



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, November 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, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Yvonne J. Johnson, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts and City Clerk, Angela R. Lord.

Also in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Andrew Kelly, Representatives of McGuireWoods Consulting, Senior Vice Presidents Johnny Tillett, Kerri Burke, Tommy Sevier, and Research Associate April Neumann.

II. Presentations

1. [ID 19-0768](#) Legislative Update - Johnny Tillett/McGuire Woods

City Manager David Parrish spoke to the purpose of the meeting; and recognized Assistant City Attorney Andrew Kelly.

Assistant City Attorney Kelly referenced a request by Council for a Legislative update; spoke to state level needs; to Legislative sessions; and to the upcoming elections in 2020.

McGuireWoods Consulting, Senior Vice President Johnny Tillett made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); provided an outline of items to be discussed; the history of McGuireWoods Consulting; recognized McGuireWoods representatives; spoke to the 2019 General Assembly; to demographics; to the Greensboro Delegation; to the House and Senate leadership; and to the 2019 budget discussions.

McGuireWoods Consulting, Senior Vice President Kerri Burke spoke to Department of Transportation (DOT) funding issues; to revenue resources; and to the need for alternative resources.

Assistant City Attorney Kelly spoke to connection of fiber with other municipalities; incentive assistance from the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM); and voiced concerns with underserved communities.

Mr. Tillett voiced appreciation for the opportunity to work with the NCLM and the Metro Mayors Association.

McGuireWoods Consulting, Senior Vice President Tommy Sevier spoke to the Small Business Enterprise; to the repair of non-residential buildings; and planning statutes.

Discussion ensued regarding support from the Guilford County Delegates.

Mr. Tillett explained bills that were on hold; spoke to presumptive disability for fire fighters; to a passed bill in the House that was sitting in the Senate; and to workers compensation.

Discussion continued regarding NCLM insurance; parking fines; the Department of Motor Vehicles; Council retirement healthcare; Fire Department Search and Rescue funds; a medical detoxification facility; house

restoration and recovery; the status of the North Carolina (NC) State budget; approval of mini-budgets; boundary lines; and allocations for Greensboro and Guilford County.

Ms. Burke reviewed expectations for 2020; the return of the Legislature in January; spoke to upcoming elections; and to budget negotiations.

Mr. Sevier spoke to the upcoming presidential elections; voiced that NC would be a key state; and spoke to the Governor's race.

Discussion resumed regarding adopted ordinances; legislative progress; restoration of transportation funding; and Senators Garrett and Robinson's electoral districts and precincts.

Councilmember Wells requested copies of the mini-budgets approved to which Assistant City Attorney Kelly confirmed the information would be provided.

City Manager Parrish spoke to a social for Participatory Budgeting; provided an update on the CureViolence contract; a mental health Request for Proposal; and to a proposed shopping center on Freeman Mill Road and Florida Street.

Discussion took place regarding affordable housing; a multiple partner venture for services; property value of the Maple Street facility; in-service model; creation of a sense of community; funding; program participation; framework and set-up; build up for affording housing; and slum lords.

Councilmember Kennedy requested staff to research up-builds on city infrastructure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated she would be unable to attend the Special Joint Meeting with High Point on Thursday due to a scheduling conflict.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No.23, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:05 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR