



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Work Session

March 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Plaza Level Conference Room
300 West Washington Street
Greensboro, NC

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

Also Present: City Manager Trey Davis, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and City Clerk Angela Lord

A. Call To Order

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 Abuzuaiter confirmed Councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Abuzuaiter recognized City Manager Trey Davis.

City Manager Davis welcomed everyone and called on Assistant City Manager Andrea Harrell.

Assistant City Manager Harrell provided an overview for the work session; and recognized Guilford Metro 911 Director, Melanie Jones for update.

Ms. Jones provided a handout; highlighted an event in Washington D.C. called 911 Goes to Washington; spoke to funding; to software; and to a federal reclassification.

Mayor Pro-Tem Abuzuaiter requested a brief update on Ms. Jones' London trip.

Ms. Jones she had represented the Association President in London; and would attend the European conference in April.

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

B. Presentations

B.1 2025-236 Shelter Expansion

Assistant City Manager Harrell provided an update on sheltering; outlined a proposed plan to extend the program; highlighted church participants; and spoke to additional partners.

Mayor Vaughan referenced a labor-intensive process for churches; and the requirements for volunteers.

Discussion took place regarding the Transgender Task Force training for shelters; church rotations; a family focus; and long-term solutions.

Councilmember Matheny requested a Summit Executive building update.

B.2 2025-237 Community Safety Update

Assistant City Manager Harrell recognized Community Safety Director, Latisha McNeil.

Ms. McNeil made a PowerPoint presentation (PPP); spoke to the Peace on Purpose project; highlighted letters of support; a vision statement; referenced a two year safety survey; highlighted violent crime data; spoke to the development of planning committees and work groups; to defining Safe in Greensboro; to a violence prevention public health approach; to community impacts; outlined the 3 Pillars of Peace; the key areas of focus; provided detailed explanations for the 3 Pillars of Peace; and explained the GSO Peace on Purpose program and pledge.

Discussion continued regarding pledge measurements; resident engagement; and upcoming community events.

Ms. McNeil continued the PPP; spoke to the departmental violence prevention initiative framework; to the need for community safety; highlighted the intervention and interruption initiative; and community-based organization in neighborhoods.

Community Safety Manager, Erin Williams spoke to the GSO Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) program; highlighted wrap around care services; permanent and white flag housing, treatment and employment assistance; spoke to a family success story; to community safety; and to the Behavioral Health Response Team (BHRT).

Discussion ensued regarding a United Way partnership; points of contact; White Flag coverage; the need for family shelters; and community outreach.

City Manager Davis made a PPP; provided an update on the Road to 10,000 housing plan; spoke to dispelling myths; highlighted and explained "the missing middle"; referenced a comment "housing is where jobs go to sleep at night"; spoke to an analysis of internal and external steps; to a proposed task force; and to communication strategies.

Councilmember Matheny voiced concerns regarding the definition of "the missing middle"; highlighted different housing types; affordable housing; spoke to being a part of the task force; asked staff to provide a map to identify city owned properties; spoke to land that is achievable and compatible; and to the need for sidewalks.

Discussion continued regarding visions and walkability of development; housing issues; affordability; lending capacities; homes to be rehabbed; and the Randleman Road plan.

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

C. Adjournment

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

The City Council Adjourned at 3:33 P.M.

Nancy Vaughan, Mayor

Angela Lord, City Clerk