

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING
211 South Hamilton Street**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jefferson called the Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 5:33 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

ADOPT AGENDA

Council Member Harman requested that agenda items 2024-050 and 2024-060 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the General Agenda.

Council Member Cook requested that agenda item 2024-062 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the General Agenda.

Council Member Moore stated for the record: On item 2024-051 after passage of this at the implementation and approval of HUD, I know the history on this and it was approved in part of our budget last year on a non-unanimous vote but the ordinance did not pass, so that is what we are addressing. I would just request once this is approved, and the work continues, that you please mark your calendars and come back through the Council in year to review the effectiveness of the passage.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Moore, to adopt the agenda with the following agenda items moved to the General Agenda: 2024-050, 2024-060, and 2024-062.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

2024-050 **Consideration of a Sole Source Contract to Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC**

City Council is requested to award a sole source contract to Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$131,318 for the removal, replacement, or alternative repair of City of High Point maintained sidewalks and authorize the appropriate City Official to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Moved to the General Agenda.

2024-055 **Consideration of a Grant Agreement through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Disaster Relief and Recovery/Mitigation/Reliliency Directed Grant**

City Council is requested to accept a grant award in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Arnold Koonce City Lake Dam Project, approve a budget ordinance amendment, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-056 **Consideration of a Task Order with CHA Consulting, Inc.**

City Council is requested to approve a Task Order with CHA Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$293,885 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.

2024-057 **Consideration of a Task Order with Black and Veatch International Company**

City Council is requested to approve a Task Order with Black and Veatch International in the amount of \$215,000 for professional engineering services to evaluate the Waterview sanitary sewer system and to authorize appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-059 **Consideration of a Budget Ordinance Amendment for Fleet Services**

City Council is requested to approve a Budget Ordinance Amendment to transfer existing appropriations to the central services fund and appropriate higher than expected Fleet Services revenues for vehicles and other rolling stock purchases. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-060 Consideration of a Task Order with CPL, Inc. Architecture/Engineering/Planning

City Council is requested to approve a Task Order with CPL, Inc. Architecture/Engineering/Planning in the amount not to exceed \$748,800 for design services related to the new Center for Active Adults and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Moved to the General Agenda.

2024-062 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Donation of Surplus Fire Equipment to Bethany Volunteer Fire Department

City Council is requested to declare the 1996 International Mini Pumper surplus property, approve a resolution to donate the surplus 1996 International Mini Pumper to Bethany Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Moved to the General Agenda.

2024-048 Proposed Human Relations Commission's 2024 Work Plan and Overview

City Council is requested to approve the Proposed Human Relations Commission's 2024 Work Plan. (Recommended by Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-053 Consideration of Oak Hollow Festival Site Plan

City Council is requested to approve the Oak Hollow Festival Site Plan.(Recommended by Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-051 Consideration of the City of High Point Fair Housing Ordinance

City Council is requested consider the Human Relations Commission's previous recommendation that the City of High Point "adopt a Fair Housing Ordinance that is substantially equivalent to federal fair housing laws." Adopting this ordinance will require an amendment to the City of High Point's Code of Ordinance amending Sec 4.3.1, Article A, Chapter 3, Title 4. (Recommended by Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee.)

Approved by the consent vote.

2024-067 Consideration of Approval of Minutes

City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:

Finance Committee Minutes - February 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - February 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - February 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Approved by the consent vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2024-050 Consideration of a Sole Source Contract to Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC

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Robby Stone, Public Service Director, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Harmon, Mr. Stone stated that repairs are contracted through Precision Safe Sidewalks and if the repairs are beyond their scope, the city would make the repairs or contract it out. He noted this item would not address additional sidewalks but are focused on maintaining existing sidewalks.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-050.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

2024-060 Consideration of a Task Order with CPL, Inc. Architecture/Engineering/Planning

City Council is requested to approve a Task Order with CPL, Inc. Architecture/Engineering/Planning in the amount not to exceed \$748,800 for design services related to the new Center for Active Adults and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Lee Tillery, Parks & Recreation Director, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Harman, Mr. Tillery stated this firm was selected because of experience with senior centers in other areas and having the lowest cost.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member McKiver, to approve agenda item 2024-060.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

2024-062 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Donation of Surplus Fire Equipment to Bethany Volunteer Fire Department

City Council is requested to declare the 1996 International Mini Pumper surplus property, approve a resolution to donate the surplus 1996 International Mini Pumper to Bethany Volunteer Fire Department, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Tommy Reid, Fire Chief, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Cook, Chief Reid stated if the truck was sold for scrap metal, it would bring an estimated amount of \$2,000 and if it was auctioned, the City may receive between \$4,000-\$5,000. He noted the best use for the vehicle would be to donate it to Bethany Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-062.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

2024-061 Consideration to Introduce Series 2024 General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds

1. City Council is requested to approve the attached “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina Making Certain Statements of Fact Concerning Proposed Bond Issue and Calling a Public Hearing”
2. City Council is requested to introduce the attached “Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,425,000 General Obligation Streets and Sidewalks Bonds of the City of High Point, North Carolina”

Mayor Cyril Jefferson introduced the following resolution, a summary of which had been provided to each Councilmember, a copy of which was available with the City Clerk and which was read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA MAKING CERTAIN STATEMENTS OF FACT CONCERNING PROPOSED BOND ISSUE AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Jefferson made a motion to introduce a Resolution of the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina making certain statements of fact concerning proposed bond issuance and calling a public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes provided the second.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Bobby Fitzjohn, Chief Financial Officer, provided a staff report for this item noting a public hearing will be held on March 4, 2024.

In response to Council Member Harman, Mr. Fitzjohn stated bond orders are written with broad language in case something would occur. The funds would need to be used on street and sidewalk projects and staff fully intends to apply that to Samet Drive project.

Mayor Cyril Jefferson introduced the following bond order by reading the title thereof:

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,425,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREETS AND SIDEWALK BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor Jefferson made a motion to introduce the Bond Order Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,425,000 General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds of the City of High Point, North Carolina.

Council Member Moore provided the second.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

2024-046 Public Hearing - Double Play Properties, LLC, Annexation Case 23-04

A request by Double Plan Properties, LLC, to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of an approximate 0.32 acre parcel (806 Pinecroft Street). The proposed annexation site is located along the west side of Pinecroft Street, approximately 120 feet south of Lawndale Avenue, and is also known as Guilford County Tax Parcel 155267

Mayor Jefferson opened the Public Hearing.

Herb Shannon, Senior Planner, provided the staff report.

In response to Council Member Harman, Mr. Shannon stated a public hearing sign is not required for an annexation and noted a legal ad was recorded in the High Point Enterprise and confirmed the surrounding areas are unincorporated.

In response to Council Member Harman, Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, stated the address would be added to the city's addressing system.

Mayor Jefferson asked if anyone else would like to speak regarding this item. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Jefferson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve agenda item 2024-046.

Motion carried with following vote:

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

2024-063 Consideration of the Reappointment of Julian Weathers o the Guilford County/City Insurance Advisory Committee

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Julian Weathers to the Guilford County/City Insurance Advisory Committee. Term will be effective immediately and expire on December 21, 2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, to approve agenda item 2024-063.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

2024-064 Consideration of Revisions to the Boards/Commissions Liaison Members

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Council Member Amanda Cook to the Guilford County Homelessness Task Force. Upon appointment of Council Member Cook, the following Elected Officials will be Liaisons for the Guilford County Homelessness Task Force:

1. Mayor Jefferson
2. Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes
3. Council Member Amanda Cook

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member McKiver, to approve agenda item 2024-064.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mayor Jefferson thanked Council Member Peters for her service on the Homelessness Taskforce.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jefferson stated High Point University and Carolina Core are playing right now and noted it is a free game.

Council Member Peters announced the 20245 Comprehensive Plan will be unveiled on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at Congdon Yards at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Cook encouraged everyone to take advantage of early voting.

Mayor Jefferson thanked everyone for the support of fair housing.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk