

August 17, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wynn, and Mr. Moore, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. McWhorter.

Minister Peter White opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the August 3, 2015 regular session minutes, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Chief Bashore gave a report on the Fire Department he stated that the department has responded to 18 calls for the month of August and they are still in need of additional volunteers.

City Attorney, Adam Nelson discussed the situation concerning property East Broad Street that previously operated as a car dealership and was foreclosed on by the Farmers Bank in 2012 but now has a potential buyer that would like to operate as a used car dealership. The property is not properly zoned to operate as a car dealership. The City Attorney advised the council that he would have to further review the situation before giving a decision as to whether the operation of a car dealership can continue as a permitted use that it is not zoned for or whether it can operate under a grandfathered status.

Sid Lane, President of the Farmers Bank addressed the mayor and council on the status of the foreclosed property and asked the council to consider allowing a car dealership to operate on the property as it has in the past.

Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn the business, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Mr. Miller closed the meeting with prayer.

September 8, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. McWhorter.

Mayor Wright opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

Brenda Burke was present to give a report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A first reading of the ordinance the solicitation ordinance was done.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the 2014 policies and procedures for the CHIP program, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

The proposed budget for 2016 was introduced, a budget hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2015.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business Mrs. Wynn closed the meeting with prayer

September 21, 2015
Budget Hearing

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mrs. Wynn, and Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Miller.

Mayor Wright opened the meeting with prayer.

The City Manager discussed the proposed budget with the Mayor and Council.

There were no public comments.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Wright closed the meeting with prayer.

September 21, 2015
Regular Session

The Regular Session of the Greensboro City Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Ms. Wynn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Miller, Mr. Lewis and Mr. McWhorter.

Mr. McWhorter opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8. After a second by Mr. McWhorter, the motion passed 5-0.

Water Sewer Supervisor, Freddie Evans addressed the Council on issues in his department. Mr. Evans was questioned about his department's meter reading. Mr. Evans assured the Council that his Department was doing much better and was able to read the meters properly, but he did need to evaluate some positions in the near future.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve a beer & wine license application for 405 South Walnut Street by Habid Reman Chaudhry. After a second by Mr. Lewis, the motion passed 5-0.

Fire Chief Joe Bashore presented three bids for a tanker truck. Ms. Wynn made a motion to accept the bid for \$280,500 by Deep South, for a new Tanker Truck for the Fire Department. After a second by Mr. Moore, the motion passed 5-0.

Captain Rodricus Monford made a request of the Mayor and Council to purchase three used replacement vehicles for the SRO's for \$31,000 plus \$6,000 in equipment to be paid back in full by the Board of Education within 33 months or less. Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the request. After a second by Mr. Moore, the motion passed 5-0.

Second reading of the ordinance defining roadway solicitation was read. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept as presented. After a second by Mr. McWhorter, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to table the appointment to the Family Connection board. After a second by Mr. Moore, the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Wynn made a motion to approve the request to close the regular City Streets for the annual Homecoming Parade route, October 22, 2015 at 4:30. After a second by Mr. Moore, the motion passed 5-0.

Minutes of the Personnel Board were presented for approval. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Miller, the motion carried 3-0-2 with Mr. McWhorter and Mr. Lewis abstaining.

Mayor Wright made known to all members of the Council as well as the general public in attendance that the design changes to the 2013 CDBG project in Milltown, now includes two properties owned by Wright & Wright Rentals.

The first reading of the new Greensboro Dog Ordinance, adopting the State ordinance was read.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Mr. Miller, the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lewis closed the meeting with prayer.

October 19, 2015
Regular Session

The Regular Session of the Greensboro City Council was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Ms. Wynn, Mr. Miller, and Mr. McWhorter.

Ms. Wynn opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 5, 2015, after a second by Mr. McWhorter, the motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Kendrick Ward to the Greene County Family Connection Board. After a second by Mr. McWhorter, the motion passed 3-0.

Kendrick Ward presented the plan for the Christmas Tree lighting and road closures on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 4 to 10pm. Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the date times and road closures. After a second by Mr. Miller, the motion passed 3-0.

Cail Hammons presented the Christmas Decoration Contract with all provisions the same as 2014. Ms. Wynn made a motion to approve the Christmas Lighting Contract as presented After a second by Mr. Miller, the motion passed 3-0.

Lamar Callaway gave a report on the Water Treatment Facility and the progress on the tank restoration downtown. He made the Mayor and Council aware of the need to replace a finished water pump soon.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 3-0.

Mr. McWhorter closed the meeting with prayer.

November 2, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Present were Mayor Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Council members Wynn, McWhorter, and Lewis.

Minister Peter White opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the October 19, 2015 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Lewis abstaining.

Mr. Johnny Porter gave an update on the Street Department.

The approval for a beer and wine license for Patricia Purcell was tabled for lack of information.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the Greene County Board of Education for the purchase of vehicles for the School Resource Officers, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss three legal matters after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to return to regular session, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 4-0.

No action was taken in Executive Session three legal matters were discussed. Mr. Miller made a motion authorizing the Mayor the sign an affidavit regarding Executive Session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business Mr. Miller closed the meeting with prayer.

November 16, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Moore.

Mayor Wright opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the November 2, 2015 regular session minutes as presented with corrections, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Moore abstaining.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the November 2, executive Session minutes as presented with corrections, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Moore abstaining.

Chief Bashore was not in attendance at the time to give his Supervisor's report.

Mr. Shannon Fryer made an appeal to the Mayor and Council concerning the colors of his building at 1230 East Broad Street. Rick Zeier, the Zoning Administrator addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that Mr. Fryer was issued a business license on August 27th to sell motorcycles. The building is located in the East Broad Street Overlay District. Mr. Zeier also stated that he advised Mr. Fryer that the color green he had chosen was not acceptable and if he received any complaints he would need to change the color. The Architectural Review Board voted 3-0 to deny the color green that was chosen.

Mr. Fryer addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that he has lived in Greensboro for 8 years and invested in the building at 1230 East Broad Street. He said he was not advised of rules or what he needed to do to make improvements to the building, but was given permission by the owner of the store to paint the building.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to deny the appeal by Mr. Fryer and reject the green color that was chosen and to, agree with the Architectural Review Board that Mr. Fryer has to change his colors to white, black, silver, and grey that can be chosen from a list of color chips, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

Chief Bashore stated everything was good with the Fire Department and made a request that the firemen receive an incentive and Christmas Dinner. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the request, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve a Special Events Alcohol Permit for OPAS for an event to be held at Festival Hall on December 10th, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

City Manager Postell explained that Athens Health Plan Select will be going out of business at the end of the year and the city has to find health insurance coverage for employees and is recommending new coverage under Humana (Humana Simplicity 3) which is close to price as the old plan. Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the recommendation from the City Manager, after a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business Mr. Moore closed the meeting with prayer.

December 7, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Moore, and Mr. McWhorter.

Mrs. Wynn opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the November 16, 2015 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. McWhorter abstaining.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 personnel board minutes as presented with a correction to the date, after a second by Moore the motion passed 3-0-2 with Mr. Lewis and Mr. McWhorter abstaining.

Pam Askew, Director of Festival Hall presented the budget for 2016 and discussed the activities report for the upcoming year. There are eight events scheduled for Christmas, and 17 events already scheduled for next year which includes the children's camp to take place in July. The Hall is being utilized more for proms and receptions. Pam also provided information from the conventions she attended this year.

Flowers Land Group (Horizon Growers) is requesting a zone change of property located at 1050 Flowers Road from R-1 to A-2, 1070 Flowers Road from B-2 to A-2, Heritage Drive from RM to A-2, and East Broad Street from R-1 to A-2. The company is making a request to rezone all parcels to A-2 to have the same zoning classification and to expand the nursery operations. The company has a maximum of 40 itinerant workers from March until November to come into town and work the nursery during the growing seasons. The company would like to build a dormitory type housing so that all workers are housed on site.

Mr. Joey Fleming addressed the Mayor and Council with his concern that if the property is rezoned could it be used for something other than a dormitory and he is also concerned with the company adding more workers in the future and having to build more dorms to house them. City Attorney Nelson stated that the A-2 zone can only be related to farming and the dorm could never be used as a boarding house.

The Planning and Zoning Board forwarded a recommendation of approval with a stipulation that a buffer must be maintained between the parcels and all adjoining properties.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and approve the request by Flowers Land Group LLC and rezone all requested parcels to A-2 including the stipulation that a buffer is to be maintained, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Moore made a motion to have the Employee Luncheon on Thursday, December 17th at noon, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close City Hall at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 24th and reopen on Tuesday, December 29th for the Christmas Holidays, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and give each employee an incentive in the amount of one week's salary, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Lewis voting against.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Mr. McWhorter closed the meeting with prayer.

December 21, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Wynn, and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the December 7, 2015 regular session minutes as presented with corrections, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Rabun Neal gave an update on the Economic Development Authority Board for the year.

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the request by Patricia Purcell for a beer and wine license for her convenience store located at 2530 Lake Oconee Parkway, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Robert Motley gave a year-end review for the Greensboro Housing Authority.

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and give all employees a 3% salary increase with the exception of Cindy Carver who will receive a 5% salary increase to become effective January 1, 2016, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Lewis voting against.

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mayor Wright and give the City Manager a 3% salary increase to become effective January 1, 2016, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Family Dollar Store for a Sanitary Sewer Easement to install a new sewer line , after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss one Real Estate matter and one Personnel matter, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

No action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Lewis made a motion authorizing Mayor Wright to sign an affidavit regarding Executive Session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business Mayor Wright closed the meeting with prayer.

January 4, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Miller, Mrs Wynn, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Moore opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the December 21, 2015 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Mrs. Wynn made a motion to approve the December 21, 2015 executive session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Miller abstaining.

Chief Mapp gave an update on the Police Department. Chief Mapp discussed the recent passing of the department's K-9 dog which will be replaced soon. A crime report was presented and discussed. The department is one officer short and the position will be filled this spring.

Attorney Nelson presented to the Mayor and Council two different resolution amending Section 2.14 of the City Charter which currently does not allow a city employee to continue employment upon qualification of any public office. Mr. Miller stated that he did not want to stand in anyone's way of running for public office, but he wanted to make sure that making any changes was legal. Attorney Nelson stated that it is legal for cities to make changes to their charter as long as the charter change does not affect who runs for city council. Mr. Lewis stated that he is concerned with if the charter should be changed and feels any employee wanting to run for public office should resign from their position. He also questioned about including a provision for an employee taking a leave of absence. Mr. Moore asked about a provision on resignation. Mr. McWhorter questioned about possible side effects to either resolution. After continued discussion Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt resolution B amending section 2.14 of the city charter and delay making any additional changes to the language at this time, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 5-0.

No action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Lewis made a motion authorizing Mayor Wright to sign an affidavit regarding executive session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Mrs. Wynn closed the meeting with prayer.

January 19, 2016
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Miller, Mrs Wynn, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. McWhorter opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the January 4, 2016 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the January 4, 2016 executive session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

Freddie Evans gave an update on the Water Department.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to accept the 2016 Georgia Exceptional Main Street Memorandum of Understanding and enter into an agreement with the State and the Downtown Development Authority, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to appoint Mr. Ronald McWhorter to the Greene County Recreation Board, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. McWhorter abstaining.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Mr. Lewis closed the meeting with prayer.