



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Thursday, May 21, 2020

11:00 AM

VIRTUAL

RECESSED FROM MAY 19, 2020

Call to Order From Recessed Meeting

This Recessed Virtual City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro from the regular May 19, 2020 was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on the above date, 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 City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and City Clerk Angela Lord.

I. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

1. [ID 20-0409](#) Review of Public Comments Received 24 hours Following the Public Hearing Items Heard on May 19, 2020 City Council Meeting

Mayor Vaughan stated there were not additional comments received during the allowed 24 hour period following the public hearings; therefore, all actions taken on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 are final and effective.

2. [ID 20-0410](#) Outside Dining Discussions

Mayor Vaughan reviewed the request by City Council for staff to provide recommendations for outside dining options.

City Manager David Parrish spoke to the existing codes; to the special event application processes; and to the need for Council to waive associated permitting fees through June 26, 2020 to be in alignment with Governor Roy Cooper's (Governor Cooper) Phase II.

Mayor Vaughan emphasized the need to expedite the application process to which City Manager Parrish requested Council to also waive the 60-day application requirements.

Discussion took place regarding outdoor music requirements; notification avenues to make restaurant owners aware of the extension of premises process; allowances by the State of North Carolina Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission (ABC); providing information to all ABC Board permit holders and Restaurant Association members; the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) provided by Governor Cooper in relation to restaurants; enforcement of parking violations and mass gatherings; expansion guidelines; and verification of insurance coverage by restaurant owners.

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to waive Special Permit application fees and the 60-day application process for expedited review by staff until June 26, 2020.

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

Councilmember Kennedy voiced concerns with enforcement of staff and residents wearing face coverings.

City Manager Parrish outlined messages disseminated to employees; spoke to the Center for Disease Control requirements; to social distance; to the request for the public to wear masks; to modeling behavior; to the return of the city workforce; to signage that would be posted in city facilities; and to departmental policies.

Councilmember Thurm referenced compliance in wearing face coverings by city staff; and voiced the need for a non-negotiable face covering policy.

Discussion took place regarding policies and enforcement of policies; best practices; fair and consistent enforcement of policy; purchase of additional face coverings for staff; concerns with the transit system management; leading by example; the death toll due to COVID-19; providing information to the city management team; and implementation of safety measures.

Councilmember Wells commended City Manager Parrish in actions to protect the city workforce during difficult budget constraints.

Adjournment

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells

Nays: None

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 11:40 A.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR