



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

4:00 PM

Plaza Level Conference Room

I. Call To Order

This City Council Work Session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 9 - 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 19-0645](#) Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Transit Update

City Manager David Parrish extended greetings; recognized Interim Transportation Director Chris Spencer, Budget Director Jon Decker and Public Transportation Manager Bruce Adams to provide a Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Transit Update PowerPoint Presentation (PPP).

Mr. Spencer provided an overview of the infrastructure spending in the transportation system; spoke to successes and upcoming projects; to leveraging local funds with federal dollars; to future roadway and sidewalk improvements; and to Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) capital funding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested the number of electric buses in service.

Mr. Adams indicated thirteen currently with three additional electric buses by the end of the month.

City Manager Parrish reiterated Greensboro had the largest number of electric buses in the country.

Mr. Decker presented an overview of GTA funding; and spoke to budget forecasting to include grants.

Mr. Adams explained the proposed GTA fare increases; policy changes; task force recommendations; and annual revenue.

Discussion ensued regarding identifying the population impacted by fare increases; criteria for issuing free passes; and the outreach process to consider policy changes.

Councilmember Kennedy entered the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Mr. Decker provided a presentation on the GTA forecast of expenditures and revenues to FY23.

Discussion continued regarding fare increases; premium service; ridership; and the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.

Councilmember Hightower requested a proposal to the Guilford County Commissioners to consider funding options

for the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) to continue the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) service.

Discussion ensued regarding Specialized Community Area Transportation (SCAT) services; performance measures; and complaints.

Mayor Vaughan entered the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Councilmember Hightower requested a comparison of SCAT fares with Greensboro's sister cities.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer B, Exhibit No. 21, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

2. [ID 19-0709](#) Recess to Closed Session

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to go into closed session for three reasons: to discuss matters relating to businesses in Greensboro; to instruct staff concerning the acquisition of real property; and to consider the performance of certain employees. The motion carried by voice vote.

Council recessed to closed session at 4:46 p.m.

III. Adjournment

Following the closed session, Council reconvened in the Council Chamber to return to open session and to adjourn the work session.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

TEBONY C. ROSA
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR