

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 18, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

He then called the roll for attendance. The following council members were present (7):

Mayor Jay W. Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Monica Peters, Ward 3; Council Member Britt Moore, At Large; Council Member Cyril Jefferson, Ward 1 [arrived at 4:05 p.m.]; Council Member Christopher Williams, Ward 2; Council Member S. Wesley Hudson, Ward 4; and Council Member Victor Jones, Ward 5

Absent (2):

Council Member Tyrone Johnson; and At Large and Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6

Staff present:

Tasha Long Ford, City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager; Jeron Hollis, Managing Director; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Meghan Maguire, Assistant City Attorney; Sandy Dunbeck, Economic Development Director; Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director; Stephen Hawryluk, Budget and Performance Manager; and Mary S. Brooks, Interim City Clerk

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2022-337 Update-American Rescue Act Funding (ARPA) Funding

Staff will be giving an update regarding ARPA Funding.

Stephen Hawryluk, Budget and Performance Manager made a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the America Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funding and Project Update; the city was allocated \$22,699,511; with a remaining balance of \$13,837,426; outlined the spending to date for the ARPA funds; spoke to the community input sessions that were held on November 16th and 18th of 2021; the topics of concern/priority were for employment, community programs-nonprofits, education, and infrastructure; gave an overview of the priority projects to include the following:

- *Homeless shelter local match -\$1,000,000*
- *Targeted neighborhood improvements-\$2,5000,000*
- *Foxwood Meadows alternate access-\$1,1000,000*

- *Build Back Better Regional Challenge-\$1,701,588*
- *Subtotal-Council Priorities-\$6,301,588*

Mr. Hawryluk continued discussion regarding outside request as followed:

- *Building the Best Guilford-\$2,500,000*
- *The “Bridge” Proposal-\$3,858,000*
- *High Point Schools Partnership-Broadband-\$\$30,000*
- *United Way-\$250,000*
- *Unity Festival-\$\$35,000*
- *Caring Services-\$N/A*
- *PTA Healthy Hydration-\$N/A*
- *Subtotal-Outside Requests-\$6,673,000*

Mr. Hawryluk explained the community agency application process; the initial process was to apply for ARP funds; application would be reviewed by the Citizens’ Advisory Council; recommendations would be brought forward to city council; and entertained questions.

Council Member Moore asked if a list of the projects could be emailed to him. Mr. Hawryluk replied that staff would provide that information.

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager advised council to let staff know of any projects that they would like to be considered; or any questions that they may have.

Council Member Jefferson inquired on the timeline for the application process; and how this timeline would impact the timeline for projects. Ms. Logan Ford replied that the application process would take 2 to 3 months; that the results would be provided at the early part of 2023; the biggest impact for projects would be funding that was spent; and the timeline for projects was unknown at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Peters requested that the city choose projects that had transformational change for generations to come for the city.

Council Member Moore asked if the directives from the government regarding ARPA funds could change. Mr. Hawryluk replied that there were no indications for change at this time; and explained what the funding could be used for by the city.

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

Council Member Peters moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) for Economic Development at 4:10 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jones the motion passed by an 7-0 unanimous vote.

Aye (7): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Peters, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

Absent (1): Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Holmes

Upon reconvening into Open Session at 5:08 p.m., Mayor Wagner announced there would be no action taken as a result of the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Williams and second by Council Member Hudson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, CMC
Interim City Clerk