



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

3:30 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

I. Call To Order

This City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 3:30 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, 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

1. [ID 19-0108](#) Recycling Update

Fields Operations Director, Dale Wyrick made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the Recycling Program; recognized staff in attendance, the Solid Waste Commission Chair Kaye Brandon; and staff from Republic Services. Mr. Wyrick continued discussion on the history of the recycling program; national trends; commodities; spoke to the cost of glass recycling; to annual revenues; Material Recovery Facilities (MRF); recycle contracts; and to cutting cost.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson arrived at the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Councilmember Hoffmann inquired about discontinuing recycling.

Councilmember Kennedy inquired about revenues on repurposing glass; and spoke to offsetting cost.

Mayor Pro-Tem voiced concern regarding the environmental impact.

Mayor Vaughan inquired about the waste stream contaminants; and spoke to educating the public.

Mr. Wyrick referenced avenues of repurposing glass; recycling plastic; the White Street landfill; spoke to improving MRFs; and to the independent audit of the contamination (non-recyclables) rate. Mr. Wyrick highlighted the effects of discontinuing glass recycling; outlined the benefits of a long term contract with Republic Services; and spoke to the value of having a local MRF.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to Moore County's recycling process; to working with Strategic Materials Inc.; and to the implementation of discontinuing glass recycling.

Mr. Wyrick stated he would provide an update at a future work session.

City Manager Parrish spoke to negotiations with Republic Services.

Discussing took place regarding avenues for cardboard collections.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson left the meeting at 3:45 p.m. and returned at 3:46 p.m.

Councilmember Hoffmann left the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and returned at 4:03 p.m.

2. [ID 19-0035](#) Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Ordinance and Program Plan Amendments

City Manager Parrish spoke to the revision to the M/WBE ordinance; to implementation; thanked Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris and the M/WBE staff; spoke to a positive change; to additional staff for the M/WBE office; and to assuring public dollars were spent equitable.

Michelle Jenkins, Griffin and Strong, PC (GSPC) joined the meeting via phone conference at 3:59 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Harris recognized David Maher and Michelle Jenkins from GSPC, the M/WBE staff, and the M/WBE Coordinating Committee members in attendance; made a PPP on the M/WBE Program Ordinance Revision; reviewed the Disparity Study's (Study) recommendations; spoke to the revisions made; gave a summary of availability in the relevant market place; and outlined aspirational goals. Assistant City Manager Harris spoke to additional program enhancements; and to the implementation of the next steps.

Mr. Maher gave an overview of the analysis conducted on availability of M/WBEs.

Assistant City Manager Harris spoke to contract specific goals; to strengthening Good Faith Efforts (GFE); to the Small Business Reserve program; and to the B2Gnow software.

M/WBE Coordinator Gwen Carter provided an overview of the B2Gnow software; spoke to contract reviews; and to the payment system process.

Assistant City Manager Harris discussed staff education; Economic Development projects; spoke to provisions on discrimination; to working with the Chamber of Commerce; to vendor rotation; and the role of the M/WBE Coordinator. Assistant City Manager Harris spoke to annual, and semi-annual utilization reports; and to recommendations from the Greensboro Business League.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concern on primary contractors replacing M/WBE sub-contractors.

Ms. Carter explained the contract monitoring process in the B2Gnow software.

Assistant City Manager Harris spoke to the Protégé Program; to building relationships; to a proposed implementation date of July 1, 2019; and to GSPC support.

City Manager Parrish commended staff for the work on the item.

Councilmember Thurm inquired about the process of GFE.

Mr. Maher stated aspirational goals were measured annually; and set every five years.

Councilmember Kennedy inquired about the process of on-call contracts; the payment process for sub-contractors; and asked for semi-annual reports on utilization.

Ms. Carter outlined the changes to GFE; spoke to the contract negotiating process; to modifications of the 50 point system; and to the prompt pay process.

Assistant City Manager Harris outlined the City's process for payment.

Mayor Vaughan voiced the need for outreach to the community.

Discussion took place regarding the budget for additional staff; outreach; the GFE process; the accessibility of project plans for M/WBE sub-contractors; and new goals.

Councilmember Hightower thanked Assistant City Manager Harris for her hard work; and spoke to supporting the Plan.

Ms. Carter spoke to training to be instructed by GSPC; to availability of M/WBEs; to setting goals; and to scopes of work.

(Copies of the PowerPoint Presentations are filed in Exhibit Drawer B Exhibit No. 3 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:03 P.M.

MARY S. BROOKS
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN

MAYOR