



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Monday, April 1, 2019

4:30 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

I. Call to Order

This City Council Work Session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:32 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, Interim City Attorney Jim Hoffman, and Cathy Justice, City Clerk's Office.

II. Presentations

ID 19-0131 Recycling Update

Mr. Wyrick, made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the Recycling Program Update; recognized Republic Waste Senior Area Manager Tracy Nestor; explained options for the Recycling Program; and discussed contamination concerns.

Councilmember Hoffmann inquired as to cost associated with burying solid waste.

Councilmember Hightower asked about the tonnage weight of recycles processed per year.

Councilmember Outling inquired about the restructuring of the current contract; and the benefits to the City.

Ms. Nestor referenced the current negotiation terms; and a durable contract with more revenue.

Discussion took place regarding other municipalities contract terms with Republic Waste.

Councilmember Johnson inquired about the credit to offset costs; spoke to not re-opening the White Street Landfill; and suggested exploration of any current or future opportunities with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and/or North Carolina State Agricultural & Technical University.

Councilmember Kennedy asked about contamination rates; spoke to less contamination; to turning plastics into renewables; and to environmental and cost savings factors.

Mayor Vaughan inquired about the recycle waste stream to energy; spoke to collaborating with other governments, i.e. Randolph County; to recyclable items; to the separation of glass; and to Council's commitment to the recycling program.

Councilmember Abuzaiter spoke to the massive amount of recycling needed to create renewable energy; and to the benefits to de-contaminate recyclables.

Mr. Wyrick referenced a revised list of recyclables; and spoke to Republic Waste's commitment to modernize their Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) as a \$4.5 million capital investment.

Mr. Parrish spoke to upgrades to the MRF facility would lower City operating costs; to negotiated terms; and other municipality contracts.

Ms. Nestor spoke to contract negotiations with other municipalities.

Mr. Wyrick emphasized the need for less contamination; and spoke to a proposed program to address contamination violations.

Councilmember Thurm voiced concerns regarding bin locations in downtown.

It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the Republic Waste contract negotiations; and requested an update in June.

A copy of the Recycling Program Update PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No. 9, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.

III. Adjournment

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:21 P.M.

CATHY JUSTICE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

NANCY VAUGHAN

MAYOR