

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
September 16, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
3rd Floor Conference Room – Municipal Building**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Cyril Jefferson called the Special Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present Mayor Cyril Jefferson, Council Member Michael Holmes, Council Member Britt Moore, Council Member Amanda Cook, Council Member Vickie McKiver, Council Member Monica Peters (arrived at 4:09 p.m.), and Council Member Patrick Harman

Absent Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Council Member Tim Andrew

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cook, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Moore, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, and Council Member Harman

Absent: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, and Council Member Andrew

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2024-337 Library Departmental Overview

Staff will provide an overview of the Library.

Mary Sizemore, Library Director, provided the departmental overview. She spoke on the different services offered by the library, including Children’s Services, Research Services, Reader’s Services, and Technical Services. She talked about the Heritage Research Center and its incredible reputation across the state regarding its genealogy resources. She gave an overview of the Farmer’s Market and its role as a community gathering space. She spoke on the High Point Museum and how the community programming there had grown in the past couple of years. She said the museum was incorporating local culture groups in High Point into its displays and shared an example in the partnership between the museum and the Latino Center.

She gave an overview of the statistics from the past year and said the findings show a shift in how people are using the collection from print materials to digital offerings. She shared that both the library and museum have increased numbers in attendance and circulation and spoke on the partnership with Guilford County schools where all students received library cards from both High Point and Greensboro library systems.

She shared the current priorities of the department, including the Sensory Garden, the new library outreach vehicle, the Farmer’s Market, completing the HVAC and roof

replacement at the museum, and working with Mental Health Associates of the Triad (MHA) to begin the new social services initiative at the library. She said the contract with MHA was already in place and shared that the social worker would start the following day and that the peer navigator had already started helping people in need.

Council Member Moore spoke on all the wonderful services offered by the library and pointed out that some people do not realize all that the High Point Library does for the community.

In response to Council Member Moore, Ms. Sizemore said the Farmer's Market had a great season. She spoke on the focus on healthy living and access to good food. She talked about the cooking demonstrations held at the market and how the demonstrations showed citizens how they could use the food bought at the market.

In response to Council Member Moore about a letter he received from a citizen concerning the safety of the library, Ms. Sizemore spoke on the importance of the social services initiative to help people who may be suffering from mental illness.

Mayor Jefferson thanked Ms. Sizemore for her presentation.

2024-377

Overview of Quasi-Judicial Procedures for Evidentiary Hearings

The City Attorney will provide an overview of quasi-judicial procedures for evidentiary hearings.

Meghan Maguire, City Attorney, presented the item. She spoke on the two upcoming quasi-judicial hearings during the regular Council meetings in October, and said she wanted to go over the procedures to ensure the City Council were familiar with these types of hearings.

She explained that Quasi-judicial hearings were evidentiary and said the purpose was to ensure standards were met. She shared some examples including variances, appeals of administrative decisions, alternate designs, reasonable accommodation requests, certificates of appropriateness, and special use permits (SUP). She explained Quasi-Judicial hearings were like court hearings, with the Council acting as the judge and jury and the Chair presiding over the hearing. She emphasized the need for Council members to disclose if there were any possible conflicts of interest.

Ms. Maguire went over the Quasi-Judicial evidentiary hearing sequence and Special Use Review Standards and explained that all five of the standards must be met. She pointed out the applicant bears the burden of proof of meeting all the Special Use Review Standards.

She explained the general statute stating that facts must be presented during the evidentiary hearing and that a proposed written decision triggers appeal. She outlined the appeal process and emphasized she would be there to advise the Mayor and Council

throughout the process. She said she could put together a package for Council Members outlining the process if they desire.

2024-376 Closed Session – Acquisition of Real Property and Attorney-Client Privilege

Council is requested to go into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(5) and §143-318.11(a)(3) for acquisition of real property and attorney-client privilege.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Moore, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) and §143-318.11(a)(3) for acquisition of real property and attorney-client privilege.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Moore, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Peters, and Council Member Harman

Absent: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Andrew

Closed Session began at 4:46 p.m.

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

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Moore, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Peters, and Council Member Harman

Absent: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Andrew

Closed Session ended and Regular Session resumed at 5:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk