



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Special Meeting

Friday, October 21, 2016

1:30 PM

Council Chamber

### 1. Call To Order

This City Council Special meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present 8 - Councilmember Mike Barber, Councilmember Marikay Abuzaiter, Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Jamal Fox, Councilmember Sharon Hightower, Councilmember Tony Wilkins, and Councilmember Justin Outling

Absent 1 - Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson

Councilmembers Barber and Fox participated by phone.

Also present were City Manager Jim Westmoreland, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and Deputy City Clerk Angela R. Lord.

### 2. Presentations

#### 1. [ID 16-0884](#) Recess to Closed Session

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann to recess to closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions to legal counsel concerning the handling or settlement of a claim and of the case of LaMonte Burton Armstrong v. City of Greensboro, et al., pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3). The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Wilkins asked for clarification on discussions in closed session based on the motion language; if Council would be allowed to address disclosure of information from the last closed session held on Tuesday; and if it would be proper to amend the motion to allow additional discussions.

City Attorney Carruthers stated the purpose of the closed session today; that any motion could be amended; confirmed his pleasure to discuss concerns from the last closed session without an amendment; and provided a legal opinion regarding what had occurred at the last meeting of Council.

Council recessed to closed session at 1:34 p.m. Council reconvened into open session at 1:56 p.m. with all members in attendance except Councilmembers Barber, Fox, and Johnson.

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Hightower to return to open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Wilkins requested City Attorney Carruthers to address what Council could expect next week regarding the closed session and actions taken in open session.

City Attorney Carruthers stated the News and Record had requested information regarding the closed session; that the minutes had not been prepared; that he would be reviewing the audio from the meeting; and that he would prepare an opinion for the media and Council.

Discussion took place regarding the anticipated time line for the information.

### **3. Adjournment**

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 1:58 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR