City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final
General Government Committee

Monday, December 7, 2015 **4:30 PM** **Council Chamber**

This General Government Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:40 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Call to Order

Present: 4 - Chairperson Yvonne J. Johnson, Vice Chair Mike Barber, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

Also present were City Manager Jim Westmoreland, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and City Clerk Elizabeth H. Richardson.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to refer the Consent Agenda to Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

1. ID 15-0930 Resolution Authorizing Contract Number 2010-015 with Pillar Design Studios, LLC for the City of Greensboro Skate Park

2. ID 15-0984 Resolution Approving a Contract in the amount of $865,000 with Arcadis G&M of North Carolina, Inc. for Hilltop Road Sewer Lift Station, Gravity Sewer and Force Main Design Services

3. ID 15-0969 Resolution Amending an Agreement with ACS Benefits to Close Out the Current Dental Plan Administration Services Contract

4. ID 15-0983 Resolution Authorizing Change Order in the amount of $257,600 to Contract 2014-5457 with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. to Perform Internal Pipeline Condition Assessment for the Bryan Park Water Main Evaluation Project

5. ID 15-0991 Resolution Notifying City of Improvements to the Existing Sidewalks, Enhanced Pedestrian Signalization, and Enhanced Pedestrian Crosswalks for the Union Square Campus at South Elm Project

6. ID 15-0965 Ordinance in the Amount of $100,000 Amending the FY 15-16 General Capital Improvement Fund Budget

7. ID 15-0966 Ordinance in the Amount of $250,000 Amending State, Federal And Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Federal Grant Funds for 2015-17 Governor's Crime Commission Grant - Child Response

Initiative

8. ID 15-0971 Ordinance Amending Subchapter C - General Elections, Section 2.41 (1) and (3) and Subchapter A. - Council; Composition, Terms, Qualifications, Compensation Section 3.01 and Section 3.02 (A) the Greensboro City Charter to Change the Terms of City Council Members and the Mayor from Two (2) Year Terms to Four Year Terms

9. ID 15-0999 Ordinance in the Amount of $200,000 Amending the FY 2015-16 Economic Development Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Funds in Support of the Renaissance Community Cooperative Located on Phillips Ave in Northeast Greensboro

10. ID 15-0974 Motion to Make a Part of the Minutes the Abstract of Votes for the Greensboro Municipal Election Held on November 3, 2015

11. ID 15-0989 Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 11/3/15-11/30/15

12. ID 15-1009 Motion to approve the minutes of the General Government Committee meeting of November 9, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of the General Government Committee meeting of November 9, 2015 was adopted.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

13. ID 15-0976 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Contract #2012-5340 Processing and Marketing of Recovered Recyclables with ReCommunity Recycling

Councilmember Wilkins asked if there would be a legal liability if the City changed the contract after the bid process; if a party would have difficulty proving damages; and asked about the budget impact to the City with regard to the revenue.

City Attorney Carruthers outlined the legal criteria for the item; stated there would be no damages; spoke to the collapse of the commodities market; and confirmed parties would have difficulty proving damages.

Assistant City Manager David Parrish provided the history of the item; outlined what staff had done since the work session several months ago; explained the extension criteria of the current contract; spoke to attempting to forecast market values; the impact to the City; outlined the process going forward for a new contract; explained the negotiation process with ReCommunity; and provided an explanation for the positive revenue to the City.

Councilmember Wilkins confirmed the amount of money ReCommunity was losing monthly; and requested the amount made by ReCommunity during the first three years of the contract.

Assistant City Manager Parrish responded he would have ReCommunity provide that information to Council at the December 15th meeting of Council.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber and Sharon M. Hightower

Nays, 1 - Tony Wilkins

14. ID 15-0980 Ordinance in the Amount of $1,903,529 Amending the GTA Grant Fund Budget for the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 FTA Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant

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

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

15. ID 15-0982 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Transit Buses from New Flyer, Inc. via the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Bus Contract

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson inquired about the size of the buses.

City Manager Westmoreland responded they would be approximately 35 to 40 foot standard coaches.

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

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

16. ID 15-0997 Order Authorizing The Sale And Issuance By The City Of Greensboro, North Carolina Of Not To Exceed $32,000,000 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 And Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Documents In Connection Therewith

Councilmember Wilkins asked about the savings for the item.

Finance Director Rick Lusk responded that the item would allow the City to refinance short-term notes to long-term bonds.

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

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

17. ID 15-0992 Resolution Approving the Coliseum Field House Renovation Project

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to refer the resolution to Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

18. ID 15-0998 Resolution Approving Bid in the Amount of $775,000 and Authorizing Contract with RP Murray for the NBA Development League Franchise Improvements

City Manager Westmoreland explained that this was a unique item as the bids would not be received until Wednesday; that Coliseum Director Matt Brown was present to answer questions; and that the information would be provided prior to the December 15th Council meeting.

Councilmember Wilkins requested the minutes reflect that the Committee was referring the incomplete item which included blanks for the amount and contractor to the Council with the understanding that information would be provided prior to Council voting on the item.

The item was updated in the Legistar system on December 14th, 2015 to reflect the amount and contractor prior to the posting of these minutes.

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

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

19. ID 15-1019 Presentation on Community Agency Funding Process for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 - Larry Davis/Jon Decker

Budget Director Larry Davis made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) which provided an update of work that had been done based on directives from Council; outlined the history of funding provided to outside agencies; spoke to the funding levels from the general and the economic development funds for agencies operating expenses and/or major events; and outlined the application process.

Councilmember Barber left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to excuse Councilmember Barber from the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed formalized process; explained the role and makeup of a proposed Community Partners Board; emphasized each Councilmember would have an appointment to said board; and provided a proposed calendar for inception of the process.

Councilmember Wilkins referenced Council wanting to get out of the loan business; and voiced that this would be another layer to that process.

Mr. Davis responded this would be a more formalized process which would have guidelines.

City Manager Westmoreland interjected that staff would provide answers to Council requests prior to the January 19th meeting of Council.

Discussion took place regarding the amount of funds allocated for the item; if that amount could be changed; how that figure was established; and the history of what agencies had previously requested.

Councilmember Hightower asked whether staff had considered looking at the different categories for requests.

Mr. Davis responded that that would be one of the roles of the Community Partners Board.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer X, Exhibit No. 35, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

Matters to be discussed by the Committee Members

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested an update on Bryan Park with regard to the roads and the house burn as she had been receiving calls from neighbors inquiring about the status.

City Manager Westmoreland responded that staff would provide an update at the December 15th meeting of Council; and added staff had seen the community requests that had come in.

Councilmember Wilkins asked for verification that construction had begun this week.

Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson confirmed that the construction for the two lower fields was scheduled to begin this week.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:11 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

YVONNE JOHNSON
CHAIRPERSON