



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Work Session

June 14, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
Katie Dorsett Council Chamber
300 West Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401

Present: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Sharon Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Hugh Holston, Councilmember Justin Outling, Councilmember Tammi Thurm, and Councilmember Goldie Wells

Also Present: City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Assistant City Clerk Victoria Howell

A. Call To Order

This City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Vaughan took a roll call to confirm Councilmembers in attendance.

B. Presentations

B.1 2022-631 FY 22-23 Budget Review

City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba recognized Budget and Evaluation Director, Jon Decker.

Mr. Decker made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); spoke to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Budget Development; to Economic Development (ED); and appropriations to non-profit entities.

Discussion took place regarding the East side of Greensboro; affordable housing projects; allocation of funds; the ambassador program; and Boards and Commission service.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson entered the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Mr. Decker continued the PPP; spoke to American Rescue Plan (ARP) requests; and to East GSO Now.

Neighborhood Development Director Michelle Kennedy made a PPP; spoke to the Nussbaum Budget update and recommendations; to affordable housing; defined allowable uses of Nussbaum funds; spoke to phased reduction on non-housing related positions; to homeless prevention; to an upcoming work session; to the alignment to Housing GSO implementation; to low income housing support; and to review of the current Durham program.

Discussion ensued regarding staff vacancies; housing projects; restructuring the Planning and Neighborhood Development departments; general and programing funds; Housing Urban Development (HUD); homeless services; Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); code enforcement software; and Save Your Block Program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to include local colleges and university students for recruitment in community infrastructure.

Ms. Kennedy continued the PPP; spoke to low income housing support; to the current Durham Program; to income eligibility; to property valuation increase parameters; to city investments; and to minimal tax requirements.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to provide information on low income housing support.

Discussion continued regarding owner-occupied homes; rent prices; property tax; staffing concerns; and the appeal process.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter requested staff to provide budget comparison data for Parks and Recreation (P&R) and Libraries.

Assistant City Manager Larry Davis made a PPP; spoke to FY 2022-23 budget development; to storm water fees; to proposed tax rates; to peer city comparisons; to three cent reductions; to household cost; and to government services.

Discussion continued regarding food and sales tax; P&R and Libraries; and community discussions.

Mr. Davis continued the PPP; spoke to a tax rate deduction spread sheet; to alternative funding; to the general fund; to vacant police positions; and to ED support revenue enhancements.

Discussion ensued regarding tax rate projections; transit; debt service and bonds; ARP funds; public safety; city employees; Step and Merit programs; and the fund balance.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter left the meeting at 4:02 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Councilmember Thurm requested staff to provide annual inflation comparisons.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer E, No. 20, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

C. Adjournment

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

The City Council Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Nancy Vaughan, Mayor

Victoria L. Howell, Assistant City Clerk