



City of Greensboro

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

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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 Vaughan took a roll call to confirm Councilmembers in attendance. The following members were present:

Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson, Councilmembers Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Nancy Hoffmann, 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 L. Howell.

II. Presentations

2. [ID 21-0352](#) American Rescue Plan Overview

City Manager David Parrish requested item #2/ID 21-0352 be presented first due to time constraints; and recognized Assistant City Manager Larry Davis.

Assistant City Manager Davis made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); spoke to estimated American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding allocations; to the disbursement of a portion of funds in May; to eligible/ineligible uses for funds; to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) guiding principles; to Council priorities; and to a budget public hearing in May.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to research collaboration with Guilford County regarding American Rescue Plan funding.

Discussion continued regarding public hearings; transforming the City; feedback from the public; small business outreach; stabilizing wages; minority owned businesses; and past due city maintenance.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No.13, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

1. [ID 21-0354](#) Bond Package Discussions

Marlene Druga, Finance and Administrative Services Interim Director, made a PPP; spoke to the 2016 bond referendum; to remaining issuance of funds; to a tax rate impact; identified program area needs; and spoke to implementation of a Housing GSO Plan.

Discussion took place regarding funding for parks; land acquisition; incentives; Windsor Chavis housing; and facility maintenance needs.

Ms. Druga continued the PPP; spoke to general facilities and maintenance; to prioritizing projects; to transportation needs; to housing; to public safety; to community services; and to the bond approval and issuance calendar.

Discussion continued regarding partnerships; fire stations; property tax increases; collaboration with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; and higher interest rates.

Ms. Druga spoke to the debt capacity; and staff recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the Vandalia Road project; the City's credit rating; and possible tax increases.

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3. [ID 21-0350](#) Budget Cycle Update/Overview

Item #3/ID 21-0350 was postponed to a future work session.

4. [ID 21-0356](#) Water Resources Budget Update/Overview

Item #4/ID 21-0356 was postponed to a future work session.

5. [ID 21-0357](#) Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adjourn to closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the City's attorneys and the City Council in connection with certain litigation matters and to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the Greensboro area. The parties to the litigation matters to be discussed include, in addition to the City of Greensboro, Mary Smith, George Smith, Justin Payne, Robert Duncan, Michael Montalvo, Alfred Lewis, Christopher Bradshaw, Lee Andrews, Douglas Strader, Jordan Bailey, Ashley Abbott, and Dylan Alling.

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

Council recessed to closed session at 4:31 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 5:33 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Mayor Vaughan stated the closed session had been recessed; and Council would return to closed session following the regular City Council meeting.

III. Adjournment

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

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:34 P.M.

NANCY VAUGHAN
MAYOR

VICTORIA L. HOWELL
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK