



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Work Session

March 12, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Plaza Level Conference Room
300 West Washington Street
Greensboro, NC

Present: Mayor Marikay Abuzaiter, Mayor Pro Tem Denise Roth, Councilmember Hugh Holston, Councilmember Irving Allen, Councilmember Crystal Black, Councilmember Cecile Crawford, Councilmember April Parker, Councilmember Adam Marshall, Councilmember Tammi Thurm

Also Present: City Manager Trey Davis, City Attorney Lora Cubbage, City Clerk Tory Frink, Deputy City Clerk Destiny Stansberry, and Assistant City Clerk Carlos Castro

A. Call To Order

This City Council work session of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 3:05 P.M. in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building.

Mayor Abuzaiter confirmed the Councilmembers that were in attendance and noted that some councilmembers would arrive momentarily.

City Manager Davis gave opening remarks.

B. Presentations

B.2 2026-193 Quarterly Reports on Coliseum Bond Projects Update

Lora Cubbage, City Attorney, introduced quarterly reporting on the Coliseum bond projects and provided an overview of the proposed reporting framework. She stated that the reporting structure would provide consistent updates on the project's status, financial activity, and progress related to bond-funded initiatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Roth arrived at 3:07 p.m.

Discussion addressed the purpose of the reporting process and how it would support transparency and oversight.

Council reached a consensus to place the quarterly reports on Coliseum bond project item on March 17th City Council meeting agenda.

B.1 2026- 185 Legislative Agenda

City Attorney Cabbage outlined Legislative priorities for Fiscal Year 2026 which included innovation and research economy, infrastructure supporting growth, housing and workforce growth- Road to 10k and transportation and public safety. Workforce and talent retention were identified as a priority due to their impact on economic competitiveness and long-term growth. Public safety and housing were identified as key areas of focus, with emphasis on continued investment and the need for funding support through federal partnerships. Infrastructure needs were particularly related to water, sewer, and stormwater systems. Transportation and regional mobility remained a focus, with attention given to partnerships and connectivity.

Councilmember Allen arrived at 3:13 p.m.

Further discussion ensued around the structure of the legislative agenda and the inclusion of funding requests. It was noted that legislative priorities would emphasize partnership while demonstrating readiness to utilize funding. City Attorney Cabbage addressed identifying a primary funding request within each priority category to improve clarity, as well as operational needs related to resources.

City Attorney Cabbage confirmed that the resolution would provide authorization for the legislative agenda and reflect the identified priority areas.

Council reached a consensus to place the Legislative Agenda item on the March 17th City Council Meeting Agenda.

B.3 2026-183 Guilford County Mutual Aid

Andrea Harrell, Assistant City Manager introduced Natalie Craver, Assistant County Manager and Debbie Rabalais, Director of Homeless Services.

Ms. Craver outlined the objectives of the presentation, which included providing an overview of the Guilford County Homelessness Taskforce and Continuum of Care (CoC) framework. She explained that the CoC structure, designed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is to be collaborative and grounded in community voice.

Ms. Craver provided an overview of the Homelessness Taskforce. She stated that the goal was to establish interlocal collaboration to address system of care needs for individuals experiencing homelessness. She reviewed the timeline of the task force, funding allocations, and ongoing evaluation efforts.

Ms. Craver reviewed the NC-504 Strategic Plan and goals to guide coordinated efforts. She provided an overview of federal and local funding sources and summarized funding across Guilford County and the City of High Point, with Ms. Harrell noting coordination efforts with the City of Greensboro to compile funding data. Ms. Craver also outlined strategic priorities focused on coordination and shared commitment to addressing homelessness, introduced a local mutual aid or pooled funding approach, and reviewed next steps, including Phase 1 activities for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2027 and Phase 2 planning anticipated for January through July 2026.

Discussion took place that addressed funding sources, roles of City and County partners, and opportunities to strengthen coordination and accountability. Ms. Rabalais provided additional context to performance measurement, stakeholder engagement, and evaluation of outcomes.

Ms. Rabalais emphasized on how increased rental cost impacted homelessness. She provided context regarding changes in housing affordability and referenced federal data trends.

City Manager Davis noted the ongoing collaboration with Guilford County and continued opportunities for future engagement.

C. Adjournment

Councilmember Thurm, by Mayor Pro Tem Roth, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Council Adjourned at 4:39 P.M.

Marikay Abuzuaiter, Mayor

Destiny Stansberry, Deputy City Clerk