



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

5:30 PM

VIRTUAL

Call to Order

This virtual City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on the above date. Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm the following members were 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 City Clerk Angela Lord.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Vaughan explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

I. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 21-0032](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late (Retired) Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Nathaniel Clark

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson read the resolution into the record; recognized family participating via the zoom call; and stated a copy of the resolution would be provided to the family.

Marcia Clark expressed appreciation for City Council to honor her dad; and sincere gratitude.

Mayor Vaughan voiced Mr. Clark had a life well lived.

Mrs. Clark voiced appreciation.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaite, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaite, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

001-21 RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE LATE (RETIRED) LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH NATHANIEL CLARK

WHEREAS, the late Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Joseph Nathaniel Clark born on March 24, 1934 in Miami Gardens, Florida, passed away on October 26, 2020 in Greensboro, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark attended Miami, Florida, public schools, and as a teen became known for his presentation of "If" by Rudyard Kipling (a poem written circa 1895, a literary example of Victorian-era stoicism) while at Booker T. Washington High School;

WHEREAS continuing his education Mr. Clark graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology/History from Hampton Institute on an Oratorical Scholarship in 1953; and later pursued a Master of Science Degree in

Business Management from State University of New York;

WHEREAS, his college participation included Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Student Christian Association, Men's Congress, National Honor Society, Student Government, Scabbard and Blade Military Fraternity and the Boxing Team;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was spiritually active during his life which included attendance at Greater Bethel AME Church; later joining New Light Missionary Baptist Church in 1986; and maintained many church affiliations throughout the years;

WHEREAS, inspired by the ROTC, Mr. Clark entered the United States Army in 1957; served two tours in Korea; served one tour in Vietnam; was stationed in Japan, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Greenland, Germany, France, Switzerland, Panama and the Bahama Islands as well as in the United States; and received several military awards and decorations during his 21 years of service including the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and National Defense Service Medal;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark retired from military service in 1977 but continued his service to the United States Government as civilian Chief Officer of Procurement, Traffic Management Command, Director of Contracting at the Sealift Command in Bayonne, New Jersey; taught at Jackson Middle School, Greensboro, NC; and held numerous private industry and county government positions;

WHEREAS, having a passion to serve the community, Mr. Clark focused on mentoring African American boys; volunteered and supported organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters of America where he held positions of President, Vice President of the Advisory Board and Chairman of the Volunteer Recruit Committee, Liaison to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; was lovingly referred to as "Daddy C" when he took six "Hill Boys" and "Samantha" under his wing, relationships that lasted for over thirty years; and served as a board member at Youth Focus, a United Way agency;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark also volunteered his Sunday afternoon to play chess, read and write personal correspondence for the elderly at various local assisted living centers; and spent time reminiscing with military veterans at the Veterans Agency Hospital;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was honored with WFMY-TV's "2 Those Who Care Service to the Piedmont Award" in 2003; received the 2009 African American Leadership Distinguished Service and Achievement Award; held memberships and affiliations with the Retired Officers Association; Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (with fifty years of service); Greensboro Tarheel Chorus; Hampton Alumnae Association; National Association of Purchasing Management; Purchasing Managers Association of the Carolinas and Virginia; and the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark will be remembered for his love of family; for fishing and boating; and for helping young people gain an appreciation for such; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its condolences, and offer its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service of the late retired Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Nathaniel Clark. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he made.
2. That a copy of this resolution will be presented to the family of the retired Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Nathaniel Clark as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to the community.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Hester Petty voiced concern regarding the Marcus Smith case.

Lewis Pitts voiced concern regarding the Marcus Smith case.

Ben Holder played a video; voiced concern regarding former police officer James Hinson; and spoke to the deleting of Facebook comments.

Roch Smith spoke to the Cultural Arts Master Plan; shared and provided a tour of Greensboro Arts Hub website; and spoke to featured local artists.

Discussion took place regarding providing information to the Cultural Arts Center.

Bulent Bediz spoke to concerns from a previous meeting regarding housing programs; to information provided by Neighborhood and Development Director Stanley Wilson; to funding allocations; and voiced concerns regarding public participation.

Mayor Vaughan explained the contract included stakeholder meetings and community outreach.

Councilmember Hightower stated some meeting dates had not been set as of yet; and confirmed multiple meetings would take place around housing.

Bill Marshburn spoke to the Center of Disease Control; to COVID-19 vaccines; refuted the pandemic; and spoke to vitamin deficiencies.

Mayor Vaughan stated Mr. Marshburn had attempted to file a Civil No-Contact Order (50-C) against her; spoke to a court date to refuse forced vaccination of employees; and clarified she would not force anyone to vaccinate.

Discussion ensued regarding "poly-click" emails; encouragement for vaccinations; and disagreement with Mr. Marshburn regarding the pandemic.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Mayor Vaughan 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' would be placed on the next business meeting agenda as a business item.

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

2. [ID 21-0012](#) Ordinance Amending the Search and Rescue (SAR) Training Federal Grant FY2018, Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$8,022

21-001 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE 2018 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Section 1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO: That the appropriation for the Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget be decreased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4022-01.5520	Seminar/Training	\$8,022

Total		\$8,022
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And, that this increase be financed by decreasing the following Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4022-01.7100	Federal Grant	\$8,022
Total		\$8,022

(Signed) Tammi Thurm

3. [ID 21-0019](#) Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Greensboro and the City of Graham Police Department to Include Other Departments Within the City of Graham for Guilford Metro 911 to Provide Radio Equipment Maintenance and Services

002-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND CITY OF GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAHAM FOR GUILFORD METRO 911 TO PROVIDE RADIO EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, Guilford Metro 911 serves as the regional radio equipment service provider for various governmental agencies in the Guilford County Region, including the City of Graham Police Department;

WHEREAS, Guilford Metro 911 and the City of Graham Police Department have an existing Intergovernmental Agreement to provide the services;

WHEREAS, the City of Graham Fire Department desires to have Guilford Metro 911 to provide the same service to its Department;

WHEREAS, Guilford Metro 911 and the City of Graham desire to amend the Interlocal Agreement so that the agreement is with the City of Graham and includes other departments needing the services currently provided to City of Graham Police Department;

WHEREAS, costs are charged by Guilford Metro 911 for the services provided and the service costs for maintenance to the departments of the City of Graham requesting this service;

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina law, in order for the City to amend its Interlocal Agreement, approval by City Council is required; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENSBORO

That the request to amend the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Greensboro and the City of Graham Police Department to include and name the City of Graham as the party to the agreement is hereby approved.

(Signed) Tammi Thurm

4. [ID 21-0028](#) Resolution Authorizing City Attorney to Institute Proceedings to Condemn a Portion of the Property of Trung T. Nguyen and Hoan My Tang Located at 2313 Four Seasons Boulevard in Connection with the Four Seasons Boulevard Sidewalk Project

003-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO CONDEMN A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF TRUNG T. NGUYEN AND HOAN MY TANG IN CONNECTION WITH THE

FOUR SEASONS BOULEVARD SIDEWALK PROJECT

WHEREAS, Trung T. Nguyen and Hoan My Tang are the owners of certain property located at 2313 Four Seasons Boulevard, designated as Parcel No. 39935, said property being as shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, a portion of said property is required by the City in connection with the Four Seasons Boulevard Sidewalk Project;

WHEREAS, negotiations with the owner at the appraised value of \$300.00 have been unsuccessful and said portion of the property is necessary for said project;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the City that the City Attorney be authorized to institute civil proceedings to condemn said portion of the property and that the Director of Finance be authorized to issue a draft to the Clerk of Superior Court as compensation to the owner(s) in the amount of \$300.00; and

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

That, pursuant to Chapter 40A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the City Attorney is hereby authorized to institute condemnation proceedings to acquire said portion of the property, and the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to issue a draft in the amount of \$300.00 to the Clerk of Superior Court as compensation to the owner(s).

(Signed) Tammi Thurm

5. [ID 21-0016](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 12/8/2020 through 12/21/2020

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of December 8 - December 21, 2020 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No. 1, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

6. [ID 21-0017](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 12/8/2020 through 12/21/2020

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of December 8 - December 21, 2020 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No. 1, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

7. [ID 21-0006](#) Motion to Approve the Work Session Minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of November 17, 2020 was adopted.

8. [ID 21-0007](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 17, 2020 was adopted.

9. [ID 21-0004](#) Motion to Approve the Work Session Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of December 1, 2020 was adopted.

10. [ID 21-0014](#) Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 1, 2020 was adopted.

11. [ID 21-0022](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Work Session of December 7, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of December 7, 2020 was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

There were no public hearing items for this agenda.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

12. [ID 21-0013](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Clean Diesel Buses from New Flyer, Inc. in the Amount not to Exceed \$2,080,332, from the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Bus Contract

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

Ayes, 9 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

004-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CLEAN DIESEL BUSES FROM NEW FLYER OF AMERICA INC. FROM THE PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BUS CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) developed an Invitation for Bid (IFB) solicitation in coordination and cooperation with the Cities of Greensboro, Concord, Fayetteville, and High Point, Goldsboro/Wayne Transportation Authority, AppalCART, and Western Piedmont Regional Transportation Authority for the purchase of heavy duty buses;

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of June 2020, the PART Board approved contract award to New Flyer of America, Inc. for 35 and 40 foot low-floor heavy duty buses;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro desires to purchase four (4) 40 foot low-floor heavy duty clean diesel buses from New Flyer of America, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, utilizing FTA Funding;

WHEREAS, the purchase of these clean diesel buses will allow GTA to continue its efforts to replace old diesel buses that have exceeded their useful life standard of 12 years/500,000 miles;

WHEREAS, upon approval by the City Council, the new buses will be ordered, with an estimated delivery date of January 1, 2022; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into agreement for the purchase of four (4) 40-foot clean diesel low-floor buses from New Flyer of America, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,080,332.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

13. [ID 21-0008](#) Resolution Authorizing The City Manager to Execute A Condominium Declaration With Elm Street Hotel, LLC, as Joint Declarants, Pursuant

to the North Carolina Condominium Act Regarding the Property Each
Declarant Owns In The February One Downtown Development Project

Councilmember Outling requested to be recused from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest; and stated a partner at his firm had represented the vendor.

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Councilmember Wells to excuse Councilmember Outling from voting on the item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells.

Excused: Councilmember Outling

Mayor Vaughan recognized Womble Bond Dickinson Attorney Trent Jernigan; stated he would be available for questions if needed; and called on City Manager David Parrish for a review.

City Manager Parrish provided an overview of the item; and spoke to responsible parties.

**Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson,
to adopt the resolution. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

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

Nays, 1 - Sharon M. Hightower

Excused, 1 - Justin Outling

005-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION WITH ELM STREET HOTEL, LLC, AS JOINT DECLARANTS, PURSUANT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CONDOMINIUM ACT REGARDING THE PROPERTY EACH DECLARANT OWNS IN THE FEBRUARY ONE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2017, Council passed a "Resolution Authorizing the February One Downtown Development Project Including a Construction Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Greensboro and Elm Street Hotel, LLC for the Construction of the February One Parking Deck and, authorizing a not to exceed amount of \$30,000,000 for the February One Parking Deck Project";

WHEREAS, originally, Elm Street Hotel, LLC, and the City planned to own each of their parcels independently of each other and own the common elements of the property jointly; however, due to changing economic conditions, both parties decided that placing their parcels in a Condominium structure would be more advantageous;

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a Condominium Declaration in which the City and Elm Street Hotel, LLC will place their respective parcels to into the Condominium to manage jointly via a Condominium Owners Association made up of representatives chosen by both parties;

WHEREAS, each party's parcels will constitute 50% of the Condominium, and the number of representatives chosen by both parties to sit on the Condominium Owners Association will be the same;

WHEREAS, this Resolution will allow the parties to begin construction of the February One Downtown Development Project pursuant to the Amended Construction Management and Development Agreement once the Phase Two Deliverables are produced by Elm Street Hotel, LLC; and

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute a Condominium Declaration with Elm Street Hotel, LLC, as joint

declarants, pursuant to the North Carolina Condominium A regarding the property each declarant owns in the February One Downtown Development Project.

(Signed) Nancy Hoffmann

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

Mayor Vaughan spoke to partnerships for ending homelessness; voiced appreciation to Guilford County (GC) Commissioners; and to the contribution of \$100,000 for a COVID-19 winter shelter hotel.

Councilmember Kennedy stated move-ins were actively occurring; voiced appreciation for the level of collaboration; for Mayor Vaughan's commitment to the issue; spoke to the need for community concern; and clarified that the Interactive Resource Center would not receive any operational costs from the funding.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to a Memorandum of Understanding for Covid-19 enforcement protocol; to the GC Health Department Order to shut down establishments; to the adoption of civil penalties; explained the same number would be used for submitting complaints; stated the focus would be on compliance not closures; and referenced the gender neutral code of ordinance previously adopted.

Upon the motion by Mayor Vaughan, and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy for Council reconsideration of the Gender Neutral Code of Ordinance adopted at the December 15, 2020 meeting, Ordinance #20-0163 for the language to be revised from he/him and she/her to he/him/they and she/her/they. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Kennedy, Councilmember Outling, and Councilmember Thurm.

Noes: Councilmember Wells.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to the first Trans Gender Task Force meeting; to the use of proper pronouns; to forward thinking; and to a needed change on forms for "parent one" and "parent two".

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voiced support for the gender neutral ordinance; spoke to the need for minority contractors; to food that had been provided to the hungry; to a hard 2020; and voiced appreciation to Drifters, Inc. for stockings for seniors.

Councilmember Thurm spoke to 2020 violence data; to percentages of domestic related assaults; requested staff schedule a work session with the Family Justice Center (FJC) and other stakeholders to discuss domestic homicides; and voiced concerns for contributors to domestic violence.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter spoke to assistance during this pandemic; echoed concerns voiced by Councilmember Thurm regarding domestic violence; referenced a FJC resolution with a 400% increase; voiced the need to work with youth; referenced the LYFE organization founded by Councilmember Wells; a Safer Communities organization; stated youth ages 15-25 were committing crimes; read into the record the "love-youth-faith environment" mission statement; and requested staff to research the creation of a task force.

Mayor Vaughan stated Councilmember Hightower had suggested a task force; inquired about staff contact; and stated there would public meetings.

Councilmember Hightower voiced that the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A & T) and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) were interested; spoke to partnerships for a more solution oriented focus; echoed the need for a focus on minority contractors as stated by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson; and stated a request of the African American Disparity Committee to review presumptions around violence.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson voiced the desire to be involved.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the need to tackle policing, housing, jobs, and poverty; to the age of perpetrators; to the need to include the Guilford County School System and the Department of Social Services.

Councilmember Outling referenced Greensboro Police Chief Brian James forecast; requested status updates; an implementation timeline; spoke to eligibility of vaccinations; and to an upcoming virtual Java with Justin on January 15th.

Chief James spoke to a backfill of vacancies; to a homicide technician position to be advertised; and to an additional crime analysis position.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to the seriousness of Covid-19; to a taxed health care system; spoke to following protocols; and to the vaccination.

Councilmember Kennedy echoed comments regarding Covid-19; spoke to a phased approach; to the requirement of an appointment; and provided the number to call as 336-641-7944.

Councilmember Wells voiced appreciation for community volunteers; spoke to the distribution of food; voiced sympathy for the family of Derrick Kelly, the first homicide in District 2; spoke to the need for change; to the history of the LYFE group due to gang activity; and to encouragement for 2021.

Mayor Vaughan asked if Chief James needed any City Council action to proceed to which Chief James confirmed he did not; and confirmed the need for budget discussions at a later time.

Councilmember Kennedy extended congratulations to City Clerk Angela Lord on the birth of a grandson.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

City Manager Parrish spoke to Council updates that would be provided this week; to an upcoming annual Council retreat on February 4th and 5th; to a review of priorities; and stated a draft agenda would be forthcoming.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

City Attorney Chuck Watts referenced the speaker from the floor that expressed concerns regarding vaccination laws; spoke to enforcement in schools; and stated the representations from the speaker were incorrect.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by affirmation.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR