



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

2:00 PM

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I. Call To Order

This virtual City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on the above date.

Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter explained Mayor Vaughan's request for her to preside over the meeting.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter took a roll call to confirm Councilmembers in attendance. The following members were present: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower Nancy Hoffmann, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts and Assistant City Clerk, Victoria Howell.

II. Presentations

Councilmember Abuzuaiter recognized City Manager David Parrish; spoke to a previous presentation on the Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission (GCJAC).

City Manager Parrish called on Assistant City Manager Trey Davis to provide a review of the Greensboro Police Department written consent policy; and GCJAC recommendations.

1. [ID 20-0562](#) Consent to Search Review

Assistant City Manager Davis made a PowerPoint presentation (PPP) spoke to the GPD policies; to consent search policies; Body Worn Camera searches (BWC) on person, vehicle, house and building; explained probable cause searches; and documentation of BWC footage.

Discussion ensued regarding the consent search form; BWC occurrences; retention of BWC footage; written documentation of evidence/confiscated items; current police policy and forms; and GPD policies compared to peer cities.

Assistant City Manager Davis continued the PPP; explained verbal consent; the GCJAC recommendations; spoke to transparency; to modifications; to language form; to withdrawal options; and to notification of citizen rights.

Discussion continued regarding search complaints; consent search data; probable cause searches verses consent searches; standardized language; officer accountability; viewing of BWC; and racial training.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to research peer municipalities consent search policies.

Councilmember Thurm requested staff to draft a simplified consent search form; and to include translation in the top five languages.

Discussion took place regarding staff recommendations; and next steps.

It was the direction of Council to move forward with policy revisions. Councilmember Abuzuaiter voiced concerns with the discussed revisions.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter requested staff to research a mini-course on GPD policing practices.

Discussion continued regarding the changes made following the appointment of Greensboro Police Department, Chief Brian James.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to draft a response regarding the 1979 incident; and to provide an update on closed session litigation.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to schedule a Special Meeting in September.

(A copy of the (PPP) is filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No. 20, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 3:31P.M.

VICTORIA L. HOWELL
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR