



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

3:30 PM

Guilford County BB & T Conference Room

I. Call To Order

This Joint Board Meeting of the Greensboro City Council and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on the above date in the John H. McAdoo Conference Room, BB&T Building, 201 W. Market Street in Greensboro with the following members present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Michelle Kennedy, Councilmember Justin Outling, and Councilmember Tammi Thurm.

Absent: Councilmember Goldie F. Wells

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, Police Attorney Polly D. Sizemore, City Clerk Angela Lord, and Deputy City Clerk Tebony Rosa.

Guilford County Commissioners present:

Board Chair Alan Branson, Commissioner Justin Conrad, Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, Commissioner Katie Cashion, Commissioner J. Carlvana Foster, Commissioner Hank Henning, and Commissioner Melvin Alston.

Absent: Vice Chair Jeff Phillips and Commissioner Alan Perdue.

Also present were County Manager Marty K. Lawing, Chief Deputy County Attorney Matthew Mason, Clerk to the Board Robin Keller, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Ariane Webb.

II. Presentation

1. [ID 19-0328](#) Joint Discussion with Guilford County on CureViolence Program

Guilford County Board of Commissioners Board Chair Alan Branson extended greetings; and recognized Councilmember Hightower for a brief overview of the Cure Violence Program.

Councilmember Hightower highlighted 2019 first quarter statistics; 2018 homicides; voiced the need to move forward with the program; and spoke to the national model.

Discussion took place regarding community involvement equating to a successful program; engagement; volunteers; outreach efforts; and a non-profit supporter.

Commissioner Melvin Alston voiced concerns with violent criminal activity in the community; and spoke to the need for a Cure Violence-type program.

Board Chair Branson spoke to a draft agreement between the City of Greensboro, Guilford County, Cure Violence, and a Nonprofit Organization.

Mayor Vaughan referenced additional avenues used to address crime; and stated Cure Violence would serve as a supplemental program on focus areas.

Discussion took place regarding Cure Violence as an intervention model.

Mayor Vaughan referenced recommendations on program management; engagement of health care institutions and nonprofits; and implementing a successful method.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson explained and emphasized funding allocations for the One Step Further nonprofit organization; clarified funding would not be used for her salary; explained her role on voting with program-related items; highlighted the Gate City Coalition of Guilford County would be modeled after Cure Violence; criteria of program participants; spoke to budgetary concerns; to public education; and to police-citizen relationships.

Discussion continued regarding the City of Greensboro and Guilford County partnership; hours of operation; staff salaries; law enforcement involvement; implementation of the program; liability issues; training responsibilities; focus areas; review of FY 2017-18 crime data; and a future joint meeting to finalize the agreement.

Commissioner Justin Conrad requested data reflecting national trends; North Carolina crime statistics; and percentages in Durham's focus areas.

It was the consensus of the Greensboro City Council and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners to direct staff to schedule a future joint meeting.

(A copy of the handout is filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No.11, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Councilmember Hightower, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE JOINT BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40 P.M.

TEBONY ROSA
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR