



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:37 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Michelle Kennedy, Councilmember Justin Outling, Councilmember Tammi Thurm and Councilmember Goldie F. Wells

Also present were Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Deputy City Clerk Tebony Rosa.

Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Vaughan recognized Councilmember Outling to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson recognized Chris Heyn of the Fire Department who served as Courier for the meeting.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Vaughan explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

II. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 20-0090](#) Recognition of the 2019 Government Improvement Award Winners and Tom James and T. Cooper James & Associates, Program Benefactors

Taking the prerogative of the Chair Mayor Vaughan decided to hear item #1/ID 20-0090 prior to public comments.

Assistant City Manager Wilson recognized Assistant City Manager Larry Davis who made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); introduced the third annual Impact and Innovation awards; spoke to employee incentives; to the mission and vision of the program; and recognized the benefactors Tom James and T. Cooper James & Associates.

Mr. Cooper James extended appreciation to city employees and staff.

Assistant City Manager Davis explained the award criteria; announced categories and winners; highlighted the first group award presented to Parks and Recreation's Jennifer Hance, Chamreece Diggs, Elizabeth Jernigen, Elyse Tishuk and Alex Zaleski for an adult recess program for participants 21-50 years of age; spoke to the program's debut at Barber Park in 2019; to activities and spray ground access; and to the national attention focused on 'adult recess'. Assistant City Manager Davis presented an award to Transportation Manager Chris Spencer on behalf of

Keenan Collier in the Transportation Department for a safe aerosol can disposal method; and spoke to environmental benefits.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No. 4, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Washington spoke to Specialized Community Area Transportation (SCAT); and the efficiency of iRide transit service.

A.J. Inglesby highlighted the Greensboro Transit Advisory (GTA) budget; and spoke to enhanced mobility.

Alfonso McCorkle spoke to the cost-saving measures iRide provided for the visually impaired.

Alisa Townsend addressed SCAT wait times; highlighted the independence created by iRide; and spoke to participation in social activities.

Brandon Murphy spoke to iRide's impact on the visually impaired; and highlighted the independence provided by the service.

Rodriguez Best spoke to the reliability of the iRide program; to safety concerns; to SCAT; and to the need for secure transportation.

Victoria Burke compared iRide and SCAT routes; spoke to quality of life; to trust; to security; and to independence.

Jamie Gaddy voiced concerns regarding SCAT; with affordable fares; spoke to quality of life; and to communication.

Kentia Smith voiced concerns regarding expanding and funding the iRide program; highlighted independence to the disabled community; addressed strategies for cost effectiveness; spoke to bus routes; and to logistics.

Maliaq Hough highlighted the need for additional SCAT and iRide pick up times; spoke to efficiency; and to being an advocate for the disabled and homeless.

All speakers in favor of the iRide program requested council to continue funding for the program.

Councilmember Hightower requested information on reinstating the iRide program; spoke to Greensboro Transit Advisory (GTA) fare-free opportunities; to electric buses; and to rider safety.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson echoed Councilmember Hightower's comments; and voiced support for the iRide program.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to federal and state grants used to purchase electric buses.

Mayor Vaughan complimented speakers from the floor; spoke to the iRide pilot program; and to the funding impact.

Jocelyn Martich, Moms Demand Action advocate, highlighted the Cure Violence model; voiced concerns with crime; spoke to National Gun Violence Survivors' Week; and to responsible gun ownership.

Mayor Johnson invited Ms. Martich to attend the upcoming Cure Violence training.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Vaughan asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Vaughan reminded Council that any items removed from the consent agenda, other than for a recusal or for

the purpose to vote 'No' would be placed on the next business meeting agenda as a business item.

Councilmember Hightower requested Item #7/ID 20-0132 be removed from the consent agenda for the purpose of voting 'no'.

Moved by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann, to adopt the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. [ID 20-0074](#) Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for Governor's Crime Commission Grant in the Amount of \$119,966.70 for the Child Response Initiative Program FY 20

030-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,966.70 FOR THE CHILD RESPONSE INITIATIVE FY20

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Police Department will serve as the lead/fiscal agent to apply for a Governor's Crime Commission federal grant award benefiting the Child Response Initiative;

WHEREAS, the Child Response Initiative provides a coordinated community response to children (0-18 years of age) and their families who have experienced any type of trauma or violence, with the goals of (1) reducing the likelihood of child witnesses and victims becoming later violent offenders; and (2) decreasing mental health symptoms and other negative outcomes. The program has been active since 2008. The overwhelming majority of referrals are received from officers within the patrol division of the GPD;

WHEREAS, competitive funds for North Carolina law enforcement and related non-profit agencies are available from the Governor's Crime Commission on an annual basis. The Commission designates specific committees to determine the most effective methods of equitably distributing these funds across the State. The mission of the Crime Victims' Services Committee is to advocate for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to crime victims;

WHEREAS, the grant cycle is active from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the GPD will submit a grant application requesting \$89,973.08 in Federal funds which requires a 20% match of \$29,993.62, making the total award \$119,966.70 for FY20. The GPD will provide the match via in-kind and cash contributions;

WHEREAS, if approved by Council and awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission, this project will provide for personnel, training, and office supplies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the request to apply to the Governor's Crime Commission for \$89,973.08 in Federal funds with a \$29,993.62 in-kind and cash match from the City of Greensboro is hereby approved for a total project budget of \$119,966.70.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

3. [ID 20-0075](#) Budget Ordinance for Greensboro Police Department's Governor's Crime Commission Grant in the Amount of \$119,699.70 for the Child Response Initiative FY 20

20-016 ORDINANCE AMENDING STATE, FEDERAL AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT – CHILD RESPONSE INITIATIVE FY 20

Section 1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the State, Federal, and Other Grants Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriation to the State, Federal and other Grants Fund be increased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
220-3596-01.5213	Office Supplies	\$1,309
220-3596-01.5413	Consultant Services	\$102,860
220-3596-01.5520	Seminar/Training Expenses	\$3,000
220-3596-01.5928	In-Kind Services	\$12,798
Total		\$119,967

And, that this increase be financed by increasing the following State, Federal, and Other Grants Funds accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
220-3596-01.7100	Federal Grant	\$89,973
220-3596-01.7123	State Drug Excise Tax	\$17,196
220-3596-01.8695	Local In-Kind Services	\$12,798
Total		\$119,967

(Signed) Goldie Wells

4. [ID 20-0125](#) Resolution Accepting Dedication of 5.53 Acre Parcel Adjacent to Creek Ridge Road from AC Corporation

031-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF A 5.53 ACRE PARCEL ADJACENT TO CREEK RIDGE ROAD FROM AC CORPORATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-374, the approval of a plat does not constitute the acceptance by a city or the public of the dedication of any street or other ground or public facility shown on the plat; however, a city council may by resolution accept the dedication made to the public of lands or facilities for streets, parks, public utility lines, or other public purposes;

WHEREAS, Lot 1 on the proposed Final Plat of AC Corporation is proposed to be dedicated by AC Corporation to the City of Greensboro in lieu of sidewalk installation;

WHEREAS, Lot 1 is comprised of a portion of Parcel #51930, also known as 212 Creek Ridge Road, and a portion of Parcel #51932, also known as 301 Creek Ridge Road. Both parcels are located in Council District 1 and are zoned LI;

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the City to formally accept the dedication of this sidewalk/right-of-way parcel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City of Greensboro accepts the dedication of the sidewalk/right-of-way parcel known as Lot 1 on the proposed Final Plat of AC Corporation referenced above; provided that (1) the dedicator convey the parcel to the City by deed and (2) the acceptance is contingent on the release of all mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, or other encumbrances, including unpaid taxes, from each of the parcels prior to recording of the deed.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

5. [ID 20-0093](#) Resolution Listing Loans and Grants for City Council Approval

032-20 RESOLUTION LISTING LOANS AND GRANTS FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at the March 1, 2005 meeting of City Council, the City Manager was instructed to include on the regular Council Consent Agenda all loans and grants in excess of \$10,000;

WHEREAS, City Council approval is required for all loans and grants, or pass through loans or grants in excess of \$10,000 on the recommendation of agencies, non-profits, or other organizations acting on behalf of the City prior to the disbursement of funds;

WHEREAS, requests have been made for loans in excess of \$10,000, said requests are presented herewith this day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the requests for loans in excess of \$10,000 presented herewith this day are hereby approved in accordance with the guidelines set at the March 1, 2005 Council meeting and the City Manager is authorized to execute agreements.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

6. [ID 20-0131](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 1/14/2020 through 1/28/2020

Motion to approve the Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 1/14/2020 through 1/28/2020 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No. 4, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

8. [ID 20-0122](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020 was adopted.

9. [ID 20-0123](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 16, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 16, 2020 was adopted.

7. [ID 20-0132](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 1/14/2020 through 1/28/2020

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adopt the report. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 8 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

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IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

There were no items for public hearings for this agenda.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

10. [ID 20-0099](#) Resolution Calling a Public Hearing for February 18, 2020, on the Annexation of Territory into the Corporate Limits for the Property Located at 389 Fairystone Drive - 18.67-Acres (Demetrios Dascalakis)

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns regarding the timing of the Zoning Commission decision; and with neighborhood reaction to the annexation.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

033-20 RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2020 ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 389 FAIRYSTONE DRIVE – 18.67-ACRES

WHEREAS, the owner of all the hereinafter-described property, which is contiguous to the City of Greensboro, has requested in writing that said property be annexed to the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Section 31 (contiguous) of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that territory may be annexed after notice has been given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city;

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council on the February 18, 2020, the following ordinance will be introduced; and

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS (PROPERTY LOCATED AT 389 FAIRYSTONE DRIVE – 18.67-ACRES)

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31 (contiguous), the hereinafter-described territory is hereby annexed to City of Greensboro:

BEGINNING at a point in the existing Greensboro city limit line (as of June 30, 2019), said point being the southeast corner of Section 10-B of Cedar Creek Subdivision, as recorded at Plat Book 91, Page 150; THENCE PROCEEDING WITH THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS with the northeast line of said Section 10-B N 37° 02' 16" W 745.70 feet to a point on the northwest right-of-way line of Humble Road; thence with the northeast line of Cedar Creek Subdivision, as recorded at Plat Book 93, Page 79, N 37° 02' 16" W 177.16 feet to the southwest corner of the Open Space shown on Bethany Woods, Phase 2, Map 2, as recorded at Plat Book 130, Page 49; thence with the south line of said Map 2 S 84° 45' 56" E 277.26 feet to a point on the northwest right-of-way line of Humble Road; thence with the south line of Bethany Woods, Phase 2, Map 1, as recorded at Plat Book 130, Page 48, S 84° 45' 56" E 123.01 feet to a point in the south line of Lot 50 on said Map 1; thence continuing with said south line S 88° 35' 30" E 737.62 feet to the southwest corner of Bethany Woods, Phase IV, as recorded at Plat Book 137, Page 150; thence with the south line of said Phase IV S 89° 47' 52" E 344.09 feet to the northeast corner of Demetrios D. Dascalakis, as recorded at Deed Book 7211, Page 2987; THENCE DEPARTING FROM THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS with the east line of Dascalakis S 00° 22' W 460 feet to the northeast corner of that SAVE AND EXCEPT parcel described in said deed; thence with the north line of said parcel N 87° 25' W 350 feet to the northwest corner of said parcel; thence with the west line of said parcel S 00° 22' W 300 feet to the southwest corner of said parcel; thence with the north line of Olympic Products LLC, as recorded at Deed Book 6474, Page 2353, N 84° 43' 03" W 257.16 feet to an existing iron pin; thence continuing with said line N 84° 40' 51" W 366.96 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, and containing approximately 18.67 acres. The plats and deeds referred to hereinabove are recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford County.

Section 2. Any utility line assessments, which may have been levied by the County, shall be collected either by voluntary payment or through foreclosure of same by the City. Following annexation, the property annexed shall receive the same status regarding charges and rates as any other property located inside the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro.

Section 3. The owner shall be fully responsible for extending water and sewer service to the property at said owner's expense.

Section 4. From and after the effective date of annexation, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force within the City and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits thereof, subject to the provisions in Sections 2 and 3 above.

Section 5. From and after February 18, 2020, the liability for municipal taxes for the 2019-2020 fiscal year shall be prorated on the basis of 4/12 of the total amount of taxes that would be due for the entire fiscal year. The due date for prorated municipal taxes shall be September 1, 2020. Municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and thereafter shall be due annually on the same basis as any other property within the city limits.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. be fixed as the time and the Council Chambers in the Melvin Municipal Office Building as the place for the public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory to the City of Greensboro as above set out and that this resolution be published in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro not later than February 8, 2020.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Carol Carter extended appreciation to the Planning Department for the Comprehensive Plan updates; recognized the Water Resources Department Director; and spoke to customer service.

E.L. Melvin, United States Air Force veteran, retired law enforcement officer, and current business owner, spoke to pawn shops; to the use of taxpayer funds to purchase stolen goods in robbery investigations; to the need to criminalize pawn shop owners and not the buyers; to accountability; and requested the city to review pawn shop business practices.

Cameron Crowder, Working Class and Houseless Organizing Alliance (WHOA) member, spoke to the Marcus D. Smith incident.

Hester Petty voiced concerns with the Greensboro Police Department (GPD); and body worn camera footage.

Justin Harmon, Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), requested consideration for student speakers at an upcoming council meeting.

Josephine Barbour voiced concerns regarding the 1979 incident; referenced a letter from local clergy; and to relationship building.

Brian Watkins showed a video; voiced concerns with council procedures; with John Hammer; and with the GPD.

Reverend Gregory Headen, retired pastor, expressed appreciation for meetings regarding the 1979 incident; and spoke to truth and reconciliation.

Peter Boykin voiced concerns regarding the crime rate; the denial of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding; and gang violence.

Fields Kettman spoke to an incident at Best Diner; to the GPD response and subsequent shooting; and to a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) oversight committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the role of the GPD's Professional Standards Division; the Police Community Review Board (PCRB); and the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (GCJAC).

Council requested information on the assault and shooting at Best Diner.

Billy Belcher, WHOA member, spoke to the Marcus D. Smith incident; and to the GPD.

Sean Brandt, WHOA member, spoke to SCAT and iRide fare increases; to transparency and accountability; and to fare-free systems in other cities.

Louise Lampron-Welker extended an invitation to council for the upcoming "Hope Fest 2020" event; spoke to food insecurity statistics; to poverty; and to celebrating diversity.

Matters to be discussed by the Mayor and Members of the Council

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to appoint Dr. Sue Polinski to the Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by voice vote. Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to an upcoming District 4 meeting with the Chief of Police.

Councilmembers Kennedy and Hightower requested research on pawn shop business protocols.

Councilmember Wells spoke to an upcoming Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro meeting; and to her father's Black History Month recognition.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Mayor Vaughan, to appoint Mike McKinney to the War Memorial Commission to replace Steve Squire who resigned. The motion carried by voice vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson spoke to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum (ICRCM) Gala; and to events attended.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to the ICRCM Gala; and commended Coliseum staff for the figure skating championship event. Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to reappoint Vicki Foust to the Community Sustainability Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Outling spoke to an upcoming Java with Justin event; and addressed comments made by the speakers from the floor.

Councilmember Thurm recognized former Water Resources Director Steve Drew on his retirement; and commended Assistant City Manager Wilson and staff regarding a neighborhood concern.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns with SCAT routes, fares and customer service; requested research on funding to reinstate the iRide program; GTA fare-free opportunities; spoke to a pop-up event at Spartan Village; and extended congratulations to the ICRCM Gala and Sit-In Breakfast events.

City Attorney Chuck Watts provided an update on the Zared Jones litigation.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to Executive new hires for Water Resources, Budget, Transportation, and the Police Department; and extended appreciation to council for continued support.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

City Attorney Watts introduced Attorney Alan Andrews as the new Chief Deputy in the Legal Department.

Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.

TEBONY C. ROSA
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR