



Legislation Text

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Resolution Authorizing the Disbandment of the Current Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA)

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PURPOSE:

In order to make necessary ordinance changes to role and membership parameters of the proposed GTA Commission. The current GTA board must first be disbanded.

BACKGROUND:

When the City of Greensboro began discussions with Duke Power about taking over transit operations in 1990, the transit staff at Duke Energy was unionized with collective bargaining powers. Since public workers in N.C. can't have collective bargaining power and since the transit work force decided to remain unionized, a Transit Authority was formed in order to give separation between the City of Greensboro and the unionized transit work force. Around this same time other cities in North Carolina that took over transit operations from Duke Power formed similar transit "authorities" to manage the unionized work forces. The Greensboro Transit Authority was formed when the City of Greensboro took over transit operations from Duke Power in 1990.

However, it was determined shortly thereafter that the City can hire a third party, a contractor, to manage the unionized work force in order to create separation between the City and the unionized work force and it was determined that the unionized work force did not require oversight by a separate transit authority. The City hired a third party contractor to manage the unionized work force once final negotiations with Duke Energy were completed and the City has continued to hire a third party contractor to manage this unionized work force.

The original language that created the Greensboro Transit Authority has remained in the City's Ordinances (see attached current ordinance language) and has caused some confusion from time to time about our transit budget process, transit procurement process, and staff direction.

In order to clear up the roles and duties of the Greensboro Transit Board staff has proposed "Greensboro Transit Advisory Commission" to take the place of the "Greensboro Transit Authority".

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Council is being requested to adopt this resolution authorizing the disbandment of the current Greensboro Transit Authority, so the new GTA Commission may be formed.