

Public Records Request #2603

The following materials have been gathered in response to public records request #2603. These materials include:

- Closed Session Minutes – 2020 RNC – July 22, 2019

This information was provided as a response to a public records request on 8/6/19 and is current to that date. There is a possibility of more current information and/or documents related to the stated subject matter.

Further Information

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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for a closed session on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 4:37 p.m. in Room CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Vi Lyles presiding. Councilmembers present were Dimple Ajmera, Tariq Bokhari, Ed Driggs, Larken Egleston, Julie Eiselt, Justin Harlow, LaWana Mayfield, James Mitchell, Matt Newton, Greg Phipps, and Braxton Winston.

Staff present: Marcus Jones, City Manager; Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Deputy City Manager; Brent Kelly, Chief Marketing Officer; Kerr Putney, Chief of Police, Tracy Dodson, Assistant City Manager; Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Assistant City Manager; Victoria Johnson, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Jason Kay, Special Assistant to the City Manager; and, Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk.

Patrick Baker, City Attorney stated this closed session concerned the 2020 Republican National Convention and the contract between among others, the City of Charlotte and the Republican National Committee. Mr. Baker distributed and discussed the portion of the contract that addresses breach of contract. He said if the City of Charlotte decided to terminate the contract, it would likely be deemed as irreparable harm against the other parties to the contract. The RNC could file in court requesting injunctive relief and/or specific performance on that basis. He also stated there was no morals or termination for convenience clause in the agreement.

Angela Lee, Assistant City Manager arrived at 4:52 p.m.

There was considerable discussion amongst Councilmembers regarding amending the contract. Mr. Baker stated all parties would have to agree to amend the contract. Mr. Baker also stated that there was no evidence he was aware of to suggest that any of the parties had breached the contract. Absent such a breach, if the City elected to attempt to unilaterally terminate the agreement, Mr. Baker stated that Council should expect that the City would be sued for monetary damages at a minimum and that the parties would likely seek injunctive relief as well as the assertion of a demand for specific performance of the contract against the City.

Motion was made by Councilmember Winston and seconded by Councilmember Newton to direct the City Attorney to prepare documents to augment Action B that was approved regarding the RNC in 2020 and that all RNC contracts be approved by City Council.

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Winston and seconded by Councilmember Newton to direct the City Attorney to prepare documents to augment Action B that was approved regarding the RNC in 2020 and provide RNC contracts to City Council for approval while simultaneously reaching out to concerned parties.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and recorded as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Newton and Winston

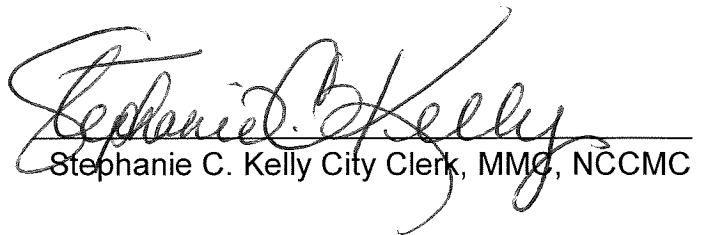
NAYS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Phipps.

The vote was taken on the main motion and recorded as follows:

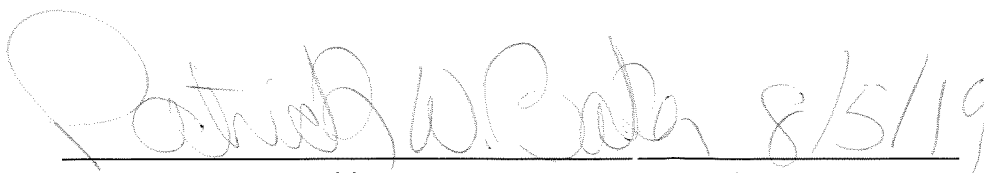
YEAS: Councilmembers Newton and Winston

NAYS: Councilmembers Ajmera, Bokhari, Driggs, Egleston, Eiselt, Harlow, Mayfield, Mitchell, and Phipps.

The closed session regarding the RNC concluded at 5:10 p.m.


Stephanie C. Kelly City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

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- (B) Confidential Pending Release _____
- (C) Release for Public Inspection _____

 8/5/19

Release Authorized by:
City Attorney/City Council

Date