



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final General Government Committee

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

4:30 PM

Council Chamber

### Call to Order

This General Government Council Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 4 - Chairperson Yvonne J. Johnson, Vice Chair Mike Barber, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

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

### Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained the procedure for conduct of the meeting.

### I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Councilmember Wilkins inquired about several items being on dual committees; and asked if the items would be voted on multiple times by different members of Council.

Assistant City Manager Mary Vigue outlined the process for items that impacted multiple committees; spoke to when items would appear on two committee agendas; and verified both committees would vote on the items.

Councilmember Wilkins voiced concern with items being voted on three times, questioned the efficiency of the process; and stated he would have questions throughout the process.

Councilmember Barber spoke to his experience in Winston-Salem with the committee structure; voiced that the experience allowed him to look at the process differently; asked the committee to look at this as an opportunity to vet ideas on different items; and spoke to when an item went before the entire Council.

Councilmember Hightower voiced agreement with Councilmember Wilkins; stated this was a very cumbersome process; voiced concerns with the committee meetings interfering with her attendance at community meetings; spoke to democracy; reiterated that Greensboro was not Winston-Salem; stated the process was not a good use of taxpayer money; voiced disappointment with not looking at items individually; and asked what would happen if an item was removed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained the process for an item being removed; verified that the committee was not adopting the items, but referring the items for Council approval; spoke to the process for moving items onto Council; and to reverting to the previous process should Council decide to do so.

Councilmember Barber stated that a majority of Council had voted to move forward with the committee structure; and moved adoption of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilkins.

**Moved by Councilmember Barber, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins, to refer the consent agenda to Council. The motion carried by voice vote:**

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

1. [ID 15-0751](#) Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of

- Greensboro and the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Greensboro Guilford County Tourism Development Authority for the City to Receive a \$20,000 Contribution to Share Costs for the Current Re-brand Media Campaign Service Contract
2. [ID 15-0780](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$20,000 Amending The FY 15-16 General Fund Communications Department Budget for an Inter-Local Agreement Between the City Of Greensboro and the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau for the City's Branding Media Campaign Services Contract
  3. [ID 15-0753](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$803,546 Amending the FY 15-16 Technical Services Fund Budget and the FY 15-16 Technical Services Capital Project Fund Budget
  4. [ID 15-0779](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$75,084.70 Amending the General Fund FY 15/16 Budget (Economic Development) for the Appropriation of Funds for the Pass-Through of a Guilford County Economic Development Incentive Grant to Park View Development LLC
  5. [ID 15-0769](#) Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number One in the Amount of \$33,486.00 with H.M. Kern Corp. for Fire Station 59 - Contract No. 2012-072
  6. [ID 15-0774](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 8/25/15-9/2/15
  7. [ID 15-0775](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 8/25/15-9/2/15

## **II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

8. [ID 15-0757](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$1,448,228 Appropriating Nussbaum Housing Partnership Fund Balance for Affordable Housing Programs

Councilmember Hightower inquired as to the timeframe for implementation of the program; thanked staff for their work on the issue; and requested a meeting with Neighborhood Development Director Barbara Harris to discuss hiring additional housing inspectors.

Ms. Harris stated she would schedule a time to meet with Councilmember Hightower.

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Wilkins, to refer the ordinance to Council. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Ayes, 4 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Sharon M. Hightower and Tony Wilkins

Matters to be discussed by Committee Members

There were no items for discussion by Committee 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.

### **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items for the agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councilmember Barber seconded by Councilmember Wilkins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 4:49 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK

YVONNE J. JOHNSON  
CHAIRPERSON