

## **City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

## **City Council**

## January 2, 2024, 5:30 pm 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 Zack Matheny, Councilmember Tammi

Thurm, and Councilmember Goldie Wells

Also Present: City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Deputy City Manager Chris Wilson,

City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Deputy City Clerk Victoria Howell

## A. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

These City Council minutes are a general account of the January 2, 2024 meeting. For full details of discussions, the meeting video can be located on the City of Greensboro website at https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/government/city-council/council-meetings.

This City Council meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 5:36 p.m. on the above date in the Katie Dorsett Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed all Councilmembers in attendance; and stated Councilmember Thurm would participate via Zoom.

## B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The meeting opened with a moment of silence; Mayor Vaughan spoke to the remembrance of Sergeant Dale Nix; and provided an overview of Sgt. Nix's 23 years of service with the Greensboro Police Department (GPD).

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vaughan recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## D. COUNCIL PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

Mayor Vaughan explained the Council procedure for conduct of the meeting.

#### E. CEREMONIAL AND/OR PRESENTATION ITEMS

E.1 2024 – 44 Resolution to Honor the Late Norma Jean Wall James

Councilmember Wells and Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson read the resolution into the record; and presented the resolution to Former Greensboro Police Chief Brian James.

Former Chief James voiced appreciation for the recognition; and spoke to Sgt Nix's death.

**Moved By** Councilmember Wells **Seconded By** Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson

Ayes (9): Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Holston, Councilmember Matheny, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

## Carried (9 to 0)

#### 001-24 RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LATE NORMA JEAN WALL JAMES

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2023, the community lost an outstanding community member with the passing of the late Norma Jean Wall James;

WHEREAS, Ms. James, known as Norma Jean, was born in Greensboro on November 18, 1940; graduated from Dudley Senior High School in 1958; and in recent years was given the title of Class President;

WHEREAS, for over 40 years Norma Jean was a member of New Light Missionary Baptist Church and served in various capacities with the Usher Board;

WHEREAS, Norma Jean was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star a Masonic appendant body; and a Daughter of Isis, the female auxiliary group to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine;

WHEREAS, Norma Jean retired from the United States Postal Service after thirty-five years of service as a front counter clerk, and will be remembered for coining the phrase "You remember me? I remember you from the Post Office";

WHEREAS, after her retirement, Norma Jean went on to serve as a Bus Operator for Specialized Community Area Transit (S.C.A.T), and a Bus monitor for Guilford County Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Norma Jean Wall James will be missed by all of those she has engaged; and

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

- 1. That the City Council wishes to express its sense of gratitude and offer its condolences, to the family and friends of Norma Jean Wall James. The legacy she leaves will be remembered by the residents of Greensboro.
- 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the family of the late Norma Jean Wall James as a symbol of the gratitude of the City of Greensboro for her contributions in the community.

(Signed) Goldie Wells

E.2 2024- 18 Resolution to Adopt the 2024 City of Greensboro Departmental Events, Recognitions, and Programs

Councilmember Abuzuaiter read the resolution into the record.

Moved By Councilmember Abuzuaiter Seconded By Councilmember Holston

Ayes (9): Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Holston, Councilmember Matheny, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

## Carried (9 to 0)

002-24 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 CITY OF GREENSBORO ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, recognition of departmental events and dedicated work is an important component of the City of Greensboro's philosophy;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this calendar is to provide awareness of internal programs and special events;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greensboro honors the dedication and commitment of the City of Greensboro staff, and therefore recognizes and brings awareness to the following 2024 departmental events and programs:

#### March

#### Fix a Leak Week

Fix a Leak Weak is an annual campaign sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to promote the importance of household leak detection and repair. Fix a Leak Week aims to raise awareness about the significant amount of water that can be wasted due to leaks and how that can impact utility bills. According to the EPA, American households lose more than one trillion gallons of water annually due to leaks, equivalent to the annual water usage of more than 11 million homes. During Fix a Leak Week, the City provides valuable tips and resources to help water customers locate and repair leaks, such as using leak detection tablets in toilet tanks and inspecting around. We can save water and money by actively addressing leaks and contributing to a healthier environment.

## April

## Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

An annual competition that encourages cities and towns across the United States to take action to promote sustainability and protect the environment. The challenge was started by the Wyland Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmental conservation and education, in partnership with the National League of Cities. During the month of April, cities and towns are invited to participate in the challenge by taking actions such as reducing water usage, increasing recycling rates, promoting energy-efficient practices, and protecting natural resources. Cities that demonstrate the most significant commitment to sustainability and environmental protection are recognized as winners of the challenge. By participating in the challenge, cities and towns can showcase how they inspire others to take action.

## Second Chance Month

Second Chance Month was established for the month of April to increase awareness about the collateral impact of providing closure to individuals with a criminal record, and to recognize opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances to remove legal and societal barriers to industry, education, employment, and financial assistance.

#### National Library Week

National Library Week (April 7 - 13, 2024) is sponsored by the American Library Association. National Library Week began in 1958 as a way to inspire people to read and show appreciation for libraries. The Greensboro Public Library (GPL) serves as a Conduit to Destiny for people of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances. In partnership with the community, the GPL strives to provide free and equal access to information, foster lifelong learning, and inspire the joys of reading.

## Earth Day

April 22 is celebrated as Earth Day, an annual event where people take time out to demonstrate their support for protecting the planet and its environment.

## National Community Development Month

National Community Development Month is a time to highlight the importance of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs to building strong, resilient, and vibrant communities across America. CDBG and HOME provide grants to states and local governments to strengthen communities by delivering equitable access to decent housing and living environments and expanding economic opportunities. These programs are unique in that they focus primarily on people with low and moderate incomes. CDBG and HOME also play a critical role in empowering residents by giving them a voice in the future of their neighborhoods.

#### May

#### Law Enforcement Week

Law Enforcement Week was established the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Peace Officers' Memorial Week and National Law Enforcement Week to recognize the service and sacrifice of officers killed in the line of duty, and to bring attention to the men and women who currently serve and protect our community.

#### **Drinking Water Week**

Drinking Water Week (May 5-11, 2024) is an annual campaign sponsored by the American Water Works Association that focuses on bringing awareness to the importance of safe and clean drinking water and the staff who ensure this happens. During this week, water utilities, government agencies, and organizations across the United States promote the benefits of drinking tap water and explain the importance of protecting our drinking water sources. The campaign also serves as an opportunity to recognize and honor water

professionals who work tirelessly to keep our water supply safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.

#### Bike Month

Celebrated nationwide since 1956 in the month of May, National Bike Month showcases the many benefits of cycling and encourages participation in several related events, including Ride a Bike Day, Bike to Work Day and Week, and the Ride in Silence. Cycling promotes safe streets, connected communities, a healthier planet and happier people.

#### June

#### Juneteenth

Juneteenth was established to recognize Emancipation Day observances, combining the words June and Nineteenth, to commemorate the two and one half year delayed announcement of the abolishment of slavery in the southern states, and to give residents an opportunity to reflect, rejoice and celebrate African American heritage, history, freedom and culture.

## Homeownership Month

Homeownership Month was established by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department to increase public awareness of safe, decent and affordable homeownership options while recognizing industry partners that strengthen communities by outfitting families with tools and information needed to overcome institutional barriers.

#### Guilford Creek Week

Guilford Creek Week (June 1-8, 2024) is an annual week-long campaign between Guilford County, the cities of Greensboro and High Point, and Stormwater SMART, to celebrate the importance, impact and influence of creeks and waterways in Guilford County and its municipalities. This campaign raises awareness about the vital role of local waters and how the health of that water can have a direct impact on communities. There are multiple hands-on, recreational events to participate in throughout the week, most events are free and open to all ages.

#### July

#### Parks and Recreation Month

Parks and Recreation Month was established to recognize the department's integral role in maintaining public health, quality of life, economic and

environmental wellbeing in Greensboro with its parks, facilities, services, and programs.

## September

## **Hunger Action Month**

Hunger Action Month was established to raise awareness of public health issues associated with hunger, poverty, and food insecurity in conjunction with Feeding America and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina to recognize the critical nutritional needs and impacts to our community.

## Library Card Sign-Up Month

Library Card Sign-up month is celebrated as a way to promote library cards as the most important card in a wallet. The goal for an increased awareness of the valuable services and resources that are accessible using a free library card. The Greensboro Public Library (GPL) serves as a Conduit to Destiny for people of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances. In partnership with the community, the GPL strives to provide free and equal access to information, foster lifelong learning, and inspire the joys of reading.

#### October

#### International Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day

The first week in October is recognized as the International Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day and has been celebrated in the United States since 1996. Walk to School Day encourages active trips to school, allowing children to incorporate physical activity into their trip to school while promoting healthy habits, a cleaner environment, safer streets around schools and pedestrian safety.

#### Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week was established the second week of October by the Greensboro Fire Department to ensure the safety and security of community residents by recognizing the need to check smoke alarms and carbon dioxide indicators, prepare a fire escape plan, and share public education measures.

## Code Compliance Officers' Appreciation Week

Code Compliance Officers' Appreciation Week was established the second week of October by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department to recognize the dedicated professionals responsible for ensuring the safety, health and welfare of community residents through enforcement of building codes,

inspection reports, abatement orders, occupancy permits, and other codes and ordinances.

## **Lead Poisoning Prevention Week**

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week was established the last week of October to heighten awareness of toxic lead exposure from paint, soil and household dust from residences built in the 1970s, and to recognize partner agencies that identify and remediate dangers through the city's Lead Safe Greensboro initiative.

## "Imagine a Day Without Water"

Imagine a Day without water is an awareness campaign that aims to educate residents about the value and importance of water in our lives that encourages residents and communities to imagine a day without access to clean water for drinking, cooking, bathing, and other essential activities we often take for granted. The campaign highlights water's critical role in our daily lives, from supporting healthy hygiene practices to ensuring adequate food production and sustaining ecosystems. Without water, our lives would be significantly impacted and we would face immense challenges in meeting our basic needs. 'Imagining' emphasizes the need to conserve and protect our water resources to ensure they remain available for future generations. By taking simple steps such as fixing leaks, reducing water usage, and supporting policies that protect water resources, we can all contribute to ensuring we have access to clean and safe water now and in the future.

#### **Energy Efficiency Day**

Energy Efficiency Day (first Wednesday of October) shines light on the many advantages of adopting efficient measures and behaviors that enable you to save money, reduce pollution, and create jobs. By participating in Energy Efficiency Day, we highlight how individuals can take small steps that add up to lasting comfort, better health, and lower energy costs.

#### **November**

#### No Straw November

No Straw November is a global movement encouraging people to refuse single-use plastics, specifically straws, for November and beyond. This movement aims to raise awareness about the impact of single-use plastics on the environment, particularly with aquatic life. These plastics are not biodegradable, which means they do not break down naturally and can cause harm to wildlife. By refusing plastic straws, you can start your journey to reduce the amount of plastic waste in

landfills or littered on land and in our waterways. No Straw November is an excellent opportunity to change your daily habits and contribute to a more significant movement towards a more sustainable future.

#### World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

Celebrated globally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of November since 1993, World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims acknowledges the loss of those killed or injured on roadways. It draws attention to the cumulative toll of traffic crashes on victims, families and communities. This event also allows the City to acknowledge the dedicated first responders and medical professionals that deal with the traumatic aftermath of road crashes every day.

#### **December**

## National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day

National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day is recognized on the first day of winter, December 21, 2024 and has been established as the National Homeless Persons Memorial Day and remembers those in the homeless community who have died the previous year. The day reminds us to honor them and remember the life they lived; and

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

That the City Council of the City of Greensboro recognizes and observes the 2024 City of Greensboro Departmental Annual Events, Recognitions and Programs.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

## E.4 2024-14 City Manager Report

Mayor Vaughan taking the prerogative of the chair, took item E.4./2024-14 before E.3./2024-43.

City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); spoke to 9 key focus areas; to the disparity study; to short term rentals; to the budget adoption; and to expectations.

Discussion took place regarding the equity study.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 1, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

#### E.3 2024 – 43 Resolution of Peace and Support

Councilmember Abuzuaiter and Councilmember Thurm read the resolution into the record; and Councilmember Thurm provided comment regarding the resolution.

Moved By Councilmember Abuzuaiter Seconded By Councilmember Thurm

Ayes (9): Mayor Vaughan, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Holston, Councilmember Matheny, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

## Carried (9 to 0)

#### 003-24 RESOLUTION FOR PEACE AND SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the events of October 7 and resulting conflict between Israel and Hamas has led to a humanitarian crisis affecting countless families with tremendous loss of Palestinian and Israeli life;

WHEREAS, we agree that all human life is precious, no matter what their faith or ethnicity; that the City of Greensboro has a diverse population including many with family, social and business ties to Israeli and Palestinian citizens here and abroad:

WHEREAS, many in our community have been deeply impacted by this conflict;

WHEREAS, this Council acknowledges the deep personal impact that this conflict has had on numerous members of our community and extends its sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and extended family members in this conflict;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council recognizes the importance of peace, safety and the protection of all human life for individuals in our city, our state, our nation and our world;

WHEREAS, this Council urges our national leaders to do everything in their power to end this conflict and to begin the process for a peaceful, sustainable solution;

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge that harassment, discrimination and violence toward Muslims, Jews and other minorities are contradictory to the values which define the residents of Greensboro; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greensboro that Greensboro supports and cares for its residents who have been directly impacted by this conflict; and we condemn any form of harassment, hate speech, Jewish- hate or Islamophobia that may be directed toward anyone who resides in our community.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

## F. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lisa McMillan and CC Crawford spoke to Tea Time Teens; and various teens spoke to the program.

The following speakers spoke a ceasefire; and to the Peace and Support resolution: Yousef Abuzuaiter, Dafne Sanchez, Juliana Ganim, Yara Yousef, Liea Ganim, Duna Kassis, Aya Abedelaziz, Nabeel Adelmajid, Amanie Asad, Shedah Asad, Patrick Willard, Imade Borha, Flecher Brooks, Isa Abusuaiter, Briana, Mark Bochkis, Nada Baker, Rabbi Andy Koren, John Cohen.

Ben holder provided a video; and spoke to massage business'.

Billy Belcher spoke to criminal activity; and to public records.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Holston and seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson from the rest of the meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

The following speakers spoke to the recent murder of Sgt Nix; and criminal activities: Del Stone and Christine Hoepfner.

Cameron Holder spoke to January Human Trafficking's Month; and to January 11,2024 Human Trafficking's Day.

The following speakers voiced concerns regarding loose leaf services: Al Lineberry; Brian Cooke; Brian Bode; Susan Tysinger; Michael Murray; Howell Riggins; Renee Loper; and Larry Boyd.

Thurston Reeder spoke to the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) budget.

Mayor Vaughan declared a recess at 7:53 P.M.

Council reconvened at 8:10 P.M. with all members in attendance except Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson.

Stephanie Goldsborough spoke to a Judge candidacy announcement.

Chandrica Malone spoke to housing assistance; to studio 6; to bed bugs; to the Interactive Resource Center (IRC); voiced concern regarding mental illness and drug issues; and funding.

Discussion took place regarding hotel and Continuum of Care (COC) assistance; the Greensboro Housing Coalition; and caseworkers.

The following speakers voiced concerns regarding homelessness; hotel standards; pallet houses; caseworkers; and the IRC funding: Malique Hough, Ronald Harris, and Bill Griffin.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to research concerns regarding homelessness; hotel stays; and the IRC.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to provide operational data of the IRC.

The following speakers voiced concerns regarding substandard housing; and affordable housing: Cheskesha Cunningham-Dockery and Jackie Gibson.

## H. PUBLIC HEARING

H.1 2024-20 Resolution to Close Whittmore Street (Cranford A. Jones of O'Ferrell
LLC, Yong Bryant of Young Real Estate Investments, LLC and Deena Hayes of
the Guilford County Board of Education)

Taking the prerogative of the Chair Mayor Vaughan took item H.1/2024-20 before the consent agenda.

Mayor Vaughan stated this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider Item H.1. a Resolution to Close Whittmore Street (Cranford A. Jones of O'Ferrell LLC, Young Bryant of Young Real Estate Investments, LLC and Deena Hayes of the Guilford County Board of Education).

Being no speakers to this item, the public hearing closed by affirmation.

Moved By Councilmember Abuzuaiter Seconded By Councilmember Hightower

Ayes (8): Mayor Vaughan, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Holston, Councilmember Matheny, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

Absent (1): Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson

#### Carried (8 to 0)

#### 004-24 RESOLUTION CLOSING WHITTMORE STREET

WHEREAS, Cranford A. Jones of O'Ferrell LLC, Yong Bryant of Young Real Estate Investments, LLC and Deena Hayes of the Guilford County Board of Education initiated a request for Whittmore Street to be closed and abandoned as a public street;

WHEREAS, the owners of 100% of the property abutting both sides of Whittmore Street signed a petition requesting the public street closure;

WHEREAS, a notice was duly published that a public hearing would be held by the City Council in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Office Building on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., on the closing of said street;

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council that the closing of the street is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual or other party owning property in the vicinity of the street or in the subdivision in which the street is located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress or egress to their property;

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council that Whittmore Street should be closed, after full and complete consideration of the matter and after having granted full opportunity for all interested parties to appear and register any objections they might have with respect to the closing of said street during the public hearing held on January 2, 2024; and

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

- 1. That the street closure shall become effective upon the recording of a plat in the Guilford County Register of Deeds that combines all of the lots with frontage to Whittmore Street with abutting property so that the resultant lot or lots have frontage and direct vehicular access to a public street.
- 2. That the City shall retain 20-foot utility easements over existing utility lines until such time as the lines are no longer needed for public use.
- 3. If any of the sidewalk along O'Ferrell Street falls within the right-of-way that proposed to be closed, a public pedestrian access easement shall be dedicated to the City of Greensboro.
- 4. That the following portion of street is hereby permanently closed and abandoned as a public street:

WHITTMORE STREET - FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH O'FERRELL STREET IN A WESTWARD DIRECTION APPROXIMATELY 891.62 FEET TO ITS TERMINUS.

(Signed) Marikay Abuzuaiter

## G. 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 Hightower Seconded By Councilmember Abuzuaiter

Ayes (8): Mayor Vaughan, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Holston, Councilmember Matheny, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

Absent (1): Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson

#### Carried (8 to 0)

G.1 2024 -09 Ordinance to Amend the FY 23-24 Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund Budget by \$650,000

24-001 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY23-24 SOLID WASTE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act provides for capital reserve funds pursuant to G.S. 159-18, and provides for funding of the capital reserve fund pursuant to G.S. 159-20;

WHEREAS, the revenues and expenditures shown below are being established to accumulate in the capital reserve fund; and

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

Section 1. That the following project budget for the FY23-24 Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund be established and appropriations for the life of the projects will be as follows:

#### Section 1

That the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund of the City of Greensboro is hereby amended as follows:

That the appropriation to the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Fund be increased as follows:

<u>Account</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Amount</u>

554-43-4356001.5627 Landfill Ph 3 Closure \$650,000

TOTAL: \$650,000

And, that this increase be financed by increasing the following Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund accounts:

<u>Account</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Amount</u>

554-43-4356001.9552 Transfer from Solid Waste

Captl Reserve Fund \$650,000

TOTAL: \$650,000

Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective January 2, 2024.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

G.2 2024 – 01 Budget Adjustments Requiring Council Approval 12/12/23 through 12/21/23

Motion to adopt the budget adjustments requiring Council approval 12/12/23 - 12/21/23 over the amount of \$50,000 was approved.

(A copy of the Report is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 1, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

G.3 2024 – 02 Budget Adjustments Approved by Budget Officer 12/12/23 through 12/21/23

Motion to adopt the budget adjustments accepted by the Budget Officer 12/12/23 - 12/21/23 was approved.

(A copy of the Report is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 1, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

G.4 2024-08 Motion to Approve Draft Minutes for the December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2023 was approved.

## I. GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

I.1 2024 - 36 Resolution to Approve Contract In the Amount of \$369,000 with Schaefer Plastics North America LLC Discussion took place regarding funding; bonds; the upcoming Fiscal Year budget; and the loose leaf program.

Moved by Councilmember Matheny to deny Items I.1. and I.2. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Discussion continued regarding leaf collection; employee injuries; equipment; annual savings; and storm drains.

Is a Abuzuatier spoke in favor of the item; spoke to the elderly; to fines; and to mulching.

Councilmember Matheny requested staff to provide loose leaf emails by districts.

**Moved By** Councilmember Hightower **Seconded By** Councilmember Wells

Ayes (6): Mayor Vaughan, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

Noes (2): Councilmember Holston, and Councilmember Matheny

Absent (1): Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson

#### Carried (6 to 2)

005-24 RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$369,000 WITH SCHAEFER PLASTICS NORTH AMERICA LLC FOR THE ASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY OF YARD WASTE CARTS

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, the Procurement Services Division conducted an open solicitation through the Greensboro E-Procurement System for an Assembly and Delivery Service Contract.

WHEREAS, a contract is required for the assembly and delivery of yard waste carts in support of the City's yards waste and loose leaf collection service;

WHEREAS, this contract has the estimated value of \$369,000;

WHEREAS, this contract is anticipated to run through July 1, 2024;

WHEREAS, Schaefer Plastics North America LLC was selected as the best qualified firm and the M/WBE office was involved in the selection 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 Schaefer Plastics North America LLC for the assembly and deliver of yard waste carts.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

I.2 2024 - 28 Ordinance to Amend Capital Leasing Fund Appropriations in the Amount of \$4,169,000 from Proposed Financing Activities

Moved By Councilmember Hightower Seconded By Councilmember Abuzuaiter

Ayes (6): Mayor Vaughan, Councilmember Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Hightower, Councilmember Hoffmann, Councilmember Thurm, and Councilmember Wells

Noes (2): Councilmember Holston, and Councilmember Matheny

Absent (1): Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson

## Carried (6 to 2)

24-002 ORDINANCE TO AMEND CAPITAL LEASING FUND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,169,000 FROM PROPOSED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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

## Section 1

That the Capital Leasing Fund (686) of the City of Greensboro is amended as follows:

That the appropriations to the Capital Leasing Fund (686) be increased as follows:

| Account             | <u>Description</u>      | <u>Amount</u>   |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 686-10-1099001.5235 | Small Tools & Equipment | \$4,116,000     |
| 686-10-1099001.5831 | Bond Issue Costs        | <u>\$53,000</u> |
| TOTAL               |                         | \$4 169 000     |

And, that this increase be financed by increasing the following Capital Leasing Fund (686) account:

| Account             | <u>Description</u>      | Amount      |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 686-10-1099001.9012 | Limited Obligation Bond | \$4,169,000 |

TOTAL Proceeds \$4,169,000

Section 2

And, that this ordinance should become effective upon adoption.

(Signed) Sharon Hightower

# J. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Hightower spoke to upcoming events and requested staff to research youth couriers.

Council provided condolences to the Nix's family and GPD.

## K. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jaiyeoba echo Council comments and spoke to the loss of 7 employees in 2023.

## L. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

There were no items for discussion by the City Attorney.

## M. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Moved by Councilmember Holston, seconded by Councilmember Wells, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by affirmation.

| The City Council Adjourned at 10:27 | p.m.                                  |
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| Nancy Vaughan, Mayor                | Victoria L. Howell, Deputy City Clerk |