



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Friday, March 18, 2016

12:00 PM

ACC Hall of Champions Conference Room

SPECIAL MEETING

I. OPENING REMARKS

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 12:22 p.m. on the above date in the ACC Hall of Champions Conference Room of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex with the following members present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzaiter, Jamal Fox, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling, and Tony Wilkins.

Absent: Councilmember Mike Barber

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

Also present were Interim Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris, Coliseum Director Matt Brown and several members of the War Memorial Commission.

1. [ID 16-0238](#) Overview of the Greensboro Aquatic Center - Matt Brown

Coliseum Director Matt Brown welcomed the members of the Greensboro City Council, War Memorial Commission members and the Greensboro Aquatic Center (GAC) staff to the meeting; introduced the new War Memorial Commission members; and spoke to the upcoming events that would take place at the White Oak Amphitheater this summer. Mr. Brown spoke to the work and achievements of Deputy Coliseum Director Scott Johnson; and recognized Mr. Johnson for his twenty-five year anniversary with the Greensboro Coliseum.

Mayor Vaughan presented Mr. Johnson with a certificate acknowledging his years of service.

Mr. Brown recognized GAC Director Susan Braman for her work at the Center; and for her five year service anniversary at the GAC.

Mayor Vaughan presented Ms. Braman with a certificate acknowledging her years of service.

Mayor Vaughan welcomed those at the meeting; stated she had received nothing but positive responses over the past several days when she had asked people wearing swimming and diving shirts on how they liked the GAC; and expressed how wonderful it was to receive such positive responses.

Ms. Braman spoke to the NCAA event the GAC was hosting over the next few days; recognized the GAC staff in attendance which included the pool technician, life guard supervisors and swim meet manager and coordinator; and recognized the work they did at the GAC.

Mr. Brown reviewed the slide presentation which highlighted events at the GAC; emphasized the goal of the facility; spoke to events that had taken place this week at the facility, one of which included Special Olympic participants; reiterated that the GAC served the entire community; spoke to the partnership with area schools and students that included a recent event of the Haynes-Inman Education Center; and outlined the benefits of the GAC on the Coliseum Campus. Mr. Brown emphasized the involvement and benefits to the community of the GAC, in particular the 'Learn to Swim' Program that allowed 2,140 students to date to learn how to swim through

the two-week, ten hour program; and advised that four schools would be added to the program this year. Mr. Brown commended Tommy Watkins who was instrumental in funding a lot of the Learn to Swim Program that allowed students a free opportunity to learn to swim.

(A copy of the slide presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Y, Exhibit No. 13, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

II. PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

2. [ID 16-0248](#) Video Presentation Describing the History of the Greensboro Aquatic Center - Matt Brown

Mr. Brown provided a brief video highlighting the past four years of GAC activities; and asked that it be aired daily on Greensboro Television Network (GTN).

3. [ID 16-0249](#) Introduction and Recognition of the Greensboro Aquatic Center Staff - Matt Brown

Mr. Brown introduced War Memorial Commission Chair Ted Oliver.

Mr. Oliver spoke to a conversation with a member of the NCAA who referenced the GAC being the best pool in the country; and presented a check to Ms. Braman on behalf of the Summit Rotary for the Learn to Swim Program.

Ms. Braham recognized the GAC staff who were involved with the Learn to Swim Program.

4. [ID 16-0250](#) Presentation of Conceptual Ideas for Further Improvements to the Greensboro Aquatic Center - Matt Brown

Mr. Brown made a PowerPoint Presentation which addressed improvements that were reflected in the upcoming \$20 million bond; stated it was important that the GAC maintain the national stature in hosting important events; explained that the bonds would include funding for the field house; spoke to the preliminary concept and design for an additional 50 meter pool at the GAC; outlined the growth of event participation; explained what the construction would involve; emphasized the need for the 2017 roof replacement on the 24 year old coliseum and special events center; and outlined the proposed premium parking development on the former War Memorial Auditorium site. Mr. Brown added that he received questions daily regarding a higher quality, better access WiFi system at the complex facilities to provide better service to clients, especially at the GAC; and stated he felt the cost of technology would decrease prior to the installation of a better system.

Mayor Vaughan stated patrons loved the seat backs at the GAC.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated she was in support of the improvements; commended the Learn to Swim Program; stated the GAC was an example of what leadership and vision could do for a City; and voiced the need to support the item.

Mr. Brown recognized Don Gilchrist in the audience who thanked Council for their support of the project.

Councilmember Wilkins spoke to the jump in event participation over the past two years; and asked if the GAC was operating at a maximum.

Ms. Braman responded that the GAC was operating at a maximum; that staff was juggling the use of pool lanes especially during the high school swim season; spoke to competing venues for a national televised event; and outlined the proposed 50 meter pool construction.

Mr. Brown added that people were contacting him regarding how to develop similar facilities; reminded Council that Durham had booked their City Meet at the GAC which would host 1,200 swimmers; and emphasized that the GAC had a fast pool that attracted events.

Councilmember Hightower inquired where the additional pool would be located; and commended the benefit of the GAC to the entire community, in particular the Learn to Swim Program.

Mr. Brown outlined the construction proposal for the 50 meter pool; spoke to where the pump would be housed; and referenced the diagram in the presentation.

Ms. Braman thanked Councilmember Hightower for her involvement with and support of, the Learn to Swim Program.

There being no additional questions the meeting was adjourned.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Y, Exhibit No. 13, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. ADJOURNMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 1:02 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR