



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Committee

Monday, October 12, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

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:

Call to Order

Present: 3 - Chairperson Marikay Abuzuaite, Vice Chair Tony Wilkins and Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Mike Barber and Mayor Nancy Vaughan

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

Councilmember Barber was not in attendance at the meeting.

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

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 Wilkins to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 3 - Marikay Abuzuaite, Tony Wilkins and Yvonne J. Johnson

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

1. [ID 15-0804](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Public Safety Committee of September 8, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of September 8, 2015 was adopted.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2. [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 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to refer the ordinance to Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 3 - Marikay Abuzuaite, Tony Wilkins and Yvonne J. Johnson

Absent, 2 - Mike Barber and Nancy Vaughan

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. [ID 15-0880](#) Presentation on the Greensboro Fire Department

Assistant City Manager Reid stated this would be the first update by the public safety departments; and recognized Interim Fire Chief Bobby Nugent.

Interim Fire Chief Nugent made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) which provided an overview of the department; outlined specific teams that were a part of the department; highlighted the accomplishments and accreditations of the department; provided an overview of Greensboro Occupancy Vulnerability Assessment Program (GOVAP) which had been developed within the department; and spoke to what the department would be doing moving forward.

Councilmember Wilkins asked whether the amount of false alarm calls had improved.

Interim Fire Chief Nugent responded that he did not have that figure.

Discussion took place regarding the fire department not charging for false alarm calls; a request for Assistant City Manager Reid to provide the statistics for false alarm calls; and homeowner insurance rate savings as a result of the Class I classification of the department.

Councilmember Wilkins asked if the City had regrouped construction of proposed new fire stations as a result of the change in annexation laws.

Interim Fire Chief Nugent provided an update on alteration of some of the plans; explained the matrix used in planning for fire stations; spoke to the process used in looking towards the future; verified the department was always looking and assessing the stations; and spoke to changes in stations.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter thanked Interim Chief Nugent for his presentation.

A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer W, Exhibit No. 29, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.

Matters to be discussed by Committee Members

Councilmember Abuzuaiter thanked Assistant City Manager Reid and the public safety departments for their professionalism with regard to the manner in which they responded to the critical incident last week.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

Assistant City Manager Reid introduced Police Chief Wayne Scott for an update.

Police Chief Scott spoke to changes in the Police Department; explained that one of the goals with the department was to be better invested in the community; announced that the department would begin quarterly meetings with the media to become invested in a police operation; spoke to a weeklong investigation by vice last week regarding prostitution and trafficking that allowed the media restricted access during the weeklong assignment; stated he hoped to do similar events with other work groups; and emphasized that he wanted to make sure the community was aware that violent assaults were on the rise.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson inquired about the injured police officer.

Police Chief Scott confirmed he was doing well; and stated that he was proud of the work of the department was doing.

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 6:26 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

MARIKAY ABUZUAITER
CHAIRPERSON