City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft
City Council

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 **5:30 PM** **VIRTUAL**

Call to Order

This virtual City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm the following members were 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

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

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

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the recent passing of Larsina Johnson; spoke to Ms. Johnson's advocacy for the Specialized Community Area Transportation (SCAT) and the Rider's Advisory Council (RAC) participation; and requested a moment of silence in her memory.

Mayor Vaughan recognized the passing of Troy Lawson; and encouraged remembrance of those missing loved ones during the holiday season.

I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

2. ID 20-0835 Resolution Accepting and Approving the Installation of North Carolina's First Women's Holocaust Monument at LeBauer Park

Taking the prerogative of the Chair, Mayor Vaughan introduced item #2/ID 20-0835 prior to item #1/ID 20-0153.

Parks and Recreation (P & R) Director Nasha McCray recognized speakers Rob Overman, Executive Director of Greensboro Downtown Parks Inc and Artist, Victoria Milstein.

Mr. Overman made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); provided a history of the Holocaust sculpture at LeBauer Park; an image of the bronze sculpture; spoke to the five (5) Jewish women in the final moments of their life; explained the title and events that led to the making of the sculpture; outlined project funding; provided a video of the project; spoke to the location of the sculpture in Carolyn LeBauer's garden; to the importance of the project to the Jewish community; to diversity and awareness in Greensboro; and highlighted the project as the first in North Carolina.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to participation in the project; referenced a story regarding Jews in England; and read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Vaughan voiced appreciation for the remembrance; and spoke to a treasure to the park system.

Ms. Milstein spoke to the honor; and voiced appreciation for the support.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.28, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by 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

321-20 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST WOMEN'S HOLOCAUST MONUMENT AT LEBAUER PARK

WHEREAS, LeBauer Park, is a City-owned facility managed and operated by Greensboro Downtown Parks, Inc (GDPI);

WHEREAS, at its August 19, 2020 meeting, the GDPI Board unanimously approved accepting a gift of a bronze scultpture from local artist, Victoria Milstein titled "She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots;"

WHEREAS, the original sculpture builds upon the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the end of the Holocaust;

WHEREAS, the sculpture serves to honor the strength and resilience of all women and will be North Carolina's First Women's Holocaust Monument;

WHEREAS, the GDPI Board cited the LeBauer Family's gift of the park and strong ties to the Jewish community, the need for more monuments that reflect a commitment to issues surrounding social justice, and the absence of any financial risk as the driving factors behind their endorsement and acceptance of the gift;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended approval of the acceptance and installation of the sculpture at LeBauer Park;

WHEREAS, the sculpture is valued at $500,000 and funding to support installation and long-term maintenance will stem directly from private donations and an endowment established with the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG); and

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

That the City Council is hereby authorized to accept and approve the installation of "She Wouldn't Take Off Her Boots," North Carolina's First Women's Holocaust Monument, at LeBauer Park.

(Signed) Nancy Hoffmann

1. ID 20-0153 Resolution Naming December 21, 2020 National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Councilmember Kennedy read the resolution into the record; spoke to the first white flag emergency shelter event; to COVID-19 (Covid) testing; to the need for community support; commended Neighborhood and Development Department for assistance; and presented the resolution to Servant Center representative Shanna Reece.

Mayor Vaughan commended the work of the Interactive Resource Center and other homeless community providers; spoke to a fragile population; and to the low number of Covid cases in the homeless community.

Ms. Reece of the Servant Center spoke to the homeless situation; referenced partnerships; receipt of prevention funding; and voiced appreciation for the resolution.

Mayor Vaughan express appreciation for the Servant Center's work with veterans.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, 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

322-20 RESOLUTION NAMING DECEMBER 21, 2020 NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, December 21, 2020 marks the first day of winter and is the longest night of the year; the City of Greensboro recognizes that winter poses hardship to everyone especially people experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, recognized by cities nationwide, December 21, 2020 has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council;

WHEREAS, in the season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Greensboro are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all, especially those who are in need;

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness continues to be a challenge for many Greensboro citizens; every citizen has the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, safety and health care;

WHEREAS, homelessness raises one's risk of illness, injury and death within every age group, and homeless citizens are three times more likely to die than the general population;

WHEREAS, by remembering our neighbors, we can honor their lives by working in unison to provide solutions to end homelessness within Greensboro; and

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

That December 21, 2020 is hereby recognized as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in the City of Greensboro to remember those who have died experiencing homelessness and to encourage all citizens to come together to celebrate their lives by working to resolve the factors that lead to homelessness within the City.

(Signed) Michelle Kennedy

3. ID 20-0809 Resolution Adopting the 2021 Equity Calendar

Councilmember Abuzuaiter read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Vaughan voiced appreciation for the Municipal Equality Work Index, due to work of Diversity & Inclusion Officer Maria Hicks-Few.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to a Transgender Task Force; outlined the rules and guidelines; explained the task force would be based on community participation; extended an invitation to those interested in serving to contact the Human Rights Department by December 7th; spoke to the difficult times to identify as LBGTQ; and voiced appreciation to Mayor Vaughan for support.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Thurm for City Council to support and accept the Transgender Task Force. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

Councilmember Hightower highlighted the official Junteenth holiday.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Wells, 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

323-20 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF GREENSBORO 2021 EQUITY CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the creation of our annual Equity Calendar is an integral part of the National Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Program;

WHEREAS, the purpose of our Equity Calendar is to create an awareness of months and days for groups, ethnicities and cultures to celebrate. These awareness months and days are intended to help raise awareness and understanding for the groups, cultures or causes in an effort to eliminate discrimination and racism;

WHEREAS, as an organization, the City of Greensboro does not tolerate racism. We stand in solidarity with communities around the world combating racism, injustice, and inequality. The City is committed to the eradication of any form of racism in our workplace and community;

WHEREAS, we will be part of the solution by addressing the inequities that exist and by recognizing events on this calendar. The City will leverage the knowledge and expertise of staff to develop concrete ways to end systemic racism and create equity in our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Greensboro wants to make official its annual recognition of nationally recognized heritage events and celebrations such as:

January
Volunteer Day Service
The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Jan. 18, 2021, marks the 26th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader’s life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. AmeriCorps has been charged to lead this effort for the last quarter century. We look forward to your engagement and accomplishments in Dr. King's memory.

February
African American/Black History Month
African American/Black History Month was established to recognize the contributions of African Americans and foster a better understanding of the African American experience.

March
National Women’s History Month
Women’s History Month started as Women’s History Week in 1978. In 1987, Congress was petitioned to expand the week to an entire month. The month recognizes the important contributions made by women through programs in schools, workplaces and communities.

April
National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is recognized on the fourth Thursday in April each year. This annual event is an educational program in the United States and Canada where parents take their children to work with them for one day. It is the successor to Take Our Daughters to Work Day, which, in 2003, was expanded to include boys. Most companies allowed both girls and boys to participate since the beginning, renaming the day “Take Our Children to Work Day.”

May
Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian/Pacific American Heritage observation originally began as Asian/Pacific Heritage week on July 10, 1978. In 1992, legislation was developed designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The term Asian/Pacific American includes many ethnic groups with diverse cultures. The month celebrates the collective achievements of the many different communities of Asian/Pacific descent.

Jewish American Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month is a month to celebrate the contributions Jewish Americans have made to America since they first arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654.

Older Americans Month
Older Americans Month was established by presidential proclamation to honor the contributions of older Americans to society. Older Americans Month is a time to celebrate and reflect on the unique contributions of older Americans in our society.

June
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ+) History Month
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Americans have made important and lasting contributions to our nation in every field of endeavor. LGBTQ+ History Month is a month-long annual observance celebrating the history of gay rights and related civil rights movements.

Juneteenth Celebration
Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

Caribbean American Heritage Month
This month has been established to recognize the historic relationship between the people of the Caribbean and the people of the United States as well as to recognize the many contributions Caribbean immigrants and their descendants have made to the well-being of America.

July
National Disability Independence Day
National Disability Independence Day is celebrated on July 26th to honor the anniversary of when the ADA act was passed (July 26, 1990). The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed by Congress as the nation's first comprehensive law that prohibits discrimination, and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else.

August
Women's Equality Day
Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to vote to women. This day commemorates the August 26, 1920, certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women the right to vote. Congresswoman Bella Abzug first introduced a proclamation for Women's Equality Day in 1971. Since that time, every president has published a proclamation recognizing August 26 as Women's Equality Day.

September/October
Hispanic Heritage Month
The first Hispanic Heritage Week was approved on September 15, 1968. The month gives people the opportunity to plan and participate in ceremonies and activities that recognize the contributions of the many diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. In 1988, the celebration was expanded to a month and goes from September 15 to October 15.

Greensboro Pride
Greensboro Pride is an opportunity to celebrate the many ties that people, organizations, businesses and groups

have to the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Allies (GLBTQA) community. Each year pride events are held nationwide in cities large and small, and for some Americans, it is the only occasion where they can be out and proud in their community.

October
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month was formally known as National Employ the Handicapped Week. In 2003, the observance was changed to National Disability Employment Awareness Month. During this month, we recognize the many contributions citizens with disabilities make to our society, and we reaffirm our commitment to helping them achieve their full inclusion in our workforce.

Indigenous People' Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October. Indigenous Peoples Day is Monday, October 11, 2021.

November
National American Indian/Native American Heritage Month
National American Indian (or Native American) Month was enacted with a proclamation in 1990. During the month, all Americans are encouraged to participate in programs ceremonies and activities that celebrate American Indian and Alaskan Native peoples' important contribution to the United States.

Transgender Awareness Week
Transgender Awareness Week is a time for transgender people and their allies to take action and bring attention to the community by educating the public and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that transgender people face. Transgender awareness Week is celebrated the second week of November (November 12-19, 2021).

Transgender Day of Remembrance
Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Transgender Day of Remembrance is celebrated November 20, 2021.

December
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
This annual observance, first called the International Day of Disabled Persons, was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated December 3, 2021.

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

That the City of Greensboro 2021 Equity Calendar is hereby adopted.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

4. ID 20-0817 Recognition of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department as Recipient of the 2020 National Gold Medal Award of Excellence by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

Mayor Vaughan introduced the item; and recognized P & R Director, Ms. McCray.

Ms. McCray spoke to the 2020 National award; to long range planning; to high quality P & R services; to Council

and community advocacy and support; stated a video would be shown in place of a formal presentation; and voiced appreciation for the support.

Mayor Vaughan voiced appreciation for the services provided by P & R; spoke to voter support of the P & R bonds; and to the 10 minute P & R challenge.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Vaughan outlined the process for speakers from the floor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested Council reconsideration regarding an item involving Bulent Bediz, which had previously been acted upon; spoke to a bid on a Gregory Street property; reiterated the request to reconsider the item that had been denied by Council.

Mr. Bediz voiced concern regarding the sale of the property; spoke to a history of concerns with City processes; and referenced a committee to review his case history.

City Attorney Chuck Watts outlined an ordinance that governed reconsideration of matters previously acted upon; clarified the deadline to reconsider; and stated the sale had taken place.

Discussion took place regarding objection to the sale by Mr. Bediz; the item being brought before Council in October 2020; conversations between Mr. Bediz and the Legal department; review of the existing ordinance; decision making capabilities of City Council; and citizen prospectives.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to research the sale of the property; and to provide additional information if needed.

Ben Holder made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); and voiced concern regarding former Greensboro Police Department (GPD) employee James Hinson.

The following speakers voiced concern with the Marcus Smith case.

Anna Fesmire; Amanda Skjiscim; Marcia Foutch; Gary Kenton; Hester Petty; Zolando Woods; Lewis Pitts; Casey Thomas; Nelson Johnson; and Margaret Arbuckle.

Council discussion and comments took place regarding the Marcus Smith settlement.

Latasha McCorkle spoke to Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (GCJAC) recommendations regarding marijuana charges; and to state and federal law conflicts.

Discussion ensued regarding a task force assembled by the North Carolina Attorney General; possible Legislation; and probable cause.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff research independent options for the City of Greensboro.

James Rosa spoke to Rosa Foundation scholarship awards; and to a winter coat drive.

Councilmember Kennedy requested to be excused from the remainder of the meeting due to the first night of the White Flag Shelter events.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Thurm to excuse Councilmember Kennedy for the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried 8-0 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Outling, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

Excused: Councilmember Kennedy

Mayor Vaughan declared a recess at 7:43 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:55 p.m. with all members in attendance except for Councilmember Kennedy.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm all members were in attendance. All Council members were present except for Councilmember Kennedy.

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

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Wells, to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent, 1 - Michelle Kennedy

5. ID 20-0807 Motion to Adopt the 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve the 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule was adopted.

6. ID 20-0831 Resolution Listing Loans and Grants for City Council Approval

324-20 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) Tammi Thurm

7. ID 20-0736 Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 11/10/2020 through 11/20/2020

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of 11/10/20 - 11/20/20 over the amount of $50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the Report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.28, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

8. ID 20-0737 Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 11/10/2020 through 11/20/2020

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of 11/10/20 - 11/20/20, 2020 was adopted.

(A copy of the Report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No. 28, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

9. ID 20-0844 Public Hearing for a Resolution to Approve Contract Amendment for the Small Business Continuity Program

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider item #9/ID 20-0844, a Resolution to Approve Contract Amendment for the Small Business Continuity Program.

Being no one to speak to the item, it was the consensus of Council to close the public hearing.

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

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

Absent, 1 - Michelle Kennedy

325-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS CONTINUITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in accordance with authorization under North Carolina State legislation, NCGS 158-7.1, the City of Greensboro is authorized to make appropriations for economic development purposes provided the City Council determines that the appropriations will increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, employment, industrial output, or business prospects of the City;

WHEREAS, in the wake of COVID-19, City Council authorized the Small Business Continuity Program to support local businesses;

WHEREAS, it was deemed in the best interest of the City to enter into an agreement with Piedmont Business Capital (PBC) to administer the Small Business Continuity Program and will provide $400,000 for an initial loan fund and $60,000 for program administrative costs;

WHEREAS, the program has provided critical support financing for 47 Greensboro businesses with loans ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 with payment periods of either 48 or 60 months;

WHEREAS, a public hearing is being held on December 1st, 2020, to receive public comment in a proposed contract amendment that, under certain circumstances, will allow PBC to convert a loan to a grant; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to accept the proposed contract amendment for the Small Business Continuity Program.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

10. ID 20-0803 Resolution in the Amount of $137,020.00 Authorizing Contract between the City of Greensboro and eSCRIBE Software Ltd.

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

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

Absent, 1 - Michelle Kennedy

326-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO E-SCRIBE SOFTWARE LTD., IN THE AMOUNT OF $137,020.00, FOR AGENDA MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, beginning in July of 2019, the Legislative, IT, Communications and Budget Department evaluated vendors that could provide an agenda management services contract;

WHEREAS, the Legislative Department can better meet the needs of the community and the organization by implementing new agenda management services;

WHEREAS, this contract is anticipated to continue through December 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, eScribe Software Ltd. was selected as the best qualified vendor, and there are no M/WBE's available for this service; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into this contract with eSCRIBE Software Ltd., for the agenda management services for the Legislative Department.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

11. ID 20-0852 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 of the DocuSign Contract for Electronic Signatures and Contract Lifecycle Management

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

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

Absent, 1 - Michelle Kennedy

327-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 OF THE DOCUSIGN CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND CONTRACT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Information Technology, Finance, and Legal Departments directed by the City Manager's Office and Council are seeking to implement an e-Signature contract routing solution. DocuSign is a market leader in e-digital solutions and is available for municipalities at North Carolina State Contract rates. This solution includes both e-Signatures and Contract Lifecycle Management (CLM);

WHEREAS, the initial implementation is for the use-case of providing an electronic signature platform to execute contracts efficiently, contract redlining, and routing. As a result, the initial three-year term requires an additional 110 CLM licenses to be purchased for a total three-year amount not to exceed $91,676.78; and

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

That the City is authorized to approve contract change order #1 to the software contract with DocuSign, Inc. for an additional 110 CLM licenses. The City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper contract to carry the proposal into effect.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

12. ID 20-0860 Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Entitled “Nuisances”

Mayor Vaughan explained the addition of the item to the agenda; spoke to civil and criminal penalties; to a State of Emergency; to an ordinance update; to taxing efforts on law enforcement; and to a press conference held by GPD Chief Brian James.

Councilmember Outling voiced concern with the late addition to the agenda; public review; spoke to the need for stakeholder input; voiced agreement with the substance for fines; spoke to the allowance for misdemeanors; to the pandemic; and reiterated concern for the late item.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to compliance; to the need for Council action; to hospital capacities; to the approximate 150 calls received by concerned residents; and to Greensboro leading the way for other municipalities.

Discussion ensued regarding misdemeanor charges; criminal records; the Governor's Order; authority of civil penalties; and a police focus on homicides.

City Attorney Watts spoke to Council authority; to statutes; to and Order issued by Mayor Vaughan; and to criminal sanctions.

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Absent, 1 - Michelle Kennedy

20-0156 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ENTITLED “NUISANCES”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Greensboro as follows:

“Section1. Chapter 17 is amended by adding a new Article as follows:

“ARTICLE V. – COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

Sec. 17- 64 . – Purpose.

The city council finds and declares that, as identified by public health organizations, agencies and officials, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) presents a global health pandemic of unprecedented proportions. This disease has had a substantial adverse impact within the City of Greensboro and constitutes a detriment, danger and hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City, often causing severe illness and death . Physically crowded conditions within offices and businesses in the City significantly contribute to disease spread . Therefore, crowded indoor conditions where persons are not able to remain a sufficient physical distance apart and which violate the reduced occupancy limits contained in various executive orders issued by the Governor, are hereby found, deemed and declared to be the public nuisance wherever the same may exist. The creation, maintenance, or failure to abate such nuisance is hereby declared unlawful.

Sec. 17-65. – Prohibitions.

All offices and businesses in the City are hereby ordered to comply with the reduced occupancy limits contained within North Carolina Governor Cooper's various executive orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
Specifically, the mass gathering prohibitions expressed initially in Section 5.1 of Executive Order No. 169 and amended in subsequent Executive Orders are applicable within the City's corporate limits. Any City official or employee, so designated by the City Manager, shall be empowered to cite for violation of this Article, any office or business or person determined to be in control of such facility in the City that has been functioning in violation hereof.

Sec. 17-66. – Violations.

An office or business found to have been in violation of the reduced occupancy limits expressed herein shall be cited and fined One-Hundred Dollars ($100) for each person found to be on the premises or within any structure in excess of the limits imposed for such premises or structure. "

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Tammi Thurm

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

Councilmember Abuzuaiter reminded residents of the 3 W's (wear a mask, wait 6 feet apart, and wash hands).

Councilmember Hightower highlighted an Alzheimer event on Saturday; a food give-away; and voiced appreciation for food drives during theThanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson referenced to a food pantry at 1900 West Market Street, Monday - Friday between 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Discussion took place regarding food pantry donation locations.

Councilmember Outling spoke to an upcoming Java with Justin.

Councilmember Thurm referenced the increased number of hospitalizations in Guilford County; extended congratulations for the 501 (C) (3) Urban Garden initiative; spoke to free produce to North Carolinians; highlighted the Downtown Greensboro, Inc. (DGI) free holiday events; and encouraged residents to buy local.

Councilmember Wells highlighted a Thanksgiving food giveaway at Second Harvest Food Bank; a Renaissance Event Center turkey giveaway; encouraged residents to practice the 3 W's; and voiced appreciation to staff for response to community concerns.

Mayor Vaughan voiced concern with the escalating COVID-19 numbers; spoke to testing sites; to the elimination of elective surgeries; to serious operations being put on hold; to overworked health care staff; and to the hope for a vaccine.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

There were no items for discussion by the City Manager.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

City Attorney Watts encouraged residents to download the SlowCovidNC application.

Discussion ensued regarding children with Covid; and long term health concerns.

Councilmember Hightower highlighted an upcoming work session for Violent Crime discussions.

Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:28 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR