

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*Chaired by Council Member Williams*

*Committee Members: Williams, Hudson, Jefferson, and Johnson*

**July 11, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers – Municipal Building**

**211 S. Hamilton Steet**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Acting Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.*

**Present:** Chair Christopher Williams, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Council Member Wesley Hudson, and Council Member Cyril Jefferson (arrived at 4:03 p.m.)

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

**2023-301 Consideration of the 2023 Urgent Repair Program Policies**

City Council is requested to approve the 2023 Urgent Repair Program Procurement and Disbursement Policy, the 2023 Urgent Repair Program Assistance Policy, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all documents. (Recommended by Community Development Committee.)

*Nena Wilson, Community Development Director, provided the staff report and reviewed the policies defining procurement and policies for vendors and contractors, as well as applicant assistance protocols.*

*Council Member Jefferson arrived at 4:03 p.m.*

*Ms. Wilson stated the city anticipated receiving \$68,000 for the 2023 Urgent Repair Program, however, the city received an award of \$132,000.*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Hudson, seconded by Committee Member Williams, to approve agenda item 2023-301.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Williams, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jefferson

**2023-302 Consideration of the 2023 Urgent Repair Program Post-Approval Documentation**

City Council is requested to approve the Post-Approval Documentation for the 2023 Urgent Repair Program and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Community Development Committee.)

*Nena Wilson, Community Development Director, provided the staff report and reviewed the certification requirements that the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency requires.*

**A motion was made by Committee Member Hudson, seconded by Committee Member Jefferson, to approve agenda item 2023-302.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Williams, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jefferson

**2023-303 Greater High Point Food Alliance Update**

Staff from the Greater High Point Food Alliance will provide an update.

*Carl Vierling, Executive Director of Greater High Point Food Alliance, provided a presentation which included an update on the current state of food insecurity, accomplishments of the Great High Point Food Alliance, as well as current and future projects and activities.*

*A thorough discussion ensued regarding helping seniors, best ways to donate to the food banks, future projected projects regarding food recovery, the new senior center having a food bank, and affordable housing for seniors.*

*Council Member Jefferson stated he supports that the new senior center contain a food bank and asked that if concerns arise regarding placing the food bank in the new senior center that the discussion be brought to a committee.*

*Mr. Vierling invited everyone to the 2023 Food Security Summit taking place on September 13, 2023, and noted more information would be provided.*

**2023-304 Community and School Gardens Update**

Staff from Community and School Gardens will provide an update.

*Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent of Community and School Gardens, thanked the City for their continued support and provided a presentation regarding the Community and School Garden Program in High Point. She noted there are 50 community gardens in High Point, and spoke to the benefits of community gardens, total grants received, and provided photos of existing gardens. She reviewed past and future projects and noted the importance of building partnerships.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Williams, Chairman  
Community Development Committee

Attest:

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Sandra Keeney  
City Clerk

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