

CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
2nd WORK SESSION MEETING
APRIL 23, 2024

The City Council for the City of Concord, North Carolina, held the City Council 2nd Work Session in the 3rd floor City Hall Council Chambers located at 35 Cabarrus Ave, W, on April 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Mayor William C. Dusch presiding.

Council members were present as follows:

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Jennifer Parsley-Hubbard
Council Member Andy Langford
Council Member Lori A. Clay
Council Member Betty M. Stocks
Council Member JC McKenzie
Council Member Terry L. Crawford
Council Member John A. Sweat, Jr.

Others Present:

City Manager, Lloyd Wm. Payne, Jr.
City Attorney, Valerie Kolczynski
City Clerk, Kim J. Deason
Assistant City Managers
Various Department Directors

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Mayor Dusch called the meeting to order

Concord United Committee reappointments

A motion was made by Council Member McKenzie and seconded by Council Member Crawford to reassign Bob Anderson from regular member to Co-chair and to reappoint the following members—the vote: all aye.

Wendy McConnell (first 3-yr term)
Michelle Joshua (second 3-yr term)
Uda Kumar (first 3-yr term)
Rayshion Sashington (second 3-yr term)
Sandra Torres (second 3-yr term)
Theresa Scott-Stills (second 3-yr term)

External Agencies amendment

It was requested to amend the External Agencies Hearing listing to change the International Center for Community Development to Habitat for Humanity.

A motion was made by Council Member Langford and seconded by Council Member Sweat to amend the External Agencies listing—the vote: all aye.

Strategic Plan Presentation:

The Centralina Regional Council Executive Director, Geraldine Gardner, briefly recapped the Strategic Plan update process.

The Budget Manager, Lesley Reder, presented the Vision and Mission statements. She also presented the proposed list of six goals.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategist, Jaime Brown, presented information regarding Goal 1, Deliver Effective & Efficient City Government.

The City Manager presented information regarding Goal 2, Create Economic Opportunities for Individuals and Businesses.

The Aviation Director, Dirk Vanderleest, presented information regarding Goal 3, Promote a Safe and Connected City.

The Water Resources Director, Jeff Corley, presented information regarding Goal 4, Invest in Innovative and Sustainable City Infrastructure.

The Planning and Neighborhood Development Services Director, Steve Osborne, presented information regarding Goal 5, Develop Unique Places and Destinations.

The Public Affairs and Project Manager, Lindsay Manson, presented information regarding Goal 6, Leverage Communications and Partnerships.

Following the presentations, the City Manager opened the floor for questions from the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parsley-Hubbard stated she would like staff, when entering agenda items, list which Goal it pertains to.

The Council discussed the “next step” in the process.

Council Member Stocks stated she would like the Concord United Committee (CUC) to be involved. She stated she would like to hear their priorities.

Council Member McKenzie stated it is Council's direction that the consultant present the draft plan to the CUC and obtain their feedback. The City Manager stated that was not included in the Scope of Services when the City originally contracted with the Centralina Council of Government for this project. Mayor Pro-Tem Parsley-Hubbard and Council Member Crawford stated they would support amending the contract.

Council Member Langford stated, in his opinion, the plan should be presented to Concord 101 and Public Safety Academy attendees to gain feedback also.

Council Member Sweat stated, in his opinion, the plan should be adopted by Council prior to it being presented to others. Council Member Langford agreed.

The City Manager stated staff would tweak the wording in Goal 4 and will present to the Council for approval at the May 9, 2024 City Council meeting.

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There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Sweat and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parsley-Hubbard to adjourn—the vote: all aye.

William C. Dusch, Mayor

Kim J. Deason, City Clerk