

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 20, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.  
Council Chambers – Municipal Building  
211 South Hamilton Street**

**ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes called the Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated Mayor Jefferson and Council Member McKiver were absent, with all other members present. He called for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.*

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Holmes, Ward 6; At-Large Council Member Britt Moore, At-Large Council Member Amanda Cook, 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

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Council Member Moore made a motion, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to adopt the agenda.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**2024-185      Proclamation – Public Works Week**

Mayor Jefferson will present a Proclamation declaring May 19-25, 2024, as "Public Works Week."

*Mayor Pro Tempore presented the Proclamation to Robby Stone, Public Services Director.*

**2024-192      Proclamation – Stand for Our Children Day**

Mayor Jefferson will present a Proclamation declaring June 1, 2024, as "Stand for Our Children Day".

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes presented the Proclamation to Greg Commander, Lloyd Leonard, Alina Tate, Albert “Pops” Lambert, Tony Graham, Clarence Sutton, and Jeremiah Jett.*

**2024-198      Proclamation – National Travel and Tourism Week**

Mayor Jefferson will present a Proclamation declaring May 19-25, 2024, as “National Travel and Tourism Week.”

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes presented the Proclamation to Melody Burnett, Dana East, and Nancy Bowman from Visit High Point.*

**2024-194      Branding Award Recognition for the City of High Point**

The North Carolina City and County Communicators (NC3C) will present the 2024 NC3C Excellence in Communications Award for Branding Initiative.

*Kaisha Brown, President of the NC3C Board of Directors, presented the award to Ryan Ferguson, Marketing Manager.*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**2024-119      Consideration of an Ordinance Amending and Restating the Solid Waste Franchise of WI High Point Landfill, LLC (“WI High Point”). (Second Reading)**

City Council is requested to approve adoption of this Ordinance Amending and Restating the Solid Waste Franchise of WI High Point Landfill, LLC and authorize appropriate city officials to execute all necessary documents. (Public Hearing and First Reading was held at the May 6, 2024, City Council Meeting).

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-177      Consideration of 2024 Urgent Repair Program (URP24) Policies and Procedures**

City Council is requested to consider the URP24 Assistance Policy and the URP24 Procurement and Disbursement Policies, and that the appropriate City Official(s) be authorized to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Community Development Committee).

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-178      Consideration of a Conditional Commitment for Flats at Old Winston**

City Council is requested to consider a Conditional Commitment Letter for Flats at Old Winston and that the appropriate City Official(s) be authorized to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Community Development Committee).

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-187      Consideration of a Resolution of Shared Alignment of Guilford County Transportation Stakeholders in the Promotion and Development of Transportation Services**

City Council is requested to consider a Resolution Supporting Shared Alignment of Guilford County, The City of Greensboro, The City of High Point, and Regional Transportation Stakeholders in the Promotion and Development of Transportation Services in a More Unified Manner. (Recommended by the Prosperity, Livability, and Safety Committee).

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA****2024-155      Public Hearing Date - 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding**

City Council is requested conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on funding, adopt a Resolution ratifying an Interlocal and Sub-recipient Agreements with Greensboro and Guilford County to accept the 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Presented at the Finance Committee).

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone that wished to speak regarding this item. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing and called for the vote.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Cook, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve agenda item 2024-155.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**2024-191      Public Hearing - Proposed FY 2024-25 City of High Point Annual Budget**

Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:30pm is the date and time established to receive public comments on the proposed FY2024-2025 City of High Point Annual Budget.

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes opened the public hearing.*

*Stephen Hawryluk, Budget & Performance Director, gave an overview of the budget.*

*Kenneth Orms, 3525 Sainsbury Ln., Greensboro, NC expressed his disappointment with the three-minute speaking limit and outlined different alternatives to budget cuts without a tax increase.*

*Victor Jones, 2512 Burch Pt. expressed his disappointment with the budget and spoke on how it created division.*

*Debbie Darby 1813 Futrelle Dr. said she was opposed to the city raising property taxes and suggested the city consider educating citizens on municipal government.*

*Shiela Dorset, 1644 Westchester Dr. expressed her opposition to the proposed tax increase and its effect on the senior citizen and young families considering moving to High Point.*

*Kimberly Volkman, 503 Steele St. stated that she opposed the proposed tax increase and its effect on the low-income community.*

*Lewis Thibodeaux, 1242 Kensington Dr. voiced his opposition to the proposed tax increase and warned of comparisons to other cities like Greensboro and Winston-Salem.*

*Viola Long, 2680 Ingleside said she opposed the proposed tax increase and worried about the effect the increase could have on vulnerable members of the population.*

*Jim Adams, 1617 Heathcliff expressed his opposition to the proposed tax increase and said the city should look to the furniture industry for more money instead of increasing taxes.*

*Greg Painter, 173B Old Mill Rd. said he was in favor of police and fire pay increases but thinks the city should cut spending in other areas.*

*Aiden Keys, 3215 Rockingham Rd., a recent High Point University graduate and homeowner, expressed concern about the proposed tax increase.*

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes closed the public hearing and reminded everyone there were several other budget sessions where citizens could voice concerns before the budget was passed.*

**2024-184**

**Consideration of a Contract with Utility Services Company Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider at contract with Utility Services Inc. in the amount of \$313,200 for the rehabilitation of the I-74 elevated storage tank at the Ward Water Treatment Plant and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-184.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**2024-189      Consideration of a Contract with Utility Services Company Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider at contract with Utility Services Inc. in the amount of \$222,808, for the coating rehabilitation of the 10 MG (million gallon) concrete water tank at the Ward Water Treatment Plant and authorize the appropriate city officials to execute all necessary documents.

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Harman, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve agenda item 2024-189.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**2024-197      Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 11-11-1 Social Districts of the High Point Code of Ordinances**

City Council is requested to consider an Ordinance amending Section 11-11-1 Social Districts of the High Point Code of Ordinances to establish an Uptowne Social District.

*Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.*

*A discussion ensued regarding the map boundaries and Council suggested a working evaluation of the district once it is established.*

*Mr. Ferguson mentioned the changes to original Catalyst Social District and said they could amend the Uptowne Social District ordinance in the future if directed by Council.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve agenda item 2024-197.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** At-Large Council Member Cook

**Absent:** Mayor Cyril Jefferson and Council Member Vickie McKiver

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Council Member Moore thanked everyone that came out to speak on the budget. He emphasized that the budget could be amended and thanked staff for their work and ability to make tough decisions.*

*Council Member Peters asked everyone to stand up who came to advocate for the Uptowne Social District.*

*Council Member Cook said that she supports local businesses and clarified that she was not against the social district. She said she was concerned about safety.*

*Council Member Andrew asked everyone to take a moment to remember what Memorial Day is about. He mentioned some local residents who were killed in action.*

*Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes said to remember those who sacrificed all for our freedom and suggested thanking veterans for their service and sacrifice. He said he appreciated all of the people who came out to speak on the budget and emphasized that tax increases will affect everyone and that all of the citizens of High Point share a collective benefit of city services.*

*There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

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Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk