



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

5:30 PM

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### Call to Order

This Virtual City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm the following members were present:

Present: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Michelle Kennedy, Councilmember Justin Outling, Councilmember Tammi Thurm and Councilmember Goldie F. Wells

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and City Clerk Angela Lord.

### Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Vaughan explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

### I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

#### 1. [ID 20-0609](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late Billy Eugene Adams

Mayor Vaughan stated it was time for ceremonial item; and called on Councilmember Wells.

Councilmember Wells read the resolution into the record; and recognized the late Billy Eugene Adams' daughter Jenelle Lindsay, and Representative Alma Adams.

Ms. Lindsay voiced appreciation for the resolution; and spoke to Mr. Adams' work in the community.

Representative Adams echoed appreciation for the recognition; spoke to Mr. Adams' character and family; commended City Council for their service; and offered assistance with housing in Greensboro.

Mayor Vaughan expressed appreciation to Representative Adams for her service.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Wells, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

#### 240-20 RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE LATE BILLY EUGENE ADAMS

WHEREAS, the late Billy Eugene Adams was born in Wayne County, North Carolina September 13, 1942; was the 7th of 10 children; was nicknamed "Bit"; grew up in the Best Station Community in rural Wayne County; and passed away on February 12, 2020 at age 78 in Greensboro, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, he attended Wayne County Public Schools; graduated from Central High School in Goldsboro in 1959;

received his Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (A&T) in 1968; and later earned his master's degree in Social Science Education;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams enlisted in the United States Airforce in 1960 where he served as Air Policeman on active duty; served two years in the Air Force Reserves; and was honorably discharged in 1968;

WHEREAS, he worked with special needs children in Guilford County Schools; taught in Greensboro and High Point; and served as Assistant Principal at Graham High School in Alamance County;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams worked in the Greensboro Public Libraries Circulation Department; and at the North Carolina A&T State University in the Archives Department where he retired in 2014;

WHEREAS, he wrote and produced a series of books on children and discipline addressing anti-social behavior, anti-learning behavior, unwise decisions to use tobacco, drugs or alcohol; and to engage in unwise behaviors and habits causing unfavorable outcomes: "ISS Student Handbook I: A Handbook for In-School Suspension Students", "ISS Student Handbook II: A Survival Guide for Today's Imperiled Youth," and "ISS: A Manual for In-School Suspension Teachers;"

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams faithfully attended Jackson Chapel AME Zion Church, LaGrange, North Carolina where he served in numerous capacities including Deacon and Trustee; and was affiliated with Saint James Holiness Church, Greensboro, North Carolina and High Point Deliverance Temple, High Point, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, he was an avid Lakers basketball fan; enjoyed playing chess, checkers and ping pong; enjoyed singing Karaoke as the "Karaoke King" as he impersonated various well-known artists; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City Council wishes to express its condolences, and offer its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service of the late Billy Eugene Adams. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he made.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Billy Eugene Adams as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to the community.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Vaughan stated public forum comments received would be posted to the City website for public access.

## **III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)**

Mayor Vaughan asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda; and reminded Council that any items removed from the consent agenda, other than for a recusal or for the purpose to vote 'No' would be placed on the next business meeting agenda as a business item.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to adopt the consent agenda . The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

2. [ID 20-0595](#) Ordinance Amending the Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget in the Amount of \$125,311 to Support Contracted Fire Districts from Impacts of COVID 19

20-0116 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,311 TO SUPPORT CONTRACTED FIRE DISTRICTS FROM IMPACTS OF COVID 19

Section 1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO: That the appropriation for the Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget be increased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4025-01.4210	Overtime	\$ 69,395
220-4025-02.4210	Overtime	\$ 29,972
220-4025-03.4210	Overtime	\$ 25,944
Total		\$ 125,311

Account	Description	Amount
220-4025-01.7100	Federal Grant	\$ 69,395
220-4025-02.7100	Federal Grant	\$ 29,972
220-4025-03.7100	Federal Grant	\$ 25,944
Total		\$ 125,311

Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

- 3. [ID 20-0618](#) Ordinance Amending the General Capital Improvements Fund In the Amount of \$78,800 to Appropriate Funding for Mayer Park Improvements

20-0117 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,800 FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR MAYER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Section 1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the General Capital Improvements Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriation to the General Capital Improvements Fund be increased as follows:

Account name – Sherwood-Mayer Park Improvements

Account	Description	Amount
410-5017-09.5612	Maint/Improvements-Grounds	\$78,800
Total		\$78,800

And, that this increase is financed by increasing the General Capital Improvements Fund accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
410-5017-09.8616	Sale of Real Estate	\$78,800
TOTAL: \$78,800		

Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

4. [ID 20-0586](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 8/11/2020 through 8/24/2020

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of 8/11/2020 through 8/24/2020 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.22 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

5. [ID 20-0587](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 8/11/2020 through 8/24/2020

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of 8/11/2020 through 8/24/2020 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.22 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

6. [ID 20-0601](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 3, 2020 was adopted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

There were no public hearing items for this agenda.

#### **V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

There were no business items for this agenda.

##### Matters to be discussed by the Mayor and Members of the Council

Taking the prerogative of the Chair, Mayor Vaughan combined Boards and Commissions appointments with Council Comments.

Moved by Mayor Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to appoint Josie Williams to the Greensboro Housing Authority to replace Hanna Cockburn. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson referenced a Zoning Commission appointment.

Councilmember Hoffmann provided updates to the upcoming virtual North Carolina (NC) Folk Festival on September 11th-13th; highlighted three two-hour films featuring local talent; and spoke to archival footage for later viewing.

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to appoint Tiffany Turner to the Community Sustainability Council to replace Will Years. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and

Councilmember Wells.

Councilmember Wells spoke to an upcoming virtual Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro meeting.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter echoed information regarding the NC Folk Festival. Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to appoint Arlene Dolin to the Greensboro Public Library Board of Trustees to replace Ivan Cutler. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

Councilmember Thurm expressed the importance of completing the Census by the September deadline.

Councilmember Kennedy echoed Councilmember Thurm's comments regarding the Census; spoke to election related safety precautions; to absentee ballots; and to the State Board of Elections website.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns regarding Boards and Commissions (B/C) appointments; requested staff to schedule a work session for B/C discussions; spoke to racial equity and disparity training; to the Census and voter registration; to upcoming food giveaways at Hayes-Taylor YMCA and Parks and Recreation facilities; to COVID-19 testing and the 3 Ws (Wash, Wait, Wear); and to enforcement procedures of Governor Cooper's Executive Order.

City Manager Parrish spoke to creating a dashboard format for all B/C; and to a scheduled racial equity training for B/C appointees and staff liaisons.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the Greensboro Police Department's (GPD) coordinated strategic efforts and response to noncompliance with the Executive Order.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to go into closed session to in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as we receive a litigation update from our city attorney and retained counsel regarding city-involved litigation. The parties to the litigation to be discussed, in addition to the City of Greensboro, include Alfred Lewis, Amica Mutual Insurance Company, Ascent Construction Solutions, LLC, Ashley Abbott, BNT Ad Agency, LLC, Christopher Bradshaw, D.H. Griffin Infrastructure, David Troyer, David Wray, Deric Stubbs, Douglas Strader, Dylan Alling, George Smith, Global Impact Ministries, Inc., Guilford County, Guilford EMS Paramedics, Jaala Janene Baker, Justin Payne, Jolene Troyer, Jordan Bailey, Josiah Chavez, Kevin Carter, Lee Andrews, Lt. Knott, Mary Smith, Michael Montalvo, Mitchell Johnson, Nancy Vaughn, Paul Nisley, Rafael Garcia Flores, Robert Duncan, Rodney Keister, Tom Carruthers. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

Council recessed to closed session at 5:59 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:00 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to return to open session. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

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 Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD  
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR