

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
*Chaired by Council Member Johnson*  
*Committee Members: Johnson, Andrew, Cook, McKiver*  
**August 6, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers – Municipal Building**  
**211 S. Hamilton Steet**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and indicated that Committee Member Cook was absent and all other members were present.*

**Present:** Chair Tyrone Johnson, Committee Member Tim Andrew, and Committee Member Vickie McKiver

**Absent:** Committee Member Amanda Cook

**Community Development Committee - Council Member Johnson, Chair**

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

**2024-320      Local Codes Strategic Plan Update**

Staff will provide a Local Codes Strategic Plan Update.

*Kaylee Parrish, Interim Code Enforcement Manager, provided an overview of code enforcement cases in the city since January. She went over the amount of monthly minimum housing, public nuisance, and zoning cases.*

*In response to Committee Member Andrew, Ms. Parrish explained the process for minimum housing cases. She indicated the number of monthly cases provided in the report were new and did not carry over from month to month.*

*She indicated there were 11 homeless encampment cases since January of 2024 and stated seven were owner corrected, two were city-corrected, and the other two had owners actively working on removing violations.*

*In response to Chair Johnson, Ms. Parrish said there were two new homeless encampments since her last report to the Committee.*

*In response to Committee Member Andrew's request to see the locations of the violations, she said the department was in the process of creating a virtual map pinpointing the violations and locations.*

**For Information Only.**

**2024-321      Community and School Garden Update**

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program.

*Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, provided an update on the community gardens in High Point. She said four new gardens had been added since her last year for a total of 54 community and school gardens.*

*She spoke on the six gardens that received funding from the city and new and re-started gardens in High Point and Guilford County. She talked about the partnership with High Point Central High School and events like the free plant giveaway, gardening classes at High Point Public Library, and the plant sale. She said the proceeds from the plant sale were used to provide grants for local schools.*

*She spoke on the grant received from Herb Society of America and said they purchased 240 plants for local elementary schools, including Kirkman Park Elementary.*

*Chair Johnson talked about the unity, community and love that he sees with the community garden movement.*

*In response to Committee Member Andrew, Ms. Mercer said gardens sometimes could not be sustained due to staff leaving. She emphasized that a team is needed to sustain the gardens.*

*In response to Committee Member McKiver, she said that High Point Central High School students will help in the garden but need to have a great science teacher to inspire them to get involved. She said they were always looking for volunteers to help with the gardens.*

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager, informed the Committee that West End and South Side had cancelled their National Night Out events due to the incoming hurricane.*

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tyrone Johnson, Chairman  
Community Development Committee

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Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk