



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:43 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Call to Order

Present: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaite, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Justin Outling, Councilmember Goldie F. Wells, Councilmember Michelle Kennedy and Councilmember Tammi Thurm

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 incoming Councilmembers Michelle Kennedy and Tammi Thurm to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Vaughan introduced returning and newly elected councilmembers on the dais.

Mayor Vaughan called on City Clerk Betsey Richardson to come forward to administer the oaths of office.

I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 17-0691](#)

Oath of Office Administered to Mayor

City Clerk Betsey Richardson administered the Mayor's Oath of Office to Nancy Vaughan. Mayor Vaughan assumed the Chair and instructed the City Clerk to administer the oath of office to newly-elected Councilmembers.

2. [ID 17-0736](#)

Oath of Office Administered to Members of Council

City Clerk Betsey Richardson thereupon administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Hoffmann, Hightower, Kennedy, Thurm, Wells, Outling, Johnson, and Abuzuaiter.

3. [ID 17-0692](#)

Nominations for Position of Mayor Pro-Tempore

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the importance of the office of Mayor Pro-Tempore; and stated nominations would be taken at this time.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to nominate Yvonne Johnson for the office of Mayor Pro-Tempore. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. [ID 17-0739](#)

Oath of Office Administered to Mayor Pro-Tempore

City Clerk Betsey Richardson administered the Mayor Pro-Tem's Oath of Office to Yvonne Johnson.

Mayor Vaughan asked Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to remain in the front of the dais; asked her family to come forward; and invited former State Senator Don Vaughan to the podium for a special recognition.

Former State Senator Vaughan spoke to his history of serving on City Council; stated he stood here this evening on behalf of the Governor of North Carolina Roy Cooper to present the distinguished Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

to Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson; and spoke to the significance of the award.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voiced appreciation for such an honor; spoke to her service to the community over the past 30 years being an important part of her life; and stated it had been a wonderful journey.

Lisa Johnson-Tonkins read a poem on behalf of the family.

5. [ID 17-0740](#)

Motion to Adopt the 2018 City Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor Vaughan provided an overview of the modifications that had been made to the regular meeting schedule; and asked for a motion to adopt the 2018 City Council meeting schedule.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to the adopt the 2018 meeting schedule. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Justin Outling, Goldie F. Wells, Michelle Kennedy and Tammi Thurm

6. [ID 17-0741](#)

Introduction by Council Members of Family and Friends

The Mayor and Members of Council introduced and expressed appreciation to members of his or her family, friends, supporters, campaign managers/workers and other associates. Individual council members offered their personal thoughts; they all expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community; and pledged to work for all citizens of Greensboro.

Mayor Vaughan thanked the citizens for electing her as Mayor again; commended the work of outgoing Councilmembers Mike Barber and Tony Wilkins; recognized County Commissioner Skip Alston and Representative Amos Quick in the audience; thanked City staff, in particular her assistant, Sharon Bell for their work; and voiced that she enjoyed being Mayor and serving the people of Greensboro. Mayor Vaughan thanked all who participated in the competitive 2018 election; spoke to issues that candidates ran on; emphasized the need to move the entire

City forward; spoke to projects and issues that Council would address over the next four years; to Council accomplishments over the past four years; and reiterated that she was honored to serve as Mayor for the people of Greensboro.

Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:59 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR