



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Work Session

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

Present: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, Councilmember Marikay Abuzuaiter, Councilmember Sharon Hightower, Councilmember Nancy Hoffmann, Councilmember Hugh Holston, Councilmember Zack Matheny, Councilmember Tammi Thurm, and Councilmember Goldie Wells

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson

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

A. Call To Order

These City Council minutes are a general account of the April 25, 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 2:00 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building.

Mayor Vaughan confirmed Councilmembers in attendance; and stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson was absent.

B. Presentations

B.1 2024-310 M/WBE Disparity Study Review

Assistant City Manager Larry Davis introduced the item; and spoke to the Disparity Study.

Griffin and Strong Senior Director, Michele Clark spoke to a previous disparity study; made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); spoke to the study of methodology and parameters; to a relevant market; to North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) divisions; referenced qualified vendors; provided prime utilization summary; statistically significant underutilization summary; statistical findings; spoke to total utilization (Prime + sub); to changes since the last study; highlighted overall findings; and submitted recommendations.

Discussion took place regarding contracts; requirements; bids; project sizes; and rotation analysis.

Ms. Clark continued the PPP; spoke to goal setting; to professional services; to combined goals; highlighted forecasting of outreach and communication; spoke to contract compliance; to streamline the bidding process; outlined the review of autonomy of the M/WBE office; spoke to monitoring the data and outreach; to data reform; and highlighted the next steps.

Discussion continued regarding the disparity study; good faith efforts; sidewalk projects; an Economic Development study; and an updated timeline.

Councilmember Matheny left the meeting at 3:11 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Councilmember Hightower left the meeting at 3:16 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

(A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is filed in Exhibit Drawer G, No. 16, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

B.2 2024-309 Budget Review

Water Resources Director, Mike Borchers made a PPP; outlined water, sewer and stormwater Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25 budget; highlighted increased projections; and spoke to peer city rate comparisons.

Discussion took place regarding community outreach.

Mr. Borchers continued the PPP; spoke to the recommended budget; to capital needs; to federal and state grants; to an emerging contaminant update; and to implementation.

Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, Bart Kreps continued the PPP; spoke to utility financial planning; to Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) financing; to operating expenses; highlighted existing debt and proposed debt service; outlined proposed and existing revenue; and spoke to financial metrics.

Finance Director, Marlene Drugga continued the PPP; spoke to credit agency factors; to system characteristics; to management and legal provisions; to water supply; highlighted the local economy and future outlook; and spoke to comparative financial data.

Mr. Borchers continued the PPP; spoke to system development fees; to stormwater enterprise and rates; to capital needs; to flood damage prevention; highlighted major stormwater projects; and spoke to stormwater federal and state grants received.

Mr. Kreps continued the PPP; spoke to a financial plan; to CIP financing; and to master plan studies.

Mayor Vaughan requested staff to provide water bill data based on the number of people in a household.

Councilmember Thurm requested staff to provide a water usage update.

Discussion ensued regarding community engagement and education.

Councilmember Hightower requested staff to provide a list of forecasted projects.

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C. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Matheny, seconded by Councilmember Abuzuaiter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by affirmation.

The City Council Adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Nancy Vaughan, Mayor

Victoria L. Howell, Deputy City Clerk