



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, March 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 3:34 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 Abuzuaite, 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 S. Brooks.

II. Presentations

1. [ID 19-0136](#) Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda Update

President of Triad Real Estate and Building Industry Coalition (TREBIC), Marlene Sanford made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) Legislative Agenda Update; stated she handled government relations; introduced staff in attendance; spoke to Economic Development (ED) for Greensboro-Randolph Mega site utility extension; to incentive requests; to implementation; to the Work Force Development Board; and to changes to the ED policy.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to a study conducted by Brookings, Institution.

Ms. Sanford spoke to maximizing development in opportunity zones; to funding for FY 19/20; to the minority business accelerator; to bonds and infrastructure investments; to the Downtown Greenway completion; discussed the Housing Stock Committee (HOC) recommendations; spoke to industrial land use; to business challenges; to the Yes4G Greensboro campaign; and outlined the comprehensive plan priorities.

Councilmember Kennedy arrived at the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to provide visual graphics for the Infill Development for the community involving education and focal points.

Ms. Sanford stated she was working with staff on that request.

Councilmember Outling spoke to financial incentives; to the opportunity zones; and to the City's role versus The Chamber.

The Chamber President and Chief Executive Officer Brent Christensen spoke to tracking and educating the community on investments; and to the City's marketing plan for available zones.

Ms. Sanford discussed delegating roles of the comprehensive plan; and to expanding water and sewer service areas.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the limited availability of sewer capacity; and stated there were sewer areas reserved for the Mega Site project.

Councilmember Hightower arrived at the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Ms. Sanford outlined the Key-corridor development plan; spoke to partnerships with stakeholders; discussed the Inland Port project; spoke to funding; to a strategic Vision/Plan; to the commercial good repair ordinance; to code enforcement resources; and to comparison with other municipalities.

2. [ID 19-0121](#) Closed Session

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 4:02 p.m. Council reconvened into open session in the City Council Chambers at 5:34 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to return to open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer B Exhibit No. 6 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:34 P.M.

MARY S. BROOKS
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR