

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260*



Minutes - Final

Monday, August 7, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

S. Wesley Hudson, Mayor Pro Tem

*Britt W. Moore (At Large), Tyrone Johnson (At Large), Cyril Jefferson (Ward 1),
Christopher Williams (Ward 2), Monica L. Peters (Ward 3), Victor Jones (Ward 5), and
Michael Holmes (Ward 6)*

ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. He called for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present 9 - Council Member Britt Moore, Council Member Christopher Williams, Council Member Cyril Jefferson, Mayor Jay Wagner, Council Member Michael Holmes, Council Member Monica Peters, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Council Member Victor Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Hudson

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE- Blight Reduction and Marketing & Branding Initiative[2023-365](#)**Strategic Plan Update**

Council Member Chris Williams, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, will recognize staff to provide an update on the Strategic Plan regarding Blight Reduction. Council Member Michael Holmes, Chairman of the Marketing & Branding Task Force will provide an update on the Marketing & Branding Initiative.

Attachments: [Local Codes Strategic Plan Update July 2023](#)

Council Member Williams provided a Strategic Plan update regarding blight reduction and introduced Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager.

Ms. Loosemore stated provided information regarding new code enforcements complaints for the month of July and shared pictures of a recently renovated home.

Council Member Holmes provided information regarding the Strategic Plan update regarding Marketing and Branding noting the success of branding launch party which coincided with the August Social District Saturday. He stated next steps would be roll out the new logo across the city such as city vehicles etc.

Council Member Jefferson thanked the Mayor and Staff for their work regarding the new logo and the success of the launch party.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD[2023-364](#)**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.

Attachments: [Public Comment Sign In Sheet](#)

Larry Diggs, 1127, Biltmore Ave, asked questions regarding the new yard waste ordinance and the status of a vacant house.

Bruce Shipwash and Donald Shipwash, 220 Beddington Street, spoke to expediting a zoning request regarding property located at 220 Beddington Street.

Kenneth Orms, 3525 Sainsbury Lane, spoke to the City of High Point's actual cost of the proposed new City Hall, downtown revitalization, stadium, police station, clock tower, school in Colfax, and Parks and Recreation Bonds. He asked that City Council be honest regarding actual cost of potential projects.

Joshua Causey, spoke to a Mosque near the Allen Jay Middle Preparatory Academy, homelessness, litter, and drugs with in south High Point Ward 3.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Wagner asked if any items needed removed for discussion regarding the Consent Agenda. Seeing none, he called for a motion on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Hudson

2023-339

Consideration of a Contract with AMP Utility Distributions Services in the amount of \$106,250

City Council is requested to award a contract to AMP Utility Distribution Services in the amount of \$106,250 for the annual purchase of fire hydrants and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract- Annual Fire Hydrant AMP Utility Distribution Services](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-348](#)**Consideration of a Contract with GEL Engineering of NC, Inc in the amount of \$142,960**

City Council is requested to approve a contract with GEL Engineering of NC, Inc in the amount of \$142,960 for annual on-call air permitting assistance at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract - GEL- Assistance with Air Permit Reporting Requirements and Con](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-349](#)**Consideration of Contract with Alta Planning + Design, Inc.**

City Council is requested to approve a Contract with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 to provide services necessary for the preparation of an engineering report and environmental information document (ER/EID) in accordance with guidance from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure and that the appropriate City Official(s) be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract - Alta Planning +Design, Inc.](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-350](#)**Consideration of a Contract Renewal with Cigna Healthcare for Employee Health and Dental Care**

City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12) month contract with Cigna Healthcare for healthcare coverage for city employees. Contract will be effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Attachments: [Contract - Cigna 2024](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-351](#)**Consideration of a Purchase of Two (2) Ford F550 Trucks from Amick Equipment Company in the amount of \$282,461.86**

City Council is requested to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford F550 trucks with DiamondBack 8 Yard body from Amick Equipment Company and declare the old trucks as surplus and dispose through the online auction process.

Attachments: [Amick Equipment Company - Two Ford F550 with DiamondBack 8 Yard](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-352](#)**Consideration of a Purchase of a Freightliner Truck with Pac Mac Model KB-20H-HJ from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$205,985.00**

City Council is requested to approve the purchase of a Freightliner truck with Pac Mac model KB-20H-HJ from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. and declare the old truck as surplus and dispose through the online auction process.

Attachments: [Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. - Freightliner Truck](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-353](#)

Consideration of an Easement Dedication to AT&T at 3940 Kivett Dr.

City Council is requested to approve an easement dedication to AT&T to relocate utilities to allow continued service after a portion of the right of way along Kersey Valley Rd. is closed and relocated to allow for the landfill expansion.

Attachments: [AT&T Dedication Easement](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-354](#)

Consideration of a Resolution of the High Point City Council Authorizing Upset Bid Process for Sale of City Property Located at 807 Wise Avenue High Point, NC

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution accepting the offer of \$10,000 from HS.1 Properties, LLC for the purchase of city-owned property at 807 Wise Avenue through the upset bid procedure N.C.G.S. §160A-269 and direct the City Clerk to publish the public notice of the proposed sale in accordance with N.C.G.S. §160A-269.

Attachments: [Sale of Property 807 Wise Ave.](#)
[Resolution Upset Bid 807 Wise Avenue](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-356](#)

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Retired K-9 Bruno

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution to retire Police K-9 Bruno and declare as surplus property to allow him to be purchased by Officer Karl Wolf who will assume all responsibility and liability.

Attachments: [Retire K-9 Bruno Surplus Declaration](#)
[Resolution Retired K.9 Bruno](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-357](#)

Consideration of the Purchase of Motorola Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$444,353.

City Council is requested to approve the purchase of Motorola Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$444,353 and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Motorola Radio Replacement](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-358](#)

Consideration of a Contract with SHI, Inc. in the amount of \$210,976.67

City Council is requested to approve a contract to SHI, Inc. in the amount of \$210,976.67 for the annual renewal of licensing for Checkpoint firewall appliances and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract - SHI Inc.](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-359](#)

Consideration of a Contract to Baker Underground in the amount of \$2,991,540

City Council is requested to award a contract to Baker Underground in the amount of \$2,991,540 for the Washington Street Realignment Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract - Baker Underground](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-360](#)

Consideration of a Contract to Wesco, Inc. in the amount of \$174,504

City Council is requested to award a contract to Wesco, Inc in the amount of \$174,504 for the procurement of Large Commercial/Industrial Voltage (120/208V) Transformers (225kVa) and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract - Wesco, Inc.](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-366](#)

Consideration of Items Relating to the Construction of Homes for the Cedrow Affordable Housing Project

City Council is requested to approve a contract with Community Housing Solutions in the amount of \$212,294, approve the Resolution of Conveyance, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Contract with CHS - 508.510.512 Rolling Green](#)
[Resolution Rolling Green Drive](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-271](#)

Consideration of Items Relating to the Construction of Two Affordable Homes in the Southside Community

City Council is requested to approve a contract with Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale & Trinity in the amount of \$91,000 to construct affordable homes in the South Side Community, approve a resolution of conveyance, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [Habitat for Humanity - 705 and 707 Tryon Avenue](#)
[Resolution Tryon Avenue](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

[2023-368](#)

Consideration of Approval of Minutes

City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council -December 5, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council - July 10, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of the Community Development Committee - July 11, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - July 13, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council - July 17, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council - July 17, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council - July 19, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

Attachments: [Memo - Minutes](#)

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[Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - July 19, 2023](#)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2023-335

Consideration of a Reappointment to the Citizens Advisory Council

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Kellie Jackson to the Citizens Advisory Council. Reappointment will be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Reappointment - Citizen Advisory Council](#)

Council Member Johnson asked Ms. Jackson to stand to be recognized and thanked her for her willingness to continue to serve on the Citizens Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Hudson, to approve the reappointment of Kellie Jackson to the Citizens Advisory Council. Term will be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2025.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Hudson

2023-340

Consideration of an Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission

City Council is requested to confirm a recommendation by Council Member Williams to appointment Steve Galanti to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2024.

Attachments: [Appointment - Planning and Zoning Commission](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve the appointment of Steve Galanti to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on June 30, 2024.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Hudson

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jones announced Coffee with a Veteran will be on Monday, August 21, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Showplace 211 East Commerce Avenue.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.