



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

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:

### **Call to Order**

Present: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, 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 David Parrish, 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 David Parrish recognized Kiran Purswani of the Information Technology Department 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 18-0375](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late Dr. Drewry J. Marrow Vincent**

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson read the resolution into the record; spoke to Dr. Vincent's character; to her spiritual relationship and friendship with Dr. Vincent; and presented the family with a copy of the resolution.

Ms. Vincent extended her appreciation for the resolution; provided information on her husband's character; stated he would be greatly missed; and recognized their son in the audience.

**Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, 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

243-18 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE DR. DREWRY J. MARROW VINCENT

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of

the late Dr. Drewry J. Marrow Vincent;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent, a native of Reidsville, North Carolina, attended public schools in Reidsville, graduated from Reidsville Senior High School in 1979, received a B.S. degree in Biology from North Carolina Central University, and went on to receive a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1988;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent's dental career began in 1988 in Burlington, North Carolina before joining the practice of Dr. Stan Allen, DDS in 1989;

WHEREAS, after practicing with Dr. Allen, Dr. Vincent opened his own practice in Greensboro;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent was an active member of Oak Springs Missionary Baptist Church of Stokesdale where he taught Sunday school;

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., an active member of Tau Omega graduate chapter in Greensboro, NC, member and past Sire Archon of the Sigma Pi Phi Boule of Greensboro, NC, member of the American Dental Association, former president of the Guilford County Dental Society, and member of the Greensboro Medical Society;

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 Dr. Drewry J. Marrow Vincent, 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 Dr. Drewry J. Marrow Vincent's 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 Dr. Drewry J. Marrow Vincent, as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.

(Signed) Justin Outling

**2. [ID 18-0412](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late Deacon Louis Edward Beveridge, Jr.**

Councilmember Hightower read the resolution into the record; stated she wanted to honor Mr. Beveridge at a local park; spoke to his character and friendship; stated she would always remember him; and presented the family with the resolution.

Mr. Beveridge's son thanked Council for the resolution; spoke to his father's character; and stated his father loved Greensboro.

A community member thanked Council for the resolution; spoke to Mr. Beveridge's friendship and brotherhood; added that Mr. Beveridge reached persons of all ages; voiced that he was rich in knowledge; was a faithful Deacon; wonderful mentor; and an ideal coach.

Wesley Morris, Faith Community Church spoke to Mr. Beveridge's leadership at the church; expressed that the church would feel his loss; thanked Council for the recognition; and recognized the advocates and activists in the audience and throughout the community.

Councilmember Wells spoke to Mr. Beveridge's character and friendship; his leadership in the community; referenced his impact on the Nealtown Farms Community organization; and read a text message from former Councilmember Jamal Fox.

Marcia Foutch, 416 A McAdoo Avenue read a poem she had written in Mr. Beveridge's honor.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter referenced his character; highlighted ideas and issues he had mentored and grown; stated he touched many lives; and spoke to how he made people feel.

Mayor Vaughan shared the last time she had spoken to him; referenced a voicemail he had left before he passed; added that he knew how to talk about the important issues; that he was a bridge builder; and emphasized he would be missed by the community.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, 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

244-18 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE DEACON LOUIS EDWARD BEVERIDGE, JR.

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2018, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Deacon Louis Edward Beveridge, Jr. at the age of 57;

WHEREAS, Louis Beveridge was a native of Newport News, Virginia; was involved in the Boy Scouts at an early age; participated in several sports and graduated from Menchville High School in 1978; and pursued a degree at the University of Virginia;

WHEREAS, during his coaching career at Denbigh High School, Louis coached two state Group AAA Champions – James Brooks and Terrence Riggins;

WHEREAS, Louis continued serving as a coach and mentor in the Greensboro community working with children, youth, and families;

WHEREAS, Louis was instrumental in recruitment of individuals to serve as Senior Project judges at J.B. Dudley High School;

WHEREAS, Louis volunteered as a mentor with the Gate City NAACP Youth Chapter;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in forming the Phillips Avenue grocery store now known as the Renaissance Community Co-op;

WHEREAS, he was best known for his work at the Beloved Community Center where he pursued his passion to build just and fair communities in Greensboro; as well as his service with the Nealtown Community Association and the Citizens for Economic and Environmental Justice (CEEJ);

WHEREAS, through his service at Faith Community Church he was ordained as a Deacon October 22, 2017;

WHEREAS, Louis was an advocate of instituting the Cure Violence Program in Greensboro; and

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 Deacon Louis Edward Beveridge, Jr. 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 Deacon Louis Edward Beveridge's 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 Deacon Louis Edward Beveridge as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his many contributions to this community.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

5. [ID 18-0595](#) Recognition of Guilford Metro 911 Employees

Mayor Vaughan stated she had been asked to move the item up on the agenda; and introduced the item.

City Manager Parrish recognized Guilford Metro 911 (GM911) Director Melanie Neal; commended all City departments; and stated that Greensboro had some of the best telecommunicators in the State.

Ms. Neal announced that some special recognitions had been awarded at the state conference; congratulated Kelly Zimmerman and Angela Mitchell of the C and D teams for their awards; recognized the work of the teams; asked team members in attendance to stand; spoke to the number of calls handled during the tornado in April; stated GM911 operators saved lives by phone; and invited Council to attend the awards ceremony in the spring.

Councilmember Kennedy addressed the GM911 staff that were present; voiced she was grateful for the work they did; and commended their compassion and efficiency.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter encouraged Council to attend the awards ceremony; highlighted that survivors spoke to their experiences as a result of the work of GM911 operators; and thanked them for what they did.

Councilmember Hightower thanked those in attendance for their work, particularly during the tornado; stated she would like to spend time at the GM911 call center; and commended first responders.

3. [ID 18-0476](#) Resolution Recognizing October 8, 2018 as Indigenous People Day

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson read the resolution into the record; asked when the annual Pow-Wow would take place; stated that a celebration would take place in Raleigh in November for American Indian Heritage Month; and presented the resolution to representatives.

Raven Stanley, member of the Lumbee Tribe, serving as Ms. Indian North Carolina thanked Council for the resolution.

Nora Dyle Stanley thanked Council for the resolution; stated that the Pow-Wow would not take place this year; spoke to when her parents moved to Greensboro for a better opportunity; commended Lonnie and Ruth Revels for their community contributions; and highlighted the local and worldwide contributions that indigenous people had made.

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy,  
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

245-18 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 8, 2018 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, throughout the centuries American Indians have shared their knowledge of land and resources while continuing to play a role in the development of the City of Greensboro, the State of North Carolina and the nation;

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 122,000 American Indians and has eight historic tribes legally recognized by the State of North Carolina: Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi, Sappony, and Waccamaw-Siouan;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro enjoys a positive relationship with American Indian citizens; recognizes and encourages the acknowledgement of historic contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous People; and respects the cultural and economic contributions that American Indians have made;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor the nation's indigenous roots, history and contributions;

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Greensboro wishes to recognize October 8, 2018 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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

That it hereby recognizes Monday, October 8, 2018 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

4. [ID 18-0612](#) Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Abuzuaiter read the resolution into the record; and presented the resolution to the Family Justice Center (FJC) Director Catherine Johnson.

Ms. Johnson thanked Council for the resolution; spoke to the decrease in domestic violence related homicides; recognized FJC partners in attendance; highlighted the support provided to the community; the theme of Hope Rising; explained the Camp Hope camping and mentoring program that had been in place for two years; added that the FJC was building community and relationships; voiced the impact on some of the children that attended the camp; shared successes of the FJC; and thanked Council for their support of the FJC.

Councilmember Abuizuaite thanked the FJC for all they did; reminded everyone that the purple tree lighting had taken place; and encouraged people to spread awareness of domestic violence.

Councilmember Kennedy congratulated them for the impact their work had in the community; referenced being on an advisory board for domestic violence; and spoke to the initiatives in place to assist with decreasing the statistics.

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Thurm,  
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

246-18 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief, and is rooted in a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power over his or her partner;

WHEREAS, physical marks and scars are often the most obvious signs of harm caused by domestic violence, however the extent of the pain goes much deeper and can impact ones mental, physical, emotional, and financial health;

WHEREAS, the national average shows that more than three individuals are murdered every day by an intimate partner, and in 2017, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that 79 women, men, and children were murdered in domestic violence-related homicides in our state; with Greensboro reporting 1 domestic violence related death;

WHEREAS, locally, Family Service of the Piedmont responded to approximately 3,100 crisis line calls in the last fiscal year and the Greensboro Police Department reported over 13,000 calls for service involving domestic and/or sexual violence;

WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence are more likely to transmit violent behavior from one generation to the next and are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems;

WHEREAS, in a community partnership, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) in Greensboro has successfully brought together 15 agencies in one place to provide victims with easier access to comprehensive resources through a coordinated collaborative effort. This partnership provides hope and healing to victims of abuse and works diligently to hold offenders accountable;

WHEREAS, since opening the Guilford County Family Justice Center in mid-June of 2015, over 20,000 citizens in crisis have been served, and Greensboro has seen about an 88% reduction in domestic violence related homicides;

WHEREAS, by working together and promoting awareness in the community we can restore hope, stop the violence, and make our community safer for everyone.

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

That it does hereby declares the month of October 2018, as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" and urges citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force which deeply affects many families in our State and local community each year, and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

Councilmember Abuzuaiter left the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and returned at 6:28 p.m.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Zack Yarborough, 100 N. Greene Street spoke to the mission of the the Human Resource Management Association of Greensboro; stated there were almost 300 members in the local chapter; spoke to promoting equal opportunity for all people; recognized Board Members in attendance; and congratulated Maria Hicks-Few, recipient of the Human Resource Professional of the Year Award.

Councilmember Hightower congratulated Ms. Hicks-Few on receipt of the award.

Cardis Brown, 1606 Longbranch Court referenced a previous Council meeting he had attended; a 2015 article regarding disparities in traffic stops; voiced concern with the situation not improving since that time; spoke to the number of homicides for blacks as of mid-September; commended the honoring resolutions adopted this evening; referenced the percentage of taxes paid by minorities; the opioid issue; and voiced concern with the need to reduce the statistics.

Eddie Brewer, 407 E. Washington Street stated he had been sleeping in a tent; emphasized the importance and need for affordable housing; referenced a conversation with Police Chief Wayne Scott; voiced concern with targeting the homeless; thanked Councilmembers who had helped him find a job; and spoke to volunteering at the Interactive Resource Center (IRC).

Councilmember Kennedy congratulated Mr. Brewer on his completion of a program at Good Will Industries.

Roberta Byrd, address unknown provided her experience with working with gang violence issues; spoke to the daily impact on persons in the community; voiced concern with the process for addressing gang violence; and the need to be receptive to different types of people.

Wesley Morris, 2621 Stratford Drive announced that the Beloved Community Center and Working America would host 'Party at the Poles' on October 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Craft Recreation Center; spoke to the importance for people to vote; announced upcoming events at the Beloved Community Center; and asked if there was an update on the Cure Violence issue.

Mayor Vaughan provided a brief update; and stated there would be an upcoming meeting with several of the Guilford County Commissioners.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the update on Cure Violence; voiced concern with receiving stall tactics; emphasized the need to move forward with discussions with Guilford County; referenced visiting Durham to review the Cure Violence model; requested City Manager Parrish expedite setting a meeting date; and stated she wanted to report back to the public regarding the progress.

Barbara Council, 1430 Willow Place voiced concern with the current bus system; and to current bus schedules being a deterrent and hardship on persons who relied on public transportation.

Stephanie McDonald, 612 South Elam Avenue stated she was an organizer for Working America; referenced the video of bus riders' comments she had shown at a previous Council meeting; inquired about the status of economic development funding that could be used for transportation improvements; and requested a list of stops that did not have lighting.

Councilmember Hightower requested that City Manager Parrish provide information regarding bus stop lighting, and proposed new bus routes and changes by the new carrier at an upcoming work session; and voiced the need to ensure public transportation was user friendly.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that City Manager Parrish research funding for improvements connected to public transportation from departments other than the Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Mac Simms, 601 East Market Street stated that the 20th Anniversary of East Greensboro Now was September 20th; highlighted and referenced the initiatives of the organization that had occurred this year; commended the support of the community during the tornado relief efforts; thanked Council for their leadership in East Greensboro; commended staff for their work on the #InvestEast initiative; and spoke to making a difference in the City.

Councilmember Hightower thanked Mr. Sims for bringing attention to the initiative; spoke to promoting East Greensboro as a place for opportunity; requested that the #InvestEast video be shown at an upcoming Council meeting; and referenced the FaceBook page and website.

Mary K. Wakeman, Azalea Drive spoke to the death of Marcus Smith who was homeless; referenced the incident between the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) and Mr. Smith that occurred on September 8th; and voiced her concerns with human rights violations and the actions of the GPD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested an update on the incident.

City Manager Parrish spoke to the Special Bureau of Investigation (SBI) investigation; to the process for providing the report; stated staff had an open line of communication with Mr. Smith's mother; and that the findings would be provided.

Councilmember Kennedy stated she knew Mr. Smith through the IRC; expressed that his family deserved an explanation of the sequence of events; and expressed the impact of losing a child.

Hester Petty, 3402 Canterbury Street voiced concern with the Civil Emergency Unit (CEU) interactions with protestors; emphasized the importance of civil rights; GPD protocols; spoke to the actions of Captain Jonathan Franks at the event in Chapel Hill on August 30th; emails that had been exchanged; videos of the unnecessary aggression; and requested that the unit be disbanded.

Sidney Waller Foxworth, 2506 Pinecroft Road provided remarks in memory of Louis Beveridge; expressed that she supported disbanding the CEU; referenced the history of special units in the GPD; language from the police manual; spoke to freedom of speech and assembly; to incidents that took place in 1978 and 1979; the Greensboro Massacre; and to the suppression of people's civil rights.

Kay Doost, 1618 Marion Street continued Ms. Foxworth's remarks; spoke to the Latin Kings gang; to the arrest and incarceration of Mr. Cornell; referenced meetings with the Department of Justice; and the Rackateer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RIKO) Statute.

Robert Foxworth, 2506 Pinecroft Road voiced concern with the use of the CEU to suppress human rights; with the militarized police force; referenced police directives regarding public order; the needs of the community; the need for accountability of Police Chief Scott; emphasized that government entities should be servants to the people; spoke to crimes against humanity; militarized weapons; requested that the CEU be disbanded; and that the City do away with militarized weapons.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:33 p.m.

LaTonya Boubacar, 3803 Holts Chapel Road stated she was a victim of the City; had recently been evicted from her residence; expressed the issues she was dealing with being homeless; and stated she had reached out to members of Council.

Councilmember Hightower confirmed she had responded to Ms. Boubacar.

Ryan Tardiff, 830 West Market Street referenced speaking at a previous meeting regarding housing issues and the proposed housing ordinance; outlined what he felt needed to be addressed; requested a public meeting take place to discuss the issues; voiced support for disbanding the CEU; and concern with actions of the GPD.

Mitchell Fryer, 3404 Shaker Drive spoke to charges brought against and actions of a Klux Klux Klan (KKK) member; voiced concern with the member becoming a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) informant; not serving prison time; and made reference to current GPD officers working with the federal government.

Councilmember Wells asked if Officers Flowers and Finch were currently employed by GPD; and inquired where the speakers had obtained the information.

Police Chief Scott confirmed that the officers were City employees; spoke to their actions being within the law; emphasized that the GPD was a model agency in the state; was transparent; spoke to the need to maintain relationships to ensure people's safety; and stated that some of the statements made by the speaker were incorrect. Police Chief Scott confirmed that he was familiar with the article the speaker was referring to; confirmed that there were certain topics he could not discuss publically due to security reasons; spoke to first amendment rights; and voiced that officers worked hard to protect the citizens of Greensboro.

Councilmember Kennedy requested clarification.

Police Chief Scott responded that GPD had several officers that were part of the federal partnership system; and performed a multitude of things that he was not at liberty to discuss.

Councilmember Kennedy confirmed that Police Chief Scott could not answer specific questions.

Police Chief Scott responded in the affirmative; and referenced inaccurate information that had been provided.



Councilmember Wells expressed respect for the officers.

Councilmember Hightower expressed that people's perceptions were their realities; emphasized that people were bringing forth their concerns; spoke to the history of incidents that had occurred; stated she realized the City had a police force to protect and serve; verified she wanted to make sure they were doing that in a respectful manner; spoke to her concerns regarding the CEU; and to letting officers do what they wanted to.

Police Chief Scott explained the creation of the CEU when the Democratic National Convention had taken place in Charlotte; outlined the training; stated he supported the way the unit responded; spoke to the event that took place in Charlottesville; explained the process for using pepper spray during a protest; the reason for interlocal agreements; voiced concern with a few individuals taking the issue in a different direction; referenced personnel law; and emphasized the need for a CEU.

Councilmember Outling reminded Council of the format of the Community Forum meetings; spoke to addressing Council concerns at work sessions; expressed concern that people may get the wrong impression when only certain topics were open for discussion at these meeting; and emphasized that discussion of issues would be more productive at a work session rather than engaging individual requests.

Mayor Vaughan stated she had asked Police Chief Scott to speak at the meeting to allow the public to hear his comments as the meeting was televised.

Councilmember Outling spoke to why Police Chief Scott might feel compelled to speak; and requested that staff speak at work sessions going forward.

Mayor Vaughan explained why she had asked Police Chief Scott to be in attendance; spoke to the outcome in Chapel Hill when the GPD was not present; and to the need for interlocal agreements to ensure public safety.

Councilmember Hoffmann referenced items in Democracy Greensboro's platform; explained where the equipment for the CEU was housed; when and where the equipment would be used; stated that the equipment was on hand to keep the City's citizens protected and safe; and voiced disagreement with some of the recommendations.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter stated Council gave the speakers from the floor respect when they were talking; asked that the audience do the same when Council spoke; explained an incident at an event when she had reached out to police; spoke to the high rating of the GPD nationally; and challenged those present to attend the Police Citizens Academy.

Councilmember Hoffmann left the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

Marcus Hyde, 305 Tate Street voiced appreciation for the resolution honoring Mr. Beveridge; concern with housing; expressed that the Housing Coalition had not endorsed the proposed ordinance; referenced comments made by Police Chief Scott; requested that the CEU be disbanded; expressed concern with the organizational makeup; emphasized that GPD would not reform itself; explained changes people were asking for; and referenced the loss of Mr. Smith on September 8th.

Laura Lorenz, 8 Forest Hill Court with Action Greensboro encouraged people to participate in the 9th Annual Run for the Greenway on October 27th at 5:00 p.m. beginning at Morehead Park located at 475 Spring Garden Street; thanked Council for their continued support of the event; explained the materials used for the tee shirts provided to Council; and stated people could sign up at [downtowngreenway.org](http://downtowngreenway.org).

Janet Nagle, 2900 Northampton Drive spoke to the quality of the City's drinking water; outlined issues the water department was researching; spoke to flouride use in drinking water; to alternative means of providing floride through topical applications; explained the information in handouts she had provided to Council; and voiced concern with smoking; climate change; and the surgeon general opinions.

Councilmember Kennedy left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 8:17 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Outling to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 143, Section 318.11 in order to: prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Section 168; establish the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract; and consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, and conditions of employment of a public employee. The motion carried by voice vote.

Council recessed to closed session at 8:20 p.m. Council returned to open session at 9:00 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Moved by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to return to open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hightower to accept the resignation of City Attorney, Tom Carruthers effective immediately, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute a separation agreement with Mr. Carruthers. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Outling to appoint Human Relations Director Jamiah Waterman as Acting City Attorney. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **III. ITEMS CALLING PUBLIC HEARINGS (One Vote)**

There were no items calling public hearings for the agenda.

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

Moved by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to appoint Kay Brown to the PCRB Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Mayor Vaughan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to reappoint Frankie Jones to the Piedmont Triad Water Authority. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Outling encouraged people to attend the kickoff for Planet Gso. on Friday at 5:30.

Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to reappoint Andrena Coleman to the War Memorial Commission. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the need to support a bill by Senator Gladys Robinson to get monetary support for East Greensboro housing; and expressed that she was an advocate for all citizens.

Discussion took place regarding the makeup and membership of the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC); conflict of a member; and the process for replacing said member. It was the consensus of Council that Councilmember Kennedy would reach out to the Chair of GCJAC for direction on the process for moving forward with the issue.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.

ELIZABETH H. RICHARDSON  
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR