



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 2, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chamber

Call to Order

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:48 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

Present: 9 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaier, 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 returned to the Council Chamber from a closed session called during the work session in the Plaza Level Conference Room.

Mayor Vaughan requested a motion to return to open session. Moved by Councilmember Hoffmann, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to return to open session at 5:46 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote. The City Council reconvened with all members in attendance.

Mayor Vaughan asked for a motion to adjourn the work session. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaier, to adjourn the work session. The motion carried by voiced vote. The City Council Work Session adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Moment of Silence

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Vaughan recognized Councilmember Thurm to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recognition of Courier

City Manager David Parrish recognized Jason Earliwine of the Planning Department who served as Courier for the meeting.

Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting

Mayor Vaughan explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting; and taking the prerogative of the Chair Mayor Vaughan stated the ceremonial items would be heard prior to the public comment section of the meeting.

II. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. [ID 20-0010](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late J. Douglas Galyon, Sr.

Mayor Vaughan read the resolution into the record; spoke to the impact that Mr. Galyon, Sr. had made on the community; and presented the resolution to the family.

Jim Galyon voiced appreciation to Council; spoke to the character of his father; to the participation in public service by family members; commended Councilmember Hoffmann for efforts on the Greensboro Alcohol and Beverage (ABC) Commission; spoke to the loss of his sister and his dad; and extended birthday greetings to Mayor Vaughan.

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, 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

060-20 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE J. DOUGLAS GALYON, SR.

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2019, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late J. Douglas Galyon, Sr.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 5, 1930; and moved to Greensboro, North Carolina (NC) at age 13;

WHEREAS, he graduated from Greensboro High School, now known as Grimsley High School in 1949; attended Duke University in Durham, NC; and graduated from Guilford College in 1953;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon served our country in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956;

WHEREAS, his successful textile career included extended service with Burlington Industries, Allied Chemical, and Guilford Mills;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon believed in civic duty; volunteered with the Greensboro Sports Council; Greensboro Jaycees; Guilford College Board of Visitors; Greensboro Rotary Club; and Iron Dukes, an organization to provide resources to Duke University student-athletes;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in facilitating the return of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) tour to the Greater Greensboro Open, now widely known as the Wyndham Championship; and securing airing of the tournament on the national broadcast television station, CBS in 1988;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon served on the Greensboro War Memorial Commission, from 1976 to 1981; the Greensboro City Council from 1981 to 1983; and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners from 1985 to 1988 to which he was twice elected as the Vice Chairman to the Board;

WHEREAS, he was a vital member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation, representing the Greensboro area from 1992 through 2008; chaired the Board of Transportation for nine years; and was influential in key policy and planning decisions which continued to label North Carolina as a "Good Roads State", based on a national movement for road construction and maintenance in rural areas and from which the North Carolina State Highway Commission, now the North Carolina Department of Transportation, was founded;

WHEREAS, in honor of Mr. Galyon's transportation-related achievements, the City of Greensboro named the 1927 railroad depot the "J. Douglas Galyon Depot" after the facility's redesign and restoration to a multi-modal terminal for trains, buses, and other ground transport; and in November 2019 Governor Roy Cooper dedicated a portion of the Greensboro Urban Loop in honor of Mr. Galyon;

WHEREAS, he helped inspire a regional transit program in 1997 which grew to become the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART); made advancements towards creating the Greensboro Urban Loop; and had significant involvement in the Piedmont Triad International Airport (PTIA) taxiway bridge relocation which created the availability of hundreds of acres for aviation-related development;

WHEREAS, Mr. Galyon was awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest civilian honor,

by Governor Beverly Perdue on January 5, 2001 for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its sense of loss and offer its condolences, sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many years of dedicated public service by J. Douglas Galyon, Sr. The legacy he leaves will be remembered by the people of Greensboro.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late J. Douglas Galyon, Sr. as a symbol of the gratitude of the citizens of the City of Greensboro and the State of North Carolina for his many contributions to this community and beyond.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

2. [ID 20-0095](#) Resolution Honoring the Memory of the Late Steve Showfety

Mayor Vaughan read the resolution into the record; referenced the history of serving with Steve Showfety; and presented the resolution to the family.

Drew Showfety thanked Council for the recognition; and spoke to the work ethics of Mr. Showfety.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter,
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

061-20 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE STEPHEN DALE SHOWFETY

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2019, this community lost one of its outstanding community leaders with the passing of the late Stephen Dale Showfety;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety, born on March 10, 1947, a native of Guilford County and resident until his passing at the age of 72;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety graduated from Grimsley High School in 1965; earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from East Carolina University (ECU) in 1970; and was a 1982 graduate of Leadership Greensboro;

WHEREAS, he remained active with the ECU by serving six years as an officer of the ECU Board of Visitors; an eight year member of the Board of Trustees where he served six years as an officer and two years as Chairman; served as a member of the Board of the ECU Foundation; and was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award in 2008 and the Advocacy Award in 2018;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety began his 41 year career with The Koury Corporation in 1978 where he served as President, retiring in 2019; and during his time with the corporation, he remodeled the Sheraton Hotel and Koury Convention Center with a 22-month, \$30 million renovation;

WHEREAS, as an active member with local community boards and commissions, Mr. Showfety served three terms as Treasurer with the Greensboro Regional Realtors Association, and as Chairman of the Commercial and Industrial Division; served on the Greensboro Builders Association, Greensboro Merchants Association, Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro Economic Development Alliance, Triad Real Estate Building Industry Coalition, the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, served as a past President and Chairman of the Greensboro Sports Council; the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G) Human Environmental Sciences Foundation; Central North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; served as Chairman of the Board for the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority (PTI); and continued to participate in PTI board meetings via

telephone until his passing;

WHEREAS, in 2019 he was awarded the Stanley Frank Economic and Workforce Development Award by the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce; and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor, in 2019 from North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety was repeatedly identified by the Triad Business Journal as one of the area's "Most Influential People"; and Business North Carolina listed him among its "Power 100";

WHEREAS, he provided valuable service to the community by demonstrating a strong work ethic; and instilled hard work, commitment, and the importance of education;

WHEREAS, Mr. Showfety was described as a respected business leader that displayed the values of kindness, humor, humbleness, faith, and generosity; 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 Stephen Dale Showfety. His legacy will be remembered by the outstanding contributions he made.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Stephen Dale Showfety as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to the community.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vickie Motley voiced concerns with Specialized Community Area Transportation (SCAT); and with the customer service.

Jamey Gaddy voiced concerns with SCAT ride times.

Larsina Johnson provided letters to Council for review from the Greensboro Department of Transportation; referenced conversation at Riders Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting; and spoke to a meeting with Assistant City Manager Kim Sowell.

Councilmember Hightower confirmed the staff letters were written with the supervision of the managers office.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff provide copies of the letters to all Council members: and City Manager Sowell provide a history of the matter.

Laura Way representing Arts Greensboro and the Cultural Center spoke to I Heart Month; and voiced appreciation for support from Council.

Ben Holder voiced concerns with the Greensboro Police Department (GPD); spoke to the David Wray case; and voiced concern with cost to taxpayers.

Curtis Cazoe with SSME, Inc. voiced concerns with non-payment for services provided.

Assistant City Manager Sowell explained the conflict regarding unsatisfactory work; and spoke to an investigation.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for documentation; an upcoming meeting with the project manager; and collaboration with small firms and primary contractors.

Brian Watkins voiced concerns with the GPD; consent to search policies; civil rights; and spoke to the Zared Jones incident.

Hester Petty spoke to the Zared Jones incident; and to a letter to Council from Attorney Graham Holt.

Fields Kettelman referenced an incident in January; voiced concerns with GPD; spoke to hate crimes; to Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LBGT) protection; and to running for office.

Discussion took place regarding the Prosecutors' determination in charges.

Jay Williamson spoke to the need for additional glass recycling drop off locations; voiced concerns with transporting glass to the locations; and encouraged residents to go vote.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter explained the recycling process; and recommended involvement of high school groups and Boy Scout Troops.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the need for a location in District 1.

Madison Dunlap spoke to the recognition of Creek Week on the consent agenda; to celebrations for Women History Month; and to progression of females in the community.

Council highlighted a tribute to women at the Barber Park, Ruth Wicker Event Center; and an upcoming recognition of nominees.

CONSENT AGENDA (One Vote)

Moved by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. [ID 20-0204](#) Resolution Recognizing March 28-April 4, 2020 as Creek Week in the City of Greensboro

062-20 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 28-APRIL 4, 2020 AS CITY OF GREENSBORO CREEK WEEK

WHEREAS, Greensboro is rich in natural resources and beauty; and

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need for all life; and,

WHEREAS, trash and pollution fouls our waterways as well as our landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, every resident should contribute to keeping our environment clean and healthy by working together to preserve clean water and the natural beauty of our surroundings; and,

WHEREAS, Creek Week has been celebrated in Greensboro and Guilford County since 2018, with 4,000 participants and 10,000 pounds of trash collected to date; and,

WHEREAS, Creek Week provides opportunities for Greensboro residents to discover and explore local streams and lakes through educational programs and recreational activities, and to do their part to protect waterways through volunteer projects.

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

That it hereby recognizes March 28 – April 4, 2020 as “Creek Week” in the City of Greensboro and encourages Greensboro residents to observe this week in recognition of the value of clean, healthy waterways, and to do their part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes, streams and landscapes by participating in Creek Week

volunteer cleanup events and educational activities.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

4. [ID 20-0136](#) Resolution to Direct the City Tax Collector to Advertise 2019 Real Estate Liens

063-20 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY TAX COLLECTOR TO ADVERTISE LIENS ON REAL ESTATE FOR DELINQUENT PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES, NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, BOARDING UP OF STRUCTURES AND DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2019

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

1. That the City Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to prepare and publish, in accordance with law, a list showing: (1) the names of all persons by whom substandard structure charges, water rents and nuisance abatement charges are due and (2) the amount of each such substandard structure charge, solid waste charge, water rent or nuisance abatement charge. Such publication shall commence not earlier than March 5, 2020.
2. That the City Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to cause the publication of the above-mentioned list in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City of Greensboro.
3. That, in addition to following the foreclosure method prescribed by G.S. 105-374, the City Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to institute the In rem method of foreclosure pursuant to G.S. 105-375.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

5. [ID 20-0183](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 2/11/2020 through 2/24/2020

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of February 11 - February 24, 2020 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the Report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.7, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

6. [ID 20-0182](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer Approval 2/11/2020 through 2/24/2020

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of February 11 -February 24, 2020 was adopted.

(A copy of the Report is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.7, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

7. [ID 20-0243](#) Motion to Approve the Work Session Minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting of February 4, 2020 was adopted.

8. [ID 20-0179](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 4, 2020 was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

There were no public hearing items for this agenda.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

There were no business items for this agenda.

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

Taking the prerogative of the Chair Mayor Vaughan combined Boards and Commissions appointments with Council Comments.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns with the meeting format; and recommended the layout of the agenda to reflect ceremonial items, consent items, business items, and public comments.

Discussion ensued regarding the public forum meeting format; lengthy time sensitive business items, and controversial projects.

Mayor Vaughan explained the earlier adjustment in the meeting format; and stated she would take the suggestion into consideration to discuss at the next meeting.

Councilmember Thurm encouraged residents to vote tomorrow.

Councilmember Outling provided information for the upcoming Java with Justin event.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter referenced an International Advisory Committee mental health meeting; extended congratulations to the 107th Greensboro Police Department Police Academy; spoke to the Publix ground breaking; to leaf collection; and to Community Sustainability Council innovation awards.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to appoint H. Brooks Copeland to the Bryan Park Golf Commission replacing Bryon Robinson. The motion carried by voice vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson spoke to reading to children in the public school system.

Councilmember Wells to place the name of Charles Brady Patton Sr. into the databank for future consideration on a board or commission. Councilmember Wells spoke to reading to children in the public school system; and encouraged citizens to vote.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke to children learning about civics and voting; and requested information regarding residents that serve on multiple boards.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy to remove Wayne Smith from the Historic Preservation Commission; and to naming a replacement at an upcoming Council meeting.

Councilmember Hoffmann spoke to a free Folk in the Park event; provided details for the event; spoke to reading to children in the public school system; and to attending a church service in District 4.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to upcoming free events; welcoming fans to Greensboro; commended staff on work on the events; referenced community meeting held by Greensboro Police Chief Brian James; highlighted the receipt of the Tree City Award; and spoke to college students voting.

Matters to be presented by the City Manager

City Manager Parrish highlighted the upcoming Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament.

Matters to be presented by the City Attorney

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to provide a progress report on M/WBE firms dealing with non-payment issues.

Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

ANGELA R. LORD
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN

MAYOR