



Legislation Text

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Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact Chapter 28, Article III, Division 3, Section 28-165 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances with Respect to the Greensboro Transit Authority

Department: Transportation
Council District: All

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PURPOSE:

In order to more clearly define the role and membership of the new Greensboro Transit Advisory Commission, it is necessary to repeal and reenact current enabling ordinance. The current ordinance does not clearly define advisory roles and membership to terms desired.

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 more clearly align the role/duties of the Transit Board, staff recommends that the current GTA Board as it is currently defined be redefined and recreated so that Transit Board is called "The Greensboro Transit Advisory Commission" with the duties as described in the attached ordinance revision. The newer transit systems in North Carolina have created similar "Transit Advisory Boards" with similar language. The proposed

roles and responsibilities of the “Greensboro Transit Advisory Commission” would be similar to other City of Greensboro Advisory Commissions (Parks and Recreation, Solid Waste).

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is being requested to repeal and reenact Chapter 28, Article III, Division 3, Section 28-165 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinance with respect to the Greensboro Transit Authority.