



*City of* **GREENSBORO** *North Carolina*

# Council Committees

**City Council Work Session**  
**January 15, 2015**



# Council Committees- Peer Review

- Raleigh
  - Two regular council meetings per month
  - Four Standing Committees
    - Budget & Economic Development Committee
    - Law and Public Safety Committee
    - Public Works Committee
    - Comprehensive Planning Committee
  - Committees meet twice monthly
  - Items are referred to committee from Council
  - No items originate in committee
  - Televised with formal minutes taken



# Council Committees- Peer Review

- Charlotte
  - Council meets every Monday
  - Seven Standing Committees
    - Community Safety
    - Housing & Neighborhood Development
    - Economic Development
    - Transportation
    - Environment
    - Budget
    - Governmental Affairs
  - Committees meet once monthly or as needed
  - Items are referred to committee from Council
  - Considered Council focus areas
  - Mayor appoints committees- 5 Council members
  - Open to public but generally not open to public comment
  - Not televised
  - Summary minutes taken



# Council Committees- Peer Review

- Winston-Salem
  - Two regular council meetings per month
    - First meeting- public hearing items
    - Second meeting- committee agenda items
  - Four Standing Committees
    - Finance Committee
    - Public Safety Committee
    - Public Works Committee
    - Community Development and General Government Committee
  - Four members appointed by council per committee
  - Mayor serves as ex officio of all the committees
  - Each has a chairperson and vice-chairperson
  - Committees meet once monthly



# Council Committees- Peer Review

- Winston-Salem (continued)
  - All agenda items except zoning items go to committee before regular council meeting
  - All items without a negative vote from committee go on the consent agenda
  - Televised with formal minutes taken
  - Allows public comment on agenda items
  - Consider and make recommendations to the city council on policy matters
  - Hold public hearings on questions when requested to do so by the council
  - In collaboration with the city manager, make special studies and submit reports to the council on matters falling within that committee's province



# Council Committees- Peer Review

- Greensboro
  - Two regular council meetings per month
  - Two work sessions per month
  - Council Committees created as needed
  - Two current active committees
    - East Greensboro Study Committee
    - Economic Development Committee
  - Four members appointed by council per committee
  - Each has a chairperson



# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Two regular council meetings per month
    - First meeting- committee agenda items
    - Second meeting- public hearing items
  - Discontinue the two work sessions per month
  - Create four standing Council Committees
  - Align with MAP Result Areas
    - Community Services
    - General Government
    - Infrastructure
    - Public Safety
  - Three/four members appointed by council per committee
  - Each has a chairperson



# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Each committee will review associated agenda items
  - Committees will receive Result Area Work Plans and updates
  - Examples per Result Area
    - Community Services
      - Parks & Recreation, Neighborhood Development, Library, and Human Relation issues
      - Housing code ordinance revisions
      - Nuisance ordinances
      - User fees
      - Policy revisions
      - Contracts
      - Capital Projects





# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Examples per Result Area Continued
    - General Government
      - Finance, Budget, IT, HR, M/WBE and Executive issues
      - Contracts and purchase orders
      - Annual operating budget
      - Budget amendments
      - Annual financial reports
      - Purchase and sale of property
      - Fees
      - Policy revisions
      - Grants requiring a match
      - Capital Projects



# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Examples per Result Area Continued
    - Infrastructure
      - E&I, Field Operations, Planning, Transportation, and Water Resources issues
      - Contracts
      - Budget review
      - Road & alley closures
      - Utility easements
      - Stormwater/Water issues
      - Roadway naming
      - Annexation petitions
      - Ordinance revisions
      - Fees
      - Capital Projects



# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Examples per Result Area Continued
    - Public Safety
      - Fire, GM 911, and Police issues
      - Contracts
      - Grant applications
      - Budget review
      - Ordinance revisions
      - Fees
      - Projects



# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Other items to consider
    - Televise Council Committee meetings
    - Formal agendas/minutes
    - Speakers from the floor
  - Change Current Council Committees
    - Keep current committees and ability to create study committees
    - Change name to task force
    - More informal process than proposed Council Committees



# Council Committees

- Greensboro- Possible Alternative
  - Next Steps
    - Change City Code to include Council Committees
    - Educate/Advertise new process to public & staff