



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety Committee

Monday, February 8, 2016

5:00 PM

Council Chamber

### Call to Order

This Public Safety Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 3 - Chairperson Marikay Abuzuaite, Vice Chair Tony Wilkins and Councilmember Mike Barber

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yvonne J. Johnson

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

### Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Councilmember Abuzuaite explained the Committee procedure for conduct of the meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Barber, Seconded by Councilmember Wilkins to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson from attendance at the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

### I. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

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

**Ayes,** 3 - Marikay Abuzuaite, Tony Wilkins and Mike Barber

**Absent,** 1 - Yvonne J. Johnson

1. [ID 16-0022](#) Resolution Authorizing 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Thermal Imaging Cameras
2. [ID 16-0085](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$254,327 Amending State, Federal and Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Funds for the Acquisition of Supplemental Body Cameras
3. [ID 16-0094](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$1,500 Amending State, Federal and Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Wal-Mart Grant for Police District 2 Community Outreach in FY 15
4. [ID 16-0115](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of January 11, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of January 11, 2016 was adopted.

### II. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

There were no General Business items for this agenda.

Councilmember Wilkins asked if the City had specific safe locations for citizens to exchange online sales items similar to what Cary had.

Police Chief Wayne Scott responded that the lobby in the Police Headquarters was open 24 hours; the department was familiar with Cary's program; the police substations were available; and encouraged persons with large purchases to set a time at a specific location.

### **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **5. [ID 16-0125](#) General Greensboro Police Update**

Assistant City Manager Wesley Reid recognized Police Chief Scott to speak to the Building Bridges campaign; spoke to exciting things that would be happening; and stated a report would be forthcoming from Police Chief Scott.

Police Chief Scott stated the department had been working diligently over the last year about how it used strategies; that he was proud of the programs that had been developed; referenced the office of Community Engagement; provided an overview of the first 2016 program called Building Bridges; stated that the phrase had become the department's motto; spoke to working with GTN to do a monthly variety show to air three times per week with Sondra Hughes as the host; and voiced the importance in providing information to the community in a positive manner.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter voiced appreciation for the information regarding the department's activities; spoke to the difficulty in providing information to the community; and commended the department for its use of social media.

Police Chief Scott added that the department was researching ways to make the website more user friendly; spoke to the internal and external work done by Jenny Caviness; and stated the department would see some good strides.

Assistant City Manager Reid recognized Guilford Metro 911 (GM911) Director Melanie Neal to provide an update on their new initiative.

Ms. Neal provided an overview of the implementation for the alarm center which had been highlighted in the national and local news; emphasized that the direct alarm connection would be into the system and ready for the dispatcher to send when received by GM911; stated she hoped to have between 20 and 25 alarm companies on board by the end of 2016; and that GM911 was the 13th center nationwide to implement the initiative.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter commended the initiative; and asked about the dispatch time for calls.

Councilmember Wilkins asked how much per call it would save dispatchers.

Ms. Neal responded by outlining the reduction per call; types of alarm calls; and stated it should save approximately 20,000 calls per year.

Matters to be discussed by the Committee members.

There were no items for discussion by the 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.

**Adjournment**

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

THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 5:13 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK

MARIKAY ABUZUAITER  
CHAIRPERSON