



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Work Session

January 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Plaza Level Conference Room
300 West Washington Street
Greensboro, NC

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: Deputy City Manager Chris Wilson, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Deputy City Clerk Victoria Howell

A. Call To Order

These City Council Work Session minutes are a general account of the January 25, 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 work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on the above date.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed Councilmembers in attendance; and stated Councilmember Wells would be participate via Zoom.

B. Presentations

B.1 2024-13 Downtown Parking Plan

Assistant City Manager Nasha McCray introduced the item and recognized staff for a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP).

Transportation Director, Hanna Cockburn made a PPP; spoke to downtown parking; highlighted goals; core values; council priorities; spoke to a car optional city; to parking demand; highlighted outdated policies; investments; inequitable public parking; safety concerns; and spoke to utilization of parking plan.

Transportation Manager, Stephen Carter continued the PPP; spoke to recommendations; to operations; and to funding.

Ms. Cockburn continued the PPP; outlined the need for signage; increased equity; compliance; spoke to long term parking; and to plan adoption.

Discussion took place regarding a parking study; meters, vouchers, and plaque parking; parking enforcement and fees; pay stations; Economic Development; and downtown business'.

Councilmember Matheny requested staff to provide an update on the Westin Hotel; the February 1 parking deck; and to research Green Bean area parking investments.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 3, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

B.2 2024-64 Policy Initiatives: Housing

Deputy City Manager Chris Wilson provided an overview of the item.

Senior Manager Housing and Neighborhood Development, Cyndi Blue made a PPP; spoke to four primary housing GSO goals; to affordable housing; to neighborhood reinvestments; highlighted implementation timeframe; recommended funding; spoke to the Regency Inn development site; and to affordable rental housing implementation.

Discussion took place regarding the home buyer assistance program and expansion; community outreach; the eviction diversion program; emergency shelter needs; permanent supportive housing; funding options; property taxes; a one-year guarantee income program; rehab properties; and Pallet Homes.

Councilmember Thurm requested staff to provide an update on the abandoned buildings ordinance.

Discussion continued regarding a partnership with Guilford County; Step-up America; upcoming Strategic meetings; and homelessness.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to provide a breakdown of the housing loan preservation funds; and to inform the community of the down payment assistance programs.

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C. Adjournment

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

The City Council Adjourned at 4:09P.M.

Nancy Vaughan, Mayor

Victoria L. Howell, Deputy City Clerk