

May 17, 2021
Regular Session

The Greensboro City council Regular Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Council Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Moore.

Mr. McWhorter made the motion to approve the May 3, 2021 Regular Session Minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 4-0.

Chief Bashore was present, and he introduced Herman Thomas and recommended that he be appointed as the new fire chief. He stated that Herman has been with the department for over 25 years and that he is very familiar with the area as well as the citizens. Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the recommendation and appoint Herman Thomas as the new fire Chief effective May 17, 2021, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion was approved 4-0.

Sufi Haider was not present. His request for a beer and wine license has been tabled until the next meeting.

Bonnie Kolesen was present to request a beer, wine, and liquor license for The High Gates Events Facility. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the request after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Felecia Rush addressed the Mayor and Council on several concerns she has such as downtown parking. She stated that employees in downtown are using the on-street parking spaces all day making it difficult to find parking in downtown. Traffic lights are holding too long especially during busy times which is causing traffic to become backed up. Because of traffic flow on Highway 44 there needs to be a turning lane to help move traffic. Pedestrian crossings are also causing the traffic to back up. There needs to be an after hours contact system in place for City Hall for non-emergency calls instead of citizens having to call the 911 emergency line. There are several Streets in need of repair specifically the intersection of West Broad and Highway 15 N. There is a lot of speeding on Oconee Avenue, the traffic is moving too fast for the neighborhood and the semi-trucks are being re-routed through the neighborhood.

Annie Grant spoke on Senate Bill 202. She does not support this bill She stated that everyone has a right to vote but the right to vote is at risk because of lies being told. She urged people to believe the truth and don't drink the big lie.

Ann Koppelman stated this is her fifth time attending. She is not in support of City Attorney Fleming representing Greensboro and stated that she will support Mr. Miller and Mr., Smith in the next election.

Floyd Griffin, the former Representative of district 25 and also the former Mayor of Milledgeville does not support Senate Bill 202.

Marion Warren does not support Senate Bill 202 and stated that if Mr. Fleming is allowed to continue to represent Greensboro other things will have to be allowed.

Adrian Ingram the Coroner for Hancock County does not support Senate Bill 202 and stated that this is 2021 and there should not be a fight for the right to vote.

Christopher Bruce, chairman of the Georgia ACLU does not support Senate Bill 202.

Katrina Breeding- does not support Senate bill 202.

City Manager Postell presented a list of surplus property and requested that the list be declared as surplus property. Mr. Smith made the motion to accept the list presented as surplus property, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the request from Festival Hall for a Special Events Alcohol Permit for an event that will be held on June 24, 2021 at Festival Hall, after a second by Mr. Smith the motion was approved 4-0.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Miller requested that 2 basketball goals be placed in the parking lot in front of the Police Department, after a second by Mr. Smith the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business

Mayor Wright read a letter from Ms. Shirley Wynn announcing her resignation from the City Council effective July 4, 2021.

Public Comments

Gail Watkins spoke in favor of City Attorney Fleming and Senate Bill 202.

Ron Simmons spoke in favor of Senate Bill 202.

Val Johnson does not support City Attorney Fleming or Senate Bill 202.

Bill Graden gave an update on the new Boys and Girls Club facility and stated that the Open House will be held on June 12th from 11am until 1pm.

Ted Hammons spoke in favor of Senate Bill 202 and City Attorney Fleming.

Roger Fields spoke in support of City Attorney Fleming and Senate Bill 202.

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion was approved 4-0.

No action was taken in Executive Session. 3 personnel matters and 1 legal matter was discussed. Mr. Smith made the motion authorizing Mayor Wright to sign an affidavit regarding Executive Session, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion was approved 4-0.

Mr. Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion was approved 4-0.

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