

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 3, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
211 South Hamilton Street**

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

*Mayor Jefferson called the Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated all members are 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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**Motion carried with the following votes:**

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

**RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**2024-221      Recognition - High Point 911 Telecommunicators**

High Point 911 Telecommunicators (Baker Team) was awarded the 2024 Communications Team of the Year award at the North Carolina Association of Public-Safety Officials (APCO) conference.

*Mayor Jefferson presented the 2024 Communications Team of the Year Award.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**2024-235      Public Comment Period**

A Public Comment Period will be held on the first Monday of the regular City Council meeting schedule at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible following recognitions, awards, and presentations. Our policy states persons may speak on any item not on the agenda.

- \* Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed. Others who wish to speak and have not signed in will be taken after those who have registered.
- \* Persons addressing City Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

- \* Citizens will be asked to come to the podium, state their name and address and the subject(s) on which they will comment.
- \* If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group while a designated speaker covers the various points. This helps to avoid repetition while giving an opportunity for people present with the same concerns to be recognized.

Thanks to everyone in the audience for respecting the meeting by refraining from speaking from the audience, applauding speakers, or other actions that distract the meeting.

*Kenneth Orms, 3525 Sansbury Lane, spoke to the proposed tax increase and budget, and discontent over decisions made by the current and past City Councils.*

*Matt Thiel, 1018 Emery Circle, spoke to the city being a finalist for the All American City Award, past and present leadership of the City, positive aspects of the city, and noted his support for the proposed budget.*

*Louis Thibodeaux, 1242 Kensington Dr. spoke to the needs of citizens, recently assessed property, and his discontent regarding the proposed budget.*

*Karly Hairston, President of the High Point Youth Council, invited everyone to the You and I Transforming Youth Unity Rally on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 3-5 p.m. at Williams Memorial CME Church 3400 Triangle Lake Road.*

*Dr. Elma Hairston, President of the High Point NAACP, spoke to the proposed tax increase and noted her support of the proposed budget.*

*Maria Palmer, 1239 Franklin Avenue, spoke to vandalism to her vehicle and crime in her neighborhood.*

*Kenneth Brown, 2701 Hage Street, spoke to difficulties being a city employee regarding pay and workload and requested pay raises for city employees.*

*Debbie Gunn, spoke to her history of living in High Point, experience as an insurance agent, and offered guidance regarding the City insurance rates.*

*Kimberly Volkman, spoke to her discontent over the proposed budget, eviction rates, and unfair comparisons between the City of High Point and the City of Greensboro.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve 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

**2024-201      Consideration of a Sole Source Purchase from Leica Microsystems Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a Sole Source Purchase from Leica Microsystems Inc. in the amount of \$83,810 for a Comparison Microscope and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-213      Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Retired K-9 Lumin**

City Council is requested to consider a resolution to retire Police K-9 Lumin and declare as surplus property and authorize the purchase of K-9 Lumin by Detective Josh Wolfe who will assume all liability and responsibility for the animal's care for the remainder of its life. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-207      Consideration of a Task Order with CDM Smith**

City Council is requested to consider a Task Order for Professional Engineering Services with CDM Smith in the amount of \$115,000 and authorize appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-208      Consideration of Master Agreements for Professional Services**

City Council is requested to authorize the execution of Master Agreements for SCADA Design and Integration Support Services with CITI, Revere Control Systems, Piedmont Automations, Lord and Company, and DSI Innovations and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-209      Consideration of a Sole Source Contract with Pavement Technology, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a sole source contract to Pavement Technology, Inc in the amount of \$793,351.20 to apply Reclamite® Asphalt Rejuvenator to approximately 661,126 square yards of roadway at various locations within the City of High Point and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-210      Consideration of a Task Order with Tetra Tech**

City Council is requested to consider a Task Order with Tetra Tech for Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$150,000 and authorize appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-211 Consideration of a Sole Source Purchase from Radian Research, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a Sole Source Purchase from Radian Research, Inc. in the amount of \$102,653.20 for two three-phase Meter Site Analyzers and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-212 Consideration of a Purchase from Wesco, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a purchase from Wesco, Inc. in the amount of \$1,066,334.12 for various pole mounted and pad mounted transformers for warehouse stock items not associated with a specific project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-222 Consideration of a Contract with Guy M. Turner, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a contract with Guy M. Turner for emergency mobilization of cranes for after-hours work. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-215 Consideration of a Contract with Allegiant**

City Council is requested to consider a contract with Allegiant in the amount of \$1,009,800.84 for meter installations services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-216 Consideration of Tax Collection Orders for the Forsyth County Tax Administration**

City Council is requested to consider the Tax Collection Orders as requested by the Forsyth County Tax Administration for collection of Fiscal Year 2024 Taxes and collection of 2023 and prior years' taxes by the Forsyth County Tax Administration office for areas of High Point located in Forsyth County, and to authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute the Tax Collection Orders. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-218 Consideration of a Purchase from West Chatham Emergency Equipment**

City Council is requested to consider a purchase from West Chatham Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$126,795 for emergency vehicle equipment and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-219      Consideration of a Budget Ordinance Amendment**

City Council is requested to consider a Budget Ordinance Amendment in the amount of \$408,033 to appropriate federal grant dollars awarded for Transit which will be utilized for parking lot repairs and paratransit scheduling and dispatching software. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-220      Consideration of a License Agreement between the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) and the City of High Point**

City Council is requested to consider a License Agreement with NCRR which will provide the City use of the property to maintain the High Point Depot for Amtrak passenger rail service and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-232      Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Upset Bid Process for the Sale of City Properties Located at 516 White Oak St. High Point, NC**

City Council is requested to approve a resolution accepting the offer of \$11,000 from Sterling Real Estate Development of North Carolina, LLC for a city-owned vacant lot through the upset bid procedure of N.C.G.S. §160A-269 and direct the City Clerk to publish a public notice of the proposed sale in accordance with N.C.G.S. §160A-269. (This item was originally approved at the November 2, 2023, Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**2024-225      Consideration of Approval of Minutes**

City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:

Finance Committee Minutes - May 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 6, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Community Development Committee Minutes - May 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee Minutes - May 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Transparency, Engagement & Communication Committee Minutes - May 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

**Approved by the consent vote.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA****2024-202      Consideration of an Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery Historic Marker**

City Council is requested to consider a request by the High Point Preservation Society for approval of a historic marker to recognize Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery on the south side of Qubein Avenue near the cemetery entrance.

*David Fencl, Senior Planner, provided the staff report for this item. He stated this is a request by the High Point Preservation Society for approval of a historic marker to*

*recognize Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery on the south side of Qubein Avenue near the cemetery entrance. He noted that the Preservation Society would pay for the marker.*

*In response to Mayor Jefferson, Mr. Fencil clarified that this item is for approval for the placement of the marker and there is no budget impact.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-202.**

**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

**2024-229     Consideration of the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ordinance for Forward High Point, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider the adoption of the City of High Point's FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ordinance for Forward High Point, Inc.

*Mayor Jefferson offered his recusal from voting on agenda item 2024-229 Forward High Point and 2024-230 High Point International Home Furnishings Market Authority.*

*Council Member Peters offered her recusal from voting on 2024-231 Visit High Point.*

*Council Member Harman offered his recusal from voting on agenda item 2024-229 Forward High Point.*

**A motion was made by Council Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, to accept the recusals as offered.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

**Aye:** Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, Council Member Moore, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Andrew

**Recused:** Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Peters, and Council Member Harman

**A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2024-229.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Recused:** Mayor Jefferson and Council Member Harman

**2024-230      Consideration of the 2024-2025 High Point International Home Furnishings Market Authority Corporation Budget**

City Council is requested to consider the adoption of the FY 2024-2025 High Point International Home Furnishings Market Authority Corporation (High Point Market Authority) budget and the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ordinance for the High Point International Home Furnishings Market Authority Corporation (High Point Market Authority).

**A motion was made by Council Member Harman, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve agenda item 2024-230.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Recused:** Mayor Jefferson

**2024-231      Consideration of FY 2024-2025 High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (Visit High Point) Budget**

City Council is requested to consider the approval of the FY 2024-2025 High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (Visit High Point) budget and adopt the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ordinance for High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (Visit High Point).

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Cook, to approve agenda item 2024-231.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Recused:** Council Member Peters

**2024-228      Consideration of the City of High Point's FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ordinance**

City Council is requested to consider the adoption of the City of High Point's FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget Ordinance for the City of High Point, including proposed changes to the fee schedule.

*Council Members Moore, Andrew, Cook, Harman, Johnson, and Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, provided their thoughts regarding the proposed budget.*

*Mayor Jefferson thanked everyone that showed civic democracy and provided his thoughts regarding the proposed budget.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve agenda item 2024-228.**

**Motion carried with the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** Council Member Harman and Council Member Andrew

**2024-226 Closed Session- Personnel**

City Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for Personnel.**

**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

*Closed session began at 6:44*

**A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Holmes, to end Closed Session and resume Regular Session.**

**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

*Closed Session ended at 8:44 p.m.*

**Mayor Jefferson stated no action will be taken as a result of the Closed Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:



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Sandra Keeney, City Clerk

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