



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, August 3, 2015

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

### Call to Order

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:30 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 Mike Barber, Councilmember Jamal T. Fox, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Justin Outling and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

Also present were Assistant City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and City Clerk Elizabeth H. Richardson.

### Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Vaughan recognized Junior Courier Persian White to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Recognition of Courier

Assistant City Manager David Parrish recognized Junior Courier Persian White; and spoke to her accomplishments and community involvement as a member of Chosen 50. Assistant City Manager Parrish recognized Ryan Kildoo of the Internal Audit 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.

27. [ID 15-0542](#) Ordinance to Approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Greensboro and Level 3 Communications, LLC: First Approval

Mayor Vaughan asked for a motion to postpone the item.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to postpone the item to the August 18 meeting of Council. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

24. [ID 15-0627](#) Discussion on FY 2015-2016 Budget Policy

Mayor Vaughan asked for a motion to postpone the item.

Discussion took place regarding clarification of the items that would be discussed; inclusion of the living wage piece; and the cost of implementation of the living wage piece.

**Moved by Councilmember Barber, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to place**

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the item on the August 13 Work Session and the August 18 meeting of Council.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

## **I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS**

There were no ceremonial or presentation items at this meeting.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Vaughan announced that the persons who had signed up for Item #24 could speak as speakers from the floor.

Sallie Hayes-Williams, 1101 North Elm Street thanked Council for listening to the citizens of Greensboro; and for fighting the proposed bill for redistricting Council.

Carissa Morrison, 300 South Westgate Drive stated she represented Working America; outlined the organization's mission and work; spoke to a family wage campaign for City workers; stated that a \$15 hourly family wage had been proposed; spoke to the experiences of City employees; and thanked Council for taking on the issue.

G.K. Mahaney, 1503 B West Friendly Avenue emphasized the need to raise the family wage to \$15 hourly; referenced City employees that needed to work a second job; stated an increase by the City would urge other businesses in the City to do the same; spoke to the need for food stamps by some City workers; and voiced the need to come together as a community to provide City workers with a higher hourly wage.

Councilmember Barber outlined what he had proposed regarding a \$10.00 minimum wage for part time and roster employees, then moving to \$12.00 an hour; emphasized that the City would be the only local government to take this step; spoke to funded but unfilled positions; verified that no one would lose their job; and stated that the proposed ideas would address salary issues within the City.

Ana Pardo, 301 Colleton Road representing the North Carolina Justice Center provided a handout and explained the living income standard; stated it was similar to a living wage; spoke to what was covered under the conservative and limited estimates provided; and spoke to how wages for the lowest paid workers could boost the economy as they went directly back into the local economy.

Councilmember Hightower requested that staff be provided a copy of the handout.

Robert Moore, 2207 B. Columbus Street spoke to an accident he had earlier today that was the result of the improper location of City equipment along Randleman Road; and asked that equipment be used in the future that would not throw rocks out into oncoming traffic.

## **III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)**

Mayor Vaughan asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hightower requested Item #7/ID 15-0610 be removed for discussion.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Fox to adopt the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.**

1. [ID 15-0647](#) Ordinance Amending the GTA Grant Fund Budget for the FY 2014 Section 5310 Enhance Mobility for Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities Grant

15-0103 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GTA GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR THE FY 2014 SECTION 5310 ENHANCE MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT

## Section 1:

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

That the GTA Grant Fund Budget be amended as follows for the FY 2014 Section 5310 Enhance Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant as follows for expanded GTA services:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-01.5423	Contracted Transportation	\$134,529
567-4506-01.5928	In-Kind Services	\$ 33,632
TOTAL		\$168,161

And, that this appropriation be financed by increasing the following accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-01.7100	Federal Grant	\$134,529
567-4506-01.8695	Local In-Kind Services	\$ 33,632
TOTAL:		\$168,161

## Section 2:

That the GTA Grant Fund Budget be amended as follows for the FY 2014 Section 5310 Enhance Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant as follows for expanded TAMS services:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-02.5429	Other Contracted Services	\$48,690
567-4506-02.5928	In-Kind Services	\$48,690
TOTAL		\$97,380

And, that this appropriation be financed by increasing the following accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-02.7100	Federal Grant	\$48,690
567-4506-02.8695	Local In-Kind Services	\$48,690
TOTAL:		\$97,380

## Section 3:

That the GTA Grant Fund Budget be amended as follows for the FY 2014 Section 5310 Enhance Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant as follows to be used for The Senior Resource Center:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-03.5429	Other Contracted Services	\$32,400
567-4506-03.5928	In-Kind Services	\$ 8,100
TOTAL		\$40,500

And, that this appropriation be financed by increasing the following accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-03.7100	Federal Grant	\$32,400
567-4506-03.8695	Local In-Kind Services	\$ 8,100
TOTAL:		\$40,500

## Section 4:

That the GTA Grant Fund Budget be amended as follows for the FY 2014 Section 5310 Enhance Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant as follows to be used administration expenses associated with this program:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-04.4110	Salaries and Wages	\$20,760

And, that this appropriation be financed by increasing the following accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
567-4506-04.7100	Federal Grant	\$20,760

## Section 5:

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

2. [ID 15-0644](#) Resolution Approving a Contract in the Amount of \$230,413.75 with Invasive Plant Control, Inc for Vegetative Maintenance Services

0232-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL, INC. FOR VEGETATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

WHEREAS, between 1999 and 2003 the City planted approximately 17,000 native riparian trees and established vegetated stream buffers ranging from 10 to 50 feet in width along approximately 11 linear miles of streams within City owned parks;

WHEREAS, along with the natural regeneration, various invasive and exotic species have introduced themselves and from 2004 to 2014, a contracted maintenance effort controlled the invasive/exotic species to improve the biological diversity and general aesthetics of the stream corridors;

WHEREAS, in 2015 a continuation of that holistic management strategy is still considered necessary to ensure that the stream buffers are both ecologically successful as well as accepted by the community;

WHEREAS, Invasive Plant Control, Inc. was one of six firms that submitted for the work and was selected to perform vegetated maintenance services tied to this ongoing project over a three-year period in the amount of \$230,413.75.

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

That a three-year contract between Invasive Plant Control, Inc. for the vegetative maintenance is hereby authorized, and the City is authorized to enter into a contract with Invasive Plant Control, Inc. for the vegetative maintenance to control the invasive/exotic species to improve the biological diversity and general aesthetics of the stream corridors subject to the terms outlined above. The Mayor and/or 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, payment to be made in the amount of \$230,413.75 with the amount of \$224,861.90 from Account No. 505-7003-03.5413; in the amount of \$4,191.73 from Account No. 205-5001-04.5612 and in the amount of \$1,360.12 from Account No. 101-5022-21.5627.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

3. [ID 15-0648](#) Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Guilford Workforce

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### Development Consortium Agreement

#### 0233-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GUILFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovative & Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides funds for delivery of workforce development programs and employment and training services in designated Local Areas;

WHEREAS, the Governor of NC has designated Guilford County and the Guilford Workforce Development Consortium as a Local Area and Entity approved to receive funds under the Workforce Innovative & Opportunity Act, and other federal or state designated funds;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro, City of High Point and County of Guilford have formed a Consortium, hereinafter named Guilford Workforce Development Consortium, to receive funds and deliver workforce development programs for the citizens of Guilford County;

WHEREAS, the Consortium members provide that the Mayor of the City of Greensboro shall be authorized to exercise the functions of the Local Area Chief Elected Officials as required under the Workforce Innovative & Opportunity Act.

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

That, the Mayor and/or the City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro the Guilford County Workforce Development Consortium Agreement.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

#### 4. [ID 15-0649](#) Resolution Authorizing Execution of an NCWorks Career Center Cost Sharing Agreement

#### 0234-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE NCWORKS CAREER CENTER

WHEREAS, the Guilford Workforce Development Board (WDB) has statutory responsibility for oversight of publicly funded workforce delivery systems for all locations in Guilford County under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and is in partnership in that endeavor with the State of North Carolina's Department of Commerce and its Division of Workforce Solutions;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro executed a lease agreement for a 34,109 square foot facility at 2301 W. Meadowview Road in Greensboro to serve as the new NCWorks Career Center for the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the NC Division of Workforce Solutions has agreed to formally share the costs of operating the new Greensboro NCWorks Career Center;

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to pay the rent costs of the lease while the State has agreed to pay the infrastructure costs for center operations (excepting that portion of the building reserved for WDB staff) and the parties have agreed to what those specific costs shall include.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a formal Cost Sharing Agreement with the NC Department of Commerce for the NCWorks Career Center to be located at 2301 W. Meadowview Road in Greensboro.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

#### 5. [ID 15-0665](#) Resolution to approve the Greensboro Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board's Travel

0235-15 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GREENSBORO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) BOARD'S TRAVEL POLICY

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2015, the Greensboro Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board formally adopted the Greensboro ABC Board Travel Policy and Procedures as its official travel policy, said policy presented herewith this day;

WHEREAS, in order to comply with North Carolina General Statute 18B-700 (g2) the local board shall annually provide the appointing authority's written confirmation of such approval to the Commission and a copy of the travel policy authorized by the appointing authority.

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

That the Greensboro ABC Board Travel Policy and Procedures adopted by the Greensboro ABC Board on June 16, 2015 as its official travel policy presented herewith this day, is hereby approved.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

6. [ID 15-0622](#) Resolution Authorizing Sternberger Park Lease Agreement between City of Greensboro and Guilford County

0236-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STERNBERGER PARK LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF GREENSBORO AND GUILFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City plans to continue to lease a parcel of land commonly known as Sternberger Park, which is located at 715 Summit Ave in Gilmer Township of Guilford County as it has done previously since at least 2007; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement provide that the City will pay the County \$1.00 annually to lease the land; and

WHEREAS; in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §160A-461, approval of intergovernmental agreements is required by the governing body; and

WHEREAS; the City's continued leasing of Sternberger Park shall commence on July 1, 2015 and shall continue for an initial period of one (1) year, with three additional one year renewal options requiring contract amendments; and

WHEREAS, the above-described property shall be used as a public park and general open space so long as this Lease shall remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the City may utilize this park as a part of its "STREETSCAPING PROGRAM." In this regard, the City shall coordinate its park program with the Aycock Neighborhood Association in order to determine the needs and serve the best interests of the community and the citizens; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the lease, the City will abide by the Guilford County Park Rules and Regulations, which are attached to the lease agreement and incorporated therein by reference as ATTACHMENT B; and

WHEREAS, the City will be required to maintain the park and may make minor improvements of temporary or removable nature with approval of the County; and

WHEREAS, based on the size of the property and location to nearby City maintained property, resources are available to maintain at no additional expense.

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

That the Sternberger Park Lease Agreement between City of Greensboro and Guilford County is hereby authorized.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

8. [ID 15-0628](#) Resolution Approving Appraisal and Authorizing Acquisition of Property Located at 3102 Horse Pen Creek Road for the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening Project

0237-15 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPRAISAL AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3102 HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD FOR THE HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening project, a portion of the property owned by Gwendolyn H. Isley, Parcel 0096054 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised by Colvin, Sutton, Winters & Associates at a value of \$32,630, which appraisal, in the opinion of the City Council, is fair and reasonable;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the appraised price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

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

That the appraisal of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$32,630 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the appraisal is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 471-4502-08.6012, Activity #A14074.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

9. [ID 15-0629](#) Resolution Approving Appraisal and Authorizing Acquisition of Property Located at 4505 Jessup Grove Road for the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening Project

0238-15 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPRAISAL AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4505 JESSUP GROVE ROAD FOR THE HORSE PEN CREEK ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening project, a portion of the property owned by Baalen, LLC, Parcel 0096061 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised by D. Lynn Cable at a value of \$16,460, which appraisal, in the opinion of the City Council, is fair and reasonable;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the appraised price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

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

That the appraisal of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$16,460 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the appraisal is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 471-4502-08.6012, Activity #A14074.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

10. [ID 15-0630](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Portion of Property Located at 5804 Near West Market Street for the West Market/College Road

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### Intersection and Sidewalk Improvement Project

0239-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5804 NEAR WEST MARKET STREET FOR THE WEST MARKET/COLLEGE ROAD INTERSECTION AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the West Market/College Road Intersection and Sidewalk project, a portion of the property owned by Guilford Market Corner Owners Association, Parcel 0075717 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$47,512, and the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$51,974, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

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

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$51,974 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 401-4547-01.6012 Activity A11168.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**11. [ID 15-0631](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Portion of Property Located at 5800 West Market Street for the West Market/College Rd. Intersection and Sidewalk Improvement**

0240-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5800 WEST MARKET STREET FOR THE WEST MARKET/COLLEGE ROAD INTERSECTION AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the West Market/College Road Intersection and Sidewalk Improvement project, a portion of the property owned by Hodgins Farms, LTD, Parcel 0075699 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised at a value of \$52,175 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$54,978, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said property to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said property.

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

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portion of property in the amount of \$54,978 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 401-4547-01.6012 A11168.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**12. [ID 15-0632](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Portions of Properties Located at 5808, 5804 & 5800 Near West Market Street for the West Market/College Rd. Intersection and Sidewalk Improvement Project**

0241-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 5808, 5804, AND 5800 NEAR WEST MARKET STREET FOR THE WEST MARKET/COLLEGE ROAD

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INTERSECTION AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the West Market/College Road Intersection and Sidewalk Improvement project, portions of the properties owned by Hodgkin Family Limited Partnership, Parcels 0075697, 0075698, and 0075718 are required by the City for said Project, said properties being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required properties have been appraised at a value of \$25,147 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$28,942, which settlement, in the opinion of the City Council, is a fair and reasonable alternative to condemnation;

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to convey said properties to the City at the agreed price and it is deemed in the best interest of the City to acquire said properties.

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

That the agreed price of the above mentioned portions of properties in the amount of \$28,942 are hereby approved, and the purchase of the properties in accordance with the agreed price is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 401-4547-01.6012, A11168.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**13. [ID 15-0635](#) Resolution Approving Extension of Professional Services Contract 2009-056A with Withers & Ravenel, Inc., for the Design of the Downtown Greenway Phase 2**

**0242-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 2009-056A WITH WITHERS AND RAVENEL FOR THE DOWNTOWN GREENWAY PHASE 2 PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2012, City Council approved a contract for the design of the Downtown Greenway, Phase 2 work by Withers and Ravenel for the Downtown Greenway Phase 2 project;

WHEREAS, the construction of the Greenway will require extensive re-construction of portions of the street, which provides an opportunity to upgrade the water lines during the construction of the roadway;

WHEREAS, Withers and Ravenel was requested to provide additional design services on the extension of a new 8 inch water line on East Fischer Avenue to an existing 12 inch waterline on North Church Street which will improve existing fire flows in the area, and provide additional redundancy with a new loop feed.

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

That the extension in the amount of \$14,470 of Contract No. 2009-056A with Withers and Ravenel is hereby approved and the Mayor and/or City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper extension to carry the proposal into effect, payment to be made in the amount of \$14,470 from Account No. 503-7025-01.5410.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**14. [ID 15-0650](#) Resolution Authorizing City Attorney to Institute Proceedings to Condemn a Portion of the Property of Fisher Eugene, LLC, Located at 622 N. Eugene Street in Connection with the Downtown Greenway Phase 2E & 3A Project**

**0243-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO CONDEMN A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF FISHER EUGENE, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOWNTOWN GREENWAY PHASE 2E & 3A PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Fisher Eugene, LLC, is the owner(s) of certain property located 622 N. Eugene Street, designated as

Parcel # 0000674 said property being as shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, a portion of said property is required by the City in connection with the Downtown Greenway Phase 2E & 3A Project;

WHEREAS, negotiations with the owner at the appraised value of \$15,810.00 have been unsuccessful and said portion of the property is necessary for said project;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the City that the City Attorney be authorized to institute civil proceedings to condemn said portion of the property and that the Director of Finance be authorized to issue a draft to the Clerk of Superior Court as compensation to the owner(s) in the amount of \$15,810.00.

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

That, pursuant to Chapter 40A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the City Attorney is hereby authorized to institute condemnation proceedings to acquire said portion of the property, and the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to issue a draft in the amount of \$15,810.00 to the Clerk of Superior Court as compensation to the owner(s), payment to be made from Account No. 401-4553-01.6012 Activity #A12130.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**15. [ID 15-0679](#) Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Greensboro and Center City Park, LLC for Maintenance**

0244-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTER CITY PARK, LLC WITH REFERENCE TO MAINTENANCE OF CENTER CITY PARK

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2006, City Council authorized the City of Greensboro to enter into an Agreement with Center City Park, LLC to assist in annual maintenance and operation costs for the downtown Center City Park site;

WHEREAS, Center City Park, LLC has the obligation to maintain and operate the park and the City desires to defray a portion of the annual costs of such maintenance and operation;

WHEREAS, the sum of support and commitment is in the amount of \$200,000 to be expended from the General Fund and \$150,000 from the Business Improvement District distribution in the total amount of \$350,000;

WHEREAS, Center City Park, LLC offers its facilities free of charge for a number of community events including the A&T Homecoming, Holiday Parade, Festival of Lights, and Fun Fourth;

WHEREAS, Center City Park, LLC has agreed to waive rental fees and other hard costs for two Parks and Recreation arts and cultural events;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to enter into the Agreement for Center City Park maintenance with Center City Park, LLC from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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

That the Maintenance Agreement between the City and Center City Park, LLC to assist in annual maintenance and operation costs for downtown Center City Park site from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 is hereby approved.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**16. [ID 15-0666](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 7/14/15-7/24/15**

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of 7/14/15 - 7/24/15 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

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17. [ID 15-0657](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 7/14/15-7/24/15

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of 7/14/15 - 7/24/15 was adopted.

18. [ID 15-0626](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of July 8, 2015.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of July 8, 2015 was adopted.

19. [ID 15-0646](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Work Session of July 16, 2015.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of July 16, 2015 was adopted.

7. [ID 15-0610](#) Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Surplus Foreclosure Property Located at 213 Guerrant Street

Councilmember Hightower stated she was okay with selling the property; voiced concern for the neighborhood residents to be made aware of the proposed improvements with regard to tiny houses; asked if the City was in agreement with selling the property; voiced that she wanted to ensure it would only be single family houses; referenced conversations regarding tiny houses and challenges in the area; stated she would like to have conversations with Ms. Alexander who was the community advocate; requested the item be postponed for several weeks; and spoke to proposed improvements to the area.

Assistant City Manager Parrish advised that the property would need to go through a rezoning process; stated it could be subdivided into two single family parcels but would not accomodate multi-family or anything other than single family houses; verified that multiple units could not be placed on the property at this time; explained that staff needed to have additional conversation regarding zoning qualifications for tiny houses; stated the item could be delayed; and verified the item was not time sensitive.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of a tiny house in the Interactive Resource Center (IRC) parking lot; the need for zoning guidelines; and utility issues.

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to postpone the item to the September 1 meeting of Council. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

20. [ID 15-0581](#) Ordinance Establishing the McAdoo-Sanders-Tatum House, 303 Wentworth Drive as a Guilford County Historic Landmark

Discussion took place regarding the requirements for a motion to close a public hearing when there were no speakers to an item.

City Attorney Carruthers noted for the record, that public hearings were required by State Statute and must be held; and suggested that the Mayor note when there were no speakers in opposition to an item the hearing be closed by consent and moved directly for Council consideration.

Mayor Vaughan stated there were several speakers for the item.

Sunny Steward, 106 Gloria Avenue provided the history and architectural design of the structure; confirmed it had retained much of its original material; spoke to the recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Bode; emphasized that it was the oldest house in Irving Park that was constructed by an early real estate leader; and asked for Council's support of the item.

Katie Bode, 303 Wentworth Drive spoke to why it was important to restore the house; voiced they had bought it

through foreclosure; that the house was important to the neighborhood; that she had done extensive research of the property; and emphasized they wanted to restore it for future generations.

Councilmember Hoffmann thanked the Bodes for preserving the property.

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to close the public hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann, to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

15-0104 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MACADOO-SANDERS-TATUM HOUSE, 303 WENTWORTH DRIVE AS A GUILFORD COUNTY LANDMARK

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of the ordinance, as prescribed by Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes, have been met;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission has submitted a report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and recommended in a public hearing that the property described below be designated as a historic landmark;

WHEREAS, appropriate notice has been given of the public hearing as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission finds that the property described herein is of historical, architectural, educational, and/or cultural significance, and its preservation should be encouraged so as to safeguard the heritage of the City and County and to promote the use and conservation for the education, pleasure and enrichment of the residents of the City and County.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Greensboro accepts the findings of the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission and adopts the recommendation of the Commission for the preservation of the subject property by the authority set forth in Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes and local ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.
2. The designation is for the lot, exterior and interior of the house.
3. The Guilford County Landmark plaque shall be installed on the property and such sign shall indicate that the property has been designated as a Historic Landmark. Details of the display of the plaque are to be approved by the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission before installation.
4. The procedures provided by law, including waiting period, shall be observed prior to demolition, alteration, remodeling or removal of the designated property. This includes the process of approving a Certificate of Appropriateness before any changes are made to this designated property.
5. A certified copy of this ordinance is to be appropriately recorded with the Register of Deeds, the Guilford County Tax Department and City of Greensboro Engineering and Inspections Department in accordance with provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes and the local ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.
6. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

21. [ID 15-0623](#)

Ordinance Amending Section 30-4-5.3 of the Land Development Ordinance related to the filing deadline for the applications to the

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### Zoning Commission.

Mayor Vaughan stated there were no speakers for the item.

Assistant City Manager Parrish stated the item was related to the Council Committee structure; would move the Zoning Commission deadline out; and verified it would delay the deadline by seven days; and change from 38 to 45 days.

Planning Director Sue Schwartz reminded Council there was a handout at their places for the item; that staff would evaluate the change and process to see if it needed to be tweaked; referenced that Greensboro was unique with regard to its zoning issues; and stated any changes would be brought back to Council.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed that the members of TREBIC as well as the commission were aware of the change.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns with not appearing to be business friendly.

Assistant City Manager Parrish confirmed that the change was the least disruptive; and would not impact other boards.

**Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann, to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

15-0105 AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (LDO)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. That Subsection (B) of Section 30-4-5.3, Submittal Requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Zoning Map Amendment applications must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department at least 45 days before the meeting of the Zoning Commission at which the application is to be considered.

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon date of adoption.

(Signed) Jamal Fox

**22. [ID 15-0674](#) Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments on an Application for the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant**

Mayor Vaughan stated there were no speakers for the item; and confirmed Council did not need to take any action.

## **V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

**23. [ID 15-0664](#) Boards and Commissions Listing for August 3, 2015**

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Christina Hardy to the Commission on the Status of Women in a position that had been vacant. The motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to reappoint Justin Washington to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to reappoint Anita Cunningham to the GTA Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Vaughan stated she would like a discussion regarding the Board of Adjustment at a later point in the meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Barber to appoint Bob Kollar to the Parks and Recreation Commission to replace Tim Tsujii effective August 15, 2015. The motion carried by voice vote. Councilmember Wilkins placed the name of Michael Hepburn in the databank for future service on the GTA Board to replace Dan Collison.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of District 5 appointments on the GTA Board.

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to reappoint John Martin to the Planning Board. The motion carried by voice vote. Councilmember Outling placed the names of Adam Carroll and Dana Madison Lowe in the databank for future service on a board or commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson inquired about appointments to the Participatory Budgeting Committee.

Assistant City Manager Mary Vigue stated staff would bring that to Council at an upcoming work session.

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Barber to reappoint David Hoggard to the Historical Preservation Commission and to reappoint Carl Brower to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Vaughan voiced concern with a decision made by the Board of Adjustment (BOA) regarding a massage parlor as well as other decisions; spoke to concerns with the training of members; suggested Council take the massage parlor issue back under its purview; and referenced the May Spa decision.

City Attorney Carruthers outlined three options for changes, begin the training process again, Council could take the authority back, or create a separate board to handle massage parlor issues; emphasized that the Board of Adjustment was a quasi judicial body; and referenced supreme court language.

Mayor Vaughan stated the two issues that caused concern were the massage parlor ordinance; members not wanting to make adjustments but just follow the letter of the law; and referenced that a third body would be a waste of time for massage issues.

Councilmember Hightower inquired who trained the BOA members.

City Attorney Carruthers responded that the School of Government had provided training on adjusting; that his staff had done training on the massage parlor issue; emphasized that staff had reached out to individual members; verified he could not discuss particular cases; referenced giving Council other options; and suggested that staff hold a training session to discuss Council's concerns with the BOA. City Attorney Carruthers added that he had recently explained the law to the BOA; and would do what was necessary to see that the needs of the community were met.

Discussion took place regarding qualifications for members to serve on the BOA; providing the definition to the members of what adjustment meant; every case not needing to be adjusted; difference between the BOA and Zoning Commission; if there was a requirement for an attorney to be on the board; legal issues should Council take the board back; Council having full authority of all boards under the City Charter; only taking back massage parlor cases; length of time for hearing massage cases; and what had been changed with regard to massage parlors..

Assistant City Manager Parrish stated that staff could provide an update on the training process for the members.

Councilmember Barber stated the quasi judicial board was appointed; spoke to the results Council would like to accomplish; voiced concern with Council appearing heavy handed; and spoke to staff recommendations made to the BOA.

City Attorney Carruthers outlined the process for staff presenting an issue to BOA; spoke to the factors that came into play with the massage parlor ordinance; to the language barriers; stated that more training could help; and voiced concern that some members might feel uncomfortable in their rolls with regard to making adjustments on the BOA.

Discussion continued regarding Council taking the jurisdiction of massage parlor issues back; legal interest of the City; concerns expressed about a specific decision made by the board; if there was a probationary period for board members; levels of expectations for board members; and handling issues on an individual basis.

City Attorney Carruthers advised Council of its authority; and stated that he would like the opportunity to look at the options.

Ms. Schwartz interjected that many BOA members began their terms as alternate members which observed the meetings; noted that in a year the BOA had only seen two massage parlor cases; and stated staff could provide a full report of what the board handled.

Councilmember Fox asked what additional training would look like; and asked that a timeframe be put on training as well as changes to be made.

City Attorney Carruthers explained the duty of adjustment compared to the weighing in of facts; spoke to the training material; referenced comments made by members which had raised some concern; and suggested staff could provide training to ensure the members were fair and impartial which could be achieved in approximately six weeks.

It was the consensus of Council to have City Attorney Carruthers research the training/probationary period for members of the BOA.

Councilmember Fox voiced concern that he did not have a full time member on the BOA; that he did not want BOA members to feel Council did not value their service; and wanted the board to be more effective.

City Attorney Carruthers stated the state law prescribed seven members but that could be changed to nine through local legislation.

Mayor Vaughan suggested Council leave the enforcement of the massage parlor ordinance and definition of adjustment to the City Attorney to have discussions; and bring back recommendations to Council by the second meeting in September.

Councilmember Hightower voiced the need to be considerate of members; and stated she would like to be included in conversations with a member/appointee when there might be a problem with that person.

Councilmember Wilkins corrected that Mr. Hepburn was already in the data bank; and moved to appoint Mr. Hepburn to the GTA Board, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Fox inquired as to the schedule for bringing the boards and commissions matter back to Council.

Assistant City Manager Vigue referenced discussion that had taken place; spoke to the revised process of how to move the item forward; spoke to challenges with multiple appointments on the boards; and said she would work with a committee.

Mayor Vaughan suggested a Council working committee be set up to handle the issue; and appointed Councilmember Barber as Chair; with Councilmembers Abuzuaiter, Fox and Hightower serving as members of the Boards and Commissions Study Committee to develop a recommendation on how to change membership on boards to nine members which would include appointments by at-large Councilmembers.

Council discussed the need to ensure even district distribution of members among the various boards; identification of at-large appointments; issues with members residing in a different district from they one they were appointed to; and checking with district representatives prior to making appointments.

Mayor Vaughan suggested Assistant City Manager Vigue notify Council if she would need more than 30 days.

**25. [ID 15-0643](#) Resolution in Support of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Guilford County, the City Of Greensboro, the City Of High Point, Guilford County, Guilford County Schools and Say Yes To Education**

Assistant City Manager Parrish noted that the item had been presented at the work session last week; and that staff was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Vaughan voiced that she was excited about the item; spoke to the economic impact that being a Say YES community would have on Greensboro; spoke to the benefits to the educational community; verified that the private sector had stepped up with donations to date; stated she hoped Greensboro was the successful choice; and asked for Council support of the item.

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

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

**0245-15 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND SAY YES TO EDUCATION FOR GUILFORD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Say Yes was founded in 1987 by money manager George Weiss, who promised more than 100 sixth graders at a Philadelphia school that he would pay to send them to college if they graduated high school;

WHEREAS, since its inception Say Yes has evolved into a national nonprofit that organizes and galvanizes whole cities around the goals of every public school student graduating from high school to be able to attain, afford and complete a post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, Say Yes believes that regardless of economic circumstance or social standing, every child can achieve a post-secondary education and become an actively contributing member of their community when given the opportunities and support;

WHEREAS, the organization currently works with nearly 65,000 public school students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12;

WHEREAS, through fundraising, Say Yes and its local partners make it possible for a community's public high school graduates to receive full tuition scholarships to any in-state public college and university regardless of family income; said awards being granted after Pell grants and other financial aid have been taken into account;

WHEREAS, Say Yes communities achieve a positive economic impact – a more educated labor force, incentives for businesses to start or relocate into a community, a stronger tax base, increased property values and revitalizes communities while assisting students and families to achieve a post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, Guilford County is the leading candidate to become the next Say Yes to Education Community and will provide the opportunity to work together so that every graduate of Guilford County Schools will be eligible to receive a college education or post-secondary certificate;

WHEREAS, Say Yes has challenged the community to meet an initial \$28 million fundraising goal of forty percent (40%) of the overall \$70 million endowment goal for local scholarships which could be available to the graduating class of 2016 and at this time, the community has partnered with local donors for approximately \$15 million in pledges;

WHEREAS, upon the completion of six years collaboration with the national Say Yes organization each Say Yes city must take ownership of the effort and assume local responsibility for sustaining the scholarship endowment and for providing other support to students and their families;

WHEREAS, Say Yes brings stakeholders in the community, city and county government, the school district, parents, teachers, businesses, philanthropic and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities together and arms them with the tools needed to boost post-secondary participation and success.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Greensboro and Say Yes to Education for Guilford County.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaite

**26. [ID 15-0671](#) Resolution Adopting the East Greensboro Study Committee Summary Report**

Mayor Vaughan stated there had been an update on the item at the last work session.

Councilmember Hightower commended the work of staff, community partners, teachers, students and other stakeholders that had participated in the project; verified that she had already seen some implementation of the plan; that this was not the final summary but was a good guide and tool in moving East Greensboro forward; and voiced that she was excited about the item.

Councilmember Fox thanked staff for their work; commended Councilmember Hightower on her work as Chair of the committee; referenced what had already been put into place as a result of the plan; voiced that a lot of East Greensboro residents were excited about the plan; spoke to incentive packages to assist in bringing businesses to the area; commended Council on a job well done in laying the road map and moving forward.

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

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaite, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

**246-15 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EAST GREENSBORO STUDY COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT**

WHEREAS, the East Greensboro Study Committee was created by City Council in March 2014; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of the study, the Committee defined a study area comprised of 60 square miles, generally lying east of North Elm Street, US 220 South and Randleman Road; and

WHEREAS, the Committee established a goal to conduct a holistic examination of the area defined as East Greensboro and identify strategies to make it attractive, safe and prosperous for residents and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS, the Committee collected existing conditions data and sought extensive public input into the strengths, opportunities, aspirations and desired outcomes for East Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, recommendations have been drafted based on this information in four broad categories: Economic Opportunity; Education; Community Pride and Quality of Life; and

WHEREAS, the Report's recommendations guide and prioritize policies, programs and partnerships to achieve the Committee's stated goal.

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

That the East Greensboro Study Committee Summary Report is hereby adopted this, the 3rd day of August, 2015.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

**28. [ID 15-0636](#) Ordinance to Approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Greensboro and Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC: First Approval**

John Messenger, Associate General Counsel of Fibertech Networks provided the history of the company; stated they provided high speed point to point service; referenced awards the company had received; outlined the types of customers they had; spoke to their expansion in North Carolina as well as why they had chosen Greensboro; outlined the tower design and type of equipment they used; the process for providing wireless service; and stated the company was excited to come to Greensboro.

Mayor Vaughan thanked Mr. Messenger for attending the meeting.

City Attorney Carruthers confirmed that the law required two readings of the ordinance; that this was the first of the two; and stated the SECOND READING would take place at the August 18 meeting of Council..

**Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance received nine affirmative votes on the FIRST READING and carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

## **VI. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

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

Mayor Vaughan expressed her sympathy to Councilmember Hoffmann on the passing of her husband; referenced the rezoning at Horse Pen Creek Road and Battleground Avenue; inquired about the status of an old cell tower located near Laddie and Dukes; voiced she thought the tower was to be removed as one of the zoning conditions; asked for a written response from staff regarding the zoning conditions assigned to the rezoning issue; and referenced the increase in the number of carriers on the tower.

City Attorney Carruthers responded that he would research the terms of the zoning; that the developer had been given permission to relocate the tower where it would not be visible; that state law did not allow the City to limit the number of carriers on a tower; and confirmed that he would provide an update.

Councilmember Hightower announced that National Night Out would take place tomorrow; asked if staff could look at GTA issues regarding the budget; voiced concern with the perception to the public with GTA providing free rides during the National Folk Festival; spoke to the proposal for parking fees at the decks during the Festival which would go towards GTA; and expressed her condolences to Councilmember Hoffmann.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter stated she had attended the Cops and Bobbers event at Lake Higgins on July 24th; spoke to the interactions and conversations between the officers and youth; stated she and Councilmember Hightower had visited an elderly woman's house at 1818 Britton Street which would receive assistance from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for repairs; spoke to the work of the Agency; added that several Councilmembers had gone to the tour the Volvo Plant; referenced the many valuable assets in Greensboro; voiced the need for Council to visit companies and show they cared; and spoke to National Night Out.

Councilmember Hightower interjected that there would be a Citywide back to school drive; and a back to school giveaway on August 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the SportsPlex which assisted both students and teachers with school supplies.

Councilmember Wilkins commended the back to school drive; stated he was looking forward to National Night Out; that he would try to make as many locations as possible; invited the Mayor and at-large members to District 5 events; and stated that Adams Farm was one of the larger events.

Councilmember Outling stated he was looking forward to his first National Night Out as a Councilmember; and that he had attended a forum headed by former Councilmember Zack Matheny regarding growth in Downtown.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated she attended Watermelon Day at Syngenta recently; spoke to what she had learned about the company; expressed sympathy to Councilmember Hoffmann; stated she would present a resolution for former Councilmember Belvin Jessup's wife; that she would be on vacation the remainder of the week; would attend several locations and wished everyone a safe National Night Out; and commended the Greensboro Police officers for their work on the event.

Mayor Vaughan referenced the company tours by Council; stated that several members had attended a tour of Proctor and Gamble; agreed that the City needed to do a better job getting the message out when telling people what was made here in Greensboro; referenced Proctor and Gamble products she used and would switch to; and spoke to products made in Greensboro.

Councilmember Wilkins interjected that Volvo was now making municipal buses.

Councilmember Barber announced the upcoming Wyndham Championship August 17 through 23rd which brought community businesses together; suggested people get their tickets early; spoke to the possibility of Tiger Woods participating in the Championship in order to make the Fed Ex Cup; and spoke to the need to ask companies to support this as well as other local events that took place in Greensboro.

Councilmember Fox announced the upcoming College Commission meeting on August 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Headquarters on Fourth Street; expressed condolences to Councilmember Hoffmann and her family; stated he was excited about National Night Out; asked staff to research the implementation of making Green Street two-way; if there was a way to create an Entertainment District Downtown; asked for a resolution proclaiming the month of September as National Hispanic Heritage Month; announced the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday September 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Center City Park; and requested staff to update the list of City owned properties that could be sold as well as the status of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Redevelopment corridor.

Discussion took place regarding updating the list of City marketable properties that could be sold; housing piece along the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive corridor; and the improvements that had been made as well as the status of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive corridor.

Councilmember Fox added that he enjoyed and learned a lot from the Proctor and Gamble and Volvo tours; stated he wanted to lift up Revolution Mills proposed improvements; spoke to renovations to mills that had been made in Durham; and announced the upcoming North Carolina A&T State University Homecoming event coming in October.

Councilmember Hoffmann announced the placement of the three Stephen J. Fischer Sculptures across from the future Union Square Campus; and stated a ceremony would take place on Friday, August 14th.

Councilmember Wilkins asked if Council Committee meetings could take place prior to scheduled Council meetings.

Assistant City Manager Vigue explained the process for setting Council Committee meetings; that work sessions would be eliminated through the process; and that Council would not have any meetings scheduled during the fourth week of the month.

Mayor Vaughan voiced that she would be sending the Council Committee membership assignments to Council; and spoke to how she had assigned members.

### 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

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

**Adjournment**

**Moved by Councilmember Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.**

**Ayes,** 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mike Barber, Jamal T. Fox, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR