



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

4:15 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

I. 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, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Yvonne J. Johnson, Michelle Kennedy, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

Absent: Councilmember Justin Outling

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, Interim City Attorney Jim Hoffman and Assistant City Clerk Mary Brooks.

II. Presentations

Mayor Vaughan stated the meeting would start with the City of Greensboro Legislative Agenda update.

2. [ID 19-0042](#) City of Greensboro Legislative Agenda Update

Mayor Vaughan referenced Senator Gladys Robinson as the Chair of the Guilford County Legislative Delegation (Delegation).

City Manager David Parrish spoke to coordinating with staff to attend the Delegation; provided a hand out of the Legislative Agenda (Agenda) for review; and asked Council to provide additions to the agenda if so desired.

Councilmember Kennedy voiced the need for mental health and substance abuse providers in support of the Greensboro Police Department (GPD); spoke to the impact of the absence of a detoxification (detox) facility for Guilford County (County); and requested funding for a detox facility be added to the Agenda.

Councilmember Hightower arrived at the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Mayor Vaughan inquired on inclusion of the County on requesting funds for the detox facility.

Councilmember Hightower requested one million dollars in funding for housing restorations to be included; spoke to Senator Robinson's attempt to receive funding from Raleigh with no success; and to special programs for City employees that were impacted by the tornado.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to reaching out to Legislature for tornado relief support; to a conversation with Representative John Faircloth on body worn cameras; and to a discussion regarding the transparency of videos.

City Manager Parrish stated he would reach out to the County on requesting funding for a detox facility.

It was the consensus of Council to add housing restoration and a Greensboro detox facility funding.

City Manager Parrish confirmed the consensus of Council for the two additional items requested; and spoke to the importance of attending the Delegation.

1. [ID 19-0041](#) Update on the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (GCJAC)

City Manager Parrish provided a handout regarding the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (GCJAC).

Mayor Vaughan introduced GCJAC committee members Tom Phillips and David Sevier; voiced the need for clarity on the GCJAC mission; spoke to low level complaints with the GPD that did not go before the Greensboro Police Community Review Board (PCRB); to how complaint trends would be addressed; and explained the GCJAC committee members process on best practices.

Mr. Sevier voiced the importance of having a confidentiality agreement with committee members; spoke to the committee benefits for the City; provided positive and negative reactions from citizens and Officers regarding the PCRB; spoke to the history of the GCJAC; and to working with the community and the GPD.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson arrived at the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Phillips provided an anylsis on local and national issues; spoke to improving community relationships; to educational programs; and voiced the need for a complaint process.

Councilmember Hightower echoed the need for a complaint process method; spoke to educating the community; and to complaint trends.

Mr. Phillips spoke to and outlined the mediation and complaint process; and to assuring confidentiality statements would be signed.

Mayor Vaughan provided an overview of low level and trend complaint processes.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter voiced concern on the confidentiality of the PCRB.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to her experience serving on the PCRB; to tracking and evaluating trends; and voiced the need for diversity to make an impact with the committee.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the Human Relations department's role with the GCJAC; to the low level complaint issues; to the mediation process; and to looking at trend complaints.

Mr. Phillips spoke to the authority of the City Manager on unresolved complaints.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to track trends with the GCJAC; the importance of the data tracked; the community's concern; and the complaint process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested diversity with the mediators; and recommended trained mediator volunteers she knew free of charge.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of diversity.

Mr. Sevier spoke to the implementation of the mediation process.

Councilmember Wells inquired about the mediation process.

Mr. Phillips spoke to reviewing trends; to comparing resolutions in other cities; and to advising the GPD.

Mr. Sevier stated that the committee would proved an annual report to Council.

Councilmember Thurm spoke to trend issues; inquired about the effectiveness of current programs; and requested an update on the effectiveness of trend measurements from the GCJAC.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the traffic violation's data; and voiced concerns from the community on the complaint process.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to data on trends based on citizens' complaints; to the citizens' ability to continue making complaints; to the mediation process; and the process of review by the City Manager.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the new GCJAC administrator hired to be the liaison in the complaint process.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter requested staff research requirements to acquire Legislative authority to change or terminate the PCRB.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to the structure of the committee; to the outcome of data in the future; to the resolutions made by the City Manager and Chief of Police on addressing trends; and voiced the need for confidentiality statements to be signed by committee members.

Discussion took place regarding committee volunteers; required training; the authority of the commission; requirement to sign a confidentiality agreement; and the next meeting to take place next Thursday at 6 p.m.

Mayor Vaughan stated there were no changes at this point; and spoke to moving forward with the advisory board.

(A copy of the handouts are filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No. 1 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:17 P.M.

MARY S. BROOKS

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN

MAYOR