

**City Council of the City of Greenville
Work Session**

**Monday, June 22, 2020
3:00 p.m.**

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Telephone: 1-415-655-0002
WebEx Event Number: 129-562-1757

Remote Viewing Location:
Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive – Room 102

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White, Councilmember John M. DeWorken, Councilmember Lillian B. Flemming, Councilmember Kenneth C. Gibson, Councilmember Wil Brasington; Councilmember Russell H. Stall; and Councilmember Dorothy H. Dowe

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Michael S. Pitts;
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

Mayor White called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

Citizen Advisory Panel on Public Safety

Council discussed in general the process of making appointments to the proposed Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Safety.

City Manager John McDonough provided a presentation on the agenda item, as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. McDonough stated he believes now is a good time to hear from the community and to review the roles of the Police Department and the Public Safety Citizen Review Board. Mr. McDonough provided a summary of the next steps establishing the Advisory Panel, developing its goals and providing its recommendations to City Council.

Mayor White requested that City Attorney Mike Pitts serve as the lead for the panel. Mayor White asked for any input from Council regarding their thoughts on appointments. Councilmember DeWorken requested assistance in providing guidance on criteria for appointment consideration. Mayor White stated they will want to consider diversity when making appointments. Councilmember Gibson recommended discussing appointments in an executive session, similar to boards and commissions appointments. Councilmember Dowe requested an executive session be held sometime within the next week.

Councilmember Flemming and Councilmember Brasington joined the meeting.

Business Boost and Mask Distribution Program

Mr. McDonough provided a presentation on the agenda item, as located in Council's Agenda packet, and commented on the proposed micro-grant program to support small businesses with a one-time grant of \$1,000 to assist with COVID recovery. Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ginny Stroud presented the proposed eligibility criteria to participate in the program.

Ms. Stroud also presented an update regarding the availability of 48,000 masks for city businesses and stated city staff will be distributing those masks on Tuesday, June 23, at the Greenville Convention Center as long as they last.

Council asked questions regarding mask distribution and the numbers of businesses in the City meeting the proposed Resolution being presented tonight. Mr. McDonough responded there are approximately 27 municipal grocery stores and pharmacies in the City and recommended holding 1,000 masks each for those businesses to receive. Councilmember Flemming requested other businesses receiving masks to confirm their location in the city limits. Ms. Stroud recommended 100 masks per business for any of the other businesses.

Communications and Neighborhood Relations Director Beth Brotherton presented information on promoting the grant program, including a letter from the Mayor explaining the program, and encouraging participation in the Greater Greenville Pledge.

Unity Park Budget Update – GMP Contract Approval

Public Works Director Mike Murphy provided a presentation on the agenda item, as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Murphy commented on the status of the project and recognized in attendance Barrett Armstrong with MKSK Studios to assist with the presentation. Mr. Armstrong provided information on the design of the Unity Park Visitors Center.

Mayor White asked about the width of the deck, and Mr. Armstrong responded the deck is approximately 20 feet wide. Councilmember Stall asked about the status of the amphitheater, and Mayor White responded it has been removed from the plans at this time.

Mr. Murphy commented on the satellite parking lot on Meadow Street and stated if approved tonight, staff plans to begin construction next week. Project Manager Neil Wilson with Harper introduced a phased plan for the construction sequence. Mr. Murphy advised that Harper has agreed to hold their pricing through July.

OMB Director Matt Efirm referred to the project financing and the recommendation to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Contract with Harper. Mr. Efirm stated the next step will be releasing funds for Phase I with full Harper GMP pricing.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming and NSTEP Criteria Update

Engineering Services Manager Dwayne Cooper provided a presentation on the NSTEP criteria agenda item, as located in Council's Agenda packet. Mr. Cooper referred to historical information regarding the NSTEP program and the goal of completing approximately one mile per year at a budget of \$1,000,000. Mr. Cooper shared information on where current construction is occurring and referred to future project connections to the larger corridors. Mr. Cooper provided the current

ranking criteria and stated that NSTEP priorities include arterial and collector streets as well as denser populations and key major attractors, such as grocery stores.

Councilmember Gibson questioned if school bus stops have been considered as part of the ranking criteria, and Mr. Cooper responded it has not. Councilmember Dowe stated she is receiving a number of calls from individuals regarding children walking to school and asked if it could be included as a consideration. Councilmember Dowe recommended partnering with principals to obtain their input. Councilmember Gibson recommended reaching out to the neighborhood associations as well for input. Mr. Murphy recommended reviewing the ranking criteria revised by the Committee and identify bus stops in the criteria. Councilmember Flemming asked if stormwater has been considered in the criteria as well, which usually causes muddy areas along rights of way next to roadways.

Council commented in general proposed changes in the ranking criteria and the possibility of a taxing district to cover costs for additional sidewalks annually. Mayor White recommended vetting sidewalk requests through neighborhood associations. Mr. Murphy provided information on other programs or assessments that may or may not provide assistance to the NSTEP program.

Regarding the ranking criteria, Mr. Murphy stated the proposal was developed following discussions at the Council Retreat in February. Mr. Murphy recommended returning the proposal to staff for further review and consideration to adding additional criteria to the proposal.

Motion - Executive Session

During the open Work Session, Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. City Attorney Mike Pitts recommended going into executive session under S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments to the City's boards and commissions.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Stall, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on June 19, 2020