



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final General Government Committee

Monday, October 12, 2015

4:30 PM

Council Chamber

This General Government Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:30 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: 3 - Chairperson Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Mike Barber and Mayor Nancy Vaughan

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

Councilmember Hightower participated in the meeting via telephone.

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

Mayor Vaughan was present in the event there was not a quorum but did not participate in the meeting.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Councilmembers Hightower and Wilkins requested Items Numbers 2, 10 and 11 be removed for discussion.

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

1. [ID 15-0877](#) Resolution Approving Bid and Authorizing Execution of Contract 2015-046 with River Works, Inc. for the South Buffalo Water Quality and Habitat Improvements - Phase 3.
3. [ID 15-0835](#) Resolution Approving Bid in the Amount of \$581,000 and Authorizing Execution of Contract 2015-31 with Proshot Concrete, Inc., for the 2015 Bridge Structure Repair by Shotcrete Project
4. [ID 15-0840](#) Resolution Authorizing Change Order in the Amount of \$22,520 to Contract 2015-0120 With Otis Elevator Company for the Melvin Municipal Office Building Elevator Modernization
5. [ID 15-0843](#) Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 907 Foushee Street

6. [ID 15-0844](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$156,000 Amending the FY 15-16 State Highway Allocation Capital Project Fund Budget
7. [ID 15-0852](#) Resolution Approving a Contract in the Amount of \$344,000 with Chester Engineers (North Carolina), Inc. for Water Booster Station Design Services
8. [ID 15-0856](#) Resolution Approving a Contract in the amount of \$471,400 with CDM Smith, Inc. for Mitchell Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Replacement Construction Administration and Inspection Services
9. [ID 15-0873](#) Resolution Authorizing Extension in Contract No. 2006-026 With Corley Redfoot Architects, Inc. for the Griffin Recreation Center - Design Services Project
12. [ID 15-0875](#) Ordinance to Amend Section 13-99 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances to Reference the Collection of Motor Vehicle Taxes by the State of North Carolina through the Tag & Tax Together Program
13. [ID 15-0876](#) Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with Housing Authority of the City of Greensboro - Payments in Lieu of Taxes
14. [ID 15-0853](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 9/3/15-10/5/15
15. [ID 15-0854](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 9/3/15-10/5/15
16. [ID 15-0799](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting of September 8, 2015
2. [ID 15-0811](#) Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Property Located at 1015 and 1201 South Eugene Street to the Redevelopment Commission of Greensboro

Councilmember Hightower asked if there was a reason the City could not use the property; referenced the prior use of the St. James site; the Redevelopment Plan; verified the City was the owner of the two parcels; asked if the lots were next to each other; and verified the property would go to the Redevelopment Commission.

Assistant City Manager David Parrish confirmed the City owned the property; referenced current projects the property was adjacent to; and spoke to the process for development of the site as a redevelopment project.

City Attorney Carruthers stated that the St. James site would be part of future remediation with the City and the Redevelopment Commission; and confirmed the parcels were contiguous to one another.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to refer the resolution to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

10. [ID 15-0869](#) Resolution Approving a Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. of the

Carolinas to Perform Perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS) Water Supply Watershed Investigation

Councilmember Hightower inquired about the M/WBE status; asked if a protege or mentor could be used; voiced concerns that a local company was not being utilized for the project; and stated she would have liked to have seen some protege outreach for the project.

Water Resources Director Steve Drew spoke to the Federal Government requirements; stated that the City was working with North Carolina State University to identify the substance; emphasized that the analysis and identification needed to be solicited with a specific entity; and stated that Dr. Knappe and Dr. D'Adamo were specialists in the field who worked out of North Carolina State University and UNC Charlotte. Mr. Drew added that there would be an upcoming program which would involve engagement of engineering students from North Carolina A&T State University in the future.

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

Ayes, 2 - Yvonne J. Johnson and Tony Wilkins

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

11. [ID 15-0890](#) Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Contract with Patriot Services of Greensboro for Various Temporary Labor Services

Councilmember Wilkins inquired if the extension would cost or save the City money; and referenced the debundling of services.

Field Operations Director Dale Wyrick stated that the extension would allow the City cost to remain the same; and stated the debundling issue would allow for more inclusion.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

17. [ID 15-0862](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$2,300,000 Amending General Fund, Water Resources Fund and General Capital Improvement Fund Budgets for Renovation of Police Headquarters Building

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to refer the resolution to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

18. [ID 15-0812](#) Resolution Approving Contract No. 2015-079 in the Amount of \$1,170,000 with ARCADIS G&M of North Carolina Inc. for the Mitchell Water Treatment Plant Major Electrical Improvements

Mayor Pro Tem introduced items #18 and #19 together.

Councilmember Hightower inquired if there was a local office.

Assistant City Manager Parrish responded that the company had plans to open one; and hoped to have a larger presence in the region.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

19. [ID 15-0813](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$1,170,000 Amending the Water Resources Capital Project Bond Fund - Series 2014 Budget to Establish Funding for the Mitchell WTP - Major Electrical Project

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

20. [ID 15-0855](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract in the Amount of \$2,219,188 with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. for the Design of Biological Nutrient Removal Upgrades for the T.Z. Osborne Wastewater Reclamation Facility

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson introduced Items #20 and #21 together.

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, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

21. [ID 15-0858](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$2,219,188 Amending the Water Resources Capital Project Bond Fund - Series 2014 Budget to Establish Funding for the Design of the TZO Biological Nutrient Removal Upgrades Project

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

22. [ID 15-0867](#) Resolution Authorizing Change Order in the Amount of \$17,822,035 to Contract 2014-1160 with Garney Companies for Construction Manager At Risk Construction (CMAR) Phase Services for the T.Z. Osborne Water Reclamation Facility 56 Million Gallon per Day (MGD) Upgrade - Package III Project

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson Introduced items #22 and #23 together.

Councilmember Wilkins asked about the different amounts on the items.

Councilmember Hightower asked if the contract was complete; and if the City was expecting a cost increase.

Water Resource Manager Elijah Williams confirmed that the figure in item #23 was correct; verified that several items were not included in the contract; that the City would reach out for additional M/WBE participation for the final work; and stated that there could be a slight increase based on the negotiations.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

23. [ID 15-0860](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$17,822,035 Amending the Water Resources Capital Project Bond Fund - Series 2014 Budget to Establish Funding for the Construction of the TZO 56 MGD Upgrade - Package III

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

24. [ID 15-0827](#) Resolution Authorizing Extension of Service Contract 2012-5470 with Hilco Transport, Inc. for Municipal Solid Waste Hauling Services

Councilmember Hightower asked if the two one-year extensions was the best practice.

Field Operations Director Dale Wyrick spoke to the cost per ton currently paid by the City; and stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be put out in early 2016 which would be processed through the M/WBE office.

Assistant City Manager Parrish referenced previous discussion of the item with the anticipation of a new landfill being online in 2016; and reiterated that the City was planning to put out an RFP the first quarter of 2016 for hauling and disposal.

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, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

25. [ID 15-0836](#) Resolution Authorizing Extension of Service Contract 2012-5485 with Republic Services, Inc. for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services

Councilmember Hightower voiced the same concerns she had for the previous item.

Assistant City Manager Parrish responded that this item mirrored the hauling contract.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

26. [ID 15-0872](#) Resolution Authorizing Contract in the Amount of \$1,000,000 with Greensboro United Soccer Association for the Bryan Park Soccer Complex Expansion Project

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated there were several speakers in opposition to the item.

Trish McDermott, 2400 Farm Gate Road spoke to the number of trees that had already been removed in the area for fields; voiced concern that additional trees that would be taken down, stated that the neighborhood was a island in the middle of the City; had asked for the fields to be relocated; voiced concern for ingress and egress into the neighborhood; for traffic during tournaments; and asked that the location for the fields be reconfigured.

Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson outlined the Technical Review Committee process.

Patti Frascone, 2305 Farm Gate Road concurred with comments made by Ms. McDermott; stated that approximately 35 homes with 500 residents were in the neighborhood; that she felt the neighborhood had been left out of the process; recognized the value of the additional fields; voiced concerns with public safety getting in and out of the neighborhood during events; asked that extra access points be considered; referenced children crossing a street with a 45 mile per hour speed limit; and asked if there were any alternatives.

Councilmember Wilkins referenced discussions on the item at work sessions; stated that this was the first opposition he had heard on the item.

Ms. Frascone added that the full impact of the general safety had not been addressed; and spoke to the popularity of the fields.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested Parks and Recreation reach out to the neighbors to see how this could be a win/win situation.

Councilmember Hightower asked if there was a buffer; what this phase entailed; if another means of ingress and egress could be established; and voiced concerns with children crossing the street to access the fields.

Parks and Recreation Director Wade Walcutt spoke to the challenges in the process; emphasized that the City put safety paramount with any project; provided the history of the process; outlined the changes that had been made as a result of meetings and concerns of the residents; stated that alternative parking areas had been created; and verified that public safety personnel were at the fields during events which could assist neighborhood residents if necessary.

Councilmember Hightower confirmed first responders were at the events; and asked when the fields would be utilized.

Mr. Walcutt outlined what the buffer would consist of; alternative landscape ideas being considered; referenced meetings with the neighbors during the process; and confirmed the fields would be used during the day.

Pete Polonsky with Guilford Youth Soccer Association referenced events that had previously taken place at Bryan Park; announced an upcoming event should the project be completed; spoke to the economic impact as a result of events; and addressed the impact of the expansion of the fields.

Councilmember Wilkins confirmed the item would be on the October 20th agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated discussion could take place at that time with the entire Council.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

27. [ID 15-0884](#) Resolution Approving Capital Fund Expenditures From Occupancy Tax Proceeds Received by the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority for the Bryan Park Soccer Complex Expansion Project

Discussion took place regarding use of the hotel/motel tax.

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, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

28. [ID 15-0891](#) Resolution in Opposition of House Bill 318: Protect North Carolina Workers Act

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated the item had been requested by the Human Relations Commission.

Councilmember Wilkins stated he was still studying the bill; spoke to a committee member voting one way in committee and voting a different way at a Council meeting; voiced he could not support the item at this time; and inquired how the item got on the agenda.

Assistant City Manager Mary Vigue outlined the history of the item; noted that Councilmember Abuzuaiter was the liaison for the Commission; and verified she was requested by the Human Relations Commission to place it on the agenda for Council consideration.

Discussion took place regarding if the bill had already been passed; impact to the City should the Governor not veto or sign the bill; and what the passage of the bill signified.

Councilmember Wilkins asked who was the contact person to direct questions to regarding the bill; stated he was still reading the bill; and asked if Mr. Millis's statement regarding the bill's impact for immigrants in the country legally was true.

Human Relations Director Dr. Love Crossling responded that Mr. Millis's statement was true that the bill did not influence the residential status of immigrants; spoke to the focus of the request by the Human Relations Commission; outlined how the bill would impact the City's immigrant population; spoke to services the Faith Action ID provided immigrants access to; and reminded the Committee that the Faith Action ID was equivalent to any other form of ID for interaction with the Police Department. Dr. Crossling confirmed that the bill would not impact the residential status of immigrants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated that Zac Engle had made the motion to move the item to Council at the Human Relations Commission.

City Attorney Carruthers verified that the resolution would not have any affect on the bill.

Councilmember Hightower inquired about Council support/opposition to the Legislative bill outside of the City's Legislative Agenda; spoke to the similarity of this and Council support of the City's Legislative Agenda; and confirmed there was nothing wrong with City Council showing support for the resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson welcomed Mayor Vaughan and Councilmember Abuzuaiter.

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

Ayes, 2 - Yvonne J. Johnson and Sharon M. Hightower

Nays, 1 - Tony Wilkins

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Matters to be discussed by Committee Members

There were no items for discussion by the Committee members.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:35 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

YVONNE JOHNSON
CHAIRPERSON