



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

3:30 PM

VIRTUAL

### I. Call To Order

This virtual City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm Councilmembers in attendance. The following members were present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, 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 L. Howell.

### II. Presentations

#### [ID 21-0174](#) Family Justice Center/Domestic Violence Homicide Discussions

Mayor Vaughan showed appreciation to the Family Justice Center.

Family Justice Center (FJC), Director, Catherine Johnson, made a PowerPoint presentation (PPP); spoke to community leadership; outlined the FJC framework; spoke to staff and onsite partners; to funding; to services provided; outlined goals; spoke to families served annually; to COVID-19 impacts; voiced concern with a surge in domestic violence related homicides; spoke to offender accountability; and to a reduction in jail populations.

Discussion took place regarding an increase in child abuse cases; additional FJC services; peer communities; bail and bond reform; public safety; monitoring systems; trends and statistics; long term care; mental health and housing; and community outreach.

Ms. Johnson continued the PPP; spoke to efforts for connections; to FJC public relations assistance; and to focused outreach.

Councilmember Thurm requested staff to distribute multiple language information in water bills, at libraries and recreational centers, on the City kiosk, and on Greensboro Television Network (GTN), for FJC assistance.

Discussion ensued regarding success stories from the FJC; partnership with the City; and fundraising.

Councilmember Outling requested staff to provide domestic violence data; and future strategies.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No.5, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

### III. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by affirmation.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:36 P.M.

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR

VICTORIA L. HOWELL  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK