



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, July 16, 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 Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 8 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaite, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Michelle Kennedy, Councilmember Justin Outling, and Councilmember Tammi Thurm and Councilmember Goldie F. Wells

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Deputy City Clerk Tebony Rosa.

II. Presentations

1. [ID 19-0187](#) M/WBE Status Update

City Manager David Parrish extended greetings; recognized Assistant City Manager Kim Sowell to provide a Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Status Update presentation.

ACM Sowell introduced the 5-Part M/WBE plan changes; discussed marketplace expansion; spoke to inclusion of additional minority groups; to goal-setting on professional services; to good faith efforts; to M/WBE staff changes; to the role of the Office of Equity and Inclusion; and outlined recommendations in the Griffin & Strong disparity study. ACM Sowell spoke to staff training; to identifying eligible participants; to implementing contract review procedures; to creating prime and subcontractor relationships; to greater M/WBE oversight; to multi-county education; to new tracking software; to creating a discrimination investigation procedure; and to a vendor rotation process.

Councilmembers Outling and Hightower reiterated M/WBE changes were a department-wide requirement.

ACM Sowell spoke to the Office of Equity & Inclusion determining compliance with new procedures; to public-private partnerships; to training opportunities; to launching new B2GNow software modules; and to the implementation timeline.

Councilmember Outling voiced concerns regarding discrimination investigation procedures.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns regarding vendor rotation; and spoke to the North Carolina Department of Transportation contract procedures.

Discussion took place regarding comparing the goals set by the state as compared to the local M/WBE process.

Councilmember Kennedy entered the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

ACM Sowell explained M/WBE goal setting as a priority; spoke to staff training; to future department meetings; and to an upcoming certification workshop being publicized through media outlets.

Mayor Vaughan voiced concern regarding multi-county outreach.

ACM Sowell explained expansion of partnerships to host regional workshops; spoke to creating an online directory; to monthly progress reports; to increasing payment cycle accountability; and to making equitable opportunities.

City Attorney Chuck Watts spoke to the legal review of the M/WBE changes; and to Griffin & Strong project oversight.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No.16, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

2. [ID 19-0353](#) LEED Presentation

City Manager Parrish recognized Steve Drew, Director of Water Resources and Sustainable Community Administrator, to provide a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design presentation.

Mr. Drew thanked colleagues for their assistance and leadership; spoke to environmental sustainability; to sporadic weather conditions; to climate change; to "green" job creation; to reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and to the monetary incentives of solar energy and electric buses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson left the meeting at 4:37 p.m. and returned at 4:41 p.m.

Mr. Drew spoke to the Four Certification Levels; to goal setting; to project organizational structure; to stakeholder groups; to plan and policy implementation; to return on investment calculations; and to program review.

Councilmember Thurm voiced appreciation for organizational outreach; and spoke to cost-benefit design implementation for construction projects.

Discussion ensued regarding energy efficiency; development of an acceptable plan; and large scale impacts.

City Manager Parrish commended the collaborative efforts on the presentations.

Discussion continued regarding Cure Violence; funding a mental health initiative; and addressing crime.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested City Manager Parrish to research a crime-prevention plan similar to the Cure Violence model to implement countywide.

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III. Adjournment

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn the meeting.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:55 P.M.

TEBONY C. ROSA
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR