



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

3:00 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 3:00 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson explained Mayor Nancy Vaughan would join the meeting momentarily; and took a roll call to confirm Councilmembers in attendance. The following members were present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, Goldie Wells, and Mayor Nancy Vaughan.

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

II. Presentations

1. [ID 20-0608](#) Housing Follow-Up from 8/18/20

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson called on City Manager David Parrish to begin the work session.

City Manager Parrish spoke to staff providing a follow up on housing; and recognized the Director of Neighborhood Development, Stan Wilson.

Mr. Wilson stated consultant Phillip Kash, from HR&A Advisors Inc. (HR&A) would provide an update.

Mr. Kash made a PowerPoint Presentation PPP; spoke to a previous work session; to the affordable Housing Plan; to rental homes; to local and federal money; to rent reductions; to tenant support; outlined a collaboration between the City of Greensboro and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); spoke to public land disposition policy; to subsidized developments; and to an implementation timeline.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to convene the Housing Our Community Committee for a stakeholder roundtable discussion.

Discussion took place regarding the need for policy revisions and implementation to the housing plan; neighborhood development; homeowner assistance; quality affordable homes; conserving homeowners in Greensboro; and down payment programs.

Councilmember Hoffmann requested staff to provide internal costs for design and implementation of an apprenticeship program.

Discussion ensued regarding housing support and funding; Continuum of Care (CoC) participation; short term rental assistance; COVID-19 impacts on homelessness; successful implementation of the Housing GSO program; philanthropic and public private partnership working groups; intergovernmental administrative teams; economic development; work force development and training; infrastructure; tax incentives; and staff requirements.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter requested staff to provide data on the number of 2016 Housing Our Community Committee recommendations that had been implemented.

Mr. Wilson made a PPP on the CoC; spoke to providing short-term rental assistance; to evaluating current CoC structure; to city priorities; to crisis response; to homeless prevention; to rapid re-housing; to permanent housing support; and emergency shelter. Mr. Wilson outlined HUD funding; annual Request for Proposals (RFP); COVID-19 responses; CoC agency collaboration; spoke to strategic planning; to a shared vision; and to an upcoming HUD meeting.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to provide an update on the HUD CoC meeting.

It was the direction of Council for staff to continue conversations with HUD regarding a City of Greensboro CoC.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to a closed session to follow regular meeting.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentations are filed in Exhibit Drawer C, Exhibit No.22, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

III. Adjournment

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

Ayes: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, Michelle Kennedy, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm, and Goldie Wells.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:10 P.M.

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR

VICTORIA L. HOWELL
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK