



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

4:00 PM

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I. Call To Order

This virtual City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, took roll call to confirm attendance, 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, Deputy City Attorney Al Andrews, and Assistant City Clerk, Victoria L. Howell.

II. Presentations

City Manager David Parrish introduced the Director of Neighborhood Development, Stan Wilson.

1. [ID 20-0553](#) Presentation for Housing Update

Mr. Wilson recognized Phillip Kash and Elizabeth Packer, from HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HR&A).

Mr. Kash made a PowerPoint presentation (PPP); spoke to the Housing GSO plan; to economic development real-estate; to the public and private sectors; to housing challenges; outlined a five-year plan; spoke to the COVID impact on housing; to safe housing; to unemployment; to low incomes; to an increase in insurance; to long term unemployment; to emergency rental and re-housing assistance; to expansion of legal aid; and to a potential need for foreclosure assistance.

Discussion took place regarding emergency housing and hotel conversions; federal coverage; responsible ownerships; non profit organizations; and resources to properly equip conversions.

Following Mayors Vaughan's reconnection, Mr. Kash spoke to public investment; to affordable housing; to neighborhood reinvestments; to homeownership access; to supportive housing; to rising rental rates; and to the decline of affordable rental homes.

City Clerk Angela Lord stated Mayor Vaughan had lost internet connection; and requested Mr. Kash to pause the presentation.

Mr. Kash spoke to HR&A recommendations; to a ten year plan; to efforts and resources in specific neighborhoods; provided housing unit images; outlined strategic public investments; reducing barriers to affordable homeownership; to a down payment assistance program; to low interest loans; to support for new homeowners; spoke to down payment modifications; to eviction rates in Guilford County (GC); to engagement with the GC Continuum of Care (CoC); to implementation of Housing GSO; to public private partnerships; to intergovernmental administrative teams; to engaging communities; and to community education.

Discussion ensued regarding eviction rates; a rise in rental rates; housing developers; rental properties; the Housing Authority; job disparity; eviction diversion; Housing and Urban Development (HUD) compliance; the homeless

population; and the impact on housing by COVID-19.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to research the "Love My Block" program.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to schedule a work session for HR&A report discussions.

Mayor Vaughan recognized Mr. Wilson to address CoC.

Mr. Wilson made a PPP on the CoC membership; provided a program road map; spoke to HUD 2019 funding; to City priorities; to a focus on priorities; to City of Greensboro homelessness funding; to supportive housing; to prioritizing funding; and to utility assistance.

Mayor Vaughan left at 5:18 p.m. due to the loss of internet connection.

City Manager Parrish stated staff would provide additional information at a future meeting.

(A copy of the (PowerPoint Presentation) is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No. 21, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:24 P.M.

VICTORIA L. HOWELL
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR