



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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 Mike Barber, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Jamal T. Fox, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Justin Outling and Councilmember Tony Wilkins

Also present were City Manager Jim Westmoreland, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and City Clerk Elizabeth H. Richardson.

Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence. Mayor Vaughan asked that the public keep the family of Mandy Ward, who passed away suddenly this past weekend, in their thoughts; and spoke to Ms. Ward's work in the community.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Vaughan recognized Councilmember Wilkins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

City Manager Jim Westmoreland recognized Laura Beasley of the Water Resources 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.

5. [ID 16-0759](#) Resolution Recognizing the Guilford College/New Garden Area as a Heritage Community

Mayor Vaughan stated Council had been requested to postpone the item.

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

I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 16-0325](#) Resolution Recognizing Doctor Gregory T. Headen on his Retirement from Genesis Baptist Church

Councilmember Fox read the resolution into the record; spoke to Reverend Headen's character; and work in District 2 as well as the entire community.

Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson and Councilmember Fox presented Dr. Headen with the Key to the City.

Dr. Headen voiced appreciation and thanked Council for the recognition; expressed that he received it with humility; thanked Council for their work in Greensboro as public servants; and commended the City for improvements that had been made to the City.

Councilmember Hightower voiced appreciation for Dr. Headen's spiritual guidance and encouragement in moving the community forward.

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

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

323-16 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DOCTOR GREGORY T. HEADEN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GENESIS BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory T. Headen has served in the ministry for over 44 years, most recently at Genesis Baptist Church; and visited the White House twice during the Reagan Administration;

WHEREAS, Dr. Headen received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Pembroke State University in 1973; the Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University Divinity School in 1976; and the Doctor of Ministry Degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984;

WHEREAS, during his seven year career at Shaw University Divinity School he was appointed Professor of Practical Theology while serving as Dean of Students; served as Dean of Academic Affairs and President; and in 1989, the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree was conferred upon him by the University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Headen has served as Pastor of Taylors Chapel Baptist Church near Sanford; First Baptist Church, New Hill; Elevation Baptist Church, Raleigh (Interim); The Shaw Community Church, Raleigh; Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church, Wilson; Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro; and most recently, Genesis Baptist Church in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of the Human Services Award from the Greensboro Human Relations Commission that recognized Dr. Headen for his devotion to human rights within the community;

WHEREAS, the Pulpit Forum of Greensboro named him "Pastor of the Year" in 2005; and he served as a former President, secretary and currently serves as treasurer of the Forum;

WHEREAS, Dr. Headen is the recipient of the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" from Pembroke State University; served as Co-Chairperson of the Greensboro Truth & Reconciliation Project; Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Greensboro Branch NAACP; and currently serves on the Executive Board of the Greensboro Branch NAACP;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro, the Greensboro City Council wishes to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of devoted public service by Dr. Headen.

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

That the City Council hereby extends, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Greensboro, its appreciation, gratitude and recognition to Dr. Gregory T. Headen on his retirement from Genesis Baptist Church and for his dedicated ministry, service and leadership throughout the community.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

2. [ID 16-0839](#) Recognition of the City of Greensboro's 2016 United Way Campaign

City Manager Westmoreland provided an overview and results of the 2016 combined United Way Campaign; stated the City had exceeded the \$134,000 goal with a total of \$144,000; informed Council that the City had an

18% increase in participation; recognized the City's United Way Campaign Coordinator Sarah Healy and the departmental coordinators in the audience; and stated he was a member of the Board of Directors. City Manager Westmoreland verified the monies went back into the community; spoke to the interactions within the community; to poverty being in every district of the City; outlined several fund raising events that had taken place; and emphasized he was pleased and proud of the efforts of City.

3. [ID 16-0789](#) Resolution Declaring the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Abuzuaiter read the resolution into the record; asked the partners from the Family Justice Center to come forward; and presented the resolution to Catherine Johnson of the Family Justice Center.

Ms. Johnson, 4105 Waldenbrook Road voiced appreciation for the City's ongoing support, commitment and efforts; spoke the reduction in domestic violence deaths in Guilford County; to the work and representation at the Family Justice Center; expressed condolences to the family of Mandy Ward; provided an overview of the work Ms. Ward did to build bridges within the community; spoke to her willingness to work with others; and gave thanks for Ms. Ward's life.

Portia Shipman, 4103 Tucra Drive thanked Council for illuminating the Greene Street parking deck with purple as well as the purple tree lighting; presented Mayor Vaughan with a tee-shirt; a packet with informational flyers; spoke to the Paint the City Purple Celebration from October 24th through November 5th; invited people to the Gala; read and asked Council to sign a pledge regarding domestic violence; spoke to the work of the Family Justice Center; thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson for the recognition of the Sherri Jackson Foundation; and spoke to the work of the Foundation.

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

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

324-16 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power and control over his or her partner;

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes not only physical abuse, but also mental abuse, financial abuse, isolation, and sexual violence;

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence does not discriminate;

WHEREAS, the national average shows more than three individuals are murdered by an intimate partner in this country every day;

WHEREAS, in 2015, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that 72 women, men, and children were murdered in domestic violence-related homicides in our state; with Guilford County reporting 1 domestic violence related death in 2015;

WHEREAS, locally, Family Service of the Piedmont responded to approximately 3,186 crisis line calls in the last fiscal year, and the Greensboro and High Point Police Departments along with the Guilford County Sheriff's Office collectively reported responding to over 18,589 calls for service involving domestic violence;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Department Health and Human Services Division of Social Services in 2015 received more than 5,884 reports to Child Protective Services and 765 reports of elder abuse and neglect to Aging and Adult Services;

WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence are more likely to transmit violent behavior from one

generation to the next and are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems;

WHEREAS, in a community partnership, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) has successfully brought together agencies throughout the County to provide victims with easier access to comprehensive resources in a single location through a coordinated collaborative effort, which has empowered family violence victims to live free from violence and abuse and hold offenders accountable; since its opening in mid-June of 2015 the FJC has served over 6,000 citizens in crisis;

WHEREAS, by working together and promoting awareness in this community we can protect the vulnerable, stop the violence, restore hope, and make a safer community for everyone.

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

That it does hereby declares the month of October 2016, as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" and urges citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force which deeply affects a large number of families in our State and local community each year, and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

4. [ID 16-0761](#) Resolution Recognizing October as Community Planning Month

Mayor Vaughan read the resolution into the record; and presented the resolution to Planning Director Sue Schwartz.

Ms. Schwartz thanked Council for the resolution; provided a slide show and overview of Community Planning Month; spoke to the contributions planning made in daily lives; recognized members of the various boards and commissions involved in planning in the audience; spoke to their dedication and passion, voiced appreciation for their service; and provided an overview of the events that would take place throughout the month.

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

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

325-16 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association's National Community Planning Month is an opportunity to highlight the contributions that sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of Greensboro's built and natural environment, and to the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the dedication of both the volunteers serving on City boards and commissions and the professional planners who together, work to promote quality growth throughout Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, community planning promotes meaningful and respectful dialog among all residents regarding the choices that determine the future of Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning are realized not just for today but also for future generations as we envision a prosperous Greensboro whose residents have equitable choices for how they work, live, learn and play.

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

That October 2016 is hereby designated as Community Planning Month in the City of Greensboro, North Carolina.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Vaughan stated there were ten speakers who would be allotted three minutes each.

David Craft, 605 North Church Street, voiced concern with the lack of benches in Downtown; stated the benches had slowly disappeared; that only several curbside benches remained in the area, challenged Council to bring benches back to Downtown; and stated he would purchase the first one at the cost of \$1,000.

Discussion took place regarding the benches being part of the bond package; who removed the benches; and the need for the benches.

City Manager Westmoreland was requested to research the history of the Downtown bench removal.

Phillip Sheldon, 5515 W. Market Street stated he was a local college student who wanted to grow with Greensboro; spoke to the need for an investment in housing; outlined the benefits of the housing bond; referenced the lack of affordable housing; and asked Council and the public to support the housing bonds for a better Greensboro.

Brian Watkins, 1903 Taylor Street thanked the Council taking steps forward by releasing the Yourse video; stated he submitted a pledge for Council's review and support for the independence from police influence; asked Council to distance themselves from various police associations; emphasized he wanted a Council that represented the people, not the Police Department; and provided photos of several officers who had not been charged for alleged illegal behavior.

Councilmember Hightower voiced that she took an oath; and did not feel the need to fill out the pledge.

Millicent Lee, 1101 N. Elm Street voiced appreciation for the difficult decision Council made with regard to the release of the video; thanked Council for listening to the people; referenced the article of the Police Association; stated this was not an issue against the police; voiced that she would think the Police Department would lead the charge when a citizen was treated unfairly; stated she did not want to live in a divided Greensboro; and emphasized the issue was about right and wrong.

Ezekiel Ben-Israel, 4007 Cocklereece Drive made a Biblical reference regarding Moses; voiced appreciation for release of the video; stated he wanted people to be treated equally; to elevate the Police Department; asked that people attend the Community City Working Group (CCWG) meetings; voiced that he knew the City could be effective; emphasized the community was willing to work with the City; and encouraged the community to Be Strong and Be Courageous.

Toni Etheridge, 3227 Pleasant Garden Road stated she was a member of the CCWG; spoke to the potential of good and righteousness in all people; stated she grew up with officers in her family; spoke to the perception and work of the CCWG; the need for greater transparency practices; referenced persons who shamed whistle blowers in the Police Department; and emphasized the City could do better.

Reverend Cardes Brown, 6106 Longbranch Court stated he was the pastor of New Life Baptist Church; commended Council for standing on the side of right; voiced it was about right and wrong; challenged the Police Association to view the video; and spoke to double standards.

Reverend Clarence Hunt, 2112 Pebble Drive spoke to his experience while attending the Police Department's promotion ceremony; stated he had the opportunity to see police officers in a role with their families; voiced that he realized that although he was committed to justice, he also need to be committed to good police work and understand the value of that work. Reverend Hunt commended Council for the steps they took; encouraged them to follow the roads that led to justice; spoke to groups stifling the growth and progress of the City; Council's obligation to represent the people; and reiterated that the City needed to start holding officers accountable.

Louis Pitts, 129 Tate Street stated he was grateful for Council's actions last week; shared the views of his colleagues; emphasized that the City needed to address the existing distrust among the community; requested

Council consider the issues that he and Reverend Johnson presented; requested that an independent citizens commission be established to work with Council to gather information about the Yourse case; spoke to his disappointment in the decision made by the District Attorney; stated the community wanted to join with the Council; and spoke to who should police the Police Department.

Julie Peeples, 2201 Villa Drive emphasized the need for the community to be prosperous for everyone; voiced that she had tremendous respect for the work officers did; spoke to departmental transparency; thanked Council for their hard work; asked that Council use this moment to learn how to make the system work; and make the changes needed to continue to rebuild trust.

Mayor Vaughan stated that there were two additional speakers.

Eddy Summers stated he was Greensboro Police Officer; that he personally supported the officers for their actions; referenced the reasonable standard of police 'use of force'; read a statement; spoke to what the court stated; to the violation of the Fourth Amendment; and provided an overview of how officers responded and to what was on the video.

Mayor Vaughan asked for respect in the Chamber for all speakers.

Ryan Walton, President of the Greensboro Police Officers Association spoke to the representation of officers by the organization; explained why the Association released the article; voiced concern that people had missed the narrative in the article; outlined the process used by the Police Department regarding 'use of force'; spoke to the chain of command and protocol that was followed prior to any involvement by Council; verified that the Association was about accountability; supported the release of body worn camera footage; spoke to different viewpoints of people viewing the body worn camera footage; emphasized that he wanted to ensure the narrative did not get scewed further; and reminded people that the department identified this issue on it's own.

Mayor Vaughan thanked the speakers from the floor for their statements; and thanked the audience for being respectful.

Councilmember Hightower stated that the video was very clear; that she had requested the written statements of the officers; voiced appreciation for the speakers; the need to ask the tough questions; confirmed that she had voted on use of the body worn cameras; added that if an officer did not report another officer's wrong they were wrong as well; stated the community did not trust the Police Department; and requested that copies of the officer's statements be provided.

City Attorney Tom Carruthers stated the statements could be shared in closed session for further direction from Council.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concern for the length of time for the investigative process; and referenced City funds spent to resolve the Scales brothers incident.

City Manager Westmoreland suggested that a time be scheduled for Police Chief Scott to give a briefing once the process was completed; and to allow Police Chief Scott to provide some of the recommendations that the department was making.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Vaughan asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed for discussion.

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

6. [ID 16-0717](#) Resolution Calling a Public Hearing for October 18, 2016, on the Annexation of Territory into the Corporate Limits for the Property Located at 5405 Marley Drive - .60-Acres

326-16 RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 18, 2016 ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5405 MARLEY DRIVE – .60 ACRES

WHEREAS, the owner of all the hereinafter described property, which is non-contiguous to the City of Greensboro, has requested in writing that said property be annexed to the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Section 58.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that territory may be annexed after notice has been given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city;

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 4th day of October, 2016, the following ordinance was introduced:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS (PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5405 MARLEY DRIVE – .60 ACRES)

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-58.1, the hereinafter described territory is hereby annexed to City of Greensboro:

Section 2. The owner agrees to pay to the City of Greensboro an acreage fee of five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) per acre for water service and five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) per acre for sewer service immediately prior to the time of annexation, provided that each of these utilities are available at the time of annexation. Any utility line assessments which may have been levied by the County shall be collected either by voluntary payment or through foreclosure of same by the City. Following annexation, the property annexed shall receive the same status regarding charges and rates as any other property located inside the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro.

Section 3. The owner shall be fully responsible for extending water and sewer service to the property at said owner's expense.

Section 4. From and after the effective date of annexation, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force within the City and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits thereof, subject to the provisions in Sections 2 and 3 above.

Section 5. From and after October 18, 2016, the liability for municipal taxes for the 2016-2017 fiscal year shall be prorated on the basis of 8/12 of the total amount of taxes that would be due for the entire fiscal year. The due date for prorated municipal taxes shall be September 1, 2017. Municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and thereafter shall be due annually on the same basis as any other property within the city limits.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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

That Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. be fixed as the time and the Council Chambers in the Melvin Municipal Office Building as the place for the public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory to the City of Greensboro as above set out and that this resolution be published in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro not later than October 8, 2016.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

7. [ID 16-0718](#) Resolution Calling a Public Hearing for October 18, 2016 on the Annexation of Territory into the Corporate Limits for the Property Located at 3436 Randleman Road - .97-Acres

327-16 RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 18, 2016 ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3436 RANDLEMAN ROAD - .97 ACRES

WHEREAS, the owners of all the hereinafter described property, which is non-contiguous to the City of Greensboro, have requested in writing that said property be annexed to the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Section 58.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that territory may be annexed after notice has been given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the city;

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 4th day of October, 2016, the following ordinance was introduced:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS (PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3436 RANDLEMAN ROAD - .97 ACRES)

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-58.1, the hereinafter described territory is hereby annexed to City of Greensboro:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of Lot B of Recombination Survey for: Herbert J. Rankin & Madeline Pitts, recorded at Plat Book 132, Page 123; thence with the western right-of-way line of Randleman Road S 09° 08' 02" E 78.94 feet to a point; thence continuing with said right-of-way line S 09° 08' 52" E 101.70 feet to the southeast corner of said lot; thence with the southern line of said lot S 13° 00' 17" W 354.87 feet to its southwest corner; thence with the western line of said lot N 00° 32' 10" E 9.70 feet to its northwest corner; thence with the northern line of said lot the following three courses and distances: 1) S 89° 27' 50" E 10.00 feet to a point, 2) N 47° 10' 32" E 195.45 feet to a point, and 3) N 84° 16' 22" E 173.10 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, being all of said Lot B, and containing approximately 0.97 acres. The plat referred to hereinabove is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford County.

Section 2. The owners agree to pay to the City of Greensboro an acreage fee of five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) per acre for water service and five hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) per acre for sewer service immediately prior to the time of annexation, provided that each of these utilities are available at the time of annexation. Any utility line assessments which may have been levied by the County shall be collected either by voluntary payment or through foreclosure of same by the City. Following annexation, the property annexed shall receive the same status regarding charges and rates as any other property located inside the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro.

Section 3. The owners shall be fully responsible for extending water and sewer service to the property at said owners' expense.

Section 4. From and after the effective date of annexation, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force within the City and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits thereof, subject to the provisions in Sections 2 and 3 above.

Section 5. From and after October 18, 2016, the liability for municipal taxes for the 2016-2017 fiscal year shall be prorated on the basis of 8/12 of the total amount of taxes that would be due for the entire fiscal year. The due date for prorated municipal taxes shall be September 1, 2017. Municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and thereafter shall be due annually on the same basis as any other property within the city limits.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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

That Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. be fixed as the time and the Council Chambers in the Melvin Municipal Office Building as the place for the public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory to the City of Greensboro as above set out and that this resolution be published in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro not later than October 8, 2016.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

Stage Coach Trail

328-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT) FOR THE RECONNECTION OF OLD STAGE COACH TRAIL TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO GTCC

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro owns property located at 1021 Old Stage Coach Trail, Parcel #0075148, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has requested that the City convey property to provide access to the GTCC flight school from North Chimney Rock Road to Ballinger Road.

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

That the conveyance of property located at 1021 Old Stage Coach Trail to NCDOT is hereby authorized; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro a proper deed to convey said property.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

9. [ID 16-0727](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property Located at 3200 Battleground Avenue for the Battleground Westridge Intersection Improvement Project

329-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3200 BATTLEGROUND AVENUE FOR THE BATTLEGROUND WESTRIDGE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Battleground Westridge Intersection Improvement project, a property owned by Joseph E. Morris, Parcel 0036514 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 \$56,300 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$68,131, 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 \$68,131 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. 220-4588-01.6012, Activity A12084.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

10. [ID 16-0724](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property Located at 3227 Battleground Avenue for the Battleground Westridge Intersection Improvement Project

330-16 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPRAISAL AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3227 BATTLEGROUND AVENUE FOR THE BATTLEGROUND/WESTRIDGE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in connection with the Battleground/Westridge Intersection Improvement project, a portion of the property owned by National Retail Properties, LP, Parcel 0036435 is required by the City for said Project, said property being shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the required property has been appraised by Foster Appraisal Services, Inc. at a value of \$159,000, 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 property in the amount of \$159,000 is hereby approved, and the purchase of the property in accordance with the appraisal is hereby authorized, payment to be made from Account No. 220-4588-01.6012, Activity #A12084.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

11. [ID 16-0725](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property Located at 2719-Z Horse Pen Creek Road for the Horse Pen Creek Road Widening Project

331-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED 2719-Z 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 Keswick Place Homeowners Association, Parcel 0071307 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 \$16,905 but the property owner has agreed to settle for the price of \$21,907, 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 property in the amount of \$21,907 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. 471-4502-08.6012, Activity A14074.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

12. [ID 16-0697](#) Resolution Rescinding Resolution #124-16 Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Foreclosure Property Located at 508 Penry Road

332-16 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #124-16 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS FORECLOSURE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 508 PENRY ROAD

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the City Council authorized the conveyance of 508 Penry Road;

WHEREAS, the buyer, God's Miracle Ministry for Deliverance, Inc., was unable to pay for the property and failed to close on the sale;

WHEREAS, the \$1,512 that was deposited into Account No. 101-0000-00.3345 will be refunded to them;

WHEREAS, in the opinion of City Council, it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Greensboro to rescind resolution 124-16 adopted on May 3, 2016.

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

That the resolution 124-16 adopted by the City Council on May 3, 2016, authorizing conveyance of 508 Penry

Road is hereby in all respects rescinded.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

13. [ID 16-0751](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Luminous Cloud Software Development Program With Professional Services, Training & Travel Expenses

333-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LUMINOUS CLOUD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, TRAINING & TRAVEL EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Luminous Cloud is a cloud-based software solution that unifies fiber plant and network operations. Luminous Cloud offers GIS visual map representations of assets, native ESRI integration, asset repository, document management, virtual team collaboration, fiber path and rack visualizations, event workflow management, and integration with Luminous OnP probes;

WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted in the Information Technology Fund and shall not exceed \$125,500.00.

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

That the City is authorized to enter into a Contract with Intelligent Visibility Inc., to provide the purchase Luminous Cloud Software, a cloud-based software solution that unifies fiber plant and network operations. IVI professionals will provide the Fiber Data Electronic Conversion and Luminous Cloud training.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

14. [ID 16-0811](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Work Session of September 6, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of September 6, 2016 was adopted.

15. [ID 16-0800](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 6, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 6, 2016 was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

There were no public hearing items for this agenda.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

16. [ID 16-0806](#) Boards and Commissions Listing for October 4, 2016

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaite, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to reappoint Richard Mossman to the Planning Board. The motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaite, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to reappoint Nancy Quaintance to the Tourism Development Authority. The motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaite, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to reappoint Adam Carroll to Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA). The motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaite, seconded by Mayor Vaughan to reappoint Manuel Dudley to Greensboro Housing Authority. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hightower voiced that there were still several vacancies on the GTA Board; and the Housing Authority.

Mayor Vaughan asked for Council to think about recommendations for the Arts Task Force to be headed by Councilmember Hoffmann that would focus on the future of the arts; voiced that nominees needed to come from

all walks of life, confirmed it was a task force; stated that \$75,000 had been approved for the task force; and asked that recommendations be forwarded to herself or Councilmember Hoffmann.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter stated that Richard Pinto was due to come off the Zoning Commission; and asked for a volunteer to serve.

Discussion took place regarding the review of Sandy Neerman as a candidate for appointment to the Greensboro Housing Authority. No appointment was made.

17. [ID 16-0764](#) Greensboro Coliseum Parking Lot, Main Entrance/Exit and Storage Building

Councilmember Hightower inquired about the Minority Womens Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation with regard to the Add Alternate #1; voiced concern that the M/WBE participation would be reduced should the Add Alternate #1 contractor not be utilized; requested clarification on the M/WBE goals for the project; and stated there could always be more M/WBE participation.

Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris stated the Add Alternate #1 bid was for the addition to the storage building which was included in the contract.

M/WBE Coordinator Gwen Carter provided an overview of the bid process for the contract; confirmed what the original goals were; that the contractor had over achieved the goal; spoke to the reductions; and explained the process for getting to the 13% goal.

Councilmember Hightower voiced that the goals would not be met if the contractor did not get to the Add Alternate #1; and asked what would happen should the alternate not be counted.

Mayor Vaughan stated that Council could not deal in hypothetical; reminded Council they were voting on the contract; and stated staff should be congratulated that the goals were higher than usual.

Ms. Carter explained the process for bidding on the goals; assurances that the goal was met; and spoke to what was looked at by the M/WBE office.

Councilmember Wilkins verified that Ms. Carter headed the M/WBE program; asked who Ms. Carter reported to; and asked who Assistant City Manager Harris reported to.

Ms. Carter responded that she reported to Assistant City Manager Harris; and Assistant City Manager Harris responded that she reported to City Manager Westmoreland.

Councilmember Wilkins asked City Manager Westmoreland to verify that he would know if Ms. Harris and Ms. Carter were not doing their jobs to which City Manager Westmoreland responded that he thought the employees did a great job.

Councilmember Wilkins explained that he had asked the question as he did not want people viewing to think staff was not doing their jobs.

Councilmember Outling voiced concern with the same types of questions coming before Council at the meetings; asked if these types of questions could be covered in a work session; and verified that although these were good questions a lot of time was spent providing details during meetings.

City Manager Westmoreland confirmed that staff was available to answer questions of Council prior to Council meetings.

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

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

334-16 RESOLUTION APPROVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH RP MURRAY FOR A COLISEUM PARKING LOT AND STORAGE BUILDING

WHEREAS, after due notice, bids have been received for the Coliseum Parking Lot and Storage Building project;

WHEREAS, RP Murray Company, a responsible bidder, has submitted the low base and alternate bid in the total amount of \$1,997,000 as general contractor for the contract, which bid, in the opinion of the City Council, is the best bid from the standpoint of the City.

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

That the findings above are hereby adopted and the Contract between the City of Greensboro and RP Murray is hereby formally approved and 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, payment to be made in the amount of \$1,997,000.00 from Account No. 528-7501-03.6019.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

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

Councilmember Fox invited everyone to the ribbon cutting at Revolution Mill on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; to the grand opening of the Renaissance COOP on Saturday November 5th at 10:00 a.m.; offered condolences to the families of Mandy Ward and the two North Carolina A&T State University students; stated he had requested the College Commission look into campus safety; stated there was a tentative meeting set for Thursday, October 13th to address off campus parties and safety; announced that President Obama would be at the North Carolina A&T State University campus on Tuesday October 11th; and announced the North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials (NC BEMO) strategic meeting being hosted in Greensboro.

City Manager Westmoreland stated he would forward the information and agenda for the October 13, 2015 meeting with area colleges regarding campus safety and security to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson encouraged people to go to the Greensboro Childrens Museum on October 6th at 11:00 a.m.; spoke to new initiatives for children; stated members had attended the unveiling of George Simkins statue today; spoke to Mr. Simkin's character; and commended the Citadel Campus Ministry for sponsoring a program she had attended called 'The Truth' at North Carolina A&T State University; and provided an overview of the event.

Councilmember Wilkins commended City Manager Westmoreland for appointing Assistant City Manager Harris; congratulated Assistant City Manager Harris; and stated she was a tremendous asset to the City.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter extended congratulations to Assistant City Manager Harris; stated the City had some amazing employees; voiced the need to show appreciation to the City employees; mentioned the purple tree lighting that took place on Monday evening to raise awareness of domestic violence; recognized Committee Chair Jackie Foster; and stated that Thursday evening the Greene Street Parking Deck would be lit in teal to recognize the facial disease, Trigeminal Neuralgia.

Councilmember Barber left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Councilmember Hightower voiced agreement with Councilmember Abuzuaiter's comments about the City staff; spoke to asking questions; and suggested that the Police Committee Review Board review the Yourse incident as opposed to an independent body.

Mayor Vaughan suggested Council wait for Police Chief Scott to hold a briefing.

City Manager Westmoreland informed Council staff was trying to get information together for next week.

Councilmember Hightower stated she had attended the unveiling of the Simkins statue this morning; and announced a Learn to Swim kickoff lunch on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at the Coliseum with guest, Olympic Gold Medalist Cullen Jones.

Mayor Vaughan commended the Greensboro Aquatic Center.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

City Manager Westmoreland announced the first City Expo on Friday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; commended Communications Director commended Carla Banks for her work on the Expo; invited the public to attend; and asked Assistant City Manager Harris to provide an update on a federal grant program.

Assistant City Manager Harris spoke to the grant awarded for the Fresh Food Access Plan; stated the City was recently awarded \$473,000 for an implementation grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and commended the Planning Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked about the dispersement of the grant.

City Manager Westmoreland stated the funds would be used for equipment; and education on producing fresh food.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR