



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

4:00 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

### I. Call To Order

This City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:00 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 J. Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

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

### II. Presentations

#### 1. [ID 18-0733](#) Good Repair Update

Director of Neighborhood Development Stan Wilson made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the Nonresidential Good Repair Building Code; spoke to developing an ordinance for Council's approval; to a timeline for implementation; to the budget impact; to compared cities with similar ordinances; stated the program was authorized from the state; and explained how the program would work.

City Manager David Parrish spoke to the complexity of the ordinance.

Councilmember Hoffmann asked if the ordinance had been based on practices in other municipalities to which Mr. Wilson responded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Thurm spoke in favor of the ordinance; and to adding a grace period to meeting requirements for the ordinance.

Councilmember Outling voiced support for the ordinance; spoke to enhancing the look of the city; to the need of the ordinance; and voiced concern of safety and maintenance issues with nonresidential structures.

Councilmember Hightower arrived at the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the ordinance enforcement; the need for more certified inspectors; training for inspectors; implementation of the program; and the budget impact.

Councilmember Kennedy arrived at the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Councilmember Abuzaiter spoke in favor of the ordinance; and to the ordinance priorities.

Mr. Wilson spoke to adding certified inspectors; and provided an overview of the budget impact.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concern with local businesses that would need assistance to stay in business; requested Staff to research funding options to assist property owners in meeting building code requirements; and voiced the need for assuring structures were kept up to code.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to expectations of landlords and small businesses; to repair funding to assist in meeting code requirements; and to implementing the ordinance.

Mr. Wilson stated Raleigh, Charlotte, and Durham would be models in developing the Greensboro ordinance; and spoke to the need to hold a public hearing.

Mayor Vaughan requested Staff present the draft ordinance at a future meeting.

Councilmember Outling spoke to the repair ordinance adopted by the Chamber of Commerce; stated it was on their Legislative Agenda; and voiced to need to take action.

## 2. [ID 19-0011](#) Welcome H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities Matching Employment)

Assistant Director of Work Force Development Chris Rivera made a PPP on the Welcome H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities Matching Employment) Program update; spoke to the history of the Program; to collaboration with the Salvation Army and NCWorks/Workforce Development; and provided an overview of the pilot program.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to the Program's partnership with the Salvation Army; and to funding.

Mr. Wilson spoke to rapid re-housing as part of the homeless assistance program.

Mr. Rivera spoke to the goals and priorities of Council; provided the criteria of individuals residing in shelters; outlined the Rapid Re-housing Model; spoke to job placement assistance; to training opportunities; to long term goals; and to the launch of the Program in January.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested Staff to provide Council with updates.

Discussion took place regarding participant selection and expansion of the program; outreach to the homeless community; housing challenges; and working with other agencies.

Councilmember Kennedy commended staff on their hard work.

City Manager Parrish echoed appreciation to staff; and spoke to the success of cross departmental work.

Councilmember Outling commended the councilmembers that had assisted.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to go into closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the City Attorney and Council; to consult with the City Attorney and to give instructions to legal counsel concerning the handling of a claim or judicial procedure pursuant to N.C.G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) 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, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4). The motion carried by voice vote.**

Council recessed to closed session at 4:40 p.m. Council reconvened into open session in the City Council Chambers at 5:37 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Outling to return to open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentations are filed in Exhibit Drawer B Exhibit No. 5 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

## **III. Adjournment**

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

THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 5:37 P.M.

MARY S. BROOKS  
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN

MAYOR