



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Thursday, June 18, 2020

3:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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I. Call To Order

This City Council Work Session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on the above date; Mayor Vaughan held a roll call to confirm attendance; The virtual meeting began with the following members present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzaiter, 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 Howell.

II. Presentations

City Manager David Parrish recognized Assistant City Manager Trey Davis.

[ID 20-0485](#) Policy Discussion

Assistant City Manager T. Davis spoke to police policies; to public safety; to community engagement; to the Race GSO; to community program input; and recognized Greensboro Police Departments Police Chief Brian James.

Chief James outlined the recently revised police policies.

Discussion ensued regarding Guilford Metro (GM) 911 revised dispatch policy; officer's public interactions; descriptors presented to GM 911; and the need for additional descriptors for GM 911.

Councilmember Outling voiced concerns regarding information provided to GM 911; spoke to previous police encounters; to staff leadership; and to execution of policies.

Discussion continued regarding descriptors; accurate accounts of incidents; filtering through descriptor details; wrongful stops; accountability; disciplinary actions for employees; and employee training.

Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson entered meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding Race Plus One; monitoring trends of complaints; and body worn cameras.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to provide Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC) research on racial statistics.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzaiter, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to recess into closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege between City's attorneys and the City Council in connection with certain litigation matters. The parties to the litigation matters to be discussed include, in addition to the City of Greensboro, Mary Smith and George Smith, individually, and Mary Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of Marcus Deon Smith, deceased, and Officers Justin Payne, Robert Duncan, Michael Montalvo, Alfred Lewis, Christopher Bradshaw, Lee

Andrews, Douglas Strader, and Jordan Bailey, as well as Guilford EMS Paramedics Ashley Abbott and Dylan Alling. The motion carried by the following roll call vote, 9-0:

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

Nays: None

Upon the advisement of City Attorney Chuck Watts, City Council adjourned the work session prior to entering closed session.

III. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Abuzaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:09 P.M.

VICTORIA L. HOWELL
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR