



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Work Session

March 14, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Plaza Level Conference Room
300 West Washington Street
Greensboro, NC

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

Absent: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmember Zack Matheny

Also Present: Interim City Manager Chris Wilson, and Deputy City Clerk Victoria Howell

A. Call To Order

These City Council Work Session minutes are a general account of the March 14, 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 Pro-Tem Johnson confirmed Councilmembers in attendance; and stated Mayor Vaughan, and Councilmember Matheny would be absent.

B. Presentations

B.2 2024-193 Creative Economy/Ecosystem

Interim City Manager Wilson requested Council to allow a change in the agenda order and to take this item first.

Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager Jocquelyn Boone made a PPP; highlighted Creative Greensboro goals; Cultural Master plan; spoke to 2023 successes; to funding and opportunities; to the Greensboro Cultural Arts center usage; to nonprofit partners; highlighted First Friday events; and guest curators.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to reach out to Bennett College for curator opportunities.

Ms. Boone continued the PPP; spoke to the Neighborhood Arts Program; to downtown arts and creative allies; to community partnerships; highlighted city investments; the arts and Economic Prosperity report 6; spoke to the creative impact of industries; to the Tanger Center; to film incentives and grant programs; to local jobs; and to the future of Art in Greensboro.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 10, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

B.1 2024-192 Bingham Park Overview

Interim City Manager Wilson provided an overview of the item.

Discussion took place regarding ongoing projects at Bingham Park; and a community focus.

Parks and Recreation Director, Phil Fleischmann made a PowerPoint presentation (PPP); spoke to the site acreage; to the history of the park; to community engagement; to remediation planning; to contamination; outlined the cost estimate; community impacts; and the need for funding.

Parks and Recreation Senior Manager Kobe Riley continued the PPP; spoke to land testing results; to the risk calculations; and to pop up events.

Discussion ensued regarding contaminations; the White Street Landfill; project duration; transparency; state funding; and partnerships.

Mr. Fleischmann continued the PPP; outlined a cost estimate review; traffic control; potential cost variances; spoke to the identified funds; highlighted landfill comparisons; sustainability considerations; and the White Street Landfill options.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson requested staff to have a joint meeting with Concerned Citizens and the Citizens for Economic and Environmental Justice (CEEJ).

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C. Adjournment

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

The City Council Adjourned at 3:26 P.M.

Yvonne J. Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem

Victoria L. Howell, Deputy City Clerk