



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Vaughan recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

City Manager Jim Westmoreland recognized Tamika Williams of Libraries 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.

I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 17-0106](#) Special Presentation by the Greensboro Police Foundation

City Manager Westmoreland requested Police Chief Wayne Scott, Mark Isaacson and Chris Walker to come forward; and spoke to the work of the Foundation, specifically with body worn cameras.

Mr. Isaacson, 804 Green Valley Drive, Vice President of the Greensboro Police Foundation (Foundation) recognized members of the board in the audience; spoke to the contributions of Frank Masha to the Foundation; provided the history of the body worn camera acquisition; emphasized that the Foundation was actively engaged in supporting the Greensboro Police Department; and stated that the Foundation had raised funds to purchase a new mobile unit.

Mr. Walker provided a rendering of the new mobile unit; spoke to the age of the current mobile unit; and requested that Council approve the acceptance of said unit once it had been acquired by the Foundation.

Councilmember Hightower stated she was not open to the idea until she heard more about the vehicle; and voiced concern for its last minute placement on the agenda.

Police Chief Scott provided an overview of the new unit which was refurbished; spoke to the cost and value of the unit; highlighted the uses throughout the community of the current unit; explained the minimum upfit and wrapping

improvements that would be made to the new unit; and stated the new unit could be in service in approximately 45 to 60 days.

Council inquired about the exchange policy for the new unit; and who would pay for the unit wrapping.

Police Chief Scott explained the process for the exchange of the vehicle; the use and restrictions of federal forfeiture funds; and outlined the deployment of the current unit throughout the community over the past month.

Councilmembers commended the Foundation for their fund raising support; spoke to the importance and impact of mobile units; to previous work of the Foundation; and asked if they would be able to see the unit.

Councilmember Hightower voiced the need for a program to get guns off the street; and asked if the Foundation could assist.

Police Chief Scott responded that he could not speak to how the Foundation funded items; and spoke to an upcoming item for funding for the CrimeStoppers Program.

Moved by Councilmember Wilkins, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to accept the transfer of the mobile unit from the Greensboro Police Foundation. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 8 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Vaughan stated there were three speakers.

Davis Montgomery, Duke Energy, (Duke) 2500 Fairfax Road referenced the 2013 adoption of the Utility Vegetation Management Ordinance; provided an update of the process since the enactment of the ordinance; spoke to meetings with the community; and confirmed Duke was pleased with the process thus far. Mr. Davis stated that the City was the recipient of a \$37,965 grant from the Duke Energy Water Quality Fund for outdoor recreation improvements at Lake Higgins as a result of an employee applying for the grant on behalf of the City; and stated he did not know the employee's name.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested City Manager Westmoreland to find out the name of; and recognize the employee who applied for the grant.

Mayor Vaughan voice appreciation for the award and the recent transportation award; spoke to the new cutting standards; and commended Duke Energy's communication to residents regarding cuttings.

Valencia Roner, 2500 Fairfax Road, Program Manager for Duke Energy provided a slide show on the Neighborhood Energy Saver Program; announced that Duke Energy would be going into the Glenwood neighborhood; provided an overview of the energy efficiency program; spoke to the work that had been completed within specific communities; to conservation measures, education and other items that were provided through the program; highlighted key milestones; spoke to the average savings and partners in the program; and provided an overview of highlights for the kick off event scheduled from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. February 18th at Glenwood Recreation Center.

Councilmember Hightower voiced appreciation for the program.

Reverend Cardis Brown, 6406 Long Branch Court spoke to the formation of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); highlighted the mission of and number of chapters across the nation; stated the organization would be celebrating its 108 year on the 12th of February; invited all people to come to the event for the organization; referenced that there was still injustice in some places; and announced an event in Raleigh on February 11th.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson thanked Reverend Brown for bringing this during February which was Black History Month.

Councilmember Hightower voiced appreciation to Reverend Brown; and spoke to the importance in bringing people together.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

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

Councilmember Fox requested items #2/16-0953, #3/17-0050 and #4/17-0088 be removed for discussion.

Councilmember Hightower concurred with Councilmember Fox's request.

Councilmember Fox inquired about other bidders for the contract for item #2; for clarification on the breakdown of the bids; and requested that staff provide a list of all contract bidders on agenda memos with the status of their bids going forward.

Parks and Recreation Director Wade Walcutt explained the process for bids on the contract; spoke to the number of times the contract was bid; and clarified that the other bid was incomplete.

Discussion took place regarding the need for Council to see all bids; consistency in the bid process; and status of the upgrades to the Simkins Tennis Courts.

Councilmember Hightower asked who made the decision to improve this tennis court first; where the funding was coming from; and for the balance in the 2006 bond fund.

Mr. Walcutt provided the timeline of the funding; spoke to the investment made to the project; explained that a budget ordinance was with the item; the breakdown of private/public funding towards the project; verified the project had been approved in the 2006 bond funds; and added that approximately \$3 million remained in the bond fund.

Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson stated that staff would provide an update to Council regarding the status of the projects assigned to the 2006 bond funds; explained the process for utilizing said funds; and the City's ability to fund alternate projects.

Councilmember Hightower inquired about leveraging private dollars; how the projects were prioritized; and for clarification of the ten year timeframe for utilization of bond funds.

City Manager Westmoreland explained the process for funding and completion of projects associated with the bond funds; and provided clarification regarding the process for the sale of bonds.

Councilmember Barber voiced excitement for the project; emphasized it was important to the tennis community in Greensboro in terms of remaining competitive; and thanked Mr. Walcutt for his efforts.

Mr. Walcutt spoke to the amount of private funding for the project.

Councilmember Wilkins voiced agreement with Councilmember Barber's comments; stated he would support the item; asked if funds were still available in the 2006 bond fund; and referenced conversations at a work session regarding availability of 2006 bond funds with regard to item #4.

City Manager Westmoreland responded that staff thought the bond funds had been allocated through specific projects, and spoke to the flexibility to move and allocate funds.

Mr. Walcutt explained the timeframe for working on the project; referenced the donation from Ms. VanDyke; and spoke to the opportunity to finish the improvements.

Councilmember Wilkins inquired if the funding had taken away from another project; and requested that Council

be informed when a project came in under budget.

City Manager Westmoreland stated the the bonds would be discussed at the February 14th retreat; and explained that staff would provide an overview of the process.

Discussion took place regarding the process for the reallocation of bond funds; Council being made aware of projects that came in under budget; public/private partnerships; clarification of the \$200,000 funding for Item #2; other projects that could be kickstarted with bond funds; Barber Park repairs; and tennis courts throughout the City being included in the 2006 bond referendum.

Councilmember Fox requested that the 2006 bond referendum language be provided to Council; and asked about the overall strategic plan for the Cultural Arts Center.

City Manager Westmoreland spoke to the changes that had taken place at the facility; highlighted development in the surrounding area of Downtown; stated staff did not currently have a strategic plan for the facility; and spoke to the work activities and focus of the Arts Task Force.

Councilmember Fox voiced appreciation for the feedback; and requested that staff provide Council with an update on the long term plan for the Cultural Arts Center and other older City facilities when requesting funding for specific projects.

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to stakeholders in the Cultural Arts Center; referenced future discussions with the arts community on new opportunities for the facility; outlined the current leasing process; and stated staff would keep Council abreast of the conversations.

Discussion continued regarding the allocation of \$75,000 to the Arts Task Force; the need for Council to make appointments to the Arts Task Force; the mission of the task force to review the long-term sustainability of the arts in Greensboro; the need for the task force to be broad-based; and what the role of the task force would look like.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to the process that would involve citizens throughout the City similar to the one used for the Performing Arts Center; explained that the process might take eight or ten months; spoke to the public art endowment of the Community Foundation; added that a gift of \$50,000 was provided to design eight glass panels for the windows that will face LeBauer Park; and spoke to additional private participation.

Mayor Vaughan reminded Council that the discussion should be focused on the consent agenda items that had been removed.

Councilmember Wilkins asked who had requested item #4 be placed on the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding City involvement in the project; if it originated from staff or a councilmember; funding of \$1 million; and request for the specific person who requested the item.

Florence Gatten, 4102 Angelica Lane explained that she had come to Mayor Vaughan and City Manager Westmoreland several years ago; that they were working with Councilmember Hoffmann when they did not receive a grant they had applied for on the project; and explained that they had requested City funding through Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Hoffmann voiced it was important for Council and staff to have flexibility when dealing with projects that arose when citizens had made a private investment.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to ongoing projects throughout the City that utilized Parks and Recreation bond funds; spoke to allowing staff to utilize funds effectively; referenced private donations; stated Council had been informed of the item; and voiced concern with the length of time spent on discussing the items this evening.

Discussion took place regarding appreciation for Florence Gatten and Tom Phileon of the arts community; merchants wanting to know about future investments; \$17 million in private funds raised for Parks and Recreation facilities in 2016; and confirmation that Council's questions were not meant to deter future partnerships.

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

2. [ID 16-0953](#) Resolution for Contract Number 2016-0070, Spencer Love Tennis Courts Renovations

26-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT 2016-0070 TO RECREATIONAL VENTURES (DBA COURT ONE) FOR THE SPENCER LOVE TENNIS COURTS RENOVATION

WHEREAS, the City Council is being requested to approve the award of the contract to Recreational Venture, Inc. (dba Court One) for the renovation of thirteen (13) tennis courts at the Spencer Love Tennis Courts for the Parks and Recreation Department;

WHEREAS, the execution of this contract allows for Phase 1 of the improvement project at the Spencer Love Tennis Center;

WHEREAS, the first phase consists of the upgrade and conversion of thirteen (13) existing clay courts to HydroCourts;

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Facilities Division of the City of Greensboro that City Council approve the award of this contract to Recreational Ventures, Inc (dba Court One) for the renovation of the thirteen (13) tennis courts at the Spencer Love Tennis Center.

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

That a contract with Recreational Ventures, Inc (dba Court One) for the Spencer Love Tennis Center renovation project is hereby authorized at a total cost of \$499,797.00, payment of said additional amount to be made from Account No. 453-5010-01.6019 and the associated budget adjustment is approved.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

3. [ID 17-0050](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$275,000 Amending Parks and Recreation Bond Fund Budget to Revise Budget For Spencer Love Tennis Complex Improvements

17-12 ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKS AND RECREATION BOND FUND BUDGET TO REVISE BUDGET FOR SPENCER LOVE TENNIS COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

Section 1

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

That the Parks and Recreation Bond Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriation to the Parks and Recreation Bond Fund Budget be increased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
453-5010-01.5613	Maintenance & Repair – Building	\$55,000
453-5010-01.6019	Other Capital Improvements	\$220,000
TOTAL:		\$275,000

And, that this increase be financed by increasing the Parks and Recreation Bond Fund Balance:

Account	Description	Amount
453-5010-01.8620	Donations & Private Contributions	\$275,000
TOTAL:		\$275,000

Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

4. [ID 17-0088](#) Resolution Supporting the Use of \$200,000 in Parks and Recreation Bond Funds of 2006 for the Van Dyke Performance Art Space, LLC

27-17 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF \$200,000 IN PARKS AND RECREATION BOND FUNDS FOR THE VAN DYKE PERFORMANCE ART SPACE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Van Dyke Performance Art Space, LLC has asked the city for \$200,000 to complete the improvements to the interior space of the leased premises at Room 100 of the Greensboro Cultural Center Complex located 200 North Davie Street;

WHEREAS, the Van Dyke Performance Art Space, LLC received a million dollar pledge from Jan Van Dyke to create a new performance space at the Greensboro Cultural Center Complex;

WHEREAS, in March 2016, the City entered into a Construction Lease Agreement to allow Van Dyke Performance Art Space, LLC to improve the leased premises at Room 100 and construct the performance space;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Cultural Center Complex is a city-owned building that houses nonprofit arts groups, and the new performance space will expand the northeast corner of the building and face LeBauer City Park;

WHEREAS, the performance space will offer movable seating and an adaptable stage to accommodate professional performances of dance, theater, music and provide rental space creating additional revenue opportunity;

WHEREAS, the Van Dyke Performance Art Space, LLC is asking the City for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 complete the construction of the interior performance space;

WHEREAS, funding for this request is available through Parks and Recreation bond funds approved by the voters in 2006.

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

That the request of the Van Dyke Performance Art Space, LLC for a grant of \$200,000 is supported and will be funded through the use of Parks and Recreation bond funds.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

5. [ID 17-0070](#) Motion to Make a Part of the Official Record the Listing of Contracts That are Currently Eligible for Destruction as per the City Clerk's Office

The motion to make a part of the official record the listing of contracts that are currently eligible for destruction as per the City Clerk's office was adopted.

(A copy of the listing of contracts is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 3, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

6. [ID 17-0097](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 1/5/17-1/30/17

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of January 5, 2017 through January 30, 2017 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the budget adjustment report is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 3, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

7. [ID 17-0096](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 1/5/17-1/30/17

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of January 5, 2017 through January 30, 2017 was adopted.

(A copy of the budget adjustment report is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 3, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

8. [ID 17-0044](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Work Session of December 20, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of December 20, 2016 was adopted.

9. [ID 17-0038](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 20, 2016 was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

10. [ID 17-0063](#) Resolution Authorizing an Economic Development Incentive Grant to Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated not to Exceed \$ 95,836.00 for New Capital Investment in Real Property, Machinery and Equipment, and New Jobs

City Manager Westmoreland provided an overview of the item; and recognized Brent Christensen of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce for a presentation.

Mr. Christensen made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) that provided an overview of the project for a \$10 million investment for a 130,000 square foot distribution center; creation of 60 new jobs at an average wage of \$39,520; the history and makeup of the company; highlighted the incentive request over a three-year period; and outlined the expected return on the investment.

Councilmember Hightower voiced the project was located in District 1; asked if the company would move their other facility; and if the incentive fell under the East Greensboro guidelines.

Mr. Christensen responded that the expansion would be into the McConnel Center.

Discussion took place regarding the tiers within the economic impact zones; recommendation for a three-year incentive with 80% return; and the process used by staff to make the recommendation for the incentive.

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, 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

28-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT FOR COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED NOT TO EXCEED \$95,836.00

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2005, the City Council adopted New Economic Development Guidelines whereby the City may participate financially in the development of certain private improvements to promote economic development in accordance with the Guidelines and NCGS Section 158-7.1;

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2015, the City Council revised the Economic Development Programs (Financial Assistance Guidelines) to create new program guidelines for projects located in two incentive zones;

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated ("the Company") is evaluating an investment in new real property improvements on an existing site in Greensboro and investment in new machinery and equipment;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the City provide for a grant reimbursement to establish distribution operations and to potentially expand future distribution which amount of participation is presently estimated at no more than \$95,836.00 based on a portion of anticipated new taxes to be derived by the City and new employment upon completion of the project;

WHEREAS, it is further anticipated that the Company will invest at least \$10,000,000.00 in capital, and create 60 new jobs by December 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, the site where the Company will be adding capacity is located in the McConnell Road Industrial Center in the City limits of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the Company will comply with the City's Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program Plan as it pertains to economic development projects;

WHEREAS, the addition of 60 new jobs paying an average wage of at least \$39,520.00 per year with benefits, including but not limited to medical benefits, are expected to generate public benefit by positively impacting the City's ad valorem, use, and sales tax revenues in addition to increasing business prospects for the City and surrounding area, and therefore the City Council authorizes an Economic Development Incentive Grant of up to \$95,836.00 if the company chooses to expand in the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the City to enter into a participatory agreement with the Company to share the cost of the above mentioned improvements whereby the City shall reimburse the company up to a maximum of \$95,836.00 to be paid in three equal payments of \$31,945.00 based on a portion of new anticipated taxes to be received from the new project and upon the creation of new employment. The Company will be eligible to begin receiving annual payments after it has invested at least \$10,000,000.00 and new jobs have been created;

WHEREAS, but for the City's participation the Company would not expand in Greensboro and may relocate to another site in a neighboring state;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in accordance with N.C.G.S. 158-7.1 setting out the particulars of the request and the public benefits to be derived from said improvements.

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

That in accordance with the City's Economic Development Incentive Guidelines and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1, a grant agreement between the City of Greensboro and Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated not to exceed \$95,836.00 for \$10,000,000.00 of new capital investment and the creation of 60 new jobs by December 31, 2018 is hereby approved, and the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Greensboro, the proper agreement.

(Signed) Jamal Fox

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 3 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

Mayor Vaughan stated that Council needed to make appointments to the Participatory Budgeting Committee; and

that the slate of applicants was in Council folders.

It was the consensus of Council to appoint the candidates listed on the list which are as follows:

PB STEERING COMMITTEE CYCLE 2 APPLICATIONS Received as of 2/3/17

NAME	DISTRICT	TERM TYPE
Amina Tahirou	1	Reappointment
Franklin Matthews	1	New appointment
Kathryn Morris	1	New appointment
Madeline Reed	1	New appointment
Robert Davis	1	New appointment
Leslie Summers	1	New appointment
David Horth	2	Reappointment
Kevin Williams	2	Reappointment
Jenna Mendelson	3	New appointment
Jose Sandoval	3	New appointment
Jonathan Young	3	New appointment
Wayne Abraham	4	Reappointment
Sue Polinsky	4	New appointment
Teresa Dail	4	New appointment
Esther Idassi	5	Reappointment
Brian Kilpatrick	5	New appointment
Jay Callahan	5	New appointment
Jill McClellan	5	New appointment
Owen Strickland	5	New appointment
Liz Grimes	5	New appointment

Councilmember Barber left the meeting at 6:57 p.m. and returned at 6:59 p.m.

11. [ID 17-0055](#) Resolution Approving Bid and Authorizing Execution of Contract No. 2015-080A With S&S Building And Development for the Fire Station No. 63 Construction Project

Councilmember Hightower voiced concern for the M/WBE percentage numbers; spoke to the difference in the M/WBE goals of the vendors; and stated she would not support the item.

Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris outlined the process for the goal requirements; spoke to the good faith effort; and process used for awarding the contract to the lowest bidder in accordance with the program plan.

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

Ayes, 8 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Mike Barber, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Jamal T. Fox, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling and Tony Wilkins

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

29-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. 2015-080A WITH S&S BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 63 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, after due notice, bids have been received for the construction of Fire Station No. 63 located at 4306 Burlington Road;

WHEREAS, S&S Building and Development a responsible bidder, has submitted the low base bid in the total amount of \$4,596,000.00 as general contractor for Contract No. 2015-080A, 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 bid hereinabove mentioned submitted by S&S Building and Development is hereby accepted, and the City is authorized to enter into a Contract with S&S Building and Development for the Fire Station No. 63 Construction Project 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 \$4,596,000.00.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

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

Councilmember Hightower appointed Brian Greene to the Arts Task Force; voiced concern with the information received in the letter from Professional Standards Division (Professional Standards) forwarded via email by City Manager Westmoreland; referenced a similar incident that involved Officer A.J. Blake; stated she thought the letter to Professional Standards would come from Council rather than City Manager Westmoreland; voiced the importance in being transparent; spoke to understanding the severity of what took place; taking the community seriously; added that she thought someone from the Greensboro Police Department was on the Professional Standards committee; that she would like to see a stronger letter; referenced a previous request in the form of a resolution; and emphasized she would like to revisit the item.

City Manager Westmoreland provided the history and timeline of the adoption of the resolution; of Council's direction and the letter to Professional Standards; confirmed he had received the letter back from Professional Standards this week; spoke to conversations he had with Director Steven Combs; and the actions of the committee.

Councilmember Outling outlined his understanding of the item; spoke to the inability of former Officer Cole to serve as a public safety officer until cleared by Professional Standards; verified that Professional Standards was looking to use their time and resources efficiently; that the decision had achieved the goal requested by Council; made reference to the action by Professional Standards being perceived as dismissive; and that their resources would not be utilized unless former Officer Cole sought employment elsewhere in the state.

Discussion took place regarding the timeframe of the communications to Mr. Combs; definition of indefinite; if the revocation could take place at this time; disagreement of Councilmember Hightower with content of the letter; the need for accountability; and direction to City Manager Westmoreland to reach out to Professional Standards to see if a revocation of former Officer Cole's certification could be accomplished at this time.

Councilmember Hightower extended condolences for the loss of Art Davis; spoke his character; requested a resolution be drafted in his honor; and for the City to be intentional in an additional way to honor Mr. Davis.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson informed Council that a service would take place on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to honor Mr. Davis.

Councilmember Fox extended thanks to Assistant City Manager David Parris for assisting with a local marker for Josephine Boyd Bradley; referenced the meeting with the Guilford County Legislative Delegation; and requested that City Manager Westmoreland and City Attorney Tom Carruthers work to identify and obtain qualified individuals or firms that could provide lobbying assistance to the City for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Assistant City Manager Parrish confirmed a local marker would be placed near Grimsley High School.

Discussion took place regarding the utilization of a local or a Raleigh based area firm; the item coming back to Council for a vote; utilizing a firm that understood Greensboro's issues; and the consensus of Council to give City Manager Westmoreland direction to provide several recommendations for said lobbyist to Council consideration at the retreat.

Councilmember Outling asked that Council discuss the threshold for funding; voiced that staff was positioned to select a lobbyist; spoke to the will of the body; and to providing parameters to staff.

City Attorney Carruthers spoke to the process that staff would use; and confirmed staff would seek consensus of

Council.

City Manager Westmoreland clarified the process that would be used.

Councilmember Fox commended City Manager Westmoreland and his team with regard to the decrease in poverty; increase in median earnings; private investment funds leveraged for projects; the work of Work Force Development with youth; partnership between Parks and Recreation and Guilford County Schools to provide meals for after school and summer programs; assistance to reduce juvenile crime; stated he would meet with City Manager Westmoreland with regard to the budget; wished everyone a happy Black History Month; and offered thanks for the 'happy birthday' wishes last week.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter extended condolences to the family of Art Davis; and expressed that he was a delightful person who always had something positive to say.

Moved by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Hoffmann to move Mike Cooke from an alternate position to a permanent position on the Board of Adjustment. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Wilkins asked about the selection of a lobbyist consultant; referenced the prospect of getting \$600,000 to buy an area adjoining Griffin Park that is described as a donut hole for the park; commended the staff for a job well done; asked if each district had a chair and/or vice chair on the Participatory Budgeting Committee; reviewed the names of persons in District 5 who were placed on the Committee; and requested that Owen Strickland to be the chair should that be the case.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson thanked staff for their assistance to Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. for the local marker; Assistant City Manager Harris for providing housing referrals; extended congratulations to the International Civil Rights Museum for the Gala and fund raising efforts; thanked Mayor Vaughan and City Manager Westmoreland for their service on the museum board; and spoke to the productive meeting with the Guilford County Legislative Delegation. Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson placed the names of Dr. Kim Shelton and Paula Lipkin in the databank for future service on a board or commission; appointed Eleanor Gwynn to serve on the Arts Task Force; and stated she would be giving several speeches during Black History Month.

Councilmember Outling recommended that Tom Phileon and Ryan Saunders be appointed to the Arts Task Force; and respectfully requested that he be allowed to recommend Laura Way to the Task Force should an additional spot be available.

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.

VI. ATTACHMENTS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:

Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:31 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR