

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 23, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were Present (9):

Mayor Jay W. Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Monica L. Peters, Ward 3 [Arrived at 3:07 p.m.]; Council Member Britt W. Moore, At Large; Council Member Tyrone Johnson, At Large [remote participation.]; Council Member Cyril Jefferson, Ward 1; Council Member Christopher Williams, Ward 2; Wesley Hudson, Ward 4; Council Member Victor Jones, Ward 5; and Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6 [remote participation]

**Staff Present:**

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Meghan Maguire, Assistant City Attorney; Jeron Hollis, Managing Director; Ryan Ferguson, Marketing Manager; Sandy Dunbeck, Economic Development Director; Stephen Hawryluk, Budget Manager; Roslyn McNeill, Budget Analysis; Linda Price, Budget Analysis; Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director; and Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

**Also Present:**

Pat Kimbrough, *High Point Enterprise*; Megan Oglesby [remote participation]

**CALL to ORDER and ROLL CALL**

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS****2022-257      Closed Session-Economic Development**

Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) for Economic Development.

**Council Member Williams moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) for Economic Development; seconded by Council Member Jefferson the motion passed by an 6-0 unanimous vote.**

Aye (6): Mayor Wagner, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones.

Absent (3): Mayor Pro Tem Peters, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Holmes.

*Note: The following members of council had not yet arrived when the vote was taken to go into Closed Session: Mayor Pro Tem Peters, Council Member Holmes, and Council Member Johnson.*

Upon reconvening into Open Session at 4:31 p.m., Mayor Wagner announced there would be no action taken as a result of the Closed Sessions.

**PRESENTATION of ITEMS****2022-258      Continued Discussion: Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget**

Staff will be having a continuation of discussion regarding the Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget.

*Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager spoke to the previous budget work session; discussion took place regarding options on reducing the city's tax rate; advised that there were no additional feedback received from council to staff requesting/recommending any proposed changes to the budget since that time; mentioned that the City of Greensboro would be presenting their budget tonight; and said that the current budget presented was recommended by staff pending any items to be discussed by council.*

*Council Member Jefferson asked for clarification regarding the walkability planning concepts for Main Street. Ms. Logan Ford replied that a place holder was added to the budget to conduct a walkability study along Main Street; and that the study would not have an impact on the budget.*

*Council Member Moore inquired on what the impact would be for the city's tax rate due to the Guilford County's 2022 Reappraisal-Reevaluation Year (Evaluation) for home values if it was held constant. Ms. Logan Ford replied that adjustments would have been made to the city's budget.*

*Council Member Moore spoke to the challenges faced regarding COVID-19; voiced the importance for citizens to understand the city's budget; appreciation for Ms. Logan Ford's individual response to citizens' feedback/questions regarding the budget; and spoke to the impact Guilford County's Evaluation would have on the city.*

*Ms. Logan Ford said that staff would create examples on the city's website showing how the city's budget functions.*

*Mayor Wagner spoke to the impact and the challenges faced due to the county's Evaluation assessments; and asked about the fuel budget impact. Stephen Hawryluk,, Budget Manager replied that the current fuel budget increased by 75%, and was estimated at \$3.8 million; said that the Fleet Services Department fuel inventory was around \$2 million, where the remainder of the budget was in other departments.*

*Council Member Moore spoke to the impact investors made on the Evaluation assessment period; to communicating with the county regarding this concern for home values; and requested information on the results from the City of Greensboro's budget presentation.*

*Ms. Logan Ford said that staff would provide information regarding Greensboro's budget outcome before the June 6, 2022, meeting of council.*

*It was the consensus of council to allow staff to move forward in the preparation of the 22/23 Proposed Budget for the final vote at the June 6, 2022, meeting of council.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. upon motion duly made by Council Member Jefferson and second by Council Member Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

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Mary S. Brooks, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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