



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and City Clerk Angela Lord.

Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson recognized students from Northeast High School to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

City Manager David Parrish recognized Andrew Harris of the Library Department who served as Courier for the meeting.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained Mayor Vaughan's absence; and asked for a motion to excuse Mayor Vaughan from the meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Wells to excuse Mayor Vaughan from the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting; and recognized Councilmember Kennedy for a statement regarding Working Parents.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to the challenges for working parents; outlined parental leave policies for the City; requested staff to research a 12 week family leave policy; the cost associated with such a policy; and recognized those impacted by caregiver situations.

Dr. Catherine Sevier spoke to family care leave; to the need for caregiver support; provided caregiver statistics; and requested Council to consider the proposal for the family medical leave plan for Greensboro employees.

Tina Sherman with Grass Roots provided information for the organization; spoke to the Moms Rising movement; voiced appreciation for the paid leave for employees; spoke to paid leave at the University of North Carolina various campuses and at the State level; requested Council to consider expansion to 12 weeks family leave; provided a

quote from Duke University; and spoke to retention of the work force.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to schedule and provide information at a work session.

Councilmember Kennedy explained the request for staff to research funding to support expansion to 12 week family care leave.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jesse Andrews founder and President of Northwest High School (NWHS) cycling club spoke to a safe systems proposal; to consistency with the Vision 0 plan; outlined unsafe streets; spoke to the need for change during the design process; and requested Council support.

Devin Sanguinett a member of the NWHS cycling club spoke to cross streets on the Greenway; to an incident in 2018 when he was hit by a car; to the Department of Transportation (DOT) design process; and requested Council to consider the safe street proposal.

Ethan Dales a three year member of the NWHS cycling club voiced concerns with riding on streets; with DOT accountability; referenced riding adventures; and spoke to the need for provisions.

Councilmember Kennedy left the meeting at 5:53 p.m. and returned at 6:14 p.m.

Vicenzo Roling Stella a three year member of the NWHS spoke to policed directed events; voiced concerns with Greensboro streets; the need for the DOT to consider designs; referenced accommodations in Germany; spoke to the need for change in the street designs; and requested Council to encourage the DOT to adopt the provision proposal.

Nicole Lindahl spoke to cycling in Greensboro; to the street design process; to the Vision 0 goals; requested the DOT to consider the provisions; spoke to the Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT) committee decision; and voiced concern with the process for designing local streets.

Jamie Gaddy voiced concern with Specialized Community Area Transportation (SCAT); with fare increases; and inquired about the discontinuation of the I-Ride system.

Councilmember Hightower explained the I-Ride trial program; grant funds; and requested staff to research program costs to continue the service.

Brooke Juneau voiced concern with the discontinuation of the I-Ride program; spoke to the need of the service for her son; voiced concern with SCAT; and requested the reinstatement of the service.

Riley Juneau spoke to the importance of the service; and to independence in order to have a job.

Gail Dempsey spoke to the safe systems proposal; reviewed involvement in bicycling; spoke to the use of technology; to design of streets in Florida; to future development plans; and requested support for the safe systems proposal.

Anna Fesmire representing the League of Women Voters spoke to the policy for speakers from the floor during public comment time; to unacceptable behavior; and requested Council rescind the policy.

Anthony Young representing Larsinia Johnson voiced concerns with the Greensboro Transit Advisory Commission; spoke to budget shortfall; outlined a request to assist riders; and spoke to the Riders Advisory Committee (RAC).

Hester Petty voiced concerns with the Jared Jones incident; with the Marcus Smith incident; and with the Greensboro Police Department (GPD).

Lewis Pitts echoed concerns voiced by Ms. Petty; referenced an email from Graham Holt; and voiced concerns with GPD.

Eddy Summers voiced concern with the discontinuation of the Police Reserve Program; spoke to rising crime rates; and requested the reinstatement of the program.

*The remainder of speakers from the floor were heard following the business agenda portion of the meeting.

II. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 20-0037](#) Resolution Adopting the 2020 Heritage Calendar

Councilmember Abuzuaiter read the resolution into the record; and stated it would be presented to Diversity & Inclusion Officer Maria Hicks-Few.

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

Ayes, 8 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

001-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO ADOPTING 2020 HERITAGE CALENDAR

WHEREAS, National Heritage Month observances are an integral part of the National Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Program;

WHEREAS, the purpose of these programs is to ensure that agencies take affirmative steps to provide equal opportunity to minorities, women and people with disabilities in all areas of employment and provide cultural awareness to everyone;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro continues to not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity on the basis of an applicant's suitability for the job with respect to compensation and opportunity for training and advancement, including upgrading and promotion;

WHEREAS, The City of Greensboro wants to make official its annual recognition of nationally recognized Heritage/History celebrations such as:

February

African American/Black History Month

African American/Black History Month was established to recognize the contributions of African Americans and foster a better understanding of the African American experience.

March

National Women's History Month

Women's History Month started as Women's History Week in 1978. In 1987, Congress was petitioned to expand the week to an entire month. The month recognizes the important contributions made by women through programs in school, workplaces and communities.

April

National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is recognized on the fourth Thursday in April each year. This annual event is an educational program in the United States and Canada where parents take their children to work with them for one day. It is the successor to Take Our Daughters to Work Day, which, in 2003, was expanded to include boys. Most companies allowed both girls and boys to participate since the beginning, renaming the day "Take Our Children to Work Day."

May

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian/Pacific American Heritage observation originally began as Asian/Pacific Heritage week on July 10, 1978. In 1992, legislation was developed designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The term Asian/Pacific American includes many ethnic groups with diverse cultures. The month celebrates the collective achievements of the many different communities of Asian/Pacific descent.

Jewish American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month is a month to celebrate the contributions Jewish Americans have made to America since they first arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654.

Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month was established by presidential proclamation to honor the contributions of older Americans to society. Older Americans Month is a time to celebrate and reflect on the unique contributions of older Americans in our society.

June

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) History Month

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Americans have made important and lasting contributions to our nation in every field of endeavor. LGBTQ History Month is a month-long annual observance celebrating the history of gay rights and related civil rights movements.

Caribbean American Heritage Month

This month has been established to recognize the historic relationship between the people of the Caribbean and the people of the United States as well as to recognize the many contributions Caribbean immigrants and their descendants have made to the well-being of America.

September/October

Hispanic Heritage Month

The first Hispanic Heritage Week was approved on September 15, 1968. The month gives people the opportunity to plan and participate in ceremonies and activities that recognize the contributions of the many diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. In 1988, the celebration was expanded to a month and goes from September 15 to October 15.

Greensboro Pride

Greensboro Pride is an opportunity to celebrate the many ties that people, organizations, businesses and groups have to the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Allies (GLBTQA) community. Each year pride events are held nationwide in cities large and small, and for some Americans, it is the only occasion where they can be out and proud in their community.

October

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month was formally known as National Employ the Handicapped Week. In 2003, the observance was changed to National Disability Employment Awareness Month. During this month, we recognize the many contributions citizens with disabilities make to our society, and we reaffirm our commitment to helping them achieve their full inclusion in our workforce.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that celebrates the history and contributions of the indigenous peoples of North America. It is observed on the second Monday of October, thus coinciding with Columbus Day, a United States federal holiday commemorating the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492.

November

National American Indian Heritage Month

National American Indian (or Native American) Month was enacted with a proclamation in 1990. During the month, all Americans are encouraged to participate in programs ceremonies and activities that celebrate American Indian and Alaskan Native peoples' important contribution to the United States.

Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week is a time for transgender people and their allies to take action and bring attention to the community by educating the public and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that transgender people face. Transgender awareness Week is celebrated the second week of November.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greensboro that we observe the preceding Greensboro Heritage Calendar throughout 2020.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

2. [ID 20-0049](#) North Carolina Freedom Park Presentation

Freedom Park board member Reginald Hildebrand spoke to the project; to defining communities; to encouragement; to people that take freedom for granted; to rising up out of the black experience; to a symbol for the State; referenced work done by architect Phil Freelon; provided information to Council; and shared a video.

Councilmember Wells voiced appreciation for the presentation; and spoke to funding.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda; and reminded Council that any items removed from the consent agenda, other than for a recusal or for the purpose to vote "No", the items would be placed on the next Business meeting agenda as a business item.

Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ayes, 8 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

3. [ID 20-0005](#) Resolution Approving the Acceptance of 349 YY E Montcastle Drive from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro

002-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 349 YY E. MONTCASTLE DRIVE FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER GREENSBORO

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro has offered to donate property located 349 YY E. Montcastle Drive (Parcel #93020) for designated open space;

WHEREAS, the property located at 349 YY E. Montcastle Drive is identified on the subdivision plat recorded in Plat Book 50, Page 36;

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the City and the Parks and Recreation Department to accept the donation as open space from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro for drainageway and open space; and

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

That the donation of the property located at 349 YY E Montcastle Drive is hereby accepted.

(Signed) Nancy Hoffmann

- 4. [ID 20-0019](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$68,300 Amending the State, Federal and Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of FY 2019 Fair Housing Training Program Grant Funds

20-001 ORDINANCE AMENDING STATE, FEDERAL AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FY 2019 FAIR HOUSING TRAINING PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

Section 1

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

That the State, Federal and Other Grants Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby established as follows:

| Account | Description | Amount |
|------------------|--|----------|
| 220-0311-01.4110 | Salaries | \$40,050 |
| 220-0311-01.4510 | FICA Contributions | \$ 2,900 |
| 220-0311-01.4520 | Retirement Contribution | \$ 5,000 |
| 220-0311-01.4610 | Health Coverage ~ Active | \$ 700 |
| 220-0311-01.4650 | Dental Coverage ~ Active | \$ 700 |
| 220-0311-01.4710 | Life Insurance ~ Active | \$ 250 |
| 220-0311-01.5253 | Rent-Parking Subsidy | \$ 500 |
| 220-0311-01.5431 | In-House Printing | \$ 2,500 |
| 220-0311-01.5949 | Miscellaneous | \$ 2,500 |
| | (\$12,500 ~ \$2,500 Miscellaneous; \$2,500 Printing; \$7,500 added to Salary) | |
| 220-0311-01.5520 | Seminar/Training Expenses | \$13,200 |
| Total | | \$68,300 |

And, that this increase be financed by increasing the following State, Federal, and Other Grants Funds accounts:

| Account | Description | Amount |
|------------------|---------------|----------|
| 220-0311-01.7100 | Federal Grant | \$68,300 |
| Total | | \$68,300 |

Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Nancy Hoffmann

- 5. [ID 20-0071](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 12/10/19 - 12/30/19

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of 12/10/19 - 12/30/19 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

- 6. [ID 20-0072](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 12/10/19 - 12/30/19

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of 12/10/19 - 12/30/19 was adopted.

- 7. [ID 20-0033](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 3, 2019 was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

There were no public hearing items for this agenda.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

- 8. [ID 20-0036](#) Ordinance in the Amount of \$2,545,000 Amending the Performing Arts Center Capital Project Fund Budget

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff review funding for the project.

City Manager Parrish spoke to donor contributions.

Councilmember Hightower requested clarification on the total funds donated.

Coliseum Director Matt Brown outlined private funding; and confirmed non-taxpayer funds would be used for the project.

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

Ayes, 7 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

20-002 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FUND

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

Section 1

That the Performing Arts Center Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriations be increased as follows:

| Account | Description | Amount |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 527-7501-01.6013 | Buildings | \$1,335,000 |
| 527-7501-01.6059 | Equipment | 850,000 |
| 527-7501-01.5410 | Design Fees | 360,000 |
| Total | | \$2,545,000 |

And, that this increase is financed by the following revenue:

| Account | Description | Amount |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 527-7501-01.9206 | Transfer from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund | \$2,425,000 |
| 527-7501-01.8500 | Interest Earned | 120,000 |
| Total | | \$2,545,000 |

Section 2

That the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Budget be amended as follows:

That the appropriations be increased as follows:

| Account | Description | Amount |
|------------------|---|-------------|
| 206-1001-01.6527 | Transfer to Performing Arts Center Fund | \$2,425,000 |

And, that this increase is financed by the following revenue:

| Account | Description | Amount |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 206-0000-00.8900 | Appropriated Fund Balance | \$2,425,000 |

Section 3

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Nancy Hoffmann

9. [ID 20-0038](#) Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Add the Sum of \$2,045,000 in New Non-Taxpayer Funded Sponsorship and Other Project Fund Revenues and \$560,000 in Existing Non-Taxpayer Funded City Revenues in the Tanger Center Project Fund to the Owner's Allowance Line Item of the City's Contract with Barnhill Contracting Company to Construct Phase 2 of the Steven B. Tanger Performing Arts Center

Discussion took place regarding Minority Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) percentages; and vetting of the vendors.

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

Ayes, 7 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

003-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ADD THE SUM OF \$2,045,000 IN NEW NON-TAXPAYER FUNDED SPONSORSHIP AND OTHER PROJECT REVENUES AND \$560,000 IN EXISTING NON-TAXPAYER FUNDED CITY REVENUES IN THE TANGER CENTER PROJECT FUND TO THE OWNER'S ALLOWANCE LINE ITEM OF THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH BARNHILL CONTRACTING COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT PHASE 2 OF THE STEVEN B. TANGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2017, the Greensboro City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Barnhill Contracting Company ("Barnhill") to construct Phase 2 of the Steven B. Tanger Performing Arts Center ("STPAC") for an amount not to exceed \$57,900,000.

WHEREAS, through the generosity of several well-known local corporations and longtime Greensboro families, the Greensboro Coliseum has raised an additional \$2,725,000 in new non-taxpayer funded Sponsorship Revenues for the STPAC.

WHEREAS, City staff has requested \$2,045,000 of these new non-taxpayer funded Sponsorship Revenues and \$560,000 of existing non-taxpayer funded City revenues in the Tanger Center Project Fund be used to offset various additional City requested alternate designs and features of the STPAC.

WHEREAS, as of November 30, 2019, Barnhill has increased its M/WBE participation from 3.1% to 16.2 %.

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

The City Manager is authorized to amend the City's contract with Barnhill Contracting Company to construct Phase 2 of the Steven B. Tanger Performing Arts Center, referenced in Council Resolution 347-17, by adding the sum of \$2,045,000 in new non-taxpayer funded Sponsorship and Other Project Revenues and \$560,000 in existing non-taxpayer funded City revenues in the Tanger Center Project Fund to the Owner's Allowance Line Item for the increased construction costs related to the expanded Architectural and Engineering Design Scope of Services and

the unforeseen or code required changes incurred over the life of the Project.

(Signed) Tammi Thurm

10. [ID 20-0048](#) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to add \$500,000 in New Non-Taxpayer Funded Sponsorship Revenues to any of the Professional Service Contracts to Design the Steven B. Tanger Performing Arts Center referenced in Council Resolutions 209-14 and 348-17 and to any of the Purchasing Contracts for the Theatrical Specialty Equipment referenced in Council Resolution 92-17

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

Ayes, 7 - Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

004-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADD \$500,000 IN NEW NON-TAXPAYER FUNDED SPONSORSHIP REVENUES TO ANY OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS TO DESIGN THE STEVEN B. TANGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER REFERENCED IN COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 209-14 AND 348-17 AND ANY OF THE PURCHASING CONTRACTS FOR THE THEATRICAL SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT REFERENCED IN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 92-17.

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council, on August 4, 2014, in Council Resolution 209-14, authorized the City Manager to contract with fifteen different design professionals, i.e. architects, engineers, and consultants, to design the Steven Tanger Performing Arts Center ("STPAC");

WHEREAS, the original total "not to exceed amount" for all fifteen contracts was \$5 million;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council, on December 19, 2017, in Council Resolution 348-17, increased the total "not to exceed amount" of these 15 contracts by an additional \$820,619.88 to pay for the changes to the Scope of Services and related fees amongst these design professionals over the course of three (3) years after the execution of their initial contracts.

WHEREAS, through the generosity of several well-known local corporations and longtime Greensboro families, the Greensboro Coliseum has raised an additional \$2,725,000 in new non-taxpayer Sponsorship Revenue Funding for the STPAC.

WHEREAS, these additional new non-taxpayer Sponsorship Revenues will be used to offset various increased design costs;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council, on April 25, 2017 in Council Resolution 92-17, approved the purchase of the Specialty Theatrical Equipment to be installed in the STPAC;

WHEREAS, the costs to install this Special Theatrical Equipment have increased, because the start of construction was significantly delayed as a result of the City breaking the STPAC project into two phases to save money, and the City experienced historical 100-year rain levels during 2019.

WHEREAS, City staff estimates that \$500,000 of these new non-taxpayer funded Sponsorship Revenues is required to pay for the expanded architectural and engineering design scope of services and the additional costs to purchase and install the Specialty Theatrical Equipment.

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

The City Manager is authorized to add the sum of \$500,000 of the new non-taxpayer funded Sponsorship Revenues to any of the professional service contracts to design the Steven B. Tanger Performing Arts Center referenced in Council Resolutions 209-14 and 348-17 and to any of the purchasing contracts for the Theatrical Specialty Equipment referenced in Council Resolution 92-17.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated it was the time for the remainder of the speakers from the floor.

Peter Boykin; voiced concerns with violence; spoke to and outlined the #go right movement; to crime rates in Guilford County; and voiced concerns with transportation, homelessness, gangs and with the Marcus Smith incident.

Justin Harmen spoke to community members; to the need for positive changes; to Council salaries; and to state punishments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained time spent with community meetings; and representing the City.

Todd Smith voiced support for the cycling safe system proposal; spoke to the need for safe streets; to Vision 0; to experiences as a cyclist; showed camera footage from a bike; and requested Council to support safe systems proposal.

Brian Watkins voiced concerns with the Jared Jones incident; and with the GPD.

Forest Hinton spoke to the mental health response program; to funding investment; voiced concern with accessibility ; with the Marcus Smith incident; with GPD; and with racism.

Destiny Blackwell voiced concerns with events at the Homeless Memorial Walk; with the Marcus Smith incident; and with GPD.

Sandra Isley voiced concerns with violence; with Downtown projects; with M/WBE processes; with the Cure Violence funding; and spoke to homicide rates.

Billy Belchor representing the Working Class of Homeless Organizing Alliance voiced concerns with Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) contracts; with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); spoke to adopted sanctuary policies.

Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the JAG funding; participation with ICE agents; stipulations for partnership; involvement in international organizations; Faith Action ID cards; clarification on previous actions taken by Council; concerns with GPD providing information on immigration status to ICE; misunderstanding of JAG item to hold a public hearing in December; the notice calling a public hearing in November; and the purpose of the funding for crime prevention.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns on a vote at a previous meeting regarding holding a public hearing; and requested to change her vote to a 'No' for the December 17, 2019 JAG item, to which the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kennedy.

Councilmember Kennedy requested to change her vote to a 'No' vote for the December 17, 2019 JAG item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated Council discussions on the topic would continue following the last speaker from the floor.

Mark Schulz spoke to cycling concerns; read a statement from Andy Zimmerman; voiced support for the safe system proposal; and referenced being struck by a car while cycling.

City Attorney Chuck Watts explained the upcoming proposed item for JAG funding to take place on January 21st.

Discussion continued regarding the need for clarity on agenda items; the history of JAG funding; and the GPD not collecting immigration status at traffic stops.

Councilmember Outling requested staff provide additional information on the grant at the next meeting of Council.

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

Councilmember Hightower extended congratulations to the NC A & T football team; voiced concern with speaker time limits; with the order of the meeting; made a motion to modify; and spoke to Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) day events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson stated the motion would be conveyed to Mayor Vaughan for consideration.

Councilmember Thurm placed the name of Fanta Dorley into the databank for future service on the Human Relations Committee or the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC); spoke to a memorial service for the mother of Rabbi Fred Guttman; requested staff clarify the differences in the Downtown Greensboro, Inc. 2030 plan and the city's 2040 plan; to provide information on expansion of the Participatory Budgeting (PB) Committee to an annual process; to provide information on the disbanded Police Community Review Board (PCRB); and voiced the need for reappointments to Boards and Commissions.

Councilmember Wells referenced an upcoming D2 town hall meeting; spoke to MLK events; to speaker time limits; and to Mayor Vaughan's trip to Africa.

Councilmember Hightower placed the name of Patricia Adams into the databank; and moved to appoint Ms. Adams to the Redevelopment Commission to replace Sondra Wright; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson. The motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Outling offered condolences for the Rabbi; and provided information for the upcoming Java with Justin event.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to the need for changes the PB to which City Manager Parrish stated information would be provided at an upcoming work session.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to Federal grant funding; and extended congratulations to NC A & T.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson echoed condolences for the Rabbi; and recognized Councilmember Hightower for assisting a resident to return to their home.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

City Manager Parrish spoke to the 2020 Census "Every Body Counts"; and to State funding.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

There were no items for discussion by the City Manager.

Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD

CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR