



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

4:00 PM

Public Safety Training Facility

### I. Call To Order

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Public Safety Training Facility with the following members present:

Present: 8 - 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 David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Deputy City Clerk Tebony Rosa.

### II. Presentations

#### 1. [ID 19-0566](#) Crime Update

City Manager David Parrish extended greetings; recognized Assistant City Manager Trey Davis to provide a Crime Update presentation.

Assistant City Manager Davis provided a comprehensive plan to address violent crime; spoke to public safety; to perceptions; to neighborhood impact; to education; to statistics; to community engagement; and to performance measures.

Councilmembers Abuzuaite requested clarification regarding crime trend data.

Councilmember Hightower echoed Councilmember Abuzuaite's comments.

Assistant City Manager Davis explained population differences in sister cities; crime classification categories; spoke to unreported criminal activity; to creating a different approach to neighborhood engagement; to educational opportunities for police and the public; and provided a historical reference to recruits.

Mayor Vaughan addressed the need for creative community engagement.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to building community trust.

Police Chief Wayne Scott explained the Problem Orienting Police (POP) model; spoke to use of non-police methods to patrol; and to de-escalation.

Councilmember Thurm requested research on police programming practices.

Councilmember Outling addressed effective use of resources; and requested identifying success rates and performance measures for the past three years.

Discussion took place regarding relationship building; communication; population levels; police expectations; a holistic approach to creating partnerships with other departments beyond public safety; Community Watch groups; generating stronger neighborhood connections; and inclusion with county entities and school boards.

Councilmember Outling addressed monetary expenditures on personnel; and requested a comparative analysis of sister cities public safety budgets.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson echoed the comments of Councilmember Outling.

Assistant City Manager Davis addressed Councilmember Outling's concern regarding manpower; spoke to crime trends; and to district-level issues.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No.18, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

**2. [ID 19-0577](#) Steve Friedland - GCJAC**

Assistant City Manager Davis recognized Elon Law Professor and former United States Attorney Steve Friedland to provide an update on the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC).

Attorney Friedland, GCJAC member, provided a handout to Council; spoke to the constitutionality of traffic stops; to the 4th and 5th Amendments to the United States Constitution; to automobile searches; to Miranda warnings; to obtaining written consent; and to contraband seizures.

Councilmember Outling requested research on contraband seized; and solutions for anxiety levels experienced during traffic stops.

Councilmember Thurm spoke to identifying tools for effective police-citizen relationship building; and to consent to search policies in other jurisdictions.

Assistant City Manager Davis spoke to police accountability; to reporting requirements; to GCJAC programs to educate the public; and to using innovative communication methods.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to developing relationships; to emotional context of traffic stops; to educating the public; and voiced concerns with transparency.

Discussion ensued regarding public records law; situations that lead to court fees; and to matters involving the District Attorney's Office.

Attorney Friedland spoke to Elon Law students visiting high school classrooms to discuss legal issues.

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**III. Adjournment**

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M.

TEBONY C. ROSA  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR