

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** MOU - Little Red Schoolhouse

**From:** Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager

**Meeting Date:** N/A

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Advertising Date /  
Advertised By:** N/A

**Attachments:** Memorandum of Understanding

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### **PURPOSE:**

The Finance Committee recommended the preparation of an MOU to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the City and the High Point Historical Society in regard to the Little Red Schoolhouse project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Little Red Schoolhouse, owned by the City of High Point, is located several hundred yards from the main Museum campus and is not secure at its current location. The museum has completed a campus master plan that incorporates the Little Red Schoolhouse on campus for use in children's programming. The High Point Historical Society has agreed to assist with the project by funding half of the moving and renovation expenses.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

A separate Agenda Item has been provided for the appropriation of \$95,750.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached MOU which clarifies the roles and responsibilities between the City and the High Point Historical Society concerning the move and renovation of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

## **GUILFORD COUNTY**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (“MOU”) is made this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2015 by and between the **CITY OF HIGH POINT**, a North Carolina municipal corporation with a principal place of business of 211 South Hamilton Street, High Point, North Carolina 27260 (“City”), and the **HIGH POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**, a non-profit corporation with a principal place of business of 1859 East Lexington Avenue, High Point, North Carolina 27262 (“HPHS”), each referenced individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties.”

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns certain real property located at 2011 East Lexington Avenue, High Point, North Carolina and the structure located on the property referred to as The Little Red Schoolhouse (“Schoolhouse”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties acknowledge that the Schoolhouse is a Guilford County Historical Landmark, it has historical, cultural, and educational value that should be preserved for the citizens of High Point; and

**WHEREAS**, the Schoolhouse is in need of stabilization and repair, and both the City and HPHS have expressed interests in seeing the Schoolhouse moved from its present location to the High Point Museum campus located at 1859 East Lexington Avenue, High Point, North Carolina, 27262; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to make equal financial contributions for the stabilization/relocation and repairs of the Schoolhouse, as set forth below.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City and HPHS agree that:

1. The City will contribute funds in an amount not to exceed ninety-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$95,750.) for the stabilization/relocation and repairs of the Schoolhouse to the High Point Museum Campus, with payment of said funds to be made in two installments which correlate to the two project phases as set forth in the Moser Mayer Phoenix Architect Opinion dated June 29, 2015 (“Project”).
2. The HPHS will contribute funds in an amount not to exceed ninety-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$95,750.) for the stabilization/relocation and repairs of the Schoolhouse to the High Point Museum Campus, with payment of said funds to be paid in two installments which correlate to the two project phases set forth in the Moser Mayer Phoenix Architect Opinion, dated June 29, 2015.

3. The Parties agree that the City shall be responsible for oversight and management of the Project, including contracting with the parties necessary for the Project's completion.
4. The Parties agree to enter into an Agreement setting forth the specific terms relating to their commitment to the Project, including responsibilities of the Parties, timing of certain events and payment of monies for the Project, and to enter such Agreement on or before May 1, 2016.
5. Any part of this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by the Parties to reflect changed conditions; provided however, that the respective commitments of the Parties for the completion of Phases One and Two of the Project will remain in force unless mutually abrogated by the City and the HPHS. Furthermore, any amendment(s) of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

**HIGH POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF HIGH POINT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, William S. Bencini, Jr.



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### Our mission

The High Point Historical Society collects, preserves and showcases the history of greater High Point to foster a shared appreciation of our community reflected in the stories, events and traditions of our past.


December 30, 2015

Dear City Council Members:

The High Point Historical Society is satisfied with the terms of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the Little Red Schoolhouse project. We are in agreement that the Historical Society will raise half of the funds for each phase, and work on each phase will begin when the funds for the respective phase have been secured.

We eagerly await your approval of this financial arrangement and look forward to getting this project underway so that the Little Red Schoolhouse may be enjoyed by High Pointers for generations to come.

Sincerely,

  
Fred Jones, President  
High Point Historical Society

The High Point Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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