



# City of Greensboro

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

5:30 PM

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### **Call to Order**

This hybrid City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:47 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present:

- Present: 7 - Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne J. Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaite, Councilmember Sharon M. Hightower, Councilmember Justin Outling, Councilmember Tammi Thurm and Councilmember Goldie F. Wells
- Absent: 2 - Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann and Councilmember Michelle Kennedy

Also present were City Manager David Parrish, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and City Clerk Angela Lord.

### **Moment of Silence**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

### **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 21-0405](#) Resolution to Honor and to Support the Dedication of Greensboro Fire Station #7 for Former Greensboro Fire Department Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers

Councilmember Hightower and Councilmember Wells read the resolution into the record. Councilmember Hightower spoke to the naming of the Fire Station.

Former Fire Department Fire Chief Ray Flowers voiced appreciation; spoke to his work history with the City of Greensboro; and to service to others.

Discussion ensued regarding appreciation to Former Fire Chief Flowers for leadership; serving as a trailblazer; community work; and mentorship.

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

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaite, Sharon M. Hightower, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

145-21 Resolution to Honor and to Support the Dedication of Greensboro Fire Station #7 for Former Greensboro Fire Department Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers

Whereas, Ray K. Flowers began employment with the City of Greensboro Fire Department (GFD) in 1961 as one of the first African American firefighters with the GFD;

Whereas, setting a legacy within the GFD, Former Fire Chief Flowers was also the first African American to become a Battalion Fire Chief, an Assistant Fire Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief;

Whereas, making history, Former Fire Chief Flowers served the City of Greensboro as the first, and thus far the only, African American Fire Chief of the Greensboro Fire Department from 1993 to 1999;

Whereas, continuing to make history, Former Fire Chief Flowers led the GFD to become only one of seven fire departments globally to achieve accreditation with The Commission on Fire Accreditation International;

Whereas, the GFD was the first of few fire departments to achieve accreditation with The Commission on Fire Accreditation International and maintain an Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class 1 rating;

Whereas, in addition to serving the City in a formal capacity, Former Fire Chief Flowers has made a mark within the community with participation in the Prince Hall Mason Freemasonry which is a branch of the North American Freemasonry for African Americans founded in 1784;

Whereas, Former Fire Chief Flowers is a member and past Master of Morning Star Lodge #691 (PHA), a member of Greensboro Consistory # 106 A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry (PHA), and a member and past Potentate of Khalif Temple #144 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.;

Whereas, he was a long time member of Reid Memorial CME Church where he served on the Finance Committee and as President of the Steward Board;

Whereas, Former Fire Chief Flowers currently holds membership at Bethel AME Church and has also served as a member of the Steward Board, has participated in hosting the Bethel Golf Tournament, and has partnered with the initiation of a Public Safety recognition day;

Whereas, in appreciation and honor of Former Fire Chief Flowers, Samet Corporation will place a bronze plaque of dedication on Fire Station #7; and

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

1. That the City Council wishes to express its deep gratitude and appreciation to Former Greensboro Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers for his many years of dedicated public service and outstanding contributions to the community.
2. That the City Council wishes to express its support for the dedication of Greensboro Fire Station #7 in honor of Former Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers.
3. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Former Fire Chief Ray K. Flowers as a symbol of the gratitude of the people of Greensboro for his devoted support and contributions to this community.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

**2. [ID 21-0409](#) Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating July as Parks and Recreation Month**

Mayor Vaughan read the resolution into the record; expressed appreciation to the Parks and Recreation (P & R) Department; referenced online programming during the pandemic; and recognized P & R Director Nasha McCray.

Ms. McCray voiced appreciation for Council support; provided a historical perspective of the nationwide recognition; spoke to virtual activities; to quality of life experiences; to upcoming events; and thanked community partners.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to the opening of the Gateway Gardens; to projects at Barber Park; to support for P & R bonds; and to an upcoming project in District 2.

**Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, 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, Sharon M. Hightower, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

#### 146-21 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association has celebrated the month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month since 1985; and our own Parks and Recreation Department has served Greensboro since 1933;

WHEREAS, during this time, the Parks and Recreation Department has established itself as both an integral, trusted part of the Greensboro community, and as an industry leader in being innovative, collaborative, and efficient towards meeting community needs;

WHEREAS, parks and recreational programs and amenities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Greensboro, ensures the health of all citizens, and contributes to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and region;

WHEREAS, through the support of the City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, community partners and dedicated professionals, the Parks and Recreation Department provides progressive leadership, and develops strong partnerships with public and private organizations to literally and figuratively change the landscape of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has been recognized nationally for best practice in terms of business operations and programming, and many of their team members are considered subject matter experts in the field, presenting at state and national conferences;

WHEREAS, through its adopted 20-year comprehensive master plan, Plan2Play, the Parks and Recreation Department has committed to a vision that will enhance and expand parks, facilities, and programs; and through its services further connect all generations and neighborhoods within Greensboro;

WHEREAS, parks and recreational programs and amenities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Greensboro, ensuring the health of all residents, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and region; and

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

1. That it recognizes each and every July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Greensboro.
2. That it expresses its support for the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, its staff, and their vision and role for creating transformational recreation experiences that improve the quality of life and contribute to the economic viability of Greensboro.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

3. [ID 21-0408](#) Resolution Recognizing the Sixth Anniversary of the Family Justice Center

Councilmember Abuzuaiter read the resolution into the record; voiced appreciation for assistance in the community; spoke to services provided during the pandemic; and to families served.

Family Justice Center (FJC) representative Sonya Desai thanked Council for the recognition; spoke to the 6th Anniversary of the FJC; spoke to the power of partnerships; to challenges with the pandemic; referenced events at the grand opening in 2015; and highlighted the leadership of Director Catherine Johnson.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to the workforce at the FJC; and to the work during the last two years.

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

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower,  
Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

#### 147-21 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (FJC)

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) opened June 15, 2015, with a mission to empower family violence victims to live free from violence and abuse, and hold offenders accountable by providing easily accessible, coordinated, and comprehensive services in a single location;

WHEREAS, FJC is a "one stop shop" for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse that incorporates more than 100 professionals from 18 different disciplines who work together to provide consolidated and coordinated safety, legal, social, and health services to those in need;

WHEREAS, through FJC, survivors have access to a wide range of supportive resources such as victim advocacy; filing a restraining order; civil and criminal legal support; law enforcement follow-up; medical care; counseling; and assistance accessing shelter as well as other community resources;

WHEREAS, the success of the FJC is rooted in partnerships, and through its work and services there has been significant overall decrease in the number of domestic violence related homicides since the FJC's inception;

WHEREAS, some of the key accomplishments over the past six years include, but are not limited to the following: service to over 45,000 individuals and families, opening a second location in High Point, increased access to emergency legal assistance, availability of electronic filing for restraining orders, establishment of a specialized medical clinic for abused children, nationally recognized programming focused on reducing child trauma and elder abuse, and continued in-person operations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City Council commends FJC for their work and contributions to the City of Greensboro and to Guilford County; and

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

That it hereby recognizes the Guilford County Family Justice Center on its sixth anniversary and extends appreciation for the contributions FJC has made to the community over the past five years.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

#### 4. [ID 21-0333](#) Presentation of the Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities Scholarship

Mayor Vaughan recognized the work of Community Relations Manager, Donna Gray and the Human Rights staff for the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Mayor's Committee); and referenced a video to highlight the Steven Knier scholarship winner Adam Bounab.

A short video was displayed for viewing.

Arts and Cultural Affairs Program Coordinator Kendrick Mayes spoke to the mission of the Mayor's Committee;

provided the history of the Steven Knier scholarship; and spoke to Mr. Bounab's scholastic achievements and community outreach efforts.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Vaughan stated it was the time for Speakers from the Floor; and stated virtual comments would be posted to the city website.

David Hampsten spoke to the Participatory Budgeting process; and to pedestrian crosswalks.

City Manager David Parrish explained the delay in the budgeting process due to the pandemic.

Rhonda Chavis referenced a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); and spoke to Governor Cooper's Racial Justice Task Force; and to decriminalization of cannabis.

\*Due to technical difficulties, Greensboro Television Network displayed portions of Ms. Chavis' presentation.

The following people voiced concerns with the Greensboro Police Department; and with the Marcus Smith case: Signe Foxworth; Hester Petty; Lewis Pitts; Marcia Foutch; and Paulette Montgomery.

## **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 Wells, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adopt the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

5. [ID 21-0372](#) Resolution Approving FY 2021-2022 Contract Award to Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Operating Corporation (MCMHOC) in the Amount of \$156,762 for Firefighter Medical Evaluations and Physicals

148-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 2021-2022 CONTRACT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,762 FOR FIREFIGHTER MEDICAL EVALUATIONS AND PHYSICALS

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department, in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association's Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Programs for Fire Departments (NFPA 1582) and the Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program (NFPA 1500) has established and maintained a medical evaluation program for its sworn firefighters;

WHEREAS, providing annual medical evaluations for firefighters is considered the best practice for making a difference in the lives of firefighters because it has resulted in the early diagnosis of existing and/or potential health issues;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro has contracted with Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Operating Corporation for over eleven years to provide annual medical evaluations and physicals for firefighters;

WHEREAS, a total amount of one hundred fifty six thousand, seven hundred and sixty two dollars (\$156,762) is allocated to provide annual medical evaluations for firefighters; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to execute the Contract between the City of Greensboro and the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Operating Corporation, for annual medical evaluations of all sworn firefighters for the contracted amount of \$156,762.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

**6. [ID 21-0371](#) Ordinance Amending the Federal, State, and Other Grants Fund Budget in the Amount of \$69,000 for the 2021/2022 Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team Program**

21-067 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND OTHER GRANTS FUND BUDGET FOR THE 2021/2022 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1

That the appropriation for the Federal, State and Other Grant Fund be increased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4027-01.4730	Worker's Compensation	\$5,000
220-4027-01.5239	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$20,000
220-4027-01.5428	Contracted Medical	\$15,000
220-4027-01.5520	Seminar / Training	\$25,000
220-4027-01.5621	Equipment	\$4,000
Total		\$69,000

And, that this appropriation be financed by increasing the following accounts:

Account	Description	Amount
220-4027-01.7110	State Grant	\$69,000
Total		\$69,000

Section 2

And, that this amended ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

**7. [ID 21-0380](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract 2021-10875 between United Maintenance Group LLP and the City of Greensboro for Landscaping Services at War Memorial Coliseum Complex**

149-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 2021-10875 TO UNITED MAINTENANCE GROUP, LLP, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$187,950.00, FOR MOWING, MAINTENANCE, AND LOT CLEAN UP SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMPLEX

WHEREAS, Procurement Services Division conducted an open solicitation through the Greensboro E-Procurement System for a landscaping services contract;

WHEREAS, the contract has an estimated three year value of \$187,950.00;

WHEREAS, the War Memorial Coliseum Complex can better meet the needs of the community by landscaping

services;

WHEREAS, this contract is anticipated to continue through June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, United Maintenance Group, LLP was selected as the best value and qualified bidder, and the M/WBE office was involved in the process; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into this contract with United Maintenance Group, LLP, for the landscaping services for the War Memorial Coliseum Complex.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

8. [ID 21-0135](#) Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 5/11/2021 through 5/24/2021

Motion to approve the budget adjustments of 5/11/2021 through 5/24/2021 over the amount of \$50,000 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No. 17, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

9. [ID 21-0136](#) Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 5/11/2021 through 5/24/2021

Motion to accept the report of budget adjustments of 5/11/2021 through 5/24/2021 was adopted.

(A copy of the report is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No. 17, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

10. [ID 21-0413](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Work Session of May 4, 2021

Motion to approve the Work Session minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting was adopted.

11. [ID 21-0414](#) Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 4, 2021 was adopted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

12. [ID 21-0407](#) Public Hearing on Access GSO Fares

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to receive public input on Access GSO Fares; and recognized Transportation Department Director Hanna Cockburn.

Ms. Cockburn made a PPP; spoke to a required public hearing; to fares being reflected in the FY 21-22 budget; recognized the assistance of Keolis; provided the history of Access GSO; spoke to the i-Ride program; to the pandemic fare free program; to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service areas; to para-transit ridership; and to Council priorities. Ms. Cockburn spoke to the GSO 2040 plan; to GSO4Ward and the GARE Program; to operational costs; to anticipated revenue shortfalls and challenges; to fixed routes; to peer city comparisons; to public engagement; and to staff recommendations for a multi-year fare increase.

Discussion took place regarding the current year budget; revised adjustments; federal funding; the upcoming closure of Duke Energy funding; incremental increases; transportation deficits; a phased approach; potential revisions; program sustainability; presentation shared during public hearings; demographics and socio-economic

status of riders; an operational analysis of ADA services; and national rates.

Deanna De'Liberto voiced appreciation for the services; concern with cost to riders; spoke to financial hardships; requested rates for premium and fixed routes to remain the same; and spoke to a service for low income people.

AJ Inglesby referenced attendance at the public hearings; voiced concern regarding a portion of the presentation not being shared previously; stated rider support for a minimum increases up to \$3; spoke to premium service areas; and to weekend availability.

BJ Gerald-Covington voiced concern with fare increases; spoke to fixed incomes; to large city budgets; and to limited employment hours.

Councilmember Hightower voiced support for a fifty cent increase; requested staff to research partnerships; stated opposition to an increase to \$3.00; requested staff evaluate each year; and spoke to fair treatment.

Mayor Vaughan stated many departments did not generate a profit margin; voiced support for a fifty cent increase; and spoke to the need to plan for future improvements.

City Manager Parrish explained the fifty cent incremental increases; spoke to service sustainability; to a premium service base; and to an upcoming agenda item.

Moved by Councilmember Wells, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: Councilmember Hoffmann and Councilmember Kennedy.

Councilmember Hightower voiced concerns with workforce challenges; and with a request for additional funding by the current contractor.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer D, Exhibit No.17, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

**13. [ID 21-0383](#) Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget**

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place for public hearing to receive public input on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Budget. There were no speakers signed up to speak to the public hearing item; and the public hearing closed by affirmation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson spoke to the Cure Violence program; to challenges and successes; to the need for additional information; and recognized Assistant City Manager Trey Davis to provide an overview.

Assistant City Manager Davis spoke to a summary provided previously; to quarterly updates; to a delayed Gate City Coalition database training due to the pandemic restrictions; to participant criteria; to community partnerships; to job and interview training; to stable housing; to community trust; outlined violence interruption tracking; and provided current crime statistics.

## **V. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

**14. [ID 21-0399](#) Resolution Amending the Submission of the Annual Action Plan Application for \$2,493,298 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**



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Program Funds and the Conduct of CDBG Program Activities for the  
2021-2022 Fiscal Year

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

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower,  
Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

150-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN APPLICATION FOR  
\$2,493,298 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FUNDS AND THE CONDUCT OF  
CDBG PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Department of Neighborhood Development has prepared a 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan that states goals and objectives for affordable housing, neighborhood development, and economic development for the coming year;

WHEREAS, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to award Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the conduct of Community Development Programs;

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest for the City of Greensboro to prepare and submit a One-year Action Plan for conducting Community Development activities in the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, it is understood that acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant obligates the City of Greensboro to conduct and administer Community Development Program activities in accordance with the requirements of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, applicable Federal and State laws, and implementing rules and regulations officially adopted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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

That the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan is hereby approved.

That the submission of an Annual Action Plan applying for FY 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$2,493,298, which includes \$150,000 in estimated local program income, is hereby authorized and approved and supersedes any previous submission.

That the conduct of Community Development Block Grant activities in whole or in part by the City of Greensboro and/or designees is hereby authorized and approved.

That the City of Greensboro is fully cognizant of the obligations, responsibilities, and requirements accompanying the acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant and that it is the sense of this body that such obligations, responsibilities, and requirements will be fulfilled.

That the City Manager is designated as the official representative of the City of Greensboro, and is authorized to submit the final statement, all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directed to act in connection with the submission of the final statement and to provide such additional information as may be required.

That the Mayor, as Chief Elected Officer, or their designee, is authorized and consents on behalf of the City of Greensboro and her/himself (1) to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, insofar as the provisions of such act apply to the administration and conduct of local Community Development Program activities as referred to above; and (2) to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of their responsibilities as such an official.

(Signed) Yvonne Johnson

15. [ID 21-0398](#) Resolution Amending the Submission of the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Application for \$5,207,144 US Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Funds

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

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

151-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN APPLICATION FOR \$5,207,144 US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FUNDS AND THE CONDUCT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and implementing regulations issued by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on January 5, 1995, the city of Greensboro is required to prepare and submit to HUD a five-year consolidated plan for housing and community development activities and subsequent Annual Action Plans each fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro, Guilford County, the City of Burlington, and Alamance County have formed the HOME Consortium to receive HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro, as Lead Entity for the HOME Consortium, is responsible for submitting all Federal applications and reports;

WHEREAS, an Annual Action Plan has been prepared which describes the priority needs and strategies for the HOME Consortium;

WHEREAS, the citizen participation requirements were fulfilled with a 30-day public comment period open April 5, 2021 – May 4, 2021 and public hearing held at the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting; and

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

That the Year 2 Annual Action Plan for the HOME Consortium developed and presented to City Council at its June 1, 2021 meeting and known as 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan is hereby adopted and supersedes any previous version of the plan.

That the submission of the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for the HOME Consortium is hereby authorized and approved.

That the City of Greensboro and each administering member jurisdiction of the HOME Consortium will submit annual action plans which describe activities directed at meeting the critical needs and priorities identified in the five-year consolidated plan.

That the City of Greensboro, as lead entity for the HOME Consortium, consents to such obligations, responsibilities, and requirements as described by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for such lead entities.

That the City Manager is designated as the official representative of the City of Greensboro, and is authorized to

submit the final statement, all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directed to act in connection with the submission of the final statement and to provide such additional information as may be required.

That the Mayor, as Chief Elected Official, or their designee, is authorized and consents on behalf of the City of Greensboro and her/himself (1) to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, insofar as the provisions of such act apply to the administration and conduct of local HUD activities as referred to above; and (2) to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of their responsibilities as such an official.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

16. [ID 21-0428](#) Ordinance Amending Community Development Block Grant Fund Budget for the Appropriation of US Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Funds in the Amount of \$7,081,066

**Moved by Councilmember Hightower, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

21-068 ORDINANCE AMENDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND BUDGET FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,081,066.00

#### Section 1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the Community Development Block Grant Fund Budget of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriation to the Community Development Block Grant fund be increased as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
212-2197-01.5931	Contributions to Nongovernmental Agencies	\$6,018,907
212-2197-01.5431	Consultant Services (Administrative Cost)	\$1,062,159
Total		\$7,081,066

And, that this increase be financed by increasing the following Community Development Block Grant Fund account:

Account	Description	Amount
212-2197-01.7110	Federal Grant	\$7,081,066
Total		\$7,081,066

#### Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

17. [ID 21-0446](#) Resolution Amending Interlocal Tax Agreement Between the City of Greensboro and Guilford County

Mayor Vaughan spoke to property tax exemptions; to will and estate settlements; and to living wills or trusts programs.

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

**Ayes,** 7 - Nancy Vaughan, Yvonne J. Johnson, Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon M. Hightower, Justin Outling, Tammi Thurm and Goldie F. Wells

**Absent,** 2 - Nancy Hoffmann and Michelle Kennedy

#### 152-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON TAX COLLECTION

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2011, the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO and the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GUILFORD COUNTY entered into an Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection, relative to the collection of real property and personal property taxes owed to the CITY by the COUNTY, which was entered into on July 1, 2016, by an Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection;

WHEREAS, this prior Agreement, will expire on June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the CITY and COUNTY have determined that it is in the public benefit and interest to enter into an amended Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection, as amended, will provide for the billing and collection by the COUNTY of real and personal property taxes (not including registered motor vehicle taxes) levied by the CITY;

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed that the negotiated payment set forth herein is in the best interests of their citizens;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes in Chapter 160A, Article 20, provide that units of local government may enter into agreements in order to execute an undertaking providing for the continual exercise by one unit of any power, function or right, including the collection of taxes;

WHEREAS, the CITY and COUNTY agree that this amended Interlocal Agreement shall continue for eight (8) years, from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2024, unless terminated pursuant to the terms herein;

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the CITY and COUNTY have ratified this Interlocal Agreement by resolutions recorded in their respective Minutes; and

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

That the resolution authorizing an amended interlocal agreement between the City of Greensboro and the County of Guilford for the collection of taxes is hereby approved.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

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

Moved by Councilmember Thurm, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to appoint Sarah Colonna to the Commission on the Status of Women, to replace Joyce Jasper-Morant. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Moved by Councilmember Outling, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, to appoint Jodee Ruppel to the Commission on the Status of Women, to replace Catherine Sevier. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Councilmember Hightower spoke to upcoming Juneteenth events; food distribution; and community interaction.

Councilmember Wells extended an invitation to an upcoming virtual Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro meeting; and for a District 2 town hall.

Mayor Vaughan spoke to a friendly rivalry between the Greensboro Grasshoppers and Winston-Salem Dash baseball teams; to a "Battle of I-40" challenge; and recognized Neighborhood Development Director Stan Wilson's accomplishments to local housing initiatives.

**Matters to be presented by the City Manager**

City Manager David Parrish spoke to scheduling a Council meeting for bond and budgetary discussions.

**Matters to be presented by the City Attorney**

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:56 P.M.

ANGELA LORD  
CITY CLERK

NANCY VAUGHAN  
MAYOR