



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft General Government Committee

Monday, June 13, 2016

4:30 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This General Government Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 3 - Chairperson Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Mike Barber

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

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained the Committee procedure for conduct of the meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to excuse Councilmember Barber from attendance at the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Hightower requested Items No. 2/ID16-0433 and No. 3/16-0484 be removed for discussion. Councilmember Wilkins requested Item No. 3 as well.

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to refer the consent agenda as amended to Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

1. [ID 16-0407](#) Resolution Declaring City Property, Ford Crown Victoria- Equipment #3087, as Surplus Property and Conveyance of Surplus Property to the Greensboro Children's Museum, a Non-Profit Organization, Pursuant to NC General Statutes § 160A-280
4. [ID 16-0519](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 4/26/16-5/31/16
5. [ID 16-0518](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 4/26/16-5/31/16
6. [ID 16-0547](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of May 9, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the General Government Committee meeting of May 9, 2016 was adopted.

2. [ID 16-0433](#) Resolution Approving Extension of Professional Services Contract 2013-5336 with Moses Cone Health System (Dr. Mary Ruth Hunt) for Physician Services in the Amount of \$25,000.

Councilmember Hightower asked for an explanation on the extension of the Moses Cone Health System contract; if the contract covered employee physicals and screenings; stated she had not seen the 2013 contract; inquired if the doctor came on site; if outside clinics could handle physicals and workers compensation injuries; stated she would like to see things prior to a week before Council meetings; and requested additional information be provided.

Human Resources Director Connie Hammond provided an overview of what items were covered under the contract; explained that Dr. Hunt worked two to three days a week; oversaw the work of the registered nurse for the City; added that the contract was for \$25,000; that the extension would take the contract over \$100,000 which was why it was coming before Council; spoke to the cost to do the work in-house; and stated she would provide a copy of the contract to Council.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to refer the resolution to Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. [ID 16-0484](#) Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances With Respect to Administration to Clarify the Contracting Authority of the City Manager

City Attorney Tom Carruthers provided the history of the item; referenced service contracts for capital projects; stated he had been in conversations with City Manager Westmoreland regarding the proposed change; and provided an explanation as to why the item was being brought to Council.

Councilmember Wilkins stated he did not agree with the item; spoke to the intent of Council to know of any expenditures over \$100,000; referenced some Councilmembers being better informed of items than others; stated that if the threshold was left at \$100,000 Council could vote on the items; and confirmed he would not support the item as it was.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated that a motion could be made.

City Attorney Carruthers advised that the Committee could move the item to Council without a recommendation; that he could prepare an alternative motion with regard to the \$100,000; and spoke to the requirements of the City Charter.

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Hightower that any expenditure over \$100,000 except for construction or demolition be brought before Council so that all members had knowledge of the items. Councilmember Wilkins asked City Attorney Carruthers for clarification on the motion language.

City Attorney Carruthers confirmed that the item could be amended in accordance with the motion made by Councilmember Wilkins.

The motion carried by voice vote.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

7. [ID 16-0438](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$2,600,000 Amending the Employee Risk Retention Fund for FY 15-16

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 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 1 - Mike Barber

8. [ID 16-0480](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$11,658,785 Amending the Performing Arts

Center Project Fund

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked for staff to provide the background for the item.

Finance Director Rick Lusk provided an overview of the item; outlined the items included in the appropriation; stated this was an accounting mechanism, not an increase in funding; and spoke to the funding for the loan payoff.

Councilmember Hightower inquired as to the exact figure for the appropriations; asked for clarification as to who the payoff payment would go to; and asked that a clear explanation be provided in the agenda information.

Mr. Lusk outlined the revenue received by the rental of the property; clarified the appropriation would go towards the payoff of the loan; and voiced the need for a budget appropriation.

Councilmember Wilkins referenced entertainers not coming to Greensboro because of House Bill 2; voiced concerns with the risk to taxpayers; and stated he would not support the item.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to refer the ordinance to Council. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 2 - Yvonne J. Johnson and Sharon M. Hightower

Nays, 1 - Tony Wilkins

Absent, 1 - Mike Barber

9. [ID 16-0505](#) Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Tax Agreement Between the City of Greensboro and Guilford County

Councilmember Wilkins inquired if the County's fee was cheaper than the City doing tax collection itself; asked if the software was compatible; about parking fine collection through tax collection; and stated he supported the item.

City Attorney Carruthers confirmed that the County could perform the tax collection more efficiently than the City; provided an overview of the process used by the County; and stated that staff had been in contact with Senator Wade's office for information.

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

Ayes, 3 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Absent, 1 - Mike Barber

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. [ID 16-0524](#) Resolution Amending Resolution No. 186-13 Authorizing an Economic Development Incentive Grant, not to Exceed the Amount of \$400,000, to Triad International Maintenance Corporation dba HAECO Americas for New Jobs at Piedmont Triad International Airport

City Attorney Carruthers stated that no action was required by the Committee at this time; and that the item would be a public hearing at the June 21st meeting.

Matters to be discussed by the Committee Members

There were no items for discussion by the Committee members.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

There were no items for discussion by the City Manager.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:02 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

YVONNE JOHNSON
CHAIR