

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
211 South Hamilton Street**

ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jefferson called the Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 5:32 p.m. and stated all members were present. He called for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Present: Mayor Cyril Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Holmes, Ward 6; At-Large Council Member Britt Moore, At-Large Council Member Amanda Cook, Council Member Vickie McKiver, Ward 1; Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Ward 2; Council Member Monica Peters, Ward 3; Council Member Patrick Harman, Ward 4 and Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Jefferson stated due to time constraints at the Special Meeting of the High Point City Council at 4:00 p.m. Council was not able to go into Closed Session for acquisition of real property. This agenda will need to be amended to include acquisition of real property during the Closed Session for Personnel.

Mayor Jefferson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Peters, to adopt the agenda as amended to include the acquisition of property.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2024-127 Proclamation - Parkinson's Day

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring April 11, 2024 as "Parkinson's Day".

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Betsy Lerner, Certified Parkinson's Disease Fitness Specialist.

2024-128 Proclamation - National Library Week

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2024 as "National Library Week".

Mayor Jefferson, presented the Proclamation to Mary Sizemore, Library Director and members of the Library Board of Trustees.

2024-133 Proclamation - Month of the Young Child

Mayor Jefferson will present a Proclamation declaring the month of April as "Month of the Young Child".

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Heather Adams, Guilford County Partnership for Children.

2024-134 Resolution - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Jefferson will read a Resolution recognizing the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month".

Mayor Jefferson presented the Resolution to Kathy Bull, Chief Development Officer, Kellin Foundation.

2024-136 Proclamation - Fair Housing Month

Mayor Jefferson will present a Proclamation declaring the month of April as "Fair Housing Month".

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Sofia Crisp, High Point Housing Coalition, and Rase McCray, Human Relations Manager.

2024-132 Proclamation - National Community Development Week

Mayor Jefferson will present a proclamation to members of our Community Development Department, designating the week of April 1-5, 2024 as "National Community Development Week".

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Orel Henry, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Council, Nena Wilson, Community Development Director, Michelle McNair, Community Resource Manager, Pamela Ingram, Community Resource Specialist, and Meghan Scales, Community Resource Director.

Mr. Henry, provided information regarding the work of the Citizen Advisory Commission and the Community Development Department.

2024-131 Recognition - 2023 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteers

The Community & Neighborhood Development Division will recognize volunteers and provide an update on the results of the VITA 2023 tax season.

Ms. Grace Evan read a thank you letter from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the City of High Point's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

Ms. Pamela Ingram provided an overview of the VITA program and provided certificates to the volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2024-129 Public Comment Period

A Public Comment Period will be held on the first Monday of the regular City Council meeting schedule at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible following recognitions, awards, and presentations. Our policy states persons may speak on any item not on the agenda.

- * Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed. Others who wish to speak and have not signed in will be taken after those who have registered.
- * Persons addressing City Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- * Citizens will be asked to come to the podium, state their name and address and the subject(s) on which they will comment.
- * If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group while a designated speaker covers the various points. This helps to avoid repetition while giving an opportunity for people present with the same concerns to be recognized.

Thanks to everyone in the audience for respecting the meeting by refraining from speaking from the audience, applauding speakers, or other actions that distract the meeting.

The following citizens spoke at Public Comment Period

Kenneth Orms, 3525 Sainsbury Lane Greensboro, (lives in High Point) spoke to actions taken by previous Council, the proposed new City Hall, city finances, and past pay increase for City Council.

Charlene Gladney, Executive Director, Operation Xcel of High Point invited the Mayor and City Council to attend Operation Xcel's Sweet 16 Gala and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their hard work.

Dr. Elma Hairston, President of the High Point NAACP spoke to challenges regarding health care for the black community; provided information regarding Black Agenda Health Forum which will take place on Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the William Memorial CME Church and noted there would be virtual and in person sessions.

Louis Thibodeaux, 1242 Kensington Drive spoke to the proposed new City Hall and city finances.

Stacy Urey 2504 Tuxedo Way spoke to little league football team Brentwood Broncos; the league needing more teams, and requested funding for new uniforms.

Mayor Jefferson asked in if anyone else would like to speak for Public Comment Period. Seeing none, he closed the Public Comment Period.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

2024-058 **Consideration of a Guilford County Amendment Extending Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection Services**

City Council is requested to consider a Guilford County Amendment Extending Interlocal Agreement on Tax Collection Services, approve a Resolution, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-112 **Consideration of a Contract with Tetra Tech**

City Council is requested to consider a contract to Tetra Tech for Storm Debris On-Call Services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-114 **Consideration of a Contract with Crowder Gulf**

City Council is requested to consider a contract with Crowder Gulf for Disaster Recovery and Debris Management On-Call Services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-113 **Consideration of a Contract with Slurry Pavers Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a contract with Slurry Pavers Inc. in the amount of \$1,109,406.81 for the City of High Point Pavement Preservation Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-115 **Consideration of a Contract with Sharpe Brothers, A Division of Vecellio & Grogan, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a contract with Sharpe Brothers, A Division of Vecellio & Grogan, Inc. in the amount of \$2,594,777.11 for City of High Point Street Resurfacing and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-116 Consideration of Change Order Number 6 to Baker Underground Inc.

City Council is requested to consider Change Order Number 6 to Baker Underground Inc. in the amount of \$104,121.65 and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. Upon approval of Change Order Number 6, the new total contract amount will be increased to \$4,280,097.41. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-117 Consideration of a Task Order with Sturgill Engineering P.A.

City Council is requested to consider a Task Order with Sturgill Engineering P.A. in the amount of \$280,000, for professional engineering services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-118 Consideration of a Contract with DSI Innovations, LLC

City Council is requested to consider a Contract with DSI Innovations LLC in the amount of \$2,278,306 for the upgrade of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-120 Consideration of a Contract with WESCO Distribution, Inc.

City Council is requested to consider a contract to WESCO Distribution, Inc. in the amount of \$624,600 to replace the wire/conductor pulling and tensioner equipment used by the Electric Department and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-121 Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement for Inspection Services for the City of Archdale

City Council is requested to consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement for Inspection Services for the City of Archdale. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-122 Consideration of a Task Order with Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

City Council is requested to consider a Task Order with Dewberry Engineers in the amount of \$599,030 for design services related to the proposed improvements to S. Main Street, S. Wrenn Street, and Russell Avenue, approve a Budget Ordinance Amendment for the allocation of funds for this project, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-123 Consideration of an Agreement between the City of High Point and North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)

City Council is requested to consider at an agreement between the City of High Point and NCDOT to carry out planning activities and receive fee reimbursement of federal funds and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-125 Consideration of Budget Ordinance Amendment for Water/Sewer

City Council is requested to consider a Budget Ordinance Amendment to appropriate funds for unplanned water/sewer repairs and equipment replacement. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-124 Consideration of Dura-Trac as a Sole Source Vendor

City Council is requested to consider Dura-Trac as a Sole Source Vendor to purchase temporary field cover for Truist Point Stadium in the amount of \$83,486 and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-139 Consideration of Approval of Minutes

City Council is requested to consider the following minutes:

Finance Committee Minutes - February 29, 2024

Special City Manager's Briefing Minutes - March 4, 2024

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - March 4, 2024

Community Development Committee Minutes - March 5, 2024

Approved by the consent vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**2024-084 Consideration of a Proposal with the National Institute of Minority Economic Development Research, Policy and Impact Center**

City Council is requested to consider a proposal with the National Institute of Minority Economic Development Research, Policy and Impact Center in the amount of \$292,460.00, for the implementation planning proposal of the One High Point Commission recommendations, a budget ordinance, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (This item was recommended by Finance Committee with three in favor and one opposed.)

Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, provided the staff report for this item.

A discussion ensued regarding potential grants, proposal specifics, and funding.

Ms. Leah Henry, with the National Institute of Minority Economic Development Planning, provided information regarding the contract's specifics and timeline details.

A thorough discussion took place regarding overall progress, community engagement and benchmarks with other cities.

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, spoke to the proposal's funding and timelines.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-084 with funds coming from ARPA funds.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

2024-111 Consideration of a Proposal from Clark Powell for Equipment Upgrades for Video Capturing Capabilities to Stream Meetings to Various Platforms and an Additional Communications Specialist Position.

City Council is requested to consider a proposal from Clark Powell for equipment upgrades to accommodate streaming capabilities to various platforms and consider an additional Communications Specialist position.

Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, provided the staff report for this item.

A discussion ensued regarding the needed Communications Specialist position, new equipment, current listening audience, and engagement with the community.

Council Member Moore expressed his concerns regarding the timing of this item, noting there were more pressing needs in the City.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-111.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

Nay: At-Large Council Member Moore

2024-135 Consideration of Funding for Outside Non-Profit Organizations

City Council is requested to consider funds for non-profit organizations, utilizing funds freed up by the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for government services in the amount of \$3,073,400. (This item was presented at the Finance Committee.)

Eric Olmedo, provided the staff report for this item.

A discussion ensued regarding potential uses for the unallocated funds.

Mayor Jefferson stated there are a number of organizations in this agenda item in which several members of the City Council are voting board members and per North Carolina General Statute those members would need to be recused from voting. He noted that Council Member Dr. Harman is on the Greater High Point Food Alliance Board, Council Member Peters is on the Visit High Point Board, Mayor Jefferson sits on the board for the High Point Regional Health Foundation and the YMCA and Mrs. Jefferson is an employee of High Point Schools Partnership.

Council Member Johnson noted that he is on the Macedonia Family Resource Center Board.

Council Member Moore made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, to accept the recusals for the following:

- **Council Member Dr. Harman - Greater High Point Food Alliance Board**
- **Council Member Peters - Visit High Point Board**
- **Mayor Jefferson - High Point Regional Health Foundation and the YMCA and High Point Schools Partnership**
- **Council Member Johnson - Macedonia Family Resource Center Board**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, and Council Member Andrew

Recused: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Dr. Harman, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Peters

Mayor Jefferson called for the vote on the remaining organizations.

Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve the remaining Non-Profit Organization Funding Requests.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

A motion was made by Council Member Cook, Seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve the recommended allocation funding for Greater High Point Food Alliance.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, and Council Member Andrew

Recused: Council Member Dr. Harman

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve the recommended allocation funding for Visit High Point.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

Recused: Council Member Peters

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Cook, to approve the recommended allocation funding for Macedonia Family Resource Center.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

Recused: Council Member Johnson

Council Member Cook made a motion, seconded by Council Andrew, to approve the recommended allocation funding for the YMCA, High Point Schools Partnership, and High Point Regional Health Foundation.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

Recused: Mayor Jefferson

2024-089 Public Hearing on the 2024 Annual Action Plan

City Council is requested to conduct Public Hearing on the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Mayor Jefferson opened the Public Hearing.

Nena Wilson, Community Development Director, provided the staff report for this item.

Mayor Jefferson asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this item. Seeing none he closed the public hearing.

2024-138 Consideration of Revisions to the Boards/Commissions Liaison Members

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Council Member Dr. Patrick Harman as a Liaison to the Guilford County Family Justice Center.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve agenda item 2024-138.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

2024-130 Closed Session- Personnel

City Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel to conduct the annual performance evaluations for the City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Manager and (added at the adoption of the agenda) N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(5) for acquisition of real property.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Peters, to into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel to conduct the annual performance evaluations for the City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Manager and N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(5) for acquisition of real property.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

Closed Session began at 7:15 p.m.

Council Member Moore made a motion, seconded by Council Member Peters, to end Closed Session and resume Regular Session.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, At-Large Council Member Moore, At-Large Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, and Council Member Andrew

Closed Session ended at 10:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk