



March 12, 2010

IFYI HIGHLIGHTS

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Rashad M. Young, City Manager *DNT*
SUBJECT: Items for Your Information

- Contact Center Feedback
- Zoning Commission Meeting Results
- City's Web Site Making it Easy to Search for Local Businesses
- Greensboro Museum Discovery Day
- Legislative Agenda
- Small Group Policy
- Congressional Visit to Washington, DC

Contact Center Feedback

Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of 3/1 – 3/7/10.

Zoning Commission Meeting Results

Attached please find the results of the March 8th, 2010 Zoning Commission Meeting.

City's Web Site Making it Easy to Search for Local Businesses

Attached is a press release regarding a new feature on the City of Greensboro's web site. You can now lookup businesses by the business name, its owner's name or by the type of business.

Greensboro Museum Discovery Day

Attached is a flyer regarding the Museum Discovery Day – an event that celebrates the City of Greensboro's rich culture, history and arts. It is being held at the Natural Science Center on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10am – 4pm.

Legislative Agenda

Attached is the proposed 2010 State Legislative Agenda. I need your feedback regarding when council would like to schedule a work session to review this document, prior to the April 6th, Council Meeting.

Small Group Policy

I am awaiting direction regarding the attached proposed small group policy and to-date, have had no response. As such, I am asking you to please review this document and give me feedback by the next Council Meeting, March 16th.

Congressional Visits

Mayor Bill Knight and Assistant City Manager Denise Turner traveled to Washington, DC this week to meet with Greensboro's federal delegation. The meetings were very productive, they were able to meet with all the Congressmen and Senators Burr and Hagan. They delivered the message that City Council and the City of Greensboro is becoming more proactive regarding pursuing resources from the federal government both in the form of grants and direct appropriations. The team discussed four projects with the delegation for funding consideration, see the attached for a summary of those projects. Periodic updates will be provided as the federal budget progresses.

Public Affairs Department Contact Center Weekly Report Week of 3/1 - 3/7/10

Contact Center

4948 calls answered this week

Top 5 calls by area

Water Resources

Balance Inquiry – 1094
General Info. – 178
New Sign-up – 159
Request to Cutoff – 93
Const. & Maint. – 90

Field Operations

Bulk Guidelines – 81
No service/recycling – 44
Repair Green Can – 42
Dead animal pickup - 37
Appliance - 30

All others

Police/Watch Operations – 385
Warrants – 170
Courts/Sheriff – 176
Landfill/Transfer/HHW - 107
Tax Department – 41

Comments

We received a total of 2 comments this week:

- 1 comment for **Police**

States that many people run red lights, this is happening more and more. In just a few minutes, saw 4 cars run red lights. Drivers are also ignoring speed limits. (No location or contact info given)

- 1 comment for **Water Resource**

Email comment: I really love the new website changes [for my water bill]. It's more user- friendly and provides the information I need. I will continue using it. Thank you and keep up the outstanding customer service!!!

(A few minutes later...) I spoke with one of your representatives this morning because I was having trouble logging in. She was very pleasant, polite, and helpful. It was great customer service.

Overall

This was our first week of taking calls for Police Records. While we saw a small increase from the previous week, the overall volume remained a bit under our normal volumes.

ZONING COMMISSION RESULTS
MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2010

AGENDA ITEM	REQUEST/LOCATION	ACTION/VOTE	STAFF REC	STATUS	SPEAKERS
Z-10-03-001	RS-12 to CD-LB	Withdrawn 8 to 0	Denial	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for, 1 opposed
	2330 Fleming Road				
	Keramattollah Lashani				
Z-10-03-002	HI to CD-PDI	Approved 6 to 2	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	5 for, 3 opposed
	2610 Oakland Avenue				
	Henry Isaacson for H 1010, LLC				
Z-10-03-003	RS-12 and RM-18 to CD-GB	Continued 8 to 0	Approval	Continued to the May 10, 2010 Zoning Commission Meeting	1 for, 1 opposed
	512 Pisgah Church Road, 4008 Bell Orchard Drive and 4010 Bell Orchard Drive				
	Henry Isaacson for Tilex Partners, LLC				
Z-10-03-004	LI to CD-HI	Approved 8 to 0	Approval	Final (Unless Appealed)	1 for, 0 opposed
	141 Thatcher Road				
	Marc Isaacson for Titan Triad Land, LLC.				

To view agenda with zoning conditions and maps, please visit our web site at:
<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Planning/boards/zoning/>

If you have any questions about these results, please contact Rawls Howard or Frederick Boateng (373-2144)



CITY OF GREENSBORO
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jim Collins
Phone: 336-373-2105

City's Web Site Makes it Easy to Search for Local Businesses

GREENSBORO, NC (March 9, 2010) – In an effort to support the economic growth of Greensboro's business community, the City of Greensboro is now making it easier to lookup businesses with a new privilege licensees search feature on its Web site at www.greensboro-nc.gov/businesses/privileglookup.htm. You can now search for a business by its name or its owner's name and by type.

To be included on this database, business owners must purchase a business privilege license and renew it annually. This can be done by submitting a completed privilege license application, including required fee(s), to the City's Collection Division. Being included on the list is optional.

For more information about this listing, contact the City's Collection Division at 336-373-2501.

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The City works with the community to improve the quality of life for residents through inclusion, diversity, and trust. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a professional staff of 2,800 employees who maintain the values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov or call 373-CITY (2489).

GREENSBORO MUSEUM DISCOVERY DAY

*Celebrate history, arts and culture on Greensboro Museum
Discovery Day at the Natural Science Center.*



**When? Saturday, March 20
10 am-4 pm**

**Where? Natural Science Center
4103 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27455
www.natsci.org
336.288.3769**

15 Greensboro museums, galleries and cultural organizations will participate in the first Museum Discovery Day—an event that celebrates the city's rich culture, history and arts. Museum Discovery Day will take place at the Natural Science Center from 10am to 4pm where representatives from each organization will be available to showcase what they offer and will highlight special upcoming events and educational programs.

This springtime celebration is the second collaborative event hosted by the Museum Alliance of Greensboro (MAG), a group of the city's museums, historical attractions, science centers, art galleries, and cultural organizations. Admission proceeds from the event will be donated to the Museum Alliance to fund future events for the community.

Who will participate?

African American Atelier
200 N. Davie St., www.africanamericanatelier.org, 336.333.6885

Blandwood
447 W. Washington St., www.blandwood.org, 336.272.5003

Brock Historic Museum at Greensboro College
815 W. Market St., <http://museum.greensborocollege.edu>, 336.727.7102 x283

Center for Visual Arts
200 North Davie St., www.greensboroart.org, 336.333.7485

David and Rachel Caldwell Historical Center
3211 W. Cornwallis Dr., www.greensborohistory.org, 336.373.3681

Green Hill Center for NC Art/Art Quest!
200 N. Davie St., www.greenhillcenter.org, 336.333.7460.

Greensboro Children's Museum
220 N. Church St., www.gcmuseum.com, 336.574.2898

Greensboro Historical Museum
130 Summit Ave., www.greensborohistory.org, 336.373.2043

Guilford College Art Gallery
5800 W. Friendly Ave., www.guilford.edu/artgallery, 336.316.2438

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park Museum
2332 New Garden Rd., www.nps.gov/guco, 336.288.1776

Guilford Native American Association
200 N. Davie St., www.guilfordnative.org/pages/gnnagallery.html, 336.273.6605.

International Civil Rights Center & Museum
134 South Elm St., www.sitinmovement.org, 336.274.9199

Natural Science Center
4103 Lawndale Dr., www.natsci.org, 336.288-3769

Sebastian Medical Museum
1402 E. Washington St., www.sebastianmedicalmuseum.org, 336.271.3777

Weatherspoon Art Museum
Corner of Spring Garden + Tate Streets,
<http://weatherspoon.uncg.edu>, 336.334.5770



Sebastian Medical Museum

weatherspoon
art museum





March 11, 2010

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Denise N. Turner, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: 2010 State Legislative Agenda

Attached is the proposed agenda for 2010 State Legislative Session which begins Wednesday, May 12 at noon. This is termed the Short-Session of the General Assembly, intended to consider year 2 of the state budget and a few other matters, primarily those relating to appropriations, finance, pensions and retirement, and localities. Certain legislation from the 2009 Regular Session; and legislation proposed by study commissions may also be considered. Portions of a memo from O. Walker Reagan, Director of Research to Members of the General Assembly regarding the Bills Eligible for Consideration by the General Assembly during the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly (the "Short Session") is attached for your information.

In preparation for the start of the session, Council needs to vote on the final legislative agenda prior to the General Assembly start of session. It is also recommended that council hosts a meeting with the Greensboro state delegation in April to provide the agenda to the delegation and review some highlights prior to the start of session. Some Councilmembers have expressed interest in having a second legislative agenda briefing prior to voting on the agenda. As a result, the legislative agenda will be placed on Council's April 6th Council Meeting agenda to allow time for further discussion at a work session. We need to know from council when to schedule this item for a work session. Upcoming topics on your work session calendar are as follow:

WORK SESSION DATE	Topic(s)
3/23/2010	Intergovernmental Taskforce - Planning/Inspections
4/6/2010 special	Budget update
4/27/2010	General Fund Balance; Water Rates; Landfill Closure
5/4/2010	Hotel/Loitering Ordinance (Chula Vista); Commercial Code
	Enforcement Standards
5/25/2010	War Memorial Stadium
6/22/2010	Tax Rebates/Guilford County Investment Policy
"	Public Art
7/27/2010	Board & Commission Appointment Process

If you have any questions or concerns, please advise.

DNT/mm
Attachment



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Legislative Services Office

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Raleigh, NC 27603-5925
Tel. 919-733-2578 Fax 919-715-5460

O. Walker Reagan
Director

September 25, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: O. Walker Reagan, Director of Research *OWR*

RE: Bills Eligible for Consideration by the General Assembly during the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly (the "Short Session")

The 2009 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly adjourned on August 11, 2009. The adjournment resolution as amended (Res. 2009-33; SJR 1109) provides that both houses will reconvene for the 2010 Session of the 2009 General Assembly (the "Short Session") at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. (Appendix A).

As in the past, only certain measures may be considered during the Short Session – primarily those relating to appropriations, finance, pensions and retirement, and localities; certain legislation from the 2009 Regular Session; and legislation proposed by study commissions. Any measure, however, may be introduced and considered if authorized by a joint resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of each chamber's members present and voting. Blank bills (those having no substantive provisions) cannot be introduced in the House of Representatives during the Short Session.

Only the following matters may be considered during the Short Session:

1. **Budget bills.** Bills directly and primarily affecting the State budget, including the budget of an occupational licensing board, for fiscal year 2010-2011, provided that the bill must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 14, 2010, and must be introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 25, 2010.
2. **Bills containing constitutional amendments.**
3. **Crossover bills.** Bills and resolutions introduced in 2009 and having passed third reading in 2009 in the house in which introduced, received in the other house in accordance with Senate Rule 41 or House Rule 31.1(e) as appropriate, and not disposed of in the other house by tabling, unfavorable committee report, indefinite postponement, or failure to pass any reading, and which do not violate the rules of

the receiving house. The crossover deadline for the 2009 session was May 14, 2009.

Attached is a list of bills (Appendix B) that appear to be eligible for consideration during the Short Session under the crossover criteria listed in this section. This list does not include all eligible appropriations and finance bills, but only those bills that have passed one house and been received in the other and which are "still alive" under the terms of this section. The list of bills was generated by the Information Systems Division of the Legislative Services Office.

4. **Study committee bills.** Bills and resolutions implementing the recommendations of:
 - a. Study commissions, authorities, and statutory commissions authorized or directed to report to the 2010 Session;
 - b. The General Statutes Commission, the Courts Commission, or any commission created under Chapter 120 of the General Statutes that is authorized or directed to report to the General Assembly;
 - c. The House Ethics Committee;
 - d. Select committees; or
 - e. The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee or its Advisory Subcommittee.

A bill authorized by this subdivision must be submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 12, 2010, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate or introduced in the House of Representatives no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

5. **Local bills.** Any local bill that has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 19, 2010, is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 26, 2010, and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the principal sponsor stating that no public hearing will be required or asked for by a member on the bill, the bill is noncontroversial, and that the bill is approved for introduction by each member of the House of Representatives and Senate whose district includes the area to which the bill applies.
6. **Appointment bills.** Selection, appointment, or confirmation of members of State boards and commissions as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
7. **Bills authorized by a joint resolution that passed by a two-thirds vote.** Any matter authorized by joint resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting and by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate present and voting. A bill or resolution filed in either house under the provisions of this subdivision shall have a copy of the ratified enabling resolution attached to the jacket before filing for introduction in the Senate or introduction in the House of Representatives.

8. **Joint resolutions authorizing introduction of a bill.** A joint resolution authorizing the introduction of a bill. See Section 7 above.
9. **Pension or retirement bills.** Any bills primarily affecting any State or local pension or retirement system, provided that the bill has been submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 19, 2010, and is introduced in the House of Representatives or filed for introduction in the Senate no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 26, 2010.
10. **Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions authorized for introduction under Senate Rule 40(b) or House Rule 31.**
11. **Adjournment resolutions.** A joint resolution adjourning the 2009 Regular Session, sine die.
12. **Bills disapproving rules.** Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3. (See Appendix C).

Attachments:

- Appendix A** Adjournment Resolution, as amended (Res. 2009-33; SJR 1109)
Appendix B Bills Eligible List (provided by ISD)
Appendix C G.S. 150B-21.3. Effective date of rules.

**CITY OF GREENSBORO
2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

CITY OF GREENSBORO LOCAL LEGISLATION

1. S415 Appointment of City Attorney

The City will support local legislation amending the City Charter to provide that the Greensboro City Attorney be appointed by and report to the City Council.

This was placed on last year's legislative agenda and passed on February 17, 2009 by a 5 to 4 vote. Passage was urged by Councilpersons Barber, Matheny and Wade. It was not considered by the legislature. Greensboro and High Point are the only municipalities in the state in which the City Manager has authority to hire and fire the City Attorney.

2. S416 Limitation of Authority for City Manager to Authorize Service Contracts

The City will support local legislation to limit the Manager's authority to enter into service contracts. The City will seek change to the City Charter Sec. 4.111, stating that the City Manager's authority to enter into contracts for the performance of services shall be according to ordinance duly adopted by City Council.

This was placed on last year's legislative agenda by Councilwoman Wade and passed on February 17, 2009 by a 6 to 3 vote. It was not considered by the legislature.

3. S539 Increase in Motor Vehicle Revenue

The City will support local legislation authorizing Greensboro to increase the amount of its vehicle levy used for public transportation from ten dollars per vehicle by an amount up to but not to exceed sixteen dollars per vehicle. These funds will be earmarked to increase funding of GTA.

This was placed on last year's legislative agenda and passed on February 17, 2009 by a 9 to 0 vote. It passed one chamber of the General Assembly and is now in "crossover status". It is anticipated by GTA that this additional revenue would provide up to \$1,152,000.00 in new funding. Upon passage of this measure, the total vehicle tax revenue paid to GTA would approximate \$2,417,000.00 yearly.

4. Hotels & Motels Permit

The City will seek local legislation to require all City hotels and motels to obtain and display an annual permit to operate. Permits will not be granted or may be revoked if the number of police calls or the number of drug or prostitution arrests at these hotels and motels exceed a defined number.

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Councilman Perkins.

5. Code of Ethics

The City will support local legislation to subject Greensboro elected officials to those requirements of the State Government Ethics Act.

On October 20, 2009 the City Council considered and rejected a proposal to adopt the same disclosure requirements as used by the State Legislature. This motion was made by Councilwoman Wade and tabled. A substitute motion by Councilwoman Bellamy-Small was adopted by an 8 to 0 vote that required the Council to complete a "short form" disclosure similar to the disclosure form used by the Guilford County Commissioners. This form was presented to the Council by Councilwoman Rakestraw. This agenda item is placed again on the agenda by Councilwoman Vaughn who feels the more comprehensive disclosure form required by the State is more appropriate.

6. Police Cell Phone Numbers

The City will seek local legislation to amend the Public Records Law to exempt disclosure of police cell phone numbers. The Greensboro Police Department considers this to be a public safety issue and wishes to limit the phone call load on these phones to increase response time and to limit officer distractions.

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of the Greensboro Police Department.

7. Utility Lien

The City will support local legislation, to become effective July 1, 2010, to amend the City Charter to repeal the City's authority to place utility liens against the real estate of rental property when a tenant fails to pay and when the water bill is in the name of the tenant.

On October 20, 2009 Councilmen Barber and Perkins urged Council to adopt modifications in the lien law provisions utilized by the Greensboro Water Department. This passed by a vote of 7 to 1. In an effort to curb the expected decrease in fees collected, the deposit requirements for the department were raised. It is estimated by the Water Department that the increase in uncollected fees will range between \$300,000.00 to \$600,000.00 yearly.

8. Expansion of Complaint Review Committee Authority

This Local Legislation will allow the CRC access to all relevant information including all sources of information that would allow the Committee to carry out all aspects and charges under its charter and city ordinance including police review and discrimination in public accommodation cases. This shall include access to all records and documents, including but not limited to, all written sources of evidence specifically related to any incident it is investigating. Only information unrelated to the case under review would be redacted from a report. This shall also include access to all recorded and video sources of evidence specifically related to any incident before the CRC. It shall not include access to information regarding officers' record of complaints unrelated to the specific investigation. The CRC will be informed directly by the police department about what specific disciplinary measures are taken regarding officers who have been found to have violated the law or policy in cases it reviews. In addition the authority of the CRC shall be expanded to provide either the CRC and/or Human Relations Director the

authority to initiate a case regarding alleged police misconduct against residents/citizens when no complainant is available to file a formal complaint.

The above language was adopted August 4, 2009 by an 8 to 1 vote of the City Council. This vote followed discussions on this modification on this date and on June 3, 2009. Dr. Anthony Wade urges adoption of this agenda item to increase the ability of the Complaint Review Committee to see and consider all relevant information prior to recommending action. The Greensboro Police Department indicated this is a major alteration of existing state law and local practice and has concern this will impede Internal Affairs ability to conduct its independent investigations.

9. Panhandling

The City will seek local legislation to amend North Carolina General Statutes Sec. 20-175 to prohibit solicitations on any street or sidewalk from the driver or occupant of any motor vehicle.

On September 15, 2009 the City Council, at the urging of Councilman Matheny, passed a modification of the current City Code regarding panhandling in the City of Greensboro by a 7 to 0 vote. This last proposed modification is restricted by current state law.

10. Modified Use of the Hotel Motel Tax

Under current law the entire portion of the City of Greensboro's Hotel Motel Tax allocation is directed to be used for debt service on Coliseum expansion. It is proposed by Councilwoman Vaughn that the uses of this tax money be expanded to include operations and maintenance for the Coliseum facility if directed by City Council.

At present approximately 3 million Hotel Motel Tax dollars are allocated to the Greensboro Coliseum for debt service yearly. This is separate from the portion of Guilford County Hotel Motel Tax allocation directed for capital improvements. This legislation would not affect the County's portion of this tax. At present the City's portion of this tax is earmarked for debt service for the improvements to the Coliseum and for the Natatorium. In the past the debt service has consumed the City's portion of this revenue. This proposal would provide more flexibility to the City Council for use of these funds.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The next four agenda items are proposed jointly by the Greensboro Partnership and NC A&T University and UNCG. Since these are proposed as a package, it is requested that all four be voted on as one Agenda Item.

11.(a) Joint School of Nano-Science and Engineering

The City will support legislation to complete funding of the new Joint School of Nano-Science and Engineering. The Nano-Science School is funded at \$3.9 million per year on a recurring basis. It's Dean and Professors have been hired and the first students are attending class off site while the building is finished. The Nano-Engineering School is approved but not yet funded. This bill will fund \$ 2 million yearly on a recurring basis for this school.

11.(b) A&T School of Engineering

The City will support additional funding in the amount of \$2 million yearly on a recurring basis to fund increases in professor and staff salaries, to add positions to increase retention and to raise the recognition and ranking of the current school nationally. This money will also be used to fund addition scholarships.

11.(c) Technology Transfer

The City will support \$1 million in funding for an A&T and UNCG program to collaborate between the various programs at the respective universities and the Joint School to assist transfer of knowledge into the incubator program.

11.(d) UNCG School of Pharmacy

The City will support all efforts to locate the new School of Pharmacy in downtown Greensboro. No funding requests are necessary this year as the City waits for final decision by the Board of Governors regarding placement of the new school in either Greensboro under UNCG or in Ashville as a satellite of UNC-Chapel Hill.

PUBLIC SAFETY

12. H0300

The City will support strengthening of the current Nuisance Abatement Law. This bill amends the definition of what is a public nuisance from “regular and repeated” activities to “repeated” activities. This will increase the ability of municipalities to address criminal activity that is associated with certain businesses in the State.

This is a crossover bill with broad support in the law enforcement community. This is proposed by the Greensboro Police Department to strengthen the ability of the City of Greensboro to control inappropriate businesses.

INFRASTRUCTURE

13. Urban Loop

The City supports efforts to secure funding to complete the northern portion of the Urban Loop to fully connect the airport area to the surrounding region.

This agenda item does not commit local funds. The City will work in cooperation with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, District 7, to lobby the State Highway Commission and the General Assembly. The Greensboro Partnership has not adopted this agenda item but supports the concept. Individual members of the Legislative Caucus recommend the City support this effort to raise the priority of the Urban Loop with the Highway Commission.

14. HB524

The City will monitor efforts to rewrite state annexation laws. This was monitored in last year’s Legislative Agenda as well.

Last year's Legislative Agenda supported the proposition that Greensboro supported changes to the annexation laws designed to prevent abuses such as failing to provide newly annexed citizens with required services and that Greensboro opposed efforts to remove annexation as a tool available to municipalities for growth and economic development. This was passed by a 9 to 0 margin. This bill did not advance and a compromise bill is currently pending. The League of Municipalities considers portions of the compromise bill to contain objectionable provisions. It will be monitored continually by the League. This is a crossover bill that will likely face multiple amendments before reaching the floor for final adoption.

REVENUE

15. Local Control of ABC Sales

The City Council shall oppose efforts of the State of North Carolina to privatize liquor and fortified wine sales. This legislation would eliminate the role of the local ABC Commissions in managing and controlling the manner, location, hours and price of these substances. It would also eliminate the current split of revenue from these sales and endanger a substantial local funding source.

The City of Greensboro ABC Board urges the City Council to adopt this position. The Executive Branch of North Carolina is considering the privatization of liquor sales in North Carolina. Last year the ABC Board provided 2.8 million in local revenue to the City of Greensboro. North Carolina is one of four states that continue to regulate liquor sales in this fashion. In addition North Carolina ranks near the top in per capita revenue generated by these sales and near the bottom in per capita consumption of liquor. Privatization of liquor sales will end the direct local payment system and replace it with a new method of fund sharing to be determined by the State.

Other Legislative Items followed by the League of Municipalities. The League urges the following efforts to be supported by the City.

16. SB117

The City will oppose the efforts to weaken the development moratoria authority of local governments. This bill would prohibit a local government from adopting a temporary moratorium on development for the purpose of developing and adopting new or amended ordinances.

17. SB761

The City will oppose the efforts to weaken developer responsibility for street construction. This bill alters the ability of local governments to require developers to make necessary transportation infrastructure improvements to relieve the traffic impacts of the development. The bill limits the financial obligation of a developer to only the amount necessary to serve projected traffic generated by the proposed development. In most cases this would only be a partial payment on the needed infrastructure.

18. HB1268

The City will support efforts to put forward a constitutional amendment to prohibit the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes.

19. HB116

The City will oppose the efforts to increase the ability of the railroad to control local development in its corridor. Under this proposed legislation, when a railroad files a corridor map with the DOT, a local government may not issue certain development approvals, such as building permits, in the corridor without the railroad's consent.

20. HB1134

The City will oppose efforts to mandate the awarding of attorneys' fees to anyone who substantially prevails in a public records case against a local government or the state. At present the award is discretionary. The Government must act in reliance of a judgment, court order or written opinion of the attorney general to avoid paying legal fees. This Act also establishes a mediation unit within the Attorney General's Office to resolve open meetings and public records disputes pursuant to the Open Government Act.

21. Protection of Revenues

The City will oppose efforts to reduce local government's share of joint revenues, such as the Beer and Wine Tax, Privilege License Fees, and Utility Franchise Fees.

22. Collective Bargaining

The City will continue to track legislation that allows direct negotiation with local government/employee unions. A number of bills that would have permitted collective bargaining between public employees and local governments were introduced during the 2009 Session, but were not enacted. Federal legislation to require collective bargaining with public safety employees could pass during this session of Congress.



December 23, 2009

TO: Rashad M. Young, City Manager
FROM: Denise N. Turner, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Consideration of the Small Group Issue

As a follow-up to discussions at the Council retreat, December 11 and 12, Council has asked staff to bring the issue to the January 5, 2010 council meeting. Below are possible guidelines to help facilitate discussion and possible action for Council consideration.

Definition:

A small group meeting has generally been considered as one of 2 to 4 Council Members meeting, in one or more groups, with city staff to discuss various issues involving the City.

Possible Guidelines for Council Small Group meetings

Staff initiated meetings

The City Manager may find cause to initiate small group meetings of Councilmembers to brief participants on important subject matters to ensure Council has the information necessary to make public policy decisions. Only the City Manager can initiate staff meetings with Councilmembers.

All subject matter briefings are open to each member of Council.

Meetings will be scheduled in advance and all members will be notified of the subject matter and scheduled meeting times and locations. When arranging a small group meeting, the Manager will set multiple meeting times (with a minimum three meetings) to allow opportunities for all Members to attend the briefings.

In addition, if requested, the Manager will be available at alternative times to accommodate the schedule of Councilmembers who are not available for the arranged meetings.

The same agenda will be covered in each meeting. A meeting review document will be prepared once all meetings on the subject are finalized. This meeting review document will inform all members of unplanned topics that may have arisen during one of the meetings.

If a small group meeting is held impromptu and the urgency of the topic does not allow time for prior notification of all Members, the Manager will notify the entire Council that a meeting took place as soon as reasonable after the meeting. The Manager will arrange times to brief other members.

Council initiated meetings

Members of Council may find cause to initiate a small group meeting to discuss matters of importance to their constituents and/or increase their understanding of a particular subject matter.

All such meetings are open to each member of Council.

Councilmembers must arrange small group meetings through the City Manager. The Manager will make staff available as necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the meetings.

Meetings will be scheduled in advance and all members will be notified of the subject matter and scheduled meeting times and locations.

If requested, additional meetings will be set for other Councilmembers.

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CC: Bob Morgan, Deputy City Manager
Andy Scott, Interim Assistant City Manager
Terry Wood, City Attorney

Department	Project	Cost	District
GFD	Airport Rescue and Fire Truck	\$ 900,000	D5
	speacialized unit -- We are becoming more involved in airport rescue and firefighting operations (ARFF). To spur economic development and provide a higher level of fire protection regionally, a ARFF truck is needed to complement the equipment at the airport and aid us in protecting the tank farm operation near the airport.		
HCD	Energy efficient window replacements to the City-owned Nettie Coad Apartments	\$ 300,000	D2
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GPD	Police Headquarter Building	\$ 3,000,000	unknown
	A Police Headquarter is needed to capitalize on efficiencies of scales available for the department. In a stand alone building, police will be able to improve deployment of resources.		
Transportation	4 Hybrid Expansion Buses	\$ 2,075,000	All
	The Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) plans to incorporate alternative fuel or low emissions into its current vehicle fleet. The Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) has been proven to be one of the most viable advanced vehicles that reduce vehicle emissions, increase efficiency, enhance performance, reduce fuel use, quiet operation and has the potential for lower maintenance costs. Beginning in 2010, GTA plan to initiate an alternative fuel or low emissions vehicle procurement strategy that replaces (20) old diesel buses with Hybrid Electric Vehicles.		