



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

4:30 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

I. Call To Order

This City Council Work Session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:30 p.m. On the above date in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaite, Mike Barber, Jamal Fox, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Yvonne J. Johnson, Justin Outling, and Tony Wilkins.

Also present were City Manager Jim Westmoreland, City Attorney Tom Carruthers, and Deputy City Clerk Angela R. Lord.

II. Presentations

1. [ID 17-0402](#)

Update on City/County Interlocal Agreements

Mayor Vaughan recognized Assistant City Manager Chris Wilson to provide an update on City/County Interlocal Agreements.

Assistant City Manager Wilson spoke to a request to review of City/County agreements; and recognized Budget and Evaluation Director Larry Davis to speak to the process.

Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); provided the history regarding the request for review; outlined the joint City-County Task Force; stated there were thirty-six total agreements; provided a summary of agreements; spoke to invalid and terminated contracts; the Brooks Bridge Paddle Access contract that did not involve funding; the prioritization of agreements; and to additional reviews to be completed.

Councilmember Barber inquired about issues regarding the animal control agreement.

Mr. Davis responded concerns involved how the County charged the City for services provided.

City Manager Jim Westmoreland spoke to the methodology of City and County usage.

Councilmember Wilkins requested the history of the City-County interlocal agreement for libraries.

Assistant City Manager Wilson confirmed staff would review the information.

Mr. Davis continued the PPP; spoke to the collected data on County service contracts; and to usage of services

by the City.

Discussion took place regarding paying Guilford County taxes; County vs. City library usage; a focus on formula rather than political discussions; City residents paying double for animal control services; paying for a higher level of service; and the need to understand the policies.

Mr. Davis spoke to usage based models; outlined animal control funding based on percentage of calls for service within the City limits; library services funding based on percentage of circulation outside City limits but within the County; the proposed animal control and library services agreements; spoke to calculated funding based on usage for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17; a three year implementation plan; stated FY 2021-22 and later agreements would be based on usage models; and addressed implementation of County Parks and Recreation fees.

City Manager Westmoreland spoke to the Guilford County Commissioners review of change options; the effective work of staff; an implementable plan; and to continued conversations.

Discussion continued regarding funding associated with the agreement summary; the Sedgefield Fire District; enhanced services; funding formulas; usage fees; conversations for compromise; and the history of negotiations with the County.

Councilmember Fox requested the cost associated with the City providing animal control services.

Discussion ensued regarding comparison of paying the County for the services and the City assuming the responsibility of animal control; citizen concerns about contacting animal control; a less expensive alternative for the City; the Police Department's stand on taking on animal control services; the library being a City function; tracking of library circulation; the history of the enhanced services in Greensboro; negotiations; tax distribution methods; the financial benefit of the County for non-agreement services; and increases to the property base values.

Councilmember Outling requested staff to determine the baseline of services provided to the County residents.

Councilmember Barber requested information regarding non-resident contracts for services in regards to the existence of a termination clause.

Discussion continued regarding an income statement; cost recovery; County use of the libraries; Greensboro residents paying double the taxes; additional review of other agreements; cutting the cost of election expenses due to four-year terms; and resident and non-resident service prices.

City Manager Westmoreland spoke to the current budget process; requested direction to extend County contracts for another year; and outlined the next steps to address policies and philosophies.

Councilmember Outling requested information regarding the status of interlocal agreements with the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the Economic Development Alliance contract; items on the Council agenda for tonight's meeting; and the new policy regarding removing consent agenda items from City Council agendas.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer Z, Exhibit No. 22 which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:13 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR