



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

4:15 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

1. Call To Order

This City Council Work Session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:15 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaite, Mike Barber, Jamal Fox, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Yvonne J. Johnson, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins.

Also present were Assistant City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Schneier and City Clerk, Betsey Richardson.

Mayor Vaughan stated City Manager Jim Westmoreland was delayed; and recognized Assistant City Manager David Parrish.

Assistant City Manager Parrish introduced City Attorney Tom Carruthers for the Legislative update.

2. Presentations

1. [ID 16-0975](#) Presentation of the Proposed 2017 Legislative Agenda - Legal Department

City Attorney Carruthers introduced Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Schneier who provided an overview of the Legislative Session; and timeline for Council adoption of the Legislative Agenda.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier provided a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); and handouts of the presentation to Council.

City Attorney Carruthers spoke to and highlighted the amendments to the body worn camera item; confirmed Greensboro would join Charlotte and Durham for discussions; and reviewed the process for moving forward.

Councilmember Fox entered the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Discussion occurred regarding other municipalities that had police review boards; and purview of the boards.

Councilmember Barber requested that Council not send any items that might shed a spotlight on Greensboro; and asked if Council should wait until February to forward its Legislative Agenda to allow the Delegation time to set its 2017 priorities.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the agenda brief; meeting with the Delegation to review the agenda; process for meeting with the Delegation; reason for not meeting with them in 2016; if Senator Wade was still the Chair; and possibly meeting in Raleigh.

Assistant City Manager Parrish confirmed staff would research a meeting with the Delegation in the near future.

City Attorney Carruthers provided an overview of the last two body worn camera amendments.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier continued the PPP; provided highlights of the Repair of Nonresidential Buildings and Re-Write of Planning Statutes; spoke to the changes the City was requesting; referenced extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ); and to changes that could be made if needed.

Councilmember Outling voiced that the proposed changes addressed problems that needed to be solved.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier highlighted the Environmental/Jordan Lake item; spoke to Senator Wade's request that the City focus on the Jordan Lake Rules; explained that staff had come up with a resolution that would save the City money; and spoke to the benefits of offsets.

Discussion took place regarding the amount of monies that would be necessary; what would happen should the issue be repealed; continued escalation of the regulations and the regulatory climate; upgrades to the wastewater facilities; and what would take place going forward.

Assistant City Manager Parrish stated he would get the numbers to Council.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier continued the presentation by providing the history of Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction; referenced a study that had been performed; verified she would email the report to Councilmembers; added that Guilford County was interested in the legislation; spoke to others who were involved with the issue; and to the benefits of the legislation.

Councilmember Fox interjected that the legislation would be good; and spoke to young people who committed non-violent crimes.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier provided an overview to the Collection of Parking Fines Linked to Vehicle Registration; and referenced conversations she had had with Senator Wade regarding the item.

Councilmember Wilkins inquired about the cost of the software involved in the issue; and if any additional fines could be linked to the collection.

City Attorney Carruthers advised that the City needed to focus on the passage of parking fine collection before requesting additional fines be collected.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier reviewed the Sales Tax Redistribution; referenced last year's proposal; spoke to Water Resources Capacity User Fees; stated the City charged for services they actually provided; stated the City would like to be in line with county regulations; and referenced a recent Supreme Court case.

Discussion took place regarding the impact on the City's capacity use fees; the League of Municipalities' Legislative Agenda; and being in unity with other cities.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier provided an overview of the State Tort Cap Reform.

Councilmember Wilkins explained his reasons for requesting the Tort Cap Reform item placement on the Legislative Agenda.

Discussion took place regarding the \$750,000 cap; the disproportionate share required by the City; fairness to taxpayers; and support of Council for the item.

Councilmember Hightower voiced the need to determine a cap; and stated she would not support the item unless there was a determined amount.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier recognized Councilmember Abuzuaiter to speak to the addition of an item requesting in-state tuition for undocumented students.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter referenced a conversation with the Guilford County Superintendent regarding why the students needed to have in-state tuition provided; and the need to continue their education to ensure an educated work force was available.

Council discussed the students who had spoken before Council about the item last year; adding language acknowledging that they had begun the immigration process; and the need for staff to review language

amendments to bring back to Council.

Assistant City Attorney Schneier reviewed the Chamber of Commerce proposed Legislative Agenda.

Council discussed duplicate items on both agendas; shortening the City's Legislative Agenda; possibly combining the Jordan Lake Rules; absence of the Megasite on either agenda; and items that would be included in the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda.

Assistant City Manager Parrish spoke to the overall support of the MegaSite; and to news staff had received regarding the MegaSite last week.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Y, Exhibit No. 40 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

2. [ID 16-0980](#) Recess to Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the City Attorney and Council and to discuss matters relating to the relocation or expansion of industries or other businesses, including potential economic development incentives that may be offered in negotiations, and to instruct the City's staff concerning negotiations of the price and other material terms of a contract for acquisition by purchase of real property pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3), (a)(4)&(a) (5). The motion carried by voice vote.

Council recessed to closed session at 4:56 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 5:22 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Councilmember Hightower congratulated the Dudley High School Football Team.

3. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:48 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR