

**PROSPERITY, LIVABILITY, & SAFTEY COMMITTEE**

*Chaired by Council Member Monica Peters*

*Committee Members: Council Member Monica Peters, Council Member Patrick Harman, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, and Council Member Vickie McKiver*

**February 8, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.**

**Council Chambers – Municipal Building**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Peters called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated all Committee Members are present.*

**Present:** Council Member Monica Peters, Council Member Patrick Harman, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Monica Peters, Chair**

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

**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.

*Rase McCray, Human Relations Manager, provided the staff report for this item; spoke to functions and scope of the Human Relations Commission and provided the Commission's work plan updates.*

*In response to Council Member Harman, Mr. McCray spoke to collaborations with other Boards and Commissions.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harman, to approve agenda item 2024-048.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Peters, Committee Members: McKiver, Johnson, and Harman

**2024-049 Presentation on Proposed Pilot Program to Address Panhandling in the Community**

Staff will provide a presentation regarding a proposed pilot program to address panhandling in the community.

*Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, provided the staff report regarding a proposed pilot program to address panhandling in the community.*

*Chair Peters asked that South Main and Fairfield be added to the pilot program for sign placement.*

*Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, stated that locations were selected based on the number of complaints received and would add the suggested location.*

*A discussion ensued regarding how the effectiveness of the program would be determined, how programs in other jurisdictions have been successful, similarity between*

*the City of High Point's ordinance verses other cities, how the Human Relations Commission might play a role in providing education regarding pan handling and adding a sign to the Harley and Main location. It was later determined to keep the locations to four.*

### **For Information Only**

#### **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.)

*Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, provided the staff report regarding the proposed City of High Point Fair Housing Ordinance.*

*A discussion ensued regarding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, staff requirements, and how long the process would take.*

*Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, noted regarding the staffing needs for this program, the position is already in the budget but has not been filled.*

**A motion was made by Chair Peters, seconded by Committee Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-051.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Peters, Committee Members: McKiver, Johnson, and Harman

#### **2024-053 Consideration of Oak Hollow Festival Site Plan**

City Council is requested to approve the Oak Hollow Festival Site Plan.

*Lee Tillery, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that WithersRavenel was hired to develop the Oak Hollow/Festival Park Master Plan. He introduced Brian Starkey.*

*Brian Starkey, Director of Parks and Recreation with WithersRavenel, provided a presentation regarding the Oak Hollow/Festival Park Master Plan.*

*A discussion ensued regarding temporary stages verses permanent stages, stormwater control, project completion timelines, and funding.*

*Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, noted this agenda item is just approving the Master Plan.*

**A motion was made by Chair Peter, seconded by Committee Member McKiver, to approve agenda item 2024-053.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chair Peters, Committee Members: McKiver, Johnson, and Harman

**2024-052      Discussion Regarding City Sponsored Special Events**

Staff will provide an update on City sponsored special events.

*Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.*

*A discussion ensued regarding staffing and funding for events, religious ceremony's, conflicts of interest, and changing routes for some events.*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Monica Peters, Chair

Attest:

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Sandra Keeney, City Clerk