



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:38 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 Michelle Kennedy, Councilmember Justin Outling, Councilmember Tammi Thurm and Councilmember Goldie F. Wells

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 Councilmember Hightower to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

City Manager Jim Westmoreland recognized Ashley Smith of the Field Operations Department who served as Courier for the meeting.

City Manager Westmoreland commended the Field Operations Department staff for their work during the recent weather events.

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 18-0002](#)

Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late Calvin "Cal" Irvin

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson read the resolution into the record; and presented the resolution to the Irvin family.

Ms. Irvin thanked Council for the resolution; and spoke to her husband's work in the community.

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

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

18-18 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE CALVIN "CAL" IRVIN

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2017, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Calvin "Cal" Irvin;

WHEREAS, Irvin, attended public schools in Orange, New Jersey where he played baseball, football, and basketball; was named to the all-state team in basketball for two years; and was the first African American to serve as the commencement speaker at Orange High School;

WHEREAS, upon graduation he received a scholarship from Morgan State University to play basketball and football before transferring to the University of Illinois where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree;

WHEREAS he went on to receive a Master's of Arts from Columbia University, and further studied at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Irvin was a recreation supervisor in the Department of Recreation in East Orange, New Jersey before beginning his career teaching and coaching;

WHEREAS, throughout his career he was a teacher and coach at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; a coach at Atkins High School in Winston Salem, North Carolina and continued his career at North Carolina A&T State University (NC A&T);

WHEREAS, during his 35 year career at NC A&T, 18 of which were spent as the Aggies Head Coach he won five CIAA championships, had 18 players become professional basketball players; was the only coach from an HBCU to win a national championship, and the first MEAC championship. On a national level, the university was the first black college to earn a bid to the NCAA Small College Final Four Division Tournament;

WHEREAS, after his career in coaching Irvin served for seven years as the Athletic Director, as Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and upon his retirement from NC A&T, he worked as a scout for the NBA Charlotte Hornets and later as a scout for college officials for the NFL;

WHEREAS, Irvin was the recipient of numerous honors and awards which include but are not limited to honors from the North Carolina Hall of Fame, Guilford County College Hall of Fame, Guilford Wall of Fame and National Association of College Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. He also received Hall of Fame honors from NC A&T, MEAC, CIAA, Johnson C. Smith University, Morgan State University and two in the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, a scholarship was established in his honor and NC A&T dedicated the Aggie Basketball Court in his honor in 2006;

WHEREAS, Irvin was a member of many professional and civic organizations that included the North Carolina Hall of Fame Board of Directors, North Carolina Coaches Association and National Collegiate Athletic Association of Basketball Coaches; Treasurer of the Tourist and Convention Bureau, member the Greensboro Coliseum Commission, Greensboro Sports Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, Human Relations Commission, Hayes Taylor YMCA Board, President of Trinity AME Zion Church Men's Fellowship Forum, member of the Board of United Way, life member of the NAACP, a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service rendered by Calvin "Cal" Irvin, the outstanding contributions he has made to the community, and the legacy he leaves.

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its condolences, and offer its sincere appreciation and gratitude for his many years of dedicated public service. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he has

made to the community.

2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Calvin "Cal" Irvin as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

2. [ID 18-0032](#)

Resolution Recognizing the Carolina Peacemaker on its 50th Anniversary

Councilmembers Thurm and Kennedy read the resolution into the record; and presented the resolution to Associate Publisher Vickie Kilimanjaro and Managing Editor Alfrique Kilimanjaro.

Mses. Kilimanjaro thanked Council for the resolution; spoke to the work of the staff and Mr. Kilimanjaro; and provided the mission and history of the paper.

Councilmember Hightower expressed appreciation for the publication; and encouraged the public to obtain subscriptions.

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, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

19-18 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CAROLINA PEACEMAKER ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Carolina Peacemaker (Peacemaker) has been an independent family owned publication founded in Greensboro by John Marshall Kilimanjaro, Ed.D. in 1967;

WHEREAS, it was the intention of the Peacemaker to address the interests and needs of African Americans both in Greensboro and across North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the founders saw the need to unify and provide the African American community with a "journalistic vehicle through which the hopes, ambitions, fears, and aspirations of the entire citizenry regarding social, economic, and civil affairs might be expressed";

WHEREAS, the focus has been on the African American community, especially in the areas of civil rights and politics;

WHEREAS, the reporters of the Peacemaker have specialized in local government and addressed economic questions facing African American businesses and entrepreneurs;

WHEREAS, the Peacemaker currently has approximately 36,400 plus readers, and has received awards from the National Newspaper Publisher's Association and the North Carolina Press Association;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro wishes to congratulate the Peacemaker for keeping the Greensboro community informed on civil rights and politics over the past fifty years.

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

That it hereby recognizes the Carolina Peacemaker on its 50th Anniversary.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Vaughan stated she had grouped the speakers together by topic.

John Woolsey, 2303 Glen Meadow Drive stated he was a loyal customer of Cafe Europa; provided the history of the restaurant; referenced the length of time restaurants remained in business; comments made by Mayor Vaughan; and voiced support for Council to renegotiate the lease with the current owner.

Bill Sternbergh, 904 Magnolia Street stated he had resided in Fischer Park for 40 years; referenced the number of unsuccessful restaurants; spoke to good business practices; and asked that Council listen to the citizens.

Jeffrey Barber, 4707 Royalcoach Road voiced support for Cafe Europa; emphasized that it made sense to have them remain in the space; that small businesses were the fabric of the City; stated Cafe Europa supported a lifestyle; and asked Council to consider the issue.

Tim Anderson, 1504 Desoto Place provided a statement on behalf of Cafe Europa; voiced the importance in good communication; concern for the lack of communication given to Cafe Europa; spoke to private/public partnerships; stated that the venue did not fall under LeBauer Park boundaries; and asked that the City renegotiate the lease with Cafe Europa.

Katie Cranford, 811-1A Walker Avenue provided a quote from the Greensboro News & Record; emphasized that there were many in attendance in support of Cafe Europa; voiced concern with decisions made behind closed doors; injustice; conflicts of interest with Greensboro Downtown Parks Incorporated (GDPI) board members; and added the City was creating a culture of mistrust.

Angela McClure, 2 Park Village Court, Unit B voiced concern with the treatment of Downtown small businesses; confirmed she was a small business owner in Downtown; that she wanted to see Greensboro prosper; and asked the City to reconsider negotiations with Cafe Europa.

Bo Haeberle stated he had lived here 30 years; previously worked at Cafe Europa; referenced the atmosphere of Downtown years ago; stated Cafe Europa was more than a lifestyle restaurant; spoke to the character and ambiance of the restaurant; voiced the need to take care of small businesses; and highlighted events that took place at Cafe Europa.

Tim Thompson, 113 North Church Street stated he and his wife frequented local restaurants; that the atmosphere and prices were good at Cafe Europa; referenced a gate being installed by the owner so that wheelchairs could access the patio area; and spoke to the stewardship of Cafe Europa.

Allen Martin, 807 North Church Street provided his history of growing up in Greensboro; the character of Downtown in the sixties; stated he had traveled throughout the country and Europe prior to returning to Greensboro; expressed that Cafe Europa was similar to a European style restaurant; voiced support of the venue; concern with the small mindedness of Greensboro; and expressed concern with the manner in which the issue was handled.

Councilmember Kennedy left the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m.

Brian Mullins, 1904 Westridge Road referenced the growth of Downtown since Cafe Europa had opened; stated that John Rudy, the original owner had sold the restaurant to a longtime employee; that community theatre participants would meet there after shows; spoke to the urban environment; family atmosphere; emphasized that millennials would love Cafe Europa; that it was a treasure woven into the fabric of the community; and voiced concern that they may need to raise their prices as a result of higher leasing costs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked that Council have time at the upcoming retreat to discuss the matter.

Jakub Pucilowski, 682 Chestnut Street stated he was the proprietor of Cafe Europa; was a lifelong resident of

Greensboro; expressed that a trust issue had raised some concerns regarding his lease renewal; that the venue was a jewel of the City of Greensboro; confirmed that he provided good food and prices in a nice atmosphere; and stated the City could lose an asset.

City Attorney Tom Carruthers reminded Council of the requirements of persons submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) with regard to contacting the board or staff; stated that two Councilmembers were on the board as well as some in the audience; and asked, that in order to maintain the integrity of the RFP, that those persons remove themselves from the chamber.

Brief discussion took place regarding Mayor Vaughan's and Councilmember Outling's board memberships; asking members of the Greensboro Downtown Parks, Inc., (GDPI) board to remove themselves; and why City Attorney Carruthers was making the request.

City Attorney Carruthers apologized for the inconvenience; and Mayor Vaughan and Councilmember Outling left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Pucilowski requested that the RFP process be delayed one week; that Council take action at the February 20, 2018 meeting of Council; emphasized Cafe Europa was a value to Downtown; stated he would hate for the restaurant to be closed under his watch; voiced he was trying to get clarity from the City; concern with the process; recognized persons that supported the restaurant; and stated he might be forced to move.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson invited persons who had left to return to the meeting.

Mayor Vaughan and Councilmember Outling returned to the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

City Attorney Carruthers explained that the due date for the RFPs was February 16; had been extended due to snow; and stated it was his understanding that Council wished to receive additional information.

Council confirmed the RFP deadline had been extended to February 16th; and that Mr. Pulciwolksi had requested an additional one week extension.

Council discussed taking the item up at the retreat; hearing the item prior to the February 16 deadline; Mr. Pulciwolksi's request that Council revisit the item on February 20; Mayor Vaughan not being present at the February 20 meeting of Council; and the reason for the delay request.

City Manager Westmoreland stated that staff would provide additional RFP details to Council.

At the request of possibly beginning the retreat earlier to discuss the item, City Attorney Carruthers responded that the City needed to stay within the current start time as posted due to legal notice requirements.

Councilmember Outling stated that Council had the information for several weeks; emphasized the reason for the Council priority setting to discuss large issues of the City; and suggested Council hear the public comments this evening.

Council discussed this being the first time the public had voiced their views; and providing the people with information.

Robert Moore stated he had provided staff with the name of his attorney; voiced concern with the condition of City streets; asked if City Attorney Carruthers had received a call from his attorney James Weeks today; expressed that he did not sign a deed to the City for his land; and that he wanted his money.

Mayor Vaughan reminded Mr. Moore that this was a civil matter; and stated Attorney Weeks needed to contact Attorney Carruthers directly.

Mr. Moore provided the history of the land transfer; and reiterated that he had not signed a deed.

City Attorney Carruthers stated he had met with Mr. Moore on several occasions; that he would welcome the opportunity to hear from Mr. Weeks; and informed Council that the deed had been notarized by Mr. Weeks and recorded in the Register of Deeds.

Mr. Moore reminded Council of the seriousness of the issue; and asked that the City get the matter straightened out.

City Attorney Carruthers provided the history of the matter; informed Council of his advice to Mr. Moore when he had previously met with him; referenced the documentation he had; and confirmed a deed had been recorded at the Register of Deeds office.

Hester Petty, 3402 Canterbury Street provided a passage from the City's financial report ending in 2017 with regard to the proposed parking deck on Davie Street; reminded Council that neither deck project had been approved prior to June 30, 2017; referenced a Memorandum of Understanding that had been approved prior to that time; the bond referendums that had been voted on; expressed concern with housing funding being placed on the back burner; and voiced the need to put energy into building affordable housing.

Councilmember Hightower voiced that she understood Ms. Petty's passion for housing; and assured her that East Greensboro and other areas of the City would get affordable housing.

Regina Griffith, 4009 Wexford Drive stated she was visually impaired; voiced concern with the services provided by Greensboro Transit Authority and SCAT; spoke to individual needs of persons with disabilities; voiced concerns with the challenge of being dropped off at her door; lack of accommodations for her wheelchair on vehicles; and requested that a policy be put in place to assist persons into their residences when needed.

Council discussed whether Ms. Griffith had voiced her concerns to staff; Ms. Griffith's attendance at a GTA meeting last week; that some of the policy was a liability issue of taking persons into their residences; and actions some drivers had taken as a courtesy.

Mr. Sweeney, 1925 Taylor Street voiced concerns with funding the proposed parking decks; referenced developers' comments at the December meeting; voiced the need for a study to be done prior to spending \$60 million; and asked the Council to reconsider the issue.

Lewis Pitts, 129 Tate Street stated he was a member of Democracy Greensboro; voiced support for the speakers for Cafe Europa and the parking decks; referenced an Order issued by Judge Bray on January 23 authorizing Council to view a body worn camera video; voiced concerns with restrictions placed in the Order; read a portion of the Order; reminded Council of their First Amendment rights; asked if City Attorney Carruthers had advised them of their constitutional rights; referenced the issues of the Jones case; stated the Police Citizens Review Board (PCRB) was scheduled to hear the matter tomorrow evening; and requested the City ask for the Order to be amended to allow Council to discuss the video once they had viewed it.

Councilmember Kennedy voiced that she had an initial discussion with City Attorney Carruthers relating to her concern that the Order was an impediment for her to perform her duties as a Councilmember; and that a modification of the restriction was in line with Council's responsibilities to perform their duties in accordance with their oath.

Councilmember Hightower voiced that she shared the same concern; that she would ask to see the video once the PCRB had rendered a decision.

City Attorney Carruthers stated that Council needed to wait until the PCRB process had been completed; reviewed the timeframe for the process; confirmed the timing of the review was not stated in the Order; and reminded Council they could direct staff regarding the future role of the PCRB.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson that Council be allowed to view the video prior to the next meeting if possible.

Councilmember Kennedy offered a friendly amendment that the City ask for a modification to the restriction to discuss the video prior to Council viewing it, said amendment being to allow Council to discuss the video once it had been viewed by them.

Councilmember Hightower verified she wanted to view the video; asked about the process; and voiced concern that should the City go back to court for a modification that the judge could place a stronger restriction in the Order.

Mayor Vaughan voiced that she would second Councilmember Kennedy's amendment; spoke to the frustrations of not being allowed to discuss body worn camera footage video that Council had seen in the past; and reminded Council that Judge Bray opened the door for Council to go back and say it was an impediment on Council to not be allowed to discuss the video.

Councilmember Hightower asked about the length of delay should the City go back to Court; and suggested Council seek the advice of City Attorney Carruthers.

Councilmember Outling spoke to the Council/Manager form of government; reminded Council what the responsibility of the City Manager was with regard to the employees of the organization; that the City Attorney and City Manager were the only staff that reported directly to Council; spoke to the need for pause in this instance; emphasized that Judge Bray was trying to be transparent in allowing Council to be in a position to speak about the video; and stated, for different reasons, it was problematic that Council could not discuss the videos it had viewed.

City Attorney Carruthers suggested that should it be the consensus of Council, he would present a resolution at the retreat; voiced concern with making motions quickly as it might not capture the legal argument that best represented the interest of Council; that Council had demonstrated the wish to go back to the court to have the gag order removed based on prior experience; and asked for time to come back to Council at the retreat.

Councilmember Outling voiced that it was the consensus of Council for staff to request an amendment; emphasized it was the duty of Council to set policy and goals; voiced concern with taking up time at a goal setting session to discuss the issue; and expressed that staff was capable in phrasing the request in a way that Judge Bray would understand.

Councilmember Thurm suggested that the motion not include specific wording to go to the judge; provided City Attorney Carruthers with Council's intent on what they wanted; and stated that Council had authorized City Attorney Carruthers to request the lift of the gag order on their behalf.

Councilmember Kennedy voiced agreement; and suggested that Council let the legal staff move forward to get a ruling on the amended gag order request.

Councilmember Hightower reiterated her concerns that the modification request could open the door for additional restrictions by the Judge Bray.

Discussion took place regarding the Council viewing the video; the public having the knowledge that Council reviewed the video; the possibility of the judge imposing additional restrictions; and the need to ensure Council had the opportunity to review the video.

Councilmember Wells voiced concern with not being able to discuss the video once it had been viewed.

Councilmember Kennedy withdrew the friendly amendment to the motion made by Councilmember Hightower.

Councilmember Outling concurred with the point raised by Councilmember Hightower; said he would like to be able

to discuss the video; and reminded Council of the possibility that Judge Bray could come back and say Council could not view the video.

It was the consensus of Council to take the risk to request a modification to the Order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson called the question.

Councilmember Hightower repeated her motion to review the video. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion.

Councilmember Outling reminded Council they had dealt with similar issues in the past; that there was a process in place that Council did not want to prejudice with regard to the PCRB; and stated that on that basis, he would not vote to view the video until the PCRB had completed the normal process should there be a need to review at that time.

Council discussed the timing for Council to review videos; if there was a need for Council to review the video; letting the process resolve itself and move forward; and the role of the PCRB.

Mayor Vaughan stated Council would review a new process for the PCRB process; and voiced the need for Council to endorse the proposed changes to the process.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to review the video after the process had been completed by the PCRB. The motion carried 8-1 by a show of hands with Councilmember Outling voting 'No'.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Hightower that Council request a modification of the restrictions due to its impediment on Council's duties to discuss the outcome of the video to the public. The motion carried unanimously 9-0 by a show of hands.

It was the consensus of Council that City Attorney Carruthers did not need to bring the matter back to Council at the retreat.

City Attorney Carruthers confirmed he understood the motion to be for he and City Manager Westmoreland to confer and file a motion with Judge Bray to ask that the gag order on discussing the video in public be removed.

Mr. Pitts referenced specific videos that had been requested, some of which had been destroyed.

Kay Hutchins, 5300 Fieldbrook Drive provided the history of her issue with various utility companies; stated the issue had been ongoing for 35 years; voiced concern with utility companies coming onto her property without a proper easement or right of way; referenced meeting with John Gribble and Time Warner Cable; voiced concern with AT&T collecting rent from Duke Energy for use of their utility pole; and asked for the City to look at her issue.

Councilmember Hightower left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Vaughan stated that the City did not have a role in the matter.

City Attorney Carruthers referenced conversations with Ms. Hutchins; verified that this was a private matter; and stated the City could not file a lawsuit on Ms. Hutchins' behalf.

Ms. Hutchins spoke to City involvement if someone should trespass on her land; voiced that Duke Energy was stealing from her property; referenced conversations with the Attorney General's office with regard to the responsibility of the City; and the money she had spent to date to resolve the issue.

City Attorney Carruthers confirmed he would discuss the issue with John Gribble and the Attorney General's office; and emphasized that the City would be unable to file a suit on Ms. Hutchins' behalf.

Mayor Vaughan declared a recess at 7:55 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Mayor Vaughan stated that the board would be willing to extend the timeframe for the Cafe Europa RFP for one week.

Council discussed its ability to take action on behalf of a private entity; the process Council should take regarding the extension request; information regarding the basis for the request; the extension request being available to all parties; and violation of the RFP process.

Julia Abrams, stated she could make the request to the board to move the deadline back a week specifically to allow Council the opportunity to research the matter; that she understood that the City could not dictate to GDPI what it could and could not do; and asked for numbers on why the lease space would be so much more expensive going forward.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concern with setting a precedent for other contracts by providing the extension; with Council opening up a door that it should not open; and asked for other examples to when an exception had been made.

Council discussed the Tanger Center RFP; setting a precedent; and hearing from only two persons responding to the RFP.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to the decision for the Tanger Center; referenced the extension the City gave to United Health Care; and the RFP processes.

Additional discussion took place regarding utilization of a separate entity to run the RFP process; that Council had not heard a claim that the RFP process was defective; concerns voiced by Councilmember Hightower; consistency in what Council applied; comparison of the processes; and the need for the public/private partnership discussions.

Councilmember Outling stated that the material had been provided to Council several weeks ago; voiced the need to have discussions now rather than later; and stated there was no reason to delay discussions by a week.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to Mr. Pulowski's position; referenced the comparison to the Gillespie Park issue; stated she had addressed the right of first refusal possibility; that City Attorney Carruthers recommended that Council not intervene; and voiced the need to move forward.

Councilmember Wells expressed the need to treat all cases the same; to use and follow the same process; and voiced that there was a lot of emotion that went with the restaurant.

Councilmember Hightower stated she was aware of the Gillespie issue but did not step in; reiterated the need to let the process play out; emphasized Council could not start picking and choosing projects; stated she had reviewed the materials provided to her; was informed; and emphasized that the final RFP did not reside with Council.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed a selection panel would be making the decision.

Councilmember Thurm spoke to the false assumption that Council had received an abundance of emails on the issue and not reviewed the documentation; voiced that a tremendous amount of time and discussion had taken place; that a one week extension would not change how Council would move forward; and stated she would not support a one week extension as Council's research had been done.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to the reputation of Cafe Europa; agreed with the emotion that went into running a restaurant having run one herself for 22 years; stated the restaurant had been given a three month lease extension on November 29, 2017; that the owner was aware of what would happen; voiced concern with the issue coming to a head on social media; with Council interfering with other City contracts; and expressed that she wanted Cafe

Europa to remain but was not in favor of an extension of the RFP.

Mayor Vaughan stated that Council had no action to take on the issue at this time.

III. ITEMS CALLING PUBLIC HEARINGS (One Vote)

There were no items calling public hearings on the agenda.

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

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to appoint Cherri Walston to the Commission on the Status of Women. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Vaughan to appoint April Parker to the Library Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hightower stated she had one more vacancy on the Library Board; presented a flyer for the NAACP HKONJ (Historic Thousands on Jones Street) event in Raleigh on Saturday, February 10; stated that buses would depart New Life Church located at 1105 Willow Road at 6:45 a.m.; and informed people that the cost would be \$15.00.

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to appoint Steve Kent to the Insurance Advisory Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter thanked those who participated in the Safer City Summit; and voiced appreciation to the Human Relations Department and Commission for the recent Thrive GSO event.

Mayor Vaughan appointed Councilmember Abuzuaiter to fill the position on the Greensboro Sports Council vacated by former Councilmember Barber.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson congratulated the International Civil Rights Museum on the successful Gala this past weekend; spoke to the celebration of the Memphis Sanitary Workers on Sunday; reminded everyone that February was Black History Month; and stated she would be speaking at local schools throughout the month.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to appoint James Rosa to the Community Partners Board to replace Mr. Johnson. This appointment was not valid as Mr. Rosa is a City employee.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Amanda Hodierne to the Greensboro Housing Authority. Discussion took place regarding Ms. Hodierne's service on another board; and it was the consensus of Council to hold off on the appointment.

Councilmember Wells thanked those who attended the District 2 Town Hall meeting; stated she attended the NCA&T Four Breakfast; and placed the names of Alecia Spivey and Joseph Gardner, III into the data bank for future service on a board or commission. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of Mr. Gardner on the Parks and Recreation Commission; and keeping Kelly Gains on the Commission.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to appoint Michael Pearson to the Library Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Outling to reappoint Wayne Abraham to the Participatory Budgeting Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Vaughan requested that City Attorney Carruthers communicate with David Sevier and others regarding an update on the Police Citizens Review Board (PCRB); and stated some enabling legislation might be required.

City Attorney Carruthers confirmed he would do so; and spoke to the need for legislation.

Mayor Vaughan requested an update on the PCRB at a work session before the March 20th meeting of Council.

City Manager Westmoreland confirmed that would be done.

Mayor Vaughan requested that an update from the consultant of the M/WBE Disparity Study be done at a work session before the March 6th meeting of Council; and stated she would be absent from the February 20th meeting of Council.

Assistant City Manager Barbara Harris stated the consultant had not yet confirmed that date; and that she would follow up with Council regarding confirmation.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR