



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

### Call to Order

This Public Safety Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 4 - Chairperson Marikay Abuzuaite, Vice Chair Tony Wilkins, Councilmember Mike Barber and Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson

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

### Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Councilmember Abuzuaite explained the Committee procedure for conduct of the meeting.

### I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Barber, to refer the consent agenda to Council. The motion carried by voice vote:**

**Ayes,** 4 - Marikay Abuzuaite, Tony Wilkins, Mike Barber and Yvonne J. Johnson

1. [ID 15-0769](#) Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number One in the Amount of \$33,486.00 with H.M. Kern Corp. for Fire Station 59 - Contract No. 2012-072
2. [ID 15-0753](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$803,546 Amending the FY 15-16 Technical Services Fund Budget and the FY 15-16 Technical Services Capital Project Fund Budget

### II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

There were no business items for this agenda.

### III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. [ID 15-0781](#) Update on Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP)

Police Chief Wayne Scott made a PowerPoint Presentation which outlined the history and philosophy of Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP); explained what NOP was about; spoke to the goals and strategy of NOP; to the collection of data; outlined the goals for patrol deployment as well as related departmental goals; and outlined the process for responding to priority one calls. Chief Scott provided the preliminary findings from Phase 1; outlined the impacts on patrols and the department; the new patrol staffing level process; and added that the plan would be implemented by repurposing exiting positions. Chief Scott provided the process for implementation of Phases 2 and 3 of the NOP; and stated the department would continue to work with Dr. Santos on implementation.

Committee members commended the work of the Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson inquired about what was being done regarding street crime; and what Chief Scott's view was regarding the citizen's review process.

Chief Scott responded that the department was adding a street crime unit which would work seven days a week to fulfill a gap to work with repeat offenders; help prevent future crime; spoke to the best method of prosecution; and the success of the gun crime program. Chief Scott voiced that the citizen's review process was important to the department; that the City had a good review process; that changes proposed by Council were positive; and emphasized that police departments around the state were looking at Greensboro's process.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter thanked Chief Scott for his work; and spoke to the challenges in ensuring NOP was a success.

#### **Matters to be discussed by Committee Members**

There were no items for discussion from the members of the Committee.

#### **Matters to be presented by the City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Wesley Reid provided the status of the Fire Chief search; spoke to and provided photographs of the 9/11 Stair Climb over the past weekend; commended the Fire Department; thanked Council for issuing the public safety appreciation certificates which would be presented on Friday, September 11th; and spoke to those who would be receiving said certificates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson thanked Councilmember Wilkins for coming up with the idea of the certificates; reminded the audience to keep the families who lost loved ones on 9/11 in their thoughts; and voiced gratitude for the public safety personnel of the City.

Councilmember Wilkins inquired about the cost of the Fire Chief search; asked if it needed to be a nationwide search; and if the City had qualified applicants from within.

Assistant City Manager Reid explained the process and reasons for a nationwide search; stated that there were some qualified in-house candidates; and emphasized the goal was to get the best person to fill the position.

#### **Matters to be presented by the City Attorney**

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

#### **Adjournment**

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

THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 6:29 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK

MARIKAY ABUZUAITER  
CHAIRPERSON