

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were Present (9):

Mayor Jay W. Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem S. Wesley Hudson, Ward 4; Council Member Britt W. Moore, At Large; Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson, At Large; Council Member Cyril A. Jefferson, Ward 1; Council Member Williams, Ward 2; Council Member Monica Peters, Ward 3, Council Member Victor A. Jones, Ward 5; and Council Member Holmes, Ward 6.

Mayor Wagner called for a Moment of Silence. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2023-274 Proclamation - American Flag Day 2023

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation proclaiming Saturday, June 10th as American Flag Day in the City of High Point.

Mayor Wagner read the proclamation into the minutes proclaiming Saturday, June 10th as American Flag Day in the City of High Point.

[applause, photo ops]

Council Member Jefferson encouraged everyone to attend the Flag Day event to be held at the High Point Library on June 10th at 10:00 a.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE- Blight Reduction and Marketing & Branding Initiative

2023-275 Strategic Plan Update

Council Member Chris Williams, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, will recognize staff to provide an update on the Strategic Plan regarding Blight Reduction.

Council Member Williams provided an update regarding the strategic plan report for the activities for the month of May 2023 as followed:

Minimum Housing

- *19 New Citizen Complaints*
- *3 New City-initiated Cases*
- *Demolition Ordinances*
 - *8 Units with contracts out for demolition*
 - *2 Owner-initiated demolitions (1707 Welborn St and 2315 E. Green Dr)*
 - *5 Units pending repairs*
 - *(1004 Prospect St, 337 Wingo St, 613 Manley St, 524 Cross St and 1222 Carter St)*

Public Nuisance

- *47 New Citizen Complaints*
- *168 New City-initiated Cases*
- *284 Cases Abated*
 - *88 City abated*
 - *196 Owner abated*

Zoning

- *17 New Citizen Complaints*
- *29 New City-initiated Cases*
- *146 Signs Collected*

Total Active Cases (545)

- *243 Minimum Housing*
- *194 Public Nuisance*
- *108 Zoning*

Blight Initiative

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager shared a success story regarding a property located 510 Sunset Drive; gave a brief history for said property; showed before and after pictures of repaired home; and that the property was listed for sale.

Marketing & Branding Initiative

Council Member Holmes, Chair of the Marketing Branding Task Force reported that the Task Force and staff was working with Civic Brand on implementing the city's new brand; that they were reviewing the guidelines for the new brand; and that the new brand introduction would be introduced during the summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2023-276 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.

Mayor Wagner opened the public comment period.

***Ken Orms**, 3525, Sandbury Lane, spoke to the changes made to the city's proposed budget to include city council salary increase, to allowing voters to decide on salary increases for council and term limits; asked that this choice be included on the voting ballots this November; voiced concerns regarding how the city spent and used funds; and spoke to school bonds.*

***Amy Purcell**, Colfax spoke in opposition regarding the regarding the Guilford County Schools, Zoning request; voiced safety concerns for the proposed school location; concerns for second amendment rights due to location of school; said that farm use was not compatible with school use; and asked council to deny said request.*

***Dr. Pat Schriber**, Colfax said that she was the chair of the Stakeholders Committee Land Use Plan; spoke to the history of Colfax; to having a quality of life; recommended keeping South Bunker Hill as a low density, and using the land for housing development; spoke to her experience in education; to the teacher shortage; to focusing on the current school; to traffic concerns; and made a recommendation to council to vote no to the school zoning request.*

***Patricia Derrick**, 8861 Boylston Rd, Colfax; spoke to the school zoning request; voiced concerns over the spending of tax payer's dollars; and said that she was opposed to the school rezoning.*

***Sherri Adams**, 801 Westborne Grove Ct, Colfax spoke to the school rezoning case; and that she was opposed to the school's rezoning.*

Anne Blankenship, Boylston Rd., Colfax spoke to the school rezoning case; said that a residential development would be more compatible with the area; and that she was opposed to the school rezoning case.

Evan Booth, 807 Westborne Grove Ct. spoke to the school rezoning matter; voiced traffic concerns for said area; and shared comparable data regarding school traffic for the location of the proposed school.

Julie Eschmeiler, 423 Gray Ln, Colfax; spoke to traffic concerns regarding the school rezoning case; to teacher shortages; to overcrowding schools; to how schools were managed; to concerns for second amendment rights crossing school zones; to a petition against the rezoning that had 450 signatures; and to having due process.

Louis Thibodezux, 1242 Kensington Drive, High Point spoke to the proposed city's budget that included a salary increase for council; to the increase in utilities; recommended updating the current city hall; to city and state streets in need of repair/resurfacing; and to creating affordable housing.

Stephen Harper, 2434 Lexington Ave High Point spoke to the food desert communities; said that the lack of access to healthy foods in these communities translated to health concern and may contribute to crimes in those neighborhoods; spoke to creating food equity; and to solving the hunger problem in High Point.

Jim Hedgcock, 8857 Boylston Rd., Colfax spoke to his personal history of living in Colfax; provided a map of said area explaining concerns; and said his was in opposition of request.

Abby Godwin; 809 Quail Meadow lane, Colfax; spoke in opposition of school zoning; to the history of Colfax; and asked council to vote no.

Mayor closed public comment period.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Britt Moore, Chair

Council Member Britt Moore, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee did meet on June 1, 2023, and recommended the matters under the Consent Agenda be forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation for approval.

Council Member Moore then moved for approval of all matters on the Finance Committee Consent Agenda. Council Member Hudson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 2023-245** **Resolution - 2022 Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP)**
City Council is requested to adopt a resolution for the 2022 Local Water Supply Plan and that the appropriate official execute the resolution. This is an assessment of the water system's current and future water needs and is required for the City to be compliant with the requirements of the NC General Statute 143-355(1).

Approved under consent agenda.
- 2023-246** **Sole Source Contract - Machinex Technologies Inc. - Material Recycling Facility (MRF)**
City Council is requested to award a sole source contract to Machinex Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$1,300,000 for the replacement of the original 1972 Mosley Dual Ram Baler to maintain operations.

Approved under consent agenda.
- 2023-247** **Contract - Lease Agreement - Andritz Separation - Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) - Centrifuge**
City Council is requested to approve the emergency purchase order for Andritz Separation in the amount of \$195,812 to replace the rental mobile screw press at the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant with a rental centrifuge.

Approved under consent agenda.
- 2023-253** **Contract - Sole Source - Nexus 33 Group, LLC - Transit - Drug & Alcohol Management & Compliance Software**
City Council is requested to award a (3) three year sole source contract to Nexus 33 Group, LLC in the amount of \$288,000 for the purchase of Drug & Alcohol Management & Compliance Software.

Approved under consent agenda.
- 2023-254** **Sole Source Contract - Top Stone - High Point Public Library - Granite Rolling Sphere Fountain**
City Council is requested to award a sole source contract to Top Stone in the amount of

\$78,500 for the purchase of a 48” polished granite rolling sphere fountain, base, and related equipment for the sensory garden at the High Point Public Library.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-255

Contract - Breece Enterprises, Inc. - Stormwater Services Maintenance Div.

City Council is requested to award a contract to Breece Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$497,650 for maintenance, repair, and installation of storm water infrastructure and that the appropriate City official and/or employee be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-256

Contract - Breece Enterprises, Inc. - Water Sewer Maintenance & Emergency Repairs

City Council is requested to award a contract to Breece Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,717,210.00 for maintenance and emergency repair of existing water and sewer utilities and that the appropriate City official and/or employee be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-257

Contract - Barrs Recreation - High Point City Lake Park - Playground Equipment

City Council is requested to award a contract to Barrs Recreation in the amount of \$222,380 for the purchase and installation of composite play structures for High Point City Lake Park.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-258

Contract - Cunningham Recreation - High Point City Lake Park – Playground Equipment

City Council is requested to award a contract to Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$123,841.20 for the purchase and installation of a GT Wave Climber, Inclusive See Saw, Spin with Me and Expression Swing for High Point City Lake Park.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-259

Contract - Southeastern Consulting Engineers - Electric System Study-10 Year Plan

City Council is requested to award a contract to Southeastern Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$121,000 to assist the City of High Point Electric Department with analysis of the current system and in developing departmental goals for our long term system health.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-260 Contract - Ordinance - Parks Ford - High Point Police Department - Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles

City Council is requested to award a NC Sheriff's Association Contract# 22-08-0913R in the amount of \$173,032.68 for the purchase of four (4) Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and to approve the budget ordinance amendment for the vehicle purchase.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-261 Ordinance - Budget - Fleet Services Technical Adjustment

City Council is requested to adopt a budget ordinance to transfer existing appropriations from departmental budgets and re-appropriate funds in the central services fund for vehicle and other rolling stock replacement.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-262 Budget Amendment - City Lake Park Internal Loan - Landfill Reserve Fund

City Council is requested to adopt a budget amendment and repayment terms to appropriate funding for an internal loan in the amount of \$8,352,748 from the Landfill Reserve Fund.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-263 Tax Collection Orders- Forsyth County Tax Administration- for Collection of Fiscal Year 2023 Taxes and Collection of 2022 and Prior Years' Taxes

City Council is requested to approve the Tax Collection Orders as requested by the Forsyth County Tax Administration for collection of Fiscal Year 2023 Taxes and collection of 2022 and prior years' taxes by the Forsyth County Tax Administration office for areas of High Point located in Forsyth County, and to authorize the appropriate City Official to execute the Tax Collection Orders.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-264 Contract - Sole Source - Core & Main Composite Water Meter Box Lids - Customer Service

City Council is requested to award a sole source contract to Core & Main in the amount of \$32,349.52 for the purchase of 800 Composite Meter Box Lids to ensure reading accuracy in the future AMI system.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-265 NCMPA1 - ElectriCities - REPS & RECR-1/2 Rider Updates

City Council is requested to adopt updated rate riders RECR (Renewable Energy Credits Rider 1 & 2) to remain compliant with NCMPA1.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-266 Approval- FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget for the Market Authority

City Council is requested to approve the FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget for the Market Authority.

Approved under consent agenda.

2023-267 Approval-FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget for Visit High Point

City Council is requested to approve the FY 2023-24 Visit High Point budget and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Visit High Point for FY 2023-24.

Approved under consent agenda.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Williams, Chair

PENDING ITEMS

2023-196 Ordinance-Demolition of Dwelling-411 W. Willis Avenue

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling at 411 W. Willis Avenue.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2023-277 Adoption-Proposed City of High Point FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget - Fee Changes - Forward High Point Annual FY23-24 Budget

City Council is requested to consider the adoption of the City of High Point's FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance for the City of High Point, proposed changes to the fee schedule, and FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance for Forward High Point.

Stephen Hawryluk said that this request would require two separate votes for the

proposed City of High Point FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget, and proposed changes to the fee schedule; and the FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget for Forward High Point; and noted that Mayor Wagner and Council Member Peters would need to be recused from voting on Forward High Point's budget due to their membership and serving on that board.

Council Member Peters noted that the High Point City Council has not had an increase in their salaries since 2007.

Council Member Hudson moved to adopt the City of High Point's FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance for the City of High Point, and proposed changes to the fee schedule. Council Member Williams made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Council Member Jefferson moved to recuse Mayor Wagner and Council Member Peters from voting on the budget for Forward High Point. Council Member Johnson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Council Member Hudson moved to approve the FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance for Forward High Point. Council Member Jefferson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 7-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (7): Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Recused (2): Mayor Wagner, and Council Member Peters

2023-249 Boards and Commissions Reappointments - Housing Authority Board

Council is requested to confirm the reappointments of Matt Witmeyer and Roosevelt Swinnie (Resident Commissioner) effective December 22, 2023, with terms expiring December 22, 2028.

Mayor Wagner then moved to approve the reappointments of Matt Witmeyer and Roosevelt Swinnie (Resident Commissioner) effective December 22, 2023, with terms expiring December 22, 2028. Council Member Williams made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

2023-250 Boards and Commission Reappointments - Board of Adjustment

Council is requested to confirm the reappointments of David Horne and Tyler Walsh to the Board of Adjustment. Terms effective June 30, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2026.

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the reappointment of David Horne and Tyler Walsh to the Board of Adjustment, effective June 30, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2026. Council Member Johnson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

2023-251 Boards and Commission Appointment/Reappointments - Historic Preservation Commission

Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Rodney Smith to fill an unexpired term to be effective immediately and expire on June 30, 2025, and to confirm the reappointments of David Blackman, Jeremy Fennema, and John Fitzwater to be effective June 30, 2023, and expire June 30, 2026.

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the appointment of Rodney Smith to fill an unexpired term to be effective immediately and expire on June 30, 2025, and to confirm the reappointments of David Blackman, Jeremy Fennema, and John Fitzwater to be effective June 30, 2023, and expire June 30, 2026. Council Member Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

2023-252 Boards and Commission Reappointments - Planning and Zoning Commission

Council is requested to confirm the reappointments of Terry Venable and Mark Walsh to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Terms will be effective June 30, 2023, and will expire on June 30, 2026.

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the reappointments of Terry Venable and Mark Walsh to the Planning and Zoning Commission, terms will be effective June 30, 2023, and will expire on June 30, 2026. Council Member Johnson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

2023-273 Boards and Commission Reappointment - Human Relations Commission

City Council is requested to approve the reappointment of Sharon McGregor to the Human Relations Commission. Term will be effective immediately and will expire November 1, 2024.

Council Member Moore thanked Ms. McGregor for her efforts and dedication while serving on this board.

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the reappointment of Sharon McGregor to the Human Relations Commission, effective immediately and will expire November 1, 2024. Council Member Johnson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

2023-279 Boards and Commission Appointment - Parks and Recreation Commission

City Council is requested to approve the appointment of Cameron Marsdon to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Term effective July 1, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2026.

Council Member Moore thanked Cameron Marsdon for their time and effort and willingness to serve on this board.

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the appointment of Cameron Marsdon to the Parks and Recreation Commission, effective July 1, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2026. Council Member Jefferson made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

2023-248 Minutes to be Approved

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes-November 21, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.

Prosperity and Livability Committee Minutes - May 3, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Minutes - May 11, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 15, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 15, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 18, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Hudson moved to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Williams made a second to the motion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Hudson, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Wagner noted that the council would reconvene into closed session after adjournment of the regular meeting.

Council Member Jefferson recognized and welcomed Cynthia Barnes, MWBE Coordinator, to the City of High Point.

Council Member Williams wished his wife a Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. upon motion duly made by Council Member Holmes and second by Council Member Hudson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, CMC
Deputy City Clerk