who would be receiving said certificates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson thanked Councilmember Wilkins for coming up with the idea of the certificates; reminded the audience to keep the families who lost loved ones on 9/11 in their thoughts; and voiced gratitude for the public safety personnel of the City.

Councilmember Wilkins inquired about the cost of the Fire Chief search; asked if it needed to be a nationwide search; and if the City had qualified applicants from within.

Assistant City Manager Reid explained the process and reasons for a nationwide search; stated that there were some qualified in-house candidates; and emphasized the goal was to get the best person to fill the position.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

Adjournment

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

THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 6:29 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

MARIKAY ABUZUAITER
CHAIRPERSON