



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Mike Barber, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Jamal T. Fox, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Justin Outling and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

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

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Barber to recess to closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the City Attorney and Council pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3); to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State and is not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General statutes pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character and fitness of public officer or an employee pursuant to N.C.G.S. Sections 143-318.11(a) (6). The motion carried by voice vote.

Council recessed to closed session at 4:03 p.m. Council reconvened into open session at 5:35 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Barber to return to open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Vaughan recognized Councilmember Hoffmann to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

City Manager Jim Westmoreland recognized Michael Rupp of the Neighborhood Development Department who served as Courier for the meeting.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

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

14. [ID 16-0146](#) Resolution Closing an Approximately 755-foot Portion of Rankin Avenue from its Intersection with Huffine Mill Road Westward and Northward to its Intersection with East Wendover Avenue

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to withdraw the item from the agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

15. [ID 16-0240](#) Ordinance Annexing Territory into the Corporate Limits for the Right-of-Way for the 2200 Block of Chariot Drive - .392-Acre Satellite Annexation
- Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to postpone the item to the May 17th meeting of Council without further advertising. The motion carried by voice vote.**
16. [ID 16-0295](#) Ordinance Establishing Zoning for a Portion of Property Located Along Chariot Drive Right of Way
- Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to postpone the item to the May 17th meeting of Council without further advertising. The motion carried by voice vote.**

I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 16-0273](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late Ruth Revels

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson read the resolution into the record; and recognized the family.

Bill Revels thanked Council for the resolution; and spoke to his mother's character.

Jennifer Revels Baxter voiced appreciation for the resolution; recognized family members and friends in the audience; spoke to her parents' love of the community; and asked if Council would consider waiving the fee in her mother's honor for the Guilford Native American Association Annual Pow-Wow scheduled for September 16 - 19, 2016 at Country Park.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to waive the fee. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

117-16 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ANNIE RUTH LOCKLEAR REVELS

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2016, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Annie Ruth Locklear Revels;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels, a native of the Union Chapel Community of Robeson County, attended Union Chapel Elementary School, graduated from Pembroke High School and received an A.B. degree in English in 1958 from Pembroke State University;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels began her teaching career at the all-Indian Pembroke High School and relocated to Ragsdale High School in 1959 where she taught English, drama, speech, and American Indian and African American literature;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels served as executive director for 22 years of the non-profit organization, Guilford Native American Association;

WHEREAS, in 1990 Ms. Revels opened the Guilford Native American Art Gallery, the only Native American-owned and operated gallery of its kind in the southeastern United States;

WHEREAS, in 1994, Ms. Revels earned a Woman of Distinction in Pathmakers: North Carolina Native American Women of Distinction Exhibit, a photographic tribute to 25 Native American women of the state of North Carolina

who made significant contributions in areas of education, community, church, family medicine, law and other fields;

WHEREAS, as a founding member of United Tribes of North Carolina for 41 years, Ms. Revels was instrumental in the ongoing success of the annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference;

WHEREAS, Ms. Revels' involvement in Guilford Native American Association led her appointment to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; and was appointed chair of the commission in 2003 by Governor Pat McCrory;

WHEREAS, in 2016 Ms. Revels was the recipient of the 2016 AT&T African American Heritage Calendar Award for her contributions to preserve African American heritage in North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service rendered by Annie Ruth Locklear Revels, the outstanding contributions she has made to the community, and the legacy she leaves.

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

1. That the City Council hereby expresses, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, a deep sense of loss and a feeling of respect and gratitude for the life of Annie Ruth Locklear Revels.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Annie Ruth Locklear Revels as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for her many contributions to this community.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

2. [ID 16-0338](#) Resolution Recognizing the Month of May as National Lupus Month

Councilmember Hightower read the resolution into the record; requested the Founder and Executive Director of Beautiful Butterflies, Keva Brooks Napper come forward; spoke to National Lupus Month; to the work of Beautiful Butterflies; to the impact of the disease; and presented the resolution to Ms. Napper.

Ms. Napper spoke to challenges she had overcome since her diagnosis of the disease in 2003; spoke to research being done; emphasized that she hoped to live a long, productive life; and voiced appreciation for the resolution.

Reverend George Brooks spoke to his daughter's experience with Lupus; and recognized members of the Beautiful Butterflies Board in the audience.

Ms. Napper recognized Miss Beautiful Butterfly 2016 who attended the Early College Program at Bennett College; and spoke to the goals she wished to accomplish during her time in office.

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

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

118-16 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL LUPUS MONTH

WHEREAS, over forty thousand North Carolinians are affected by Lupus;

WHEREAS, Lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body;

WHEREAS, the disease is challenging to treat and can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages and organ failure;

WHEREAS, the diagnosis of Lupus is difficult as its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses and

gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of the disease;

WHEREAS, Lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age but can impact anyone;

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop Lupus;

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for millions of Americans who have Lupus;

WHEREAS, Beautiful Butterflies is a local non-profit organization that provides education and support for Lupus patients, caregivers, family members and friends;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Greensboro are urged to educate themselves on the symptoms and impact of Lupus as well as support programs of research, education and community service.

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

That the City of Greensboro recognizes the month of May as 'National Lupus Month'.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

3. [ID 16-0339](#) Resolution Declaring the Month of May as 'Building Safety Month' in Greensboro

Mayor Vaughan read the resolution into the record.

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

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

119-16 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY AS 'BUILDING SAFETY MONTH' IN GREENSBORO

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month, founded by the International Code Council, is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, for the last 35 years the 50,000 worldwide Members of the International Code Council have celebrated advances in constructing safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient buildings and homes; and

WHEREAS, the Building Safety Month campaign helps to improve public safety by increasing awareness about how building codes and code officials improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is essentially a public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures; and

WHEREAS, the campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro has such a system and a dedicated professional staff of employees providing these services; and

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

That the month of May 2016 is hereby declared 'Building Safety Month.'

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

4. [ID 16-0428](#) Presentation on The Southeastern Building

President and CEO of Downtown Greensboro, Inc. Zack Matheny provided a slide show of current and historical photos of the Southeastern Building; an overview of the restoration of the building; verified it had been a difficult project; voiced the importance of historic preservation; spoke to the nomination for the APA-NC's 2016 Great Places Award for a Great Historic Rehabilitation; and stated the developer had invested approximately \$15 million toward the project.

Developer Barry Siegal, 3929 Tinsley Drive voiced that the project had been a monumental undertaking and was now finished; provided the history of the restoration of the building; an overview of the facade restoration; invited the audience to an open house on Friday, May 6th; and thanked Council for their support of the project.

Mayor Vaughan encouraged citizens to vote for the Southeastern Building online; and thanked Mr. Siegal for his work on the project.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Vaughan stated that Item #21 would address all body worn camera issues.

Matte Wolf, Lawndale Drive spoke to making the City more bicycle friendly; provided a list of streets slated to be repaved in the future and the districts they were in; requested that those streets be made bike friendly during the repaving process; and referenced residents who used bikes to navigate the City.

Zack Matheny, President and CEO of Downtown Greensboro, Inc., 122 North Elm Street referenced the revitalization of Downtown; outlined new buildings and projects coming to the area; referenced Greenville, South Carolina's Downtown; the development of the mega-site; stated that potential clients visited Downtown first when looking to relocate; spoke to the collaboration among business and property owners for the creation of two-hours of free parking Downtown; to surface lots being treated differently; voiced the need to quell some of the inconsistencies between street and surface lot parking; and requested a policy change to allow free two-hour parking Downtown.

Simone McClinton, 110 West McGee Street, owner of McCouls Public House informed Council she had been in business for over a decade; referenced the change in parking regulations Downtown; the number of tickets issued; quotas needing to be met; added that the process for parking Downtown was not good for small businesses; asked if ticketing revenue was more important than small businesses; spoke to declining sales and staff; and requested there be free two-hour parking Downtown.

Councilmember Fox left the meeting at 6:23 p.m. and returned at 6:25 p.m.

Jakub Pucilowski, 682 Chestnut Street stated he was the owner of Café Europa; referenced the limited amount of parking in the vicinity of his business specifically during the past two months; voiced that patrons liked to drive to the restaurant; and requested free two-hour parking Downtown.

Evan Morrison, 522 South Elm Street echoed the previous comments with regard to parking Downtown; spoke to the limited amount of parking on the south side of the railroad tracks; stated a former lot now had reserved parking; spoke to challenges for small businesses to compete; customers having to search and pay for parking; emphasized that Downtown needed to have a thriving environment; needed to draw traffic to the area; and requested Council consider free two-hour parking Downtown.

Former Mayor Keith Holliday referenced the businesses that had endorsed the idea of free two-hour parking; thanked Mayor Vaughan and Councilmember Outling for attending meetings regarding parking; spoke to material provided to Council; asked what kind of Downtown the City wanted; reminded Council of challenges for patrons of the Carolina Theatre when coming to the box office to purchase tickets; spoke to the impact to businesses at Friendly Center should a parking fee be charged; added that over \$1 million in tickets were issued last year, a majority of said tickets being for Downtown; spoke to decisions made while he was on Council; and requested

support of free two-hour parking.

Discussion took place regarding the elimination of parallel parking in favor of angled pull in parking along Elm and Market Streets and Friendly Avenue; the need for a Downtown streetscape discussion; adjustments that would need to be made for angled parking; and the length of time discussions had taken place regarding free two-hour parking.

Councilmember Fox reminded the audience that this was National Small Business Week.

Discussion continued regarding the economic impact of providing free two-hour parking; if free two-hour parking could be provided in the parking decks; that should the City adopt a free two-hour parking policy, it would not stop enforcement or ticket issuance; importance in attracting businesses Downtown; revenue generated through monthly rentals at the parking decks; and the need for parking deck infrastructure improvements.

City Manager Westmoreland was requested to provide Council with information regarding free two-hour parking in Downtown, the dollar amount for the total tickets written in Downtown over the past few years; the impact of providing free two-hour parking in the parking decks; and a comparison of cities other than Greenville, South Carolina at the May 9th special budget development meeting.

Gloria Meriwether, a mentor with the Southeast Asian Coalition in Charlotte, Leksiu Hloismlo, and other representatives with the Coalition spoke to refugee awareness; the need to show compassion to the Vo family; voiced concern with the family having closure; and asked for Council support of the release of the Vo video.

Mayor Vaughan provided a statement with regard to the process available to the family following the incident to work with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); spoke to the view of the City at that time regarding getting direction from the Court on how to handle the release of the video; stated it was the City's understanding that the family chose not to pursue the issue; and verified that the City had not been approached by the family since that time until this past week.

City Attorney Carruthers concurred with Mayor Vaughan's statement; provided the history of the case; verified the last communication with the family had taken place in January 2015; referenced the constraints of state and personnel law while working with the ACLU; added that the City had received no additional direction from the ACLU; and verified the City's contact with the family was through the ACLU which prevented the City from reaching out to the family separately.

Tin Nguyen, Pro-Bono Counsel for the Vo family voiced that the family was angry and disappointed after watching the video; emphasized that seeing the video had not brought them closure; that the family was willing to fight; outlined why the family had not pursued the issue earlier; verified he was a member of the ACLU; emphasized that lawsuits were complex; thanked Council for allowing the family to view the video; stated there were more questions to be answered after viewing the video; and emphasized that this would not be the last time the City would hear from them.

Sherman Moore, 907 McCormick Street stated he was here to honor Deputy Chief Hinson for his work in the community over the past 18 years with the 'Stop the Violence' Committee; thanked Mayor Vaughan and Council as well as City staff for their support at the events; referenced the murder rates in the City; thanked Deputy Chief Hinson for his work and service; presented Deputy Chief Hinson with a 'Stop the Violence' tee shirt; stated the next event was scheduled for August 7th; and asked for community support.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Barber to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

5. [ID 16-0232](#) Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Foreclosure Property Located at 1106 Pennsylvania Street

120-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1106 PENNSYLVANIA STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro owns residual property located at 1106 Pennsylvania Street, Parcel 0011262, said property being shown on the attached map, for which the City has no governmental or other public need;

WHEREAS, Property Management advertised the lot for sale and accepted a single bid in accordance with Section 4.122 of the Greensboro Charter;

WHEREAS, the property was appraised by Lynn B. Ritchy at a value of \$5500, and the final highest bid of \$8470 was accepted, which amount, in the opinion of the City Council is fair and reasonable;

WHEREAS, revenue proceeds from this conveyance will be credited in General Fund Account No. 101-0000-00.0400.

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

That pursuant to Section 4.122 of the City Charter, the sale of the above mentioned residual property in the amount of \$8470 is hereby approved and the sale of property located at 1106 Pennsylvania Street is hereby authorized; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper deed to convey said property.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

6. [ID 16-0246](#) Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Foreclosure Property Located at 2909 East Market Street

121-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2909 EAST MARKET STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro owns residual property located at 2909 East Market Street, Parcel 0022030, said property being shown on the attached map, for which the City has no governmental or other public need;

WHEREAS, Property Management advertised the lot for sale and accepted a single bid in accordance with Section 4.122 of the Greensboro Charter;

WHEREAS, the property was appraised by Lynn B. Ritchy at a value of \$7,000, and the final highest bid of \$6,300 was accepted, which amount, in the opinion of the City Council is fair and reasonable;

WHEREAS, revenue proceeds from this conveyance will be credited in General Fund Account No. 101-0000-00.0400.

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

That pursuant to Section 4.122 of the City Charter, the sale of the above mentioned residual property in the amount of \$6,300 is hereby approved and the sale of property located at 2909 East Market Street is hereby authorized; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper deed to convey said property.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

7. [ID 16-0278](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase in the Amount of \$16,234.75 of Property Located at 3310 Horse Pen Creek Road

122-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED 3310 HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD FOR THE HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening project, a portion of the property owned by Noble Academy, Parcel 0080368 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$13,874 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$16,234.75, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

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

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$16,234.75 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 471-4502-08.6012, Activity A14074.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

**8. [ID 16-0297](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property Located at 3314-3326
Horse Pen Creek Road for the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening Project**

123-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED 3314 - 3326
HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD FOR THE HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening project, a portion of the property owned by Four Farms Road Apartments, LLC, Parcels 0219838, 0080367, 0080366, 0080406 and 0080365 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$49,115 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$59,000, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

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

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$59,000 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 471-4502-08.6012, Activity A14074.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

**9. [ID 16-0298](#) Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Foreclosure Property
Located at 506-A and 508 Penry Road**

124-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 506-A AND 508 PENRY
ROAD

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro owns residual property located at 506-A and 508 Penry Road, Parcels 0082960 and 0082959, said property being shown on the attached map, for which the City has no governmental or other public need;

WHEREAS, Property Management advertised the lot for sale and accepted a single bid in accordance with Section 4.122 of the Greensboro Charter;

WHEREAS, the property was appraised by Lynn B. Ritchy at a value of \$10,500, and the final highest bid of \$15,125 was accepted, which amount, in the opinion of the City Council is fair and reasonable;

WHEREAS, revenue proceeds from this conveyance will be credited in General Fund Account No.

101-0000-00.0400.

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

That pursuant to Section 4.122 of the City Charter, the sale of the above mentioned residual property in the amount of \$15,125 is hereby approved and the sale of property located at 506-A and 508 Penry Road is hereby authorized; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper deed to convey said property.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

10. [ID 16-0280](#) Resolution Rescinding Council Resolution 085-15 and Authorizing Award of the Downtown Greenway Phase 2e/3a Construction Engineering and Inspections Contract to Michael Baker Engineering, Inc.

125-16 RESOLUTION RESCINDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION 085-15 AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE DOWNTOWN GREENWAY PHASE 2e/3a CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTIONS CONTRACT TO MICHAEL BAKER ENGINEERING, INC.

WHEREAS, construction of the of the Downtown Greenway Phase 2e/3a/3c was advertised on March 26, 2015 under contract 2011-003 (EL-5101DO) but no acceptable bids were received;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2015, City Council approved award of the Construction Engineering and Inspections contract to Michael Baker Engineering in the amount of \$577,662.66 by resolution number 085-15;

WHEREAS, the Engineering & Inspections Department, the Department of Transportation, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, removed Phase 3c from the original contract to obtain more bids, and the revised construction contract was advertised on March 17, 2016;

WHEREAS, by direction of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, a new contract for the construction engineering and inspections is required;

WHEREAS, this contract includes the greenway sections on Fisher Avenue from Green to Eugene Streets (Phase 2e) and on Eugene Street from Fisher Avenue to Battleground Avenue to Smith Street (3a);

WHEREAS, the items for this construction are a technical challenge that requires an unusually high level of engineering and inspection involvement;

WHEREAS, considering the documentation and oversight required to meet the grant fund conditions and North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) procedures, the Engineering and Inspections and Transportation Departments accepted funding for a consultant to provide said services;

WHEREAS, said funding which is 80% federal and 20% local match, is included in the municipal agreement with NCDOT for the project;

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract is estimated to be \$419,795.83.

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

That resolution 085-15 is hereby rescinded and that the Downtown Greenway Phase 2e/3a Construction Engineering and Inspections Contract to Michael Baker Engineering, Inc. is hereby authorized with funding in the amount of \$419,795.83 to come from Account No. 401-4553-01.6014 A12131.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

11. [ID 16-0344](#) Resolution Calling a Public Hearing for May 17, 2016 on the Annexation

of Territory into the Corporate Limits - 28.7-Acre Contiguous Annexation
for 2732-ZZ Pleasant Ridge Road - Regular Annexation Petition

126-16 RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 17, 2016 ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2732-ZZ PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD – 28.7 ACRES

WHEREAS, the owners of all the hereinafter described property, which is contiguous to the City of Greensboro, have requested in writing that said property be annexed to the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Section 31 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that territory may be annexed after notice has been given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city;

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 3rd day of May, 2016, the following ordinance was introduced:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS (PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2732-ZZ PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD – 28.7 ACRES)

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31, the hereinafter described territory is hereby annexed to City of Greensboro:

BEGINNING at a point in the existing Greensboro city limit line (as of January 31, 2016), said point being the northeast corner of Phase 2 of Highland Grove, as recorded at Plat Book 122, Page 67; THENCE DEPARTING FROM THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS with the west line of Lot 2 on Sheet 2 of Properties of 2712, 2732 & 2732 Rear Pleasant Ridge Road, as recorded at Plat Book 191, Page 26, N 01° 14' 35" E 321.61 feet to a new iron pin at the northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence with the north line of said Lot 2 the following three courses and distances: 1) S 88° 45' 00" E 208.89 feet to a new iron pin, 2) S 58° 19' 23" E 552.23 feet to a new iron pin, and 3) S 86° 38' 48" E 155.40 feet to a new iron pin at the northeast corner of said Lot 2, a point in the existing city limit line; THENCE PROCEEDING WITH THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS with the east line of said Lot 2 S 03° 21' 12" W 1,379.63 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 2; thence with the south line of said Lot 2 N 88° 11' 41" W 500.33 feet to an existing iron pin in the north line of Lot 36 of Phase 5 of Highland Grove, as recorded at Plat Book 129, Page 130; thence with the north line of said Phase 5 N 88° 08' 50" W 289.76 feet to a point in the east line of Lot 32 of Phase 3 of Highland Grove, as recorded at Plat Book 125, Page 17; thence with the east lines of said Phases 3 and 2 N 01° 15' 56" E 1,334.56 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, being all of said Lot 2 and containing 28.700 acres. The plats referred to hereinabove are recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford County.

Section 2. The owners agree to pay to the City of Greensboro an acreage fee of five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) per acre for water service and five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) per acre for sewer service immediately prior to the time of annexation, provided that each of these utilities are available at the time of annexation. Any utility line assessments which may have been levied by the County shall be collected either by voluntary payment or through foreclosure of same by the City. Following annexation, the property annexed shall receive the same status regarding charges and rates as any other property located inside the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro.

Section 3. The owners shall be fully responsible for extending water and sewer service to the property at said owners' expense.

Section 4. From and after the effective date of annexation, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force within the City and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits thereof, subject to the provisions in Sections 2 and 3 above.

Section 5. From and after May 17, 2016, the liability for municipal taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year shall be prorated on the basis of 1/12 of the total amount of taxes that would be due for the entire fiscal year. The due date for prorated municipal taxes shall be September 1, 2016. Municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and thereafter shall be due annually on the same basis as any other property within the city limits.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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

That Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. be fixed as the time and the Council Chambers in the Melvin Municipal Office Building as the place for the public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory to the City of Greensboro as above set out and that this resolution be published in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro not later than May 7, 2016.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

12. [ID 16-0340](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 5, 2016 was adopted.

13. [ID 16-0343](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Special Budget Development Session of April 11, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Development Session of April 11, 2016 was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

The Public Hearing items were removed and/or postponed to the May 17th meeting of Council without further advertising.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

17. [ID 16-0359](#) Boards and Commissions Listing for May 3, 2016

Moved by Mayor Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to replace her on the Technical Advisory Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Mike Cooke as the alternate on the Board of Adjustment. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson placed the names of Kelly Swain and Deborah Goode into the databank for future consideration on the Community Sustainability Council and the Human Relations Commission or Redevelopment Commission when vacancies became available.

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Will Years on the Community Sustainability Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter placed the names of Brenda Ray Wright and Joyce Jasper Morant in the databank for future consideration on the Commission on the Status of Women.

Discussion took place regarding the placement of Kelly Swain on the Community Sustainability Council.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Kelly Swain to the Community Sustainability Council.

Councilmember Hightower asked about the Community Food Task Force.

City Clerk Betsey Richardson responded that the Task Force was not a City board.

Councilmember Fox suggested Councilmember Hightower forward Ms. Barnes' information to Interim Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris to be forwarded to the proper contact for that board.

19. [ID 16-0330](#) Resolution Adopt the 2016 Legislative Agenda

Mayor Vaughan stated the City had been unsuccessful in setting up a meeting with the Delegation for the public meeting; and stated Council was being asked to vote on the City's 2016 Legislative Agenda this evening.

City Manager Westmoreland referenced conversations with Senator Wade; confirmed that the Delegation had respectfully declined the invitation; and stated he would follow up with Senator Wade.

Mayor Vaughan requested that the Legislative Agenda be forwarded to the Delegation once adopted.

Mayor Vaughan left the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

Councilmember Wilkins inquired as to the items on the proposed agenda that had not made crossover; and about the voting process for bills.

City Attorney Carruthers explained the process for the Legislature; made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); provided the history of the body worn camera; resist delay obstruct and sales tax redistribution legislation; and addressed the local acts/crossover bills that included minority/women's contracting; tuition equity; and presumptive disability for firefighters.

Discussion took place regarding the bills in crossover; the status of the presumptive disability bill; and process for incorporating language from bills that did not make crossover into bills that did.

Councilmember Wilkins stated he had requested the Complaint Review Committee (CRC) item be removed from the proposed Legislative Agenda as Hurman Relations Chair Zac Engle had done a good job with the development of the Police Community Review Board.

City Attorney Carruthers reviewed the four requests of the Greensboro Partnership that included economic development; aviation; transportation and the High Point Furniture Market.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Y, Exhibit No. 19, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

127-16 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHEREAS, the 2016 Legislative Session of the North Carolina General Assembly begins April 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this will be the short session of the biennium, which typically lasts 6 to 9 weeks; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the short session is to make revisions and refinements to the already adopted two-year budget. This session is also when the legislature completes work on legislation that may have only made it part-way through the process; and

WHEREAS, in the short session, legislators generally do not introduce new bills that would have general application across the state but deliberate on bills that are "eligible for consideration" because the bills were acted upon in the previous long session; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the 2016 Legislative Agenda represents matters of particular importance to the City of Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, by adopting the Legislative Agenda, the City Council hopes to partner with State elected officials for the betterment of its citizens and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO that City Council does hereby adopt the attached 2016 Legislative Agenda.

(Signed) Jamal Fox

2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Tom Carruthers, City Attorney

GENERAL LEGISLATION

1. Body Worn Camera

- Legislation has been introduced.

2. Resist Delay Obstruct

- Revise the charge to reflect two separate offenses – one for Resisting Arrest, another for Delay -Obstruction. Rep. Faircloth indicated he will recommend evaluation of this matter and possible introduction in the 2017 long session.

3. Sales Tax Redistribution

- Greensboro supports maintaining an equitable level of sales taxes and opposes a redistribution plan that reduces urban tax receipts.

LOCAL ACTS/CROSSOVER

4. Minority/Women's Contracting

- City Council requests a Local Act that gives Greensboro an enhanced ability to provide for MWBE contracting.

5. Tuition Equity

- Allow in-state resident status for students who are undocumented or are citizens who have attended school in NC for at least three consecutive years prior to graduation and received a diploma or a GED from NC. This item was introduced as SB 463 in the 2015 session, but failed to make crossover.

6. Presumptive Disability for Firefighters

- Seek recognition that a disability can arise from a series of harmful exposures, not just a single event or accident This was a state-wide bill introduced as HB 666 in the 2015 session, but it failed to make crossover.

GREENSBORO PARTNERSHIP

1. Economic Development: Funding for economic development programs like JDIG and OneNC at competitive levels to attract the jobs and investment. In addition, we support a crowd funding platform for the state that will allow entrepreneurs and small businesses to raise much needed capital to start or grow.

2. Aviation: the Piedmont Triad International Airport employs 5,000 people directly and 15,000 – 20,000 people indirectly, representing a substantial job creator and magnet for North Carolina's growing aviation sector. We seek continuation of planned funding.

3. Transportation: We ask for continuation of planned funding for the Greensboro Urban Loop to ensure its completion as scheduled in 2020. We seek your support as we prepare for development and construction of Lexington Avenue Gateway between the Greensboro Urban Loop and High Point University to improve connectivity between High Point and the Triad area.

4. High Point Furniture Market: We thank you for funding High Point Market Authority at the budgeted amounts of \$1.2 million for transportation and \$1.2 million for marketing and respectfully ask for its continuation.

18. [ID 16-0371](#) Resolution Directing the Filing with the City Clerk of the Budget Estimate for the Fiscal Year 2016-17

Mayor Vaughan stated the proposed budget was online for people to view; and that the resolution directed the filing of the budget with the City Clerk.

City Manager Westmoreland recognized the budget team; provided a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) that outlined the Budget Development Goals; recommended budget highlights; a breakdown of the FY 16-17 recommended budget all funds revenues, expenses; general fund revenues and expenditures; general fund revenue assumptions; proposed FY 16-17 property tax rate distribution; verified the proposed budget maintained the current tax rate; and outlined the service enhancements and position eliminations.

Councilmember Barber requested City Manager Westmoreland estimate the proposed economic impact of HB 2 on City revenues.

City Manager Westmoreland continued the PPP by reviewing the employee pay/benefits package; provided an overview of the Transit (GTA), Water and Sewer, and the War Memorial Coliseum Funds; reviewed the proposed annual motor vehicle license fee increase; outlined the allocation breakdown of said fee; highlighted the funding to outside agencies; and provided an overview of the Participatory Budgeting process.

Councilmember Wilkins inquired if the City staff could provide the Participatory Budgeting process rather than hire an outside agency.

Discussion took place regarding the additional \$32 million; the Participatory Budgeting process; a possible tax reduction; identification of the 16 positions to be eliminated; outside agency funding; funding of items for the Greensboro Partnership; the community involvement in the Participatory Budgeting process; and the need to focus on the proposed budget.

City Manager Westmoreland was requested to review the 16 positions to be eliminated, and to add a column to the Outside Agency Funding slide to indicate funding provided to agencies in the previous fiscal year.

City Manager Westmoreland provided Council with the upcoming schedule of budget meetings; date of public hearing to receive public comments; and a proposed date for the adoption of the FY16-17 budget.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Y, Exhibit No. 19, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

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

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

128-16 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE FILING WITH THE CITY CLERK OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

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

Section 1. The budget estimate of the City of Greensboro for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 which was this day submitted to the City Council, is hereby ordered filed with the City Clerk where it shall remain for public inspection for at least ten days from this date.

Section 2. A copy of said budget estimate shall be made available to all news media in the County.

Section 3. This resolution shall be published in at least one newspaper published in the city and shall serve as notice that the budget estimate has been presented to the City Council, that a copy of same is on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, and as notice of the time and place of the public hearing as set out below.

Section 4. A public hearing shall be held in the City Council Chamber at 5:30 p.m. on May 17, 2016, at which time the City Council will hear from any persons who may wish to be heard on the budget.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

20. [ID 16-0425](#) Resolution to Adopt a Proposed Administrative Amendment to the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance Agreement (GCEDA)

City Manager Westmoreland provided the history of the item; outlined the proposed amendments; spoke to the overall agreement; referenced previous discussion about the composition and appointments of the group; and verified the amendment was approved and recommended by each board.

Councilmember Outling commended Councilmember Hightower for requesting greater equity among the board.

Councilmember Hightower voiced the importance for the community to have input; stated the City needed to be strategic about its appointments; emphasized that she would like to see quarterly meetings; and voiced appreciation for the support.

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

129-16 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE GUILFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE AGREEMENT (GCEDA)

Whereas, Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, the Greensboro Partnership, and the High Point Economic Development Corporation have collaborated and by agreement of April 14, 2016, created the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance (GCDEA);

Whereas, the Leadership Group of the GCEDA has approved and recommended for partner boards consideration, a proposed administrative amendment to the April 14, 2016 agreement to increase the membership of the business advisory council;

Whereas, if adopted, the proposed administrative amendment will allow the Guilford County Commissioners, the City of Greensboro City Council, and the City of High Point City Council the ability to each appoint two (2) members to serve on the business advisory council;

Whereas, it is believed that the additional appointments will help to further diversify and broaden the overall business interests and expertise serving on this important council.

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

That the following administrative amendment be made to the April 14, 2016 GCEDA agreement:

“Section 5. Technical Expertise and Community Involvement

B. The eighteen (18) member Business Advisory Council shall be composed of:

- Two (2) members appointed by the Guilford County Commissioners, who shall serve a one-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional one-year term.

- Two (2) members appointed by the High Point City Council, who shall serve a one-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional one-year term.
- Two (2) members appointed by the Greensboro City Council, who shall serve a one-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional one-year term.”

(Signed) Jamal Fox

21. [ID 16-0426](#) Body Worn Camera Policy Discussion

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked if Council would be voting on the item this evening; and added that she wanted further discussion on the item prior to voting on it.

Mayor Vaughan stated there were speakers to the item.

Discussion took place regarding if there would be a vote; whether a proposed policy had been included in the agenda packet; concern with some members being left out of the loop on the development of the policy; the need for intelligent discussion on the item; some members not being prepared to vote on the item; will of the body whether to take action this evening; and the length of time Council had spent discussing the item.

Damon West, 5703 River Glen Drive voiced concerns with questions he had regarding the policy; spoke to footage that could not be viewed; what constituted a criminal investigation; and to where privacy would not be a reasonable expectation.

Lewis Pitts, 129 Tate Street stated that the Vo family was publicly calling for release of the footage; that the family was shocked at what they saw; requested Council to take the appropriate action to release the video this evening; voiced release was essential to maintain public confidence and trust; referenced the language in the People's Ordinance; emphasized the number of people killed by police nationally last year; and asked that Council take the lead and issue the release of the footage.

Discussion ensued regarding Council previously being asked to hold off on a policy adoption; action taken in Raleigh; when Council had received the revised policy; and where the current policy stood in comparison with the current law.

City Attorney Carruthers provided an overview of the current law; spoke to how the current policy draft did not comply clearly with the law; referenced discussions with Council in January; spoke to the different types of footage; verified the City was attempting to draft a good faith interpretation of what the law should be as declared by a judge; spoke to the effect of Legislation from Raleigh; and stated the City was enabled to legislate and govern pursuant to state law.

Council discussed the question as to whether or not any policy on this topic violated law; Council's attempt to move the issue forward, be proactive and ensure that the Police Department would not be in a position that violated the law; if there was enough on this topic to be proactive; knowing what was best for the community; if Council could get a policy in place prior to action taken by the Legislature; the concurrence that case law did not clearly define the issue; not knowing when the legislature would act; and Council vetting the discussion through a work session setting prior to voting on the policy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson emphasized that she would need to understand everything prior to voting on the policy; and inquired about the authority of Council to release the video.

Councilmember Barber left the meeting at 7:19 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m.

City Attorney Carruthers stated that Officer Bloch had granted permission for certain parties to view the video; provided an overview of the process for the City Manager to authorize release of said video; verified the City Manager was the custodian of the records; spoke to compliance with personnel laws; stated it was the decision of Council to determine if the release was essential to maintain public confidence in providing police services; stated the term public confidence had not been defined; and referenced the complexities of trying to draft policies going forward with antiquated laws.

Mr. Pitts referenced antiquated law; stated the public was looking to Council to make a decision; and that the people had said what they wanted.

Reverend Nelson Johnson, 2115 Murrayhill Road emphasized that they were asking Council to release the Vo body worn camera footage to the public; referenced legislative bills taking away the power of the people; asked Council to make a decision that was in the interest of the City; spoke to what Attorney Nguyen had said with regard to the Vo family; stated that he was ashamed of the City and Police Department; that the public expected Council to lead; provided a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.; and reiterated that the public was calling on Council to release the video.

Brian Watkins, 1903 Taylor Street provided a photograph of Ms. Vo; spoke to the process to disarm someone with a knife; stated he was outraged by what happened; spoke to the character of Councilmembers; added that Officer Bloch should be punished; and referenced the number of questions with regard to the incident.

Councilmember Outling voiced the need for a policy to be in place prior to releasing the video; urged Council to enact a policy; and stated he was ready to vote on a policy.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the time spent on the issue over the past few years; trying to come up with a workable solution; voiced concern with the issue of third party release with regard to civilians in the video; referenced conversations she had with people who had called police but would not want the tapes made public; the need for consideration to maintain the privacy of persons in the tapes; spoke to her concerns with persons not reaching out to the police if they knew the video would be released; and voiced the need for Council to be concerned with the privacy of citizens.

Discussion took place regarding addressing Mayor Vaughan's concerns in an alternative policy; if and when Council was asked for revisions; history of consideration of the issue; the recommendation to move on; concern with rushing the item through; content of the latest draft; the need for more discussion by Council; the content of the policy proposed by Mr. Pitts; and the need to move forward.

Councilmember Barber suggested that the item go to the Public Safety Committee that resembled a work session with no public comment; spoke to the uncertainty of some Council members; to varying degrees of information; to the presumption of public record; to legislative information; to the committee structure process; added that Council had made the effort to get where they were now; spoke to the role of Council; voiced that the City had an excellent Police Department who had tried to support the release of information; and stated Council was not working against the public but had a responsibility to multiple things, their oath, the law and what they could deliver.

Moved by Councilmember Barber, seconded by Councilmember Fox to move the item to a work session setting. The motion carried by voice vote 8-1 with Councilmember Outling voting 'no'.

It was the consensus of Council to hold a meeting on May 24th at 3:00 p.m. in the plaza level conference room for discussion on the item.

Reverend Johnson inquired why Council would not vote to release the video.

City Attorney Carruthers explained the process for a vote to release the video; and spoke to the portions of the video being disclosed to the public in a manner that provided context.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to release the video. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed that there would be no action to release the video tonight as the motion died for lack of a second; stated that Council did not have a request from the Vo family; did not have a policy in place; and added that the incident had taken place two years ago..

Councilmember Barber called the question.

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

Councilmember Fox wished Councilmember Outling a Happy Birthday; and voiced appreciation to the community for their emails during his absence over the past several weeks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated her agency had started a food pantry that served over 1,000 people a month; emphasized the agency had not received any funding through the City; provided the information for persons to contribute; and congratulated Dudley High School Technology Team for coming in first and third place in the Detroit competition..

Councilmember Outling offered condolences to the family of Attorney Tom Wagg; and voiced appreciation for his work from the legal field and the community..

Councilmember Wilkins spoke to the investment in the SC2 project; requested City Manager Westmoreland to provide a written report on the project; referenced entertainers not coming to the area as a result of HB 2; and requested a written statement be provided from the Community Foundation regarding the commitment of pledges for the Tanger Performing Arts Center.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed that she had conversations with the Community Foundation; that the pledged contributions were coming in on schedule; that she had reached out to entertainers; and referenced a loan that the Foundation was securing.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter wished her son Joey a speedy recovery; and stated she was thankful for friends Krista and Danielle from Toronto, Canada that were visiting.

Councilmember Hightower stated she had served pancakes at an event for Habitat for Humanity; congratulated the Forge on their grand reopening; congratulated the Mustard Seed Clinic for the opening of a health related facility; stated she had visited Simkins and Wiley Elementary Schools; wished everyone a Happy Mothers Day; voiced appreciation for Council working together; and stated she had welcomed the Dudley High School Technology Team home from Detroit.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR