

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 4, 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 noted all City Council Members were present. He then 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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**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

**RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**2024-081      Proclamation - Arbor Day**

Mayor Jefferson will read a proclamation declaring March 22, 2024, as Arbor Day in the City of High Point.

*Mayor Jefferson read and presented the Proclamation to Amy McBride Senior Planner.*

*Ms. McBride thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation and stated that the City of High Point has received its 20th Tree City USA designation.*

**Proclamation - Women in Construction Week**

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring March 3-9, 2024, as Women in Construction Week.

*Mayor Jefferson read the Proclamation and noted it is Women's History Month.*

**Resolution - Arts Education**

Mayor Jefferson will read a Resolution regarding Arts Education.

*Mayor Jefferson stated this Resolution was requested by Council Member Cook and noted there were several members of the Guilford County School Arts Education present and asked them to come forward. He read the Resolution and asked that everyone take a moment after the meeting to view the artwork displayed in the lobby.*

### **Recognition of the City of High Point's Electric Utilities Department**

The City of High Point's Electric Utilities Department has been awarded the Reliable Public Power Provider Diamond Status by the American Public Power Association (APPA).

*Tyler Berrier, Electric Utilities Director, stated the City of High Point's Electric Utilities Department was awarded the Reliable Public Power Provider Diamond Status by the American Public Power Association. He noted the award is based on four criteria's which are reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement.*

*The Mayor and City Council congratulated Mr. Berrier and his department for their reliable hard work.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

#### **2024-086      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 Sainsbury Ln Greensboro, NC 27409 spoke to his concerns regarding the proposed new city hall; requested Council put it on a referendum or move it to Oak Hollow Mall and invest in downtown as well as neighborhoods.*

*Reverend Frank Thomas, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 753 Washington Street spoke to the City Council passing the Fair Housing Ordinance and noted his appreciation for the work that was done.*

*Alexandra ("Allie) Arpjian, President/Executive Director of the High Point Arts Council thanked the Mayor and City Council for attending the launch of the Arts Council's new strategic plan and new brand. She provided updates of events hosted by the Arts Council and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Council Member Andrew made a motion, seconded by Council Member Peters, 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

**2024-073      Consideration of a Master Lease Agreement Renewal between the City of High Point and Ricoh USA, Inc.**

City Council is requested to approve the renewal of a Master Lease Agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc. in the amount of \$986,316.57 for a 59-month lease and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-074      Consideration of an Amendment of a Contract with E Source**

City Council is requested approve an amendment of a contract with E Source in the amount of \$570,144.00 for consulting services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-075      Consideration of a Change Order with Tantalus Systems, Inc.**

City Council is requested to approve a Change Order with Tantalus Systems, Inc. for an additional \$789,032.97 which will bring the new contract total to \$6,980,919.08 and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-076      Consideration of the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

City Council is requested to approve the updated 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-077      Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of High Point and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART)**

City Council is requested to approve a Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of High Point and PART to provide fare free transit to transit employees on all urban fixed route systems in the Triad and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-070      Consideration of Ratification of the Purchase of Property at 3906 La Salle Drive**

City Council is requested to ratify the purchase of property at 3906 La Salle Drive in the amount of \$379,985.75 to install a sanitary sewer force main for upgrades associated with the Whites Mill lift station. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-071      Consideration of a Utility Construction Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)**

City Council is requested to approve a Utility Construction Agreement with NCDOT in the estimated amount of \$74,161 for the roadway widening project U-4015A on Gallimore Dairy Road (SR 1556) and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-072      Consideration of a Contract with MXI Environmental**

City Council is requested to approve a contract with MXI Environmental in the amount not to exceed \$40,700.00 per year for disposal of household hazardous waste and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-079      Consideration of a Contract to Blythe Construction, Inc. dba Hanes Construction**

City Council is requested to approve the contract award for the Oakwood Cemetery and Parking Lot Improvements project to Blythe Construction, Inc. dba Hanes Construction

for the contract bid amount of \$1,274,319.55 and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**2024-087      Consideration of Approval of Minutes**

City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:

Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee Minutes - February 8, 2024

Finance Committee Minutes - February 15, 2024

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - February 19, 2024

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - February 19, 2024

**Approved by the Consent Vote.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

**2024-080      Public Hearing on Series 2024 General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds**

1. City Council is requested to hold a public hearing on March 4, 2024 as required by state law on the issuance of the referenced 2/3 bonds.

2. City Council is requested to adopt the previously introduced “Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,425,000 General Obligation Streets and Sidewalks Bonds of the City of High Point, North Carolina”

*Mayor Jefferson opened the Public Hearing.*

*Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director, provided the staff report for this item.*

*Mayor Jefferson asked if anyone else would like to speak regarding this item. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing.*

**Mayor Jefferson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the previously introduced “Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,425,000 General Obligation Streets and Sidewalks Bonds of the City of High Point, North Carolina”**

**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

**2024-085      Consideration of Appointments to the Library Board of Trustees**

City Council is requested to confirm Mayor Jefferson's recommendation to appoint Joanna Crews, term effective immediately and expire on October 31, 2024, and Council

Member McKiver's recommendation to appoint Cynthia Hall term effective immediately and expire on October 31, 2026, to the Library Board of Trustees.

**A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member McKiver, to approve agenda item 2024-085.**

**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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Council Member Andrew thanked the High Point Park and Recreation Department for the Hero's Club which is a once-a-month meeting for veterans and their families that takes place on the first Friday of the month and encouraged all veterans to attend.*

*Council Member Dr. Harman announced the 3rd neighborhood walk and cleanup in the Person Street area with Growing High Point, Keep High Point Beautiful, and Compassionate High Point on Saturday and noted those interested should meet at 9:30 a.m. at Oak Grove Church.*

*Council Member Cook encouraged everyone to view the art displayed in the lobby.*

*Council Member Moore reminded everyone to vote.*

*Mayor Jefferson stated some members of the Council will travel to Washington, DC next week to meet with members of Congress and Senators.*

*Council Member Dr. Harman noted that Council Members met with the State Delegation this morning to advocate on behalf of High Point.*

*There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

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Sandra Keeney, City Clerk