



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chamber**

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:30 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: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Mike Barber, Councilmember Jamal T. Fox, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Justin Outling and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

Also present were City Manager Jim Westmoreland, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and City Clerk Elizabeth H. Richardson.

### **Moment of Silence**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Mayor Vaughan recognized the Triad Elite Youth Basketball Organization to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **Recognition of Courier**

City Manager Jim Westmoreland recognized Glenn Lamb of Guilford Metro 911 who served as Courier for the meeting.

City Manager Westmoreland also recognized Tejas Santanam as Junior Courier who is a rising senior at Early College at Guilford; and provided an overview of Mr. Santanam's community involvement and accomplishments.

Councilmember Hightower voiced appreciation for the opportunity for youth to serve as junior couriers through the Summer Youth Courier Program; and thanked Mr. Santanam for volunteering.

### **Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting**

Mayor Vaughan explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

Mayor Vaughan stated the first ten speakers from the floor would be taken at the beginning of the meeting with the remainder taken at the end. Mayor Vaughan reminded Council that if an item was removed from the consent agenda it would go on as a business item at the next meeting.

## **I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS**

1. [ID 17-0341](#) Resolution Recognizing the Family Justice Center on its Second Anniversary

Councilmember Abuzuaiter asked Family Justice Center (FJC) Director Katherine Johnson and persons involved with the FJC to come forward; read the resolution into the record; and voiced appreciation to the partners and volunteers involved with the FJC.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to a donation to the FJC by the local ABC Authority.

Ms. Johnson thanked Council for the resolution; spoke to approximately 11,000 children and families that had been served through the FJC; recognized many of the community partners, volunteers and professionals who assisted the FJC; emphasized the transformation that the FJC provided to people; announced an upcoming camp for children in homes with domestic violence; emphasized that, although one death was too many, that since the FJC's opening, domestic violence homicides had been reduced from ten to one; voiced appreciation for the ongoing support and partnership of the Council; and emphasized that the FJC remained committed to the transformative work it had done.

Councilmember Hightower commended Ms. Johnson for her work at the FJC; and referenced their upcoming partnership with the Housing Hub.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

**123-17 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (FJC) ON ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) opened June 15, 2015 with a mission to empower family violence victims to live free from violence and abuse and hold offenders accountable by providing easily accessible, coordinated, and comprehensive services in a single location;

WHEREAS, FJC is a "one stop shop" for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child and elder abuse that incorporates 55 professionals from 15 different disciplines who work together to provide consolidated and coordinated safety, legal, social and health services to those in need;

WHEREAS, through FJC, victims of domestic and sexual violence have access to a wide range of supportive resources such as meeting with a victim advocate, talking with a law enforcement officer; meeting with the appropriate parties for filing a restraining order or to discuss civil and criminal legal issues; receiving medical assistance, and gaining information on how to access shelter and other community resources;

WHEREAS, through the work and services of FJC there has been a decrease in the number of domestic violence related homicides in Guilford County even though the number of overall homicides in the County has risen;

WHEREAS, some of the key accomplishments over the past two years include, but are not limited to the following: onsite service to nearly 11,000 individuals and families, implementation of electronic filing for restraining orders which has reduced the process from eight to three hours, the addition of an Assistant District Attorney in Guilford County whose position is dedicated to working with victims of intimate partner violence and collaborating with FJC partners, establishment of the VOICES Council who participate and support FJC outreach initiatives, the expansion of local community based organization partnerships from 17 to over 45, and the launch of a collaborative specifically focused on providing education, response and resource to aging adults who have experienced abuse;

WHEREAS, the City Council commends FJC for their work and contributions to the City of Greensboro and to Guilford County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it hereby recognizes the Guilford County Family Justice Center on its second anniversary and extends appreciation for the contributions FJC has made to the community over the past two years.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Councilmember Abuzuaiter left the meeting at 5:48 p.m. and returned at 5:59 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to allow twelve speakers at this time with the remainder at the end of the meeting. The motion carried by consensus of Council.

Councilmember Hightower asked about the remaining speakers from several meetings back.

Mayor Vaughan responded that Council was willing to listen to issues; stated what happened that evening made that not tenable; and confirmed people could sign up for the opportunity to address the Council.

Dabney Sanders, 805 Simpson Street provided an update on events that had taken place that were associated with the Downtown Greenway; special thanks to the Salvation Army and Councilmembers that attended the events; highlighted the event in the Warnersville neighborhood; the Wheels of the Greenway event; spoke to providing bicycles and helmets for approximately 40 area children; and provided photos of the events.

Doug Brown, 4008 Berkshire Avenue thanked Ms. Sanders for the event in the Warnersville community; and spoke to the experience of the children involved in the event.

Nakua Artis stated she was involved in the Girl Scouts at the Warnersville Recreation Center; spoke to riding bicycles with her mother; and stated she enjoyed the Recreation Center.

Ivan Cutler, 1817 Tennyson Court, provided an overview of the programs and activities at the Greensboro Public Libraries; stated the libraries were open to everyone; and invited the public to attend an event on Thursday with National Book Foundation leader Lisa Lucas at the Greensboro Historical Museum.

Randall Keeney, 4402 Graham Road voiced concern with comments made by Councilmember Barber at the last Council meeting; stated he was a minister in the community; provided his personal history; spoke to redemption; and encouraged Council to come meet a 44 year old woman from Guatemala that Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church was providing sanctuary to.

Lianne McCray, 414 Cory Road made reference to copies of the book 'The New Jim Crow' that had been provided to Council; spoke to Council taking action against injustice; the war on drugs and crime; bribes of local law enforcement officers; disenfranchisement of individuals; voiced concern with the proposed salary increase for the Police Department; referenced the City Workers Union; and asked that Council act in accordance with the book.

Dr. Keilan Rickard, 1407 Northfield Street read a portion from the book 'The New Jim Crow'.

Olivia Kellogg, 6791 McPherson Clay Road, Liberty read an except from the book 'The New Jim Crow'.

Kate Keeton, 5601 Faye Drive read excerpts from 'The New Jim Crow'; and asked Council to follow along on specific pages of the book.

Amanda Victoria Skiscim, 5304 Grace Williams Road provided an except from the book 'The New Jim Crow'.

George Longworth, 211 North Cedar Street voiced concern with inappropriate comments made about citizens; and actions of Councilmember Barber at the last meeting.

Councilmember Barber responded to Mr. Longworth's comments; spoke to regulations of the law for registered sex offenders; assertions made and disruptions during Council meetings; provided an explanation for his comment made at the last Council meeting with regard to an example of the cycle of crime and poverty; spoke to what he did for a living; and voiced his concerns with disrespectful comments made against the Mayor and Councilmembers over the past six to nine months.

Charles French, 9 Grassy Knoll, President of the City Workers Union (CWU); thanked Council for listening to the CWU's concerns regarding wages and healthcare; referenced the May 28th News & Record article regarding the pay raise for public safety employees; voiced the need for an increase for other City employees; referenced the

City's merit system; a quote by Councilmember Barber; and spoke to important maintenance and services provided by City departments other than public safety.

Ramone Johnson, 335 Montrose Drive thanked Council for taking the CWU to where they were now; emphasized they still had a long way to go; spoke to racism and equality; referenced the proposed salary increase for public safety employees; spoke to the contributions and services of all City workers; and asked that all City workers be taken into consideration.

Mayor Vaughan stated there were 16 speakers remaining that would be heard at the end of the meeting or would be the first at the next meeting if they could not stay.

Councilmember Hightower asked if the concerns presented would be discussed during the budget public hearing.

### **III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)**

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Fox to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Absent, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

**2. [ID 17-0349](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property Located at 5450 Millstream Road for the Stewart Mill Force Main Sewer Line Project**

124-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5450 MILLSTREAM ROAD FOR THE STEWART MILL FORCE MAIN SEWER LINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Stewart Mill Force Main Sewer Line Project, a portion of the property owned by Resnick in North Carolina LP, Parcel 0084849 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$86,996 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$95,000, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$95,000 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 507-7012-01.6012, Activity A13088.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**3. [ID 17-0342](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property Located at 4308 McConnell Road for the Young's Mill Outfall Project**

125-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPRAISAL AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4308 McCONNELL ROAD FOR THE YOUNG'S MILL OUTFALL PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Young's Mill Outfall project, a portion of the property owned by Stephen and Brook Wagoner, Parcel 0116912 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised by Foster Appraisal Services, Inc. at a value of \$29,654, which appraisal, in the opinion of the City Council, is fair and reasonable;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the appraised price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the appraisal of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$29,654 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the appraisal is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 507-7012-03.6012, Activity #A13092.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

4. [ID 17-0360](#) Resolution Authorizing Contract Between the City of Greensboro and Granicus, Inc. for Granicus Equipment Upgrade and Software Renewal

126-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND GRANICUS, INC. TO PROVIDE GRANICUS EQUIPMENT UPGRADE AND SOFTWARE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the City is currently using Granicus software and hardware for streaming the City Council meetings, developing and posting City Council meeting agendas; finalizing the minutes; and recording Council meeting votes provided by Granicus. Currently the City is using two outdated analog encoders, which are no longer supported by Granicus;

WHEREAS, the proposed a five-year contract is for the updated equipment and maintenance of said software and hardware and for the one-time replacement fee and monthly costs of the digital encoders. The proposed contract is structured to allow the City to lock the maintenance rate for two consecutive years without an escalation and lower the escalation rate for the remaining three years from 5% to 3%;

WHEREAS, Granicus, Inc. is the sole source provider of the software and hardware for the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City is authorized to purchase updated encoders and maintenance with Granicus through the year 2022. Funding for the payments over the five-year period are authorized from Legislative, IT & GTN/Communications departments. The Mayor and/or City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper contract to carry the proposal into effect.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

5. [ID 17-0316](#) Resolution Approving a Contract in the Amount of \$471,300 with Systems & Software, Inc. for the Upgrade of the Existing enQuesta Customer Information System from enQuesta V4 to enQuesta V5

127-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$471,300 WITH SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC. FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING ENQUESTA CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM FROM ENQUESTA V4 TO ENQUESTA V5

WHEREAS, The Water Resources Department and Systems & Software, Inc. have agreed to engage in the upgrade of the existing enQuesta Customer Information System (CIS) and ancillary modules from the currently installed release of enQuesta v4 to enQuesta 5;

WHEREAS, the core CIS (Billing, Service Orders, Collections, Customer Care) along with WebConnect and ancillary modules will be ported forward to allow for continued use of existing functionality;

WHEREAS, enQuesta system interfaces that are currently licensed will be ported forward and maintained in their as-is state;

WHEREAS, all standard features, new features, and changes within the enQuesta 5 product release will be included in this upgrade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City is authorized to enter into a contract with Systems & Software, Inc. to upgrade the existing enQuesta CIS from enQuesta v4 to enQuesta v5. The Mayor and/or City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper contract to carry the proposal into effect, with Systems & Software, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$471,300 in the following accounts: \$265,600 from 501-7012-01.6058, \$127,800 from 501-7012-01.5212, and \$77,900 from 501-7012-01.5413 and the associated budget adjustment.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**6. [ID 17-0327](#) Resolution Authorizing Contract with Colfax Fire Department for Supplemental Fire Protection**

129-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FROM COLFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists annexed areas of the City of Greensboro that are not currently within the City's standard of emergency response;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro desires to enter into a professional services contract for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 with Colfax Fire Department, to provide supplemental fire protection for the residents of Greensboro in the amount of \$97,990 annually. To be paid in two equal installments paid by the 31st of August and by the 31st of January;

WHEREAS, annual funding for Year 2 and Year 3 of the contract is subject to future City Council budget appropriations;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department and Colfax Fire Department have collaboratively provided excellent fire protection service to the residents of Greensboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the proposed contract between the City of Greensboro and Colfax Fire Department is authorized for the provision of supplemental fire protection services for the period of three years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, with payment of said contract to be made as set out above.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**7. [ID 17-0346](#) Resolution Authorizing Contract with Fire District #13 for Supplemental Fire Protection**

129-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FROM FIRE DISTRICT #13

WHEREAS, there exists annexed areas of the City of Greensboro that are not currently within the City's standard of emergency response;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro desires to enter into a professional services contract for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 with Fire District #13, to provide supplemental fire protection for the residents of Greensboro in the amount of \$440,995 annually. To be paid in two equal installments paid by the 31st of August and by the 31st of January;

WHEREAS, annual funding for Year 2 and Year 3 of the contract is subject to future City Council budget appropriations;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department and Fire District #13 have collaboratively provided excellent fire protection service to the residents of Greensboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the proposed contract between the City of Greensboro and Fire District #13 is authorized for the provision of supplemental fire protection services for the period of three years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, with payment of said contract to be made as set out above.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**8. [ID 17-0347](#) Resolution Authorizing Contract with Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire District for Supplemental Fire Protection**

130-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FROM PINECROFT-SEDFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, there exists annexed areas of the City of Greensboro that are not currently within the City's standard of emergency response:

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro desires to enter into a professional services contract for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 with Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire District, to provide supplemental fire protection for the residents of Greensboro in the amount of \$489,950 annually. To be paid in two equal installments paid by the 31st of August and by the 31st of January;

WHEREAS, annual funding for Year 2 and Year 3 of the contract is subject to future City Council budget appropriations;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department and Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire District have collaboratively provided excellent fire protection service to the residents of Greensboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the proposed contract between the City of Greensboro and Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire District is authorized for the provision of supplemental fire protection services for the period of three years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, with payment of said contract to be made as set out above.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**9. [ID 17-0335](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$69,000 Amending the Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget for the 2017/2018 Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team Program**

17-53 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE 2017/2018 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM

Section 1:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO: That the appropriation for the Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget be increased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4017-01.5239	Miscellaneous	\$20,000
220-4017-01.5428	Contracted Medical	\$15,000
220-4017-01.5520	Seminar/Training	\$25,000
220-4017-01.4730	Worker's Compensation	\$5,000

220-4017-01.5621	Equipment	\$4,000
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TOTAL		\$69,000
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And, that this increase be financed by increasing the following Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4017-01.7110	State Grant	\$69,000
TOTAL:		\$69,000

Section 2:

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**10. [ID 17-0352](#) Ordinance to Approve the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget**

17-54 GREENSBORO/GUILFORD COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Budget Ordinance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

An ordinance making appropriations for the operation of the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

Be it ordained by the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority Board this the 13th day of June, 2017

That for the Operation of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, the following amount is hereby appropriated for the City occupancy tax in the General Fund:

Convention/Tourism Promotion (Operations) \$ 895,169

The above appropriation is hereby funded by the following revenue estimate:

Occupancy Tax-City \$ 895,169

This Ordinance is effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**11. [ID 17-0373](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 5/9/17-5/30/17**

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of May 9 through 30, 2017 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 21, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

**12. [ID 17-0374](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 5/9/17-5/30/17**

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of May 9 through 30, 2017 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 21, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)



13. [ID 17-0337](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 25, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of April 25, 2017 was adopted.

14. [ID 17-0339](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 1, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of May 1, 2017 was adopted.

15. [ID 17-0350](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 2, 2017 was adopted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

16. [ID 17-0338](#) Resolution Authorizing an Economic Development Investment Grant to Gateway University Research Park, Inc. in an Amount up to \$1,200,000

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a resolution Authorizing an Economic Development Investment Grant to Gateway University Research Park, Inc. in an Amount up to \$1,200,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson expressed that the project was a great opportunity for East Greensboro.

Councilmember Hightower requested an overview of the project for the public.

City Manager Westmoreland provided the highlights and focus of the project; and recognized John Merrill and Robert Pompey to speak to the item.

Executive Director of Gateway University Park (GUP) Tom Merrill provided a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); outlined the goals and mission of GUP; spoke to the current and future campuses; stated approximately \$11 million would be invested in the project; provided an overview the proposed agreement with an anchor tenant; the number of jobs that would be created; and outlined future projects for GUP.

Chief Financial Officer at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCA&T) Robert Pompey provided the history of NCA&T; background of students; spoke to the research and learning potential provided to students; stated NCA&T was committed to the project; and thanked Council for the support.

Councilmember Hightower asked if Messrs. Merrill or Pompey could discuss the prospective anchor tenant.

Mr. Pompey provided an overview of the perspective anchor tenant.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Fox to close the public hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

City Manager Westmoreland provided City funding information on the \$1.2 million requested for the project; and spoke to the remaining bond funds.

Councilmember Fox voiced appreciation with GUP in working with the anchor tenant for the expansion; emphasized the City could only grow eastward; the asset of the area universities; and thanked them for their commitment to the project.

Councilmember Hightower echoed Councilmember Fox's comments; expressed that she was excited about the collaboration; spoke to the transformation of East Greensboro; to the need to invest more in the area; to the change in manufacturing; to job creation; and thanked them for the project.

Mr. Merrill reminded Council that an announcement would be forthcoming once the the agreement had been

finalized regarding the identity of the anchor tenant; and stated the groundbreaking would take place in July.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson verified that Councilmember Hightower and herself had made the motion.

Councilmember Outling voiced that the \$1.2 economic investment would improve the community; and referenced the location of GUP.

Mayor Vaughan expressed excitement for the high tech manufacturing facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson called the question.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to investment in East Greensboro; recognized former Guilford County Commissioner Ray Trapp; and spoke to Mr. Trapp's new position at NCA&T.

Mr. Trapp thanked Council for the recognition; and spoke to taking the City/County Trophy home.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the work of NCA&T; and thanked Council for their support.

Councilmember Hoffmann reminded citizens of the original projections for the GUP; and added that the community was beginning to see results.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 21, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

131-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT TO GATEWAY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK, INC. IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,200,000 FOR THE SITE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW APPROXIMATE 70,000 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE, MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY, AND DISTRIBUTION BUILDING ON SOUTH CAMPUS

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to appropriate funds pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1 for economic development purposes;

WHEREAS, Gateway University Research Park, Inc. is a non-profit corporation created by the North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to manage the Gateway University Research Park;

WHEREAS, Gateway University Research Park, Inc. has been approached by and worked with an advance manufacturing company over the past few months that is interested in locating its headquarters and full product manufacturing operations on the South Campus;

WHEREAS, based on the company's specific needs and lack of current available building inventory on the South Campus, Gateway University Research Park, Inc. will need to develop and build a new 70,000 square foot building on the Campus to house the company and other related future tenant(s);

WHEREAS, the property located in the Gateway University Research Park South Campus at 2911 East Gate City Boulevard would be ideal for the construction of a new office, manufacturing, laboratory, and distribution building to house an advance manufacturing company and other related future tenant(s);

WHEREAS, the City Council believes public benefit will be derived from the enhancement of economic development and a public-private partnership with Gateway University Research Park, Inc. in east Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes this project will promote additional business investment in Gateway University Research Park and location of a manufacturing business in Greensboro that would not occur but for

this grant;

WHEREAS, Gateway University Research Park, Inc. will commit to the City of Greensboro to invest up to \$7.9 million in the project and property at 2911 East Gate City Boulevard; will condition the new building to be used for future office, manufacturing, laboratory, and distribution space; and will work with future building tenant(s) to ensure 25 new full-time jobs are created on or before December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, Gateway University Research Park, Inc. will construct the building on or before December 31, 2018

WHEREAS, Gateway University Research Park, Inc. will provide adequate security to the City to repay the City the \$1,200,000 grant if Gateway University Research Park, Inc. fails to make the necessary investment; or fails to comply with State HUB requirements; or if the new building is no longer used for office, manufacturing, laboratory, or distribution purpose; or if future tenant(s) fail to maintain, create, and retain new jobs for 1 year after the creation of the new jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That in accordance with the findings above and N.C.G.S. 158-7.1, the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Greensboro, the proper agreement with Gateway University Research Park Inc. for an Economic Development Investment Grant up to \$1,200,000 for the site development and construction of a new approximate 70,000 square foot building to be used for office, manufacturing, laboratory, and distribution at 2911 East Gate City Boulevard in the Gateway University Research Park South Campus.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

**17. [ID 17-0289](#) Ordinance to Annex Territory to the Downtown Business Improvement District - FIRST READING**

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance to Annex Territory to the Downtown Business Improvement District - FIRST READING.

Being no one to speak to the item, it was moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to close the public hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance received on the FIRST READING the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

The SECOND READING of the ordinance is scheduled for the June 20, 2017 meeting of Council.

**18. [ID 17-0283](#) Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget**

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to receive public comment on the recommended Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget.

Mayor Vaughan stated there were two speakers; and that if there were speakers from the floor who wished to discuss the budget, Council would take them at this time.

David Hamsten, 2304 Golden Gate Drive requested the following five improvements for cyclists: adoption and implementation of vision zero to reduce annual crash deaths in Greensboro to zero; requirement that all City signalized intersections have full pedestrian signals, pedestrian crosswalks, curb ramps, sidewalks and signal priority for pedestrians; implement signalized intersection loop detectors for bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles citywide; replace pedestrian bridges on the Lake Daniel Park Greenway; and construct, staff and maintain bicycle

repair stations citywide. Mr. Hamsten provided a written request to Council.

Discussion took place regarding available funding from the Secretary of the Department of Transportation; and the cost of the bridge replacement..

Rebecca Clark, Executive Director of Piedmont Triad Film Commission, 1645 North Main Street, High Point thanked Council for their support; spoke to being an advocate for Greensboro with regard to recruiting film projects; to working with legislators; and thanked Council for their work.

Mayor Vaughan asked if there were any additional speakers on the budget.

Portia Shipman, 2200 East Market Street stated she was the founder and director of the Sherese Denese Jackson Foundation (Foundation); that the Foundation was denied its non-profit funding request; provided an overview of the work of the Foundation; read a portion of the City Council resolution adopted in 2009; highlighted the Paint the City Purple Campaign; spoke to domestic violence; asked for the reason the Foundation was denied funding; and recognized victims of domestic violence in the audience.

Council discussed the Foundation's consideration for funding; upcoming meetings for budget discussions; and spoke to the role of the Family Justice Center.

Councilmember Barber requested City Manager Westmoreland determine the amount of annual support provided to the Family Justice Center.

Councilmember Hightower requested a list of outside agencies that had applied for Community Partners Board (CPB) funding for FY17-18.

Arthur Erickson, 617 North Mendenhall Street stated he was here for the CWU; voiced appreciation of Council working with them over the past few months; concern for the discrepancy between full and part time employees; wages of roster employees; spoke to payroll deductions for dues; and asked that the Coliseum participate in that as well.

Ghali Hasan, 6115 Britt Drive, Winston-Salem voiced concern with a small percent of the \$532 million City budget going towards minority contractors; with City employee wages; spoke to the process for awarding projects to minority contractors; and voiced the need to pay attention to what was being said about racism.

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to close the public hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the upcoming work session for the budget.

Councilmember Hightower asked how the budget would be broken down; voiced that she did not support certain aspects of the budget; concerns with the proposed increase for public safety; requested staff determine the costs to provide a five percent increase to all employees; and spoke to the need for equity across all departments.

City Manager Westmoreland provided an overview of the budget adoption process; stated that staff could advise the breakdown of items/funds to be voted on as part of the budget adoption process; verified the City did not adopt a line item budget; and confirmed that staff would provide information to Council prior to their consideration of the upcoming budget.

Councilmember Fox requested the information be provided to all of Council.

City Manager Westmoreland confirmed that staff could answer questions of Council prior to the budget adoption.

Discussion took place regarding the deadline for the adoption of the budget; possibly changing the voting process; and the need for the budget to be presented in the same manner as in the past.

## **V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

19. [ID 17-0355](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$4,000,000 Appropriating Funds for Downtown Development Agreements to Design Two Public Parking Decks

Mayor Vaughan stated Council would take a brief recess after consideration of Item numbers 19/ID17-355 and 20/ID17-334.

**Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

17-55 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING FACILITIES BOND FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1:

That the Parking Facilities Bond Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
546-4510-01.5410	Professional Services-Capital Project	\$2,000,000
546-4520-01.5410	Professional Services-Capital Project	2,000,000
	Total	\$4,000,000

And, that this increase is to be financed by the following revenue:

Account	Description	Amount
546-0000-00.9012	Limited Obligation Bond Proceeds	\$4,000,000

Section 2:

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Justin Outling

20. [ID 17-0334](#) Resolution Making Certain Findings And Determinations, Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The Local Government Commission, Requesting The Local Government Commission To Sell Bonds At A Private Sale And Approving The Financing Team In Connection With The Issuance of Revenue Bonds By The City

City Attorney Carruthers stated he approved the resolution as to form.

Councilmember Wilkins asked for clarification of the item; the additional amount of debt that would be incurred; and to the impact on the debt service.

Finance Director Rick Lusk explained the individual aspects of the item; stated the item was for the refinancing of the water and sewer bonds; spoke to the additional debt; impact on the debt service; and to the savings as a result of a lower interest rate.

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 8 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann and Justin Outling

**Nays,** 1 - Tony Wilkins

132-17 The City Council of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers in the Melvin Municipal Office Building located at 300 West Washington Street in Greensboro, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 5:30 p.m. on June 6, 2017.

Present: Mayor Nancy B. Vaughan, presiding, and Council Members

Absent: Council Members

Also Present:

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution the title of which was read and a copy of which had been previously distributed to each Council Member:

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL BONDS AT A PRIVATE SALE AND APPROVING THE FINANCING TEAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina (the "City"):

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) The City currently operates a water system and sanitary sewer system, both of which provide service to the residents of the City and its environs.

(b) Pursuant to a Trust Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1995 (as supplemented and amended, the "Trust Agreement"), between the City and Branch Banking and Trust Company (succeeded by U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee (the "Trustee"), the City has created a combined enterprise system (the "Combined Enterprise System"), currently consisting of the City's water system and sanitary sewer system. The Trust Agreement provides for the issuance of revenue bonds or revenue bond anticipation notes thereunder secured by the Net Receipts (as defined in the Trust Agreement) of the Combined Enterprise System as set forth therein, to finance improvements to the Combined Enterprise System and to refund all or a portion of any bonds or notes issued under the Trust Agreement.

(c) Pursuant to the Trust Agreement and a Fourteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2009, between the City and the Trustee, the City has heretofore issued its \$43,180,000 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009A (the "Series 2009A Bonds"), \$33,105,000 of which are currently outstanding.

(d) Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, a bond order adopted by the City Council of the City on March 14, 2016, and a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City on March 14, 2016, the City has heretofore issued its not to exceed \$50,000,000 City of Greensboro, North Carolina Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2016 (the "Series 2016 Note") in anticipation of the issuance of its combined enterprise system revenue bonds, for the purpose of providing funds, together with other available funds, to (i) pay the costs of certain improvements to the City's water system and sanitary sewer system and (ii) pay certain costs incurred in connection with the sale issuance of the Series 2016 Note.

(e) In order to better serve and provide for the future needs of the residents of the City and its environs, the City has determined to acquire, construct and equip certain improvements to the City's water system and sanitary sewer system, including, without limitation, improvements to the City's water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant (the "Series 2017 Project").

(f) The Series 2017 Project is necessary to secure adequate and reliable water and sanitary sewer service and to promote the present and future welfare of the residents of the City and its environs.

(g) The City has determined it is in the best interest of the City at this time to (i) advance refund a portion of the outstanding Series 2009A Bonds, (ii) redeem in whole the outstanding Series 2016 Note and (iii) pay the costs of the Series 2017 Project from the proceeds of revenue bonds to be issued pursuant to the Trust Agreement;

(h) The City wishes to commence procedures at this time for the issuance of its Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Series 2017A Bonds") and Combined Enterprise System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B (the "Series 2017B Bonds" and, together with the Series 2017A Bonds, the "Series 2017 Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (i) advance refund a portion of the outstanding Series 2009A Bonds, (ii) redeem in whole the outstanding Series 2016 Note, (iii) pay the costs of the Series 2017 Project and (iv) pay the fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with the sale and issuance the Series 2017 Bonds.

(i) The issuance of the Series 2017 Bonds is necessary or expedient for the City.

(j) The amount of the proposed Series 2017 Bonds will be sufficient, but not excessive, for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the refunding of the Series 2009A Bonds, the redemption of the Series 2016 Note, the Series 2017 Project and the payment of the related financing costs.

(k) The annual audits of the City show the City to be in strict compliance with debt management policies, and the budgetary and fiscal management policies of the City are in compliance with law.

(l) The proposed Series 2017 Bonds can be marketed at a reasonable interest cost to the City.

(m) Any projected rate increases for water and sanitary sewer service expected in connection with the issuance of the proposed Series 2017 Bonds will be reasonable.

Section 2. The City Manager, the Finance Director and the City Attorney of the City are each hereby authorized and directed to file an application with the Local Government Commission for approval of the issuance of the Series 2017 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$110,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (a) advance refund a portion of the outstanding Series 2009A Bonds, (b) redeem in whole the outstanding Series 2016 Note, (c) pay the costs of the Series 2017 Project and (d) pay the fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with the sale and issuance the Series 2017 Bonds. Any such action heretofore taken in connection with the filing of such application is hereby ratified and approved.

Section 3. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the proposed Series 2017 Bonds at a private sale without advertisement.

Section 4. The following financing team members are hereby approved by the City in connection with the proposed Series 2017 Bonds:

Co-Bond Counsel: Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP  
McKenzie & Associates  
Underwriters: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Incorporated  
Loop Capital Markets LLC  
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association  
Underwriters' Counsel: Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP  
Trustee/Bond Registrar/  
Escrow Agent: U.S. Bank National Association  
Financial Advisor: DEC Associates, Inc.  
Verification Agent: Bingham Arbitrage Rebate Services, Inc.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The City Attorney then announced that he had approved the foregoing resolution as to form.

After consideration of the foregoing resolution, upon motion of Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION MAKING

CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL BONDS AT A PRIVATE SALE AND APPROVING THE FINANCING TEAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY" was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

I, Elizabeth H. Richardson, City Clerk of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of so much of the proceedings of the City Council of said City at a regular meeting held on June 6, 2017, as relates in any way to the adoption of the foregoing resolution and that said proceedings are recorded in minute books of said City Council.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that proper notice of such regular meeting was given as required by North Carolina law.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 6th day of June, 2017.

City Clerk  
[SEAL]

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

Mayor Vaughan declared a recess at 7:26 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:43 p.m. with all members in attendance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (CONT.)**

Mayor Vaughan thanked those persons in the audience for their patience; verified which speakers were still present to speak; and stated those who did not stay would have the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the next meeting of Council.

Deborah Barnes, 701 Bethwith Drive stated she was a member of the City Community Working Group (CCWG); addressed comments made by Councilmember Barber regarding Jose Charles; voiced concern with the impact of said comments across the City; and with oppression.

Claude Barnes, 212 Regan Street stated he was a retired Political Science professor; referenced comments made at the last Council meeting; spoke to the early signs of deterioration of democracy and civility in the country; to oppression; and to changes that were needed.

Ezekial Ben-Israel, 5007 Cocklereece Drive spoke to his experience as a member of the CCWG; his years of activism; referenced past police issues; expressed the need for transparency; people becoming desensitized to the pain of others; and voiced concern with inequality of city salary increases.

Nelson Johnson, 2115 Murrayhill Road reminded Council of the Nazi Klan incident; spoke to dehumanizing people; voiced concern with the behavior of Councilmember Barber at the last Council meeting; the need for Council to take responsibility; emphasized that the struggle for justice was difficult; invited the public to a healing ceremony on Tuesday on the courthouse plaza; and voiced the need to make Greensboro better.

Ghali Hasan, 5116 Britt Drive stated he had been terminated as a subcontractor on a project at the corner of Elm and East Market Streets; provided the history and challenges of his work on the project; referenced decisions made by City staff; direction from the contractor, Yates Construction, Inc.; and asked for Council's assistance.

Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris spoke to the removal of Mr. Hasan's company; replacement by another minority contractor after a series of events over the past several months; provided the timeline for the project; and stated the decision was made to preserve City dollars.

Assistant City Manager David Parrish explained the project was projected to be twelve weeks; had started in January; and spoke to the portion of incorrectly poured concrete.



Mr. Hasan confirmed the date of his contract being November, 2016; spoke to when he was able to get on the site; delay of the project; addressed the issue of the installation of the granite curb; and stated he had not removed his equipment.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed the expected length of the project was twelve weeks; and that another M/WBE sub-contractor had been put in place.

Travis Newby, 801 Tara Court, Apt. H, Winston-Salem spoke to his involvement in the project; and to the direction of the City inspector.

Charles Adams, 881 Shalimar Drive stated he came to the job several weeks ago to lay brick pavers; spoke to the quality of his work; stated he had not yet been paid; and spoke to being removed from the job.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked what recourse Mr. Adams had.

City Attorney Carruthers stated he would provide an update to Council once he had the opportunity to research the issues presented this evening; and would reach out to Messrs. Hasan; Newby and Adams.

Mayor Vaughan requested a timeline for the project.

Assistant City Manager Parrish confirmed he would provide the background for the project.

Mr. Hasan spoke to the amount of money he had lost as a result of the project.

Mayor Vaughan thanked everyone for their patience.

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

Councilmember Fox spoke to a racial equity plan for the City; referenced the City's MAP plan; to workshops he had attended on the subject; spoke to poverty and disparities in income in the community; to North Carolina foundations that had performed research on the issues; to documentation being posted to the City website. Councilmember Fox requested that City Manager Westmoreland research racial/social and health equity plans; determine options for their use in the City; voiced the need to hear the concerns of citizens; spoke to fairness and equality in the policies adopted by Council; and asked that staff provide the demographics of the composition of the City's employee base/departments for the public.

City Manager Westmoreland spoke to preliminary work that had been done in the past; asked for time to reexamine the information to bring forth to Council; spoke to policy and resource implications; to the demographic information the City had regarding its employee base; and stated he would look for the direction of Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated she had a resume for a graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill interested in shadowing a Councilmember; provided congratulations to Father Steve Smith who was retiring from Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; and to Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church for its sanctuary stand.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Sharon Renee Blackmon to the Cultural Arts Board. The motion carried by voice vote. Councilmember Hoffmann confirmed there was a space.

Councilmember Hightower suggested names be placed into the databank and appointed to a board at the same time.

Councilmember Outling asked if the two step process of placing persons in the databank at one meeting and making appointments at another meeting could be waived indefinitely. Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Fox to simply make appointments of choice, and to waive indefinitely the two step process. Councilmember Abuzuaiter asked if this would impact the work of the City Clerk. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hightower placed the name of Barbara Waller in the databank for future service on a board or commission.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to reappoint Moussa Issifou to the Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hightower voiced her concerns that the community had been offended by comments and actions at the City Council meeting two weeks ago; provided an apology; emphasized the actions of a mother advocating for her child; spoke to the plea and charges of Jose Charles; to the power of the tongue; destruction of words; expressed that she was disturbed by the actions of the board; and stated she would like to see Town Hall meetings for the discussion of racism.

Mayor Vaughan explained that the City had advertised for Town Hall meetings but had gotten no response.

Councilmember Hightower suggested Town Hall meetings be planned to understand poverty, racism and non-privilege.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower to oppose House Bill 972 regarding the body worn cameras; spoke to transparency and public trust; and explained why she made the motion.

Mayor Vaughan stated that although she was not pleased with the bill, the City needed to have something to replace it with; confirmed that the City ordinance was good; and that the last body worn camera video had not been released due to the age of the person involved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voiced support for the release of videos; stated the City's policy was good; and confirmed that Councilmember Hightower would like the Legislature to review the City policy.

Councilmember Outling spoke to what had previously been considered by Council; referenced that Council was in conversations with the Legislature that could have a substantive change that would be best for the community; stated he would rather work on the substance with those who could effect the change rather than adopting a resolution; that he respected the desires of Council; and spoke to his preference for improving the substance.

Discussion took place regarding meetings with Representative Faircloth on improvements moving forward; progress being made; the impact to said meetings should Council voice opposition at this time; the motion on the floor; the right for people to see the video; and the purpose of the body worn cameras.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated she would second the motion; and asked if Councilmember Hightower would consider reframing the motion to say ask the Legislature to change the language; spoke to the impact of the body worn cameras; and stated she would second the motion so Council could vote.

Councilmember Hightower stated she was not aware of conversations between Representative Faircloth and Councilmembers; spoke to what she had been told by City Attorney Carruthers; emphasized the need for Council to be aware of what went on in Raleigh; that the City needed to speak up; and confirmed the motion was what she would like to propose.

Councilmember Barber confirmed that several things had been established by the Council; voiced concern that a motion with regard to legislative acts could have zero impact; be ineffective and undermine the City's relationship with the Legislature as well as do damage. Councilmember Barber expressed concerns with getting into the Legislature's business; confirmed that Council had received updates from the City's lobbyist; had addressed the issue repeatedly; spoke to alternative motions; dialogue going on with the Legislature; emphasized the vote would be a mistake; spoke to the timing of the discussion during the meeting; and to the purpose of the matters to be discussed by the Mayor and Members of Council.

Discussion took place regarding the timing of the discussion during this time period of the meeting; and the lack of Legislative updates as a result of paying a lobbyist.

Councilmember Wilkins confirmed the City was paying the lobbyist \$5,000 per month; spoke to information he

had seen; asked what the City was getting as a result of that investment; and stated he had not been in favor of the expenditure to pay a lobbyist.

City Attorney Carruthers spoke to a change in the law that the City's lobbyist had been pursuing regarding a regulatory amendment; referenced meetings with the City's lobbyist and other representatives; stated he was awaiting pending legislation prior to making an announcement to Council; and that he would make the announcement in the future.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked City Attorney Carruthers for his guidance on how to pursue the issue so that it would not be offensive.

City Attorney Carruthers responded that every Councilmember's opinion was important; added that the body needed the time for Council comments; and spoke to motions made during that time.

Councilmember Wilkins requested Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson withdraw the second to the motion.

Additional discussion took place regarding a motion being harmful; the need for Councilmembers to have individual conversations with the Guilford Delegation to let them know what the implications of the bill would be; the best way to work on the issue; the need for the City to express its point; frustration of Council; and opposition being seen in a negative light.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voiced the importance of the issue; and stated she would reach out to Representative Faircloth as well as others; and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Councilmember Hightower stated she expected the motion to die; spoke to working on the issue; stated she would be willing to wait; and withdrew the motion on the floor.

Mayor Vaughan encouraged Council to reach out to the Legislative members throughout the state.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzaiter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint David Hamsten to the GTA Board to replace Philip Cathcart. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abuzaiter requested City Manager Westmoreland to consider a salary increase to Guilford Metro 911 employees in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget development process. Councilmember Abuzaiter spoke to the importance of the work of first responders; and stated she had received questions from citizens regarding the clean up responsibility of persons renting outside City venues; and spoke to the use of bird seed rather than foil confetti at said events.

Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson provided an overview of the City policy regarding the requirements when renting a City facility; spoke to the role of staff in following up with renters; voiced the need to allow wildlife to eat their natural diet; confirmed that foil confetti was used by birds in their nests; and that the City was sensitive to the protection of wildlife and vegetation.

Councilmember Abuzaiter provided the meaning for, and wished peace and wellness to those observing, Ramadan.

Councilmember Wilkins thanked Councilmember Hightower for referring to Gate City Boulevard rather than High Point Road.

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Fox to appoint Carrie Hanger to the Insurance Advisory Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR