



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Services Committee

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This Community Services 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 Jamal T. Fox, Vice Chair Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann and Councilmember Justin Outling

Also present were Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and Deputy City Clerk Angela R. Lord.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Councilmember Fox explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Councilmember Fox asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent agenda. Councilmember Hightower requested Item #1 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Outling to refer the consent agenda as amended to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

2. [ID 15-0863](#) Resolution Listing Loans and Grant for City Council Approval
3. [ID 15-0873](#) Resolution Authorizing Extension in Contract No. 2006-026 With Corley Redfoot Architects, Inc. for the Griffin Recreation Center - Design Services Project
4. [ID 15-0802](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting of September 9, 2015
1. [ID 15-0876](#) Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with Housing Authority of the City of Greensboro - Payments in Lieu of Taxes

Councilmember Hightower acknowledged Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) President and Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown in the audience; spoke to the history of the agreement between the City and the GHA; and asked for clarification on the amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

City Attorney Carruthers spoke to a long standing arrangement through the Federal Housing Authority; deferment of property taxes; and providing affordable housing.

Ms. Brown confirmed the agreement; spoke to the pilot program; referenced the previous MOU; old heating units; spoke to a bond agreement; restoring the original agreement; and maintaining properties.

Discussion took place regarding the GHA paying the debt; the previous arrangement; the City facilitating bond payments; and the federal pilot program.

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

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

8. [ID 15-0871](#) College Commission Update

Taking the prerogative of the Chair Councilmember Fox moved Item # 8 up before the general business agenda.

Assistant City Manager Wilson recognized Jenny Caviness, Youth and Volunteer Services Division Manager for Parks and Recreation to speak to the item.

Ms. Caviness provided a brief update for the commission; and introduced College Commission Chair Nate Cook.

Mr. Cook outlined the history of the College Commission; referenced the make up of the committee; spoke to a productive retreat in September; establishment of long term goals; the creation of four main focus groups; monthly meetings; the age range of committee members; and replacement of members as they graduate.

Councilmember Fox voiced appreciation for Mr. Cook's leadership of the Commission; and spoke to a future City Council presentation.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

5. [ID 15-0845](#) Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement Regarding Additional Funding for the Greensboro Public Libraries for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Assistant City Manager Wilson recognized Libraries and Museum Director Brigitte Blanton; spoke to regional services provided; an arrangement with Guilford County; and the receipt of additional funding from the County.

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

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

6. [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

Councilmember Fox introduced items # 6 and #7 together; and stated there were speakers to the items.

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to the history of the items; economic impact; public meetings held by the Parks and Recreation Department; buffering requirements; the Technical Review Committee; the City's investment; private funding; stated the items had been recommended to Council by the Parks and Recreation Commission; and recognized Parks & Recreation (P & R) Director Wade Walcutt to speak to the items.

Mr. Walcutt spoke to a \$4.5 million investment; productive community meetings; resident impact; referenced an August 12th P & R Commission meeting; addressing safety concerns; spoke to communication and signage; property boundaries; dialogue with the neighborhood association; revisions to the placement of soccer fields; noise concerns; the City noise ordinance; fencing and landscaping; parking allowances; and addressing traffic concerns for first responders.

Gay Cheney, 6209 Bard's Lane, Brown Summit voiced concerns with location of the soccer fields; referenced flooding; potential poisonous chemicals being used; railroad traffic; increased vehicular traffic; parking; and referenced articles in local papers.

Ronnie Jefferson, 2508 Farm Gate Road provided the location of his home in comparison to the soccer fields; referenced how he became aware of the project; voiced support for the economic impact; stated he would like to see the complex located elsewhere; referenced the location of the railroad tracks; and voiced concerns related to traffic.

Councilmember Hoffmann asked for the distance in relation to his property line and the fields.

Mr. Jefferson stated it was 200 feet; spoke to the hardwoods in his back yard; to the placement of a stake at the starting point of the fields; and stated the field would be visible from his kitchen window.

Keith Wilde, 2306 Farm Gate Road spoke to the Hidden Lakes neighborhood; referenced old trees; the location of the fields to his home; spoke to property grading; loss of the hardwood buffer; to lighting; the sound system; voiced safety concerns; spoke to railroad and vehicular traffic; logistical issues; and stated he did not see the project as a long term investment.

Discussion took place regarding addressing noise and lighting concerns; time of games; economic impact; plans for Phase 1 of the project; existing fields; communications between the P & R Department and the speakers; railroad traffic; future plans of expansion; traffic impact for the residents; additional signage; and the availability of shuttles from additional parking lots.

Councilmember Hoffmann inquired about the typical play time for the soccer games.

Mr. Walcutt stated staff would provide the information for Council.

Assistant City Manager Wilson stated due to lighting issues games would not take place into the evening hours.

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

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

7. [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

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

Ayes, 4 - Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Matters to be discussed by the Mayor and Members of the Council

There were no items for discussion by the Committee members.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to a scheduling conflict for the committee members on November 12, 2015; stated the Infrastructure Committee meeting time had been adjusted to begin at 3:30 p.m. on November 12th; and recommended an earlier start time for the Community Services Committee.

City Attorney Carruthers spoke to the issuance of a public notice to alert the public of the meeting time change.

Discussion took place regarding a break between the Infrastructure and Community Services Committee

meetings to allow the Clerk time to reset for the second meeting. It was the consensus of the committee to adjust the meeting time of the November 12th Committee meeting based on the end time of the Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 6:43 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

JAMAL FOX
CHAIRPERSON