



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

## **City Council Work Session**

**April 18, 2024, 2:30 p.m.**  
**Plaza Level Conference Room**  
**300 West Washington Street**  
**Greensboro, NC**

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

Absent: Councilmember Zack Matheny

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

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### **A. Call To Order**

These City Council minutes are a general account of the April 18, 2024 work session 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 2:30 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed Councilmembers in attendance.

### **B. Presentations**

#### **B.1 2024-281 Public Safety Update**

Assistant City Manager Trey Davis introduced the item; and recognized Greensboro City Attorney Opata J Kwame.

Greensboro Police Chief John Thompson made a Powerpoint Presentation (PPP); spoke to challenges and opportunities; provided a citywide crime update; spoke to violent and property crime; to recruitment and retention; to technology; to recent crime trends; to compensation; outlined applicants demographics; highlighted goals to increase minorities and female participation; and referenced department vaccines.

Discussion took place regarding vacancy shortages; class numbers; patrol routes; and community outreach.

Mayor Vaughan entered the meeting at 2:51 p.m. via zoom.

Chief Thompson continued the PPP; highlighted traffic complaints; the Zen City Survey tool; the Real Time Crime Intelligence Center; spoke to grant funding; to license plate readers; and to Flock cameras.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.; and returned to the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Latisha McNeil continued the PPP; spoke to GSO H.O.M.E. (Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement Program); to the Behavioral Health Resource Team (BHRT); and to connecting the homeless with services and resources.

Discussion continued regarding BHRT hours; case management; partners; peer support; and resources for the downtown park.

Attorney Kwame continued the PPP; spoke to the Noise Ordinance; to sound measurement and decimals; and to criminal penalties.

Assistant City Manager Davis continued the PPP; highlighted the Red Light Camera Program; funding options; spoke to the budget; to injury reductions; to Guilford County School support; and to a safety focus.

Councilmember Hoffmann left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.; and returned at 3:35 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding red light cameras; the budget; the sound ordinance; and vehicle noise.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to provide a frequently asked question (FAQ) on Noise Ordinances; requested staff to research additional utility pole cameras on City and County buildings; and to include the GPD vacancy report on the weekly Council Report.

Councilmember Hoffmann left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.; and returned to the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter requested staff to extend hours at the Real Time Information Center.

Councilmember Holston requested staff to provide data regarding Traffic Investigator response times.

Councilmember Hoffmann left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.; and returned at 3:57 p.m.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to research a restricted use policy for Guilford County Schools regarding the Red Light Program; and to add data to the High School Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) programs.

Councilmember Hoffmann left the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding civil charges; criminal penalties; and noise reader cost.

Councilmember Abuzuaiter requested staff to research peer cities noise measurement tools.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 15, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

**C. Adjournment**

Moved by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, seconded by Councilmember Holston, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on the following by affirmation.

The City Council Adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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Nancy Vaughan, Mayor

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Victoria L. Howell, Deputy City Clerk