

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
June 6, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Mayor Bencini called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.*

*Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were present:*

***Present:*** *Mayor William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey Golden (Ward 1); and Council Members Cynthia Y. Davis (At-Large), Latimer Alexander (At-Large); Christopher Williams (Ward 2), Alyce Hill (Ward 3), Jay Wagner (Ward 4), James C. Davis (Ward 5) and Jason Ewing (Ward 6)*

**RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**160150      Recognition of Honors Program Recipients**

The Human Resources Department will present the certificates to the City of High Point Employees who are recipients of the HONORS Program awards.

*Note: A description of the serve of each employee recognized is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.*

*Yvette Carey, Human Resources Specialist, along with City Manager Greg Demko presented certificates to the following City of High Point employees who are recipients of the HONORS Program awards.*

**WORKING TOGETHER (framed certificate)**

Joel Tuggle (Parks & Recreation)  
Alex Stafford (Parks & Recreation)  
James Casey (Parks & Recreation)  
Stanley Duggins (Police)  
Joshua Urban (Parks & Recreation)  
James Jenkins (Customer Service)  
Connie Carter (Planning & Development)  
Chamreece Diggs (Parks & Recreation)

**EXTRA MILE (certificate and \$50 cash award)**

Tim McKinney (Facilities Services)  
Kristi Hunter (Safety & Health)  
Herb Shannon (Planning & Development)  
Lisa Joseph (Safety & Health)  
Jamal Pegues (Public Services - Landfill)

**ABOVE & BEYOND (certificate, \$100 cash award and name engraved on a permanent plaque for display in the lobby of city hall)**

Claire Robinson (Information Technology)

Officers Caroline Loflin & Edward Hurley

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**160170      Public Comments**

The following persons addressed City Council during the public comment period:

Mayor Bencini reminded everyone that this is a public comment period, and reminded the audience that we would be considering our new budget and would have 30 minutes to start off our public comment period. He pointed out that if anyone would like to speak after the 30 minutes they would have the opportunity at the end of the meeting. Mayor Bencini reminded the audience this was three minutes per speaker and that this is a public comment, not public dialogue and Council is here to listen to the comments from concerned citizens, but not engage in a dialogue.

*Note: This is a summary of the comments made during the Public Comment Period. A transcript of the full comments will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.*

**Tori Small**, 125 South Elm Street, addressed Council regarding a Public Hearing matter and Mayor Bencini suggested that she defer her case to staff.

**Josh Apel**, 3833 Windstream Way, Jamestown, addressed Council regarding his Utility bill. He informed Council that he participates in the equal payment plan program and has paid the amount specified on the monthly bill only to later discover when cancelling his utility service that he owes the City a balance of \$2,071.89, but there was nothing on the bill that indicated the large balance was past due. He respectively requested Council to consider waiving this balance.

**Reverend Frank Thomas**, 693 Mallard Landing Boulevard, in Winston-Salem, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 753 Washington Street in High Point, shared an announcement and issued an invitation for Council to attend a service that the faith community in High Point is holding this coming Sunday at 6:00 p.m. He mentioned the shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina last year and the community services that occurred as a result. The local ministers decided to keep that service going and have since held three other services. The next service has been planned for Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church.

**Jason Yates, Commissioner with Human Relations Commission**, Mr. Yates addressed the Council and gave them a handout on the Ramadan Community dinner for June 24th at the Macedonia Resource Center from 7-10 p.m. He cordially invited Council to attend this free event.

Mayor Bencini asked if there was anyone else present who desired to speak during the Public City Council Minutes Comment Period closed.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS****STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

*City Manager Greg Demko deferred to Mayor Pro Tem Golden and Council Member Ewing to give a brief update on the Strategic Plan.*

**Blight Elimination**

*Mayor Pro Tem Golden reported briefly on the usage of the monies that have been set aside for hiring outside code enforcement positions. He noted everything that he is hearing is that it was a very smart, positive move and reported that most people are satisfied with it.*

**Sports/Entertainment and Millennial Aspect**

*Council Member Ewing gave a brief update on the Millennial Strategic Initiative that the Prosperity and Livability Committee was tasked with. He recognized Sara Belle Tate, Director of Communications and Community Relations for the Chamber of Commerce, as Chair of the Task Force that was organized by the Prosperity and Livability Committee. He asked Ms. Tate to give a quick synopsis of the first meeting and where that sub-committee is currently at.*

*Ms. Tate mentioned that the Millennial Taskforce has been established and began in April and the beginning of May 2016 to gather their 12 members. She shared that their first meeting was held on May 20th and the majority of that meeting was spent introducing the committee members. She advised per Council Member Ewing's request he wanted diversity of industries to be presented on this task force. She pointed out there are members in: Furniture, Agriculture, Non-Profit, Etc...*

*After the introductions at the meeting, they also talked about why the young professionals are in High Point today and there were lots of answers. She shared some benefits in High Point were the low cost of living, the current housing incentive program for purchasing in the Core City area, the small town feel and the good location within the TRIAD, the State and the East Coast. Ms. Tate also mentioned technology would be a large factor in the success and noted during their meeting they had both videoing and conferences calling happening in addition to those that were physically present at the meeting.*

*Looking ahead, they would like to add representatives to the task force specifically from North State (as they are over 100 years in High Point) and also from Ralph Lauren.*

*Each month the committee plans to meet on the 3rd Friday at the Municipal Building. She reviewed the future topics of discussion will be:*

- What is unique to High Point?*
- What is High Point currently offering that is appealing to young professionals?*

- *How the task force can help the City accomplish its mission of increasing millennials by 25 percent?*

*A final goal for the task force is to also gather members to fill out the range of the millennial generation. The millennial generation is commonly defined as those born between 1981-2000. She pointed out that the task force ages are between 19-27.*

*Council Member Ewing found the information very interesting demographically to realize that we have 28,000-29,000 millennials currently in High Point according to the census data and it was important to find something that encourages them to play and live in High Point--not just live in High Point.*

*Council Member Alexander encouraged this group to take a look at other cities in and outside the state who have a successful playbook and who are attracting millennials and to see if there is a model or something that they're doing so that we can build on their successes. He pointed out that many of these other communities started out in the same place that High Point finds itself in. Council Member Ewing advised that they are looking to attract "productive" millennials.*

*Council Member C. Davis had a question about the diversity of the board. She asked how the diversity of the board is set up in relation to ethnicity. Ms. Tate shared that they currently have two High Point University students on the task force (one is an African American female and the other is a Caucasian male) and she mentioned how she would love to see a Latino, productive millennial, a young professional join as well.*

*Council Member C. Davis asked if they were making an effort to look beyond Corporate America and suggested they look into the fast-food franchises instead for people that could contribute as well. Ms. Tate welcomed that consideration although she has not yet added someone from restaurants. Council Member C. Davis asked Ms. Tate to please consider the Five Points area in the selection process going forward because they are a gateway into the City and have a great number of millennials that would be interested in serving.*

*Council Member Ewing suggested that they tap into the Chamber database and other databases so they can frequently interview and question business owners, franchises, fast food restaurants, different industries, etc... to get information from millennials that might be in their workforce but not on the task force. Council Member C. Davis advised that she understood this, but that she would like to make sure that this is all inclusive, not exclusive. She felt the diversity currently on the task force was not balanced. Mayor Pro Tem Golden also agreed with Council Member C. Davis and would like to see this more diversified.*

*Council Member Williams suggested approaching the community schools and GTCC since this would help diversify the board. Ms. Tate also welcomed this suggestion.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Council Member J. Davis, Chair

*Committee Members: J. Davis, Alexander, C. Davis, & Hill (All were present)*

**160151      Contract - Bid No. 56 - 750 MCM Underground Cable**

Council is requested to approve contract awarding Bid No. 56 to Irby of Rocky Mount, NC in the amount of \$249,800.00 for the purchase of 750 MCM Underground Cable.

*Garey Edwards, Electric Utilities Director, explained this is to replenish warehouse stock and that the 750 MCM wires are standard feeder size for underground cable. After reviewing other estimates, he felt that this price was fair.*

Approved contract awarding Bid No. 56 to Irby of Rocky Mount, NC in the amount of \$249,800.00 for the purchase of 750 MCM Underground Cable.

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this contract be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160152      Contract - Bid No. 59 - ICP Mass Spectrophotometer**

Council is requested to approve contract awarding Bid No. 59 to Perkin Elmer in the amount of \$124,687.00 for the purchase of an ICP Mass Spectrophotometer for the purpose of determining metals and several non-metals in water and wastewater.

*Terry Houk, Public Services Director, reported that this equipment is used to analyze low level metal pollution in water and wastewater. Mr. Houk noted some of this testing will be out sourced to private labs while some will be done in-house as well. Two bids were received and staff is requesting that they bid awarded to lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Perkin Elmer in the amount of \$124,687.00.*

Approved contract awarding Bid No. 59 to Perkin Elmer in the amount of \$124,687.00 for the purchase of an ICP Mass Spectrophotometer for the purpose of determining metals and several non-metals in water and wastewater.

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this contract be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160153      Contract - Bid No. 61 - Residential Water Meters**

Council is requested to approve a contract awarding Bid No. 61 to Carolina Meter & Supply in the amount of \$302,800 for the purchase of 2,000 residential water meters.

*Bob Martin, Customer Service Director, explained that the City is transitioning from a 60W Extended Rain Transmitter (ERT) to a 100W ERT. He noted the 60W ERT's are now obsolete and will not be available for purchase in the future. Mr. Martin reported that the prior contract for a 60W ERT held the pricing at \$122. for five years. He explained the newer ERT's support greater data storage and retrieval and as they age this helps in recovering loss revenue due to unreported flow.*

*Council Member J. Davis asked if these were the meters that allow the meter readers to read them without getting out of the vehicle. Mr. Martin confirmed that these are radio enabled and noted that the ERT's have expanded storage capacity from a data standpoint which would be able to carry 45 day's worth of data.*

*Council Member C. Davis pointed out the budget had not yet been approved and suggested this matter be tabled until the budget is approved.*

Approved contract awarding Bid No. 61 to Carolina Meter & Supply in the amount of \$302,800 for the purchase of 2,000 residential water meters.

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this contract be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160154**

**Municipal Agreement - MLK, Jr. Drive Highway Signage**

Consideration of a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the design, fabrication, installation and repayment of highway guide signs associated with the renaming of Kivett Drive to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager, advised that this is a second agreement; the first agreement for the MLK signage was approved and estimated at just over \$100,000. The cost actually came in less than \$66,000.*

*NCDOT is allowing the City to reimburse them for one half of the cost in July 2016 with the remaining balance payable in July 2017.*

*Council Member C. Davis brought some questions/concerns forward that were relayed to her by another individual. She asked the following questions:*

- 1) If we knew we were facing this bill why did we not anticipate and put the full cost within the budget?*
- 2) Knowing that this was going to be hitting us for payment due, should this have been in the budget?*
- 3) Could the City not sell some properties and go ahead and pay this balance in full?*

*Council Member Alexander pointed out there would be no extra cost by carrying it over the two-year period.*

*Council Member C. Davis reiterated that this individual expressed concerns about the fact that the city knew it was coming and they would like to see it paid. She advised that is why the telephone call was made. She perceived the answer to her previous question as a NO. She added that this individual was also under the impression that the city would pay for the signs within the city limits and NCDOT would be assuming the cost for the signs outside the city. Mr. McCaslin replied per the previous agreement made by the City Council, the Council agreed to absorb all the costs associated with the signage.*

Approved consideration of a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the design, fabrication, installation and repayment of highway guide signs associated with the renaming of Kivett Drive to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Wagner, that this Municipal Agreement be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160155      Primary Banking Services Provider 2016-2017**

Council is requested to award the contract for Primary Banking Services to Bank of America for the period of July 1, 2016 - December 2021.

*Jeff Moore, Financial Services Director, reported that banking services are not required to bid out, but staff continues to believe conducting a competitive bid process utilizing the formal request for proposal is the preferred process where there are opportunities for pricing through competition. The City generally does this every 4-5 years to make sure that Council is getting fair value for our banking services. He shared that we have enjoyed the current relationship and excellent service that Bank of America has provided for the last 12 years.*

*Mr. Moore pointed out that although Bank of America was not the lowest bidder, Wells Fargo Bank and Capital Bank offered competitive fees for much of the requested services but Capital Bank did not offer some services that we currently utilize. He further explained that the table of bids does not take into account costs (estimated to be \$25,000-30,000 for programming changes) for implementation and conversion of the City's programs to interface to an alternative financial institution.*

*Mr. Moore recommended staying with Bank of America.*

*While viewing the list of the banks, Council Member Ewing realized that Bank of America is the cheaper option based on what the cost to convert would be, and asked if Bank of America is a major company within our city limits. He did not believe they are as involved in the community as some of the other banks. He personally would like to select somebody who supports the community and is involved in the community versus one who is the cheapest. He added that he would also like Council to support a company that is local and more supportive of our community as a whole. Mr. Moore understood Council Member Ewing's concern and was surprised that Bank of North Carolina and High Point Bank did not bid. He pointed out and suspected that their recent merger may have predicated a "No response" at this time.*

*Council Member C. Davis was concerned with a question on page 2 where it states Wells Fargo Bank and Capital Bank had offered competitive fees for much of the requested services. She shared where Capital Bank was listed, they did not offer some of the services we currently utilize without which would hinder the current value of financial and payment operations we provide. She noted it states these one-time calls are estimated to be \$25-30,000 in programming fees and raised the question if that applied to both Wells Fargo and Capital Bank.*

*Mr. Moore explained the cost is related to unbundling the services we currently have with Bank of America and provided the example of Cayenta, Lawson, Accela and other various technological tie-ins and transferring that to any bank, so those costs at \$25-\$30,000 is what the city is looking at changing from Bank of America to any other bank.*

Approved award the contract for Primary Banking Services to Bank of America for the period of July 1, 2016 - December 2021.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Golden, seconded by Council Member Wagner, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160156**

**Resolution - Interlocal Agreement- Justice Assistance Grant Program**

Council is requested to adopt a Resolution ratifying and authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Greensboro, High Point, and Guilford County for the shared use of the 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program award.

*Police Chief Ken Shultz reported on the 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program that has been utilized for the purchase of in-car camera systems. He advised under this year's award that High Point will receive \$41,454.40 in JAG Funding. Guilford County, Greensboro and High Point have received this grant annually since 2005.*

*Council Member C. Davis inquired on the life span of the cameras. Chief Shultz believed that some were approximately 10 years old and noted they would be replaced with a higher definition model.*

Adopted a Resolution ratifying and authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Greensboro, High Point, and Guilford County for the shared use of the 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program award.

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**Resolution No: 1620/16-20**

**Introduced 6-6-2016; Adopted 6-6-2016**

**Resolution Book Vol. XIX, Page 90**

**160157**

**City of High Point 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance and Related Documents**

City Council is requested to adopt the FY 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance for the City of High Point and associated fee schedules.

*Note: The Public Hearing on the proposed 2016-2017 Budget was held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.*

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Transcript

**Chairman J. Davis:** *Alright, our next item is 160157. We're requested to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance for the City of High Point and associated fee schedule. Does anybody want to hear from staff on that?*



**Council Member Alexander:** *I think we've heard all we want to hear. I make a motion to APPROVE.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We have a MOTION. Is there a SECOND?*

**Council Member Ewing:** *SECOND.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We have a MOTION and a SECOND. Any further discussion?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Yes. I have some comments that I just want to make sure that they get into official record. I'm looking at the rate per \$100 evaluation, General Fund and it shows that the tax rate will be .6475 a decrease of .25 cent. But, the citizens were promised a 1.25 cent reduction when the previous Councils decided to go to an Enterprise Fund for those solid waste fees and I think that's something that we should be sticking to. Keeping our word is very important to the community at large. It's important to me as a representative here on this dais. The other problems that I have with this current budget is that, although I see the need for our police officers, I'm concerned and I don't have an answer, so this is more of a concern-question, more than opposition really, is that we're using the **COPs Grant** which will eventually run out. Which means that we'll have to pay for those eight officers which we don't have a budget for thus far. And I understand that through the annexations that we did which were voluntary through Colfax, if those developments do, in fact, come to fruition that that would, in fact, pay for those officers which would make everything great. But if for some reason they don't build out and they don't do the developments, how are we going to maintain these positions? Are we going to treat them as a grant-based opportunity and then when the grant dollars dissipate or go away then we don't have those funds. So that's a concern for me.*

*The other concern I have is the **vehicle tax jumping from \$5 - \$20** that's a concern for many of the people that I've spoken to once they read that in the Enterprise.*

*The other concern was **going back to the Enterprise Fund where it was at \$11 and now it's jumping to \$14--an increase of \$3. The storm water management fee going from \$3 up to \$4.** Again, there's a fee increase there. And I realize that the three new leaf collection vehicles are going to be used are paid for through the storm water fund and that's all well and good, but I have a concern there also. The concern that I have there is that we really **don't have to buy all three at one time.** When we buy all three at one time, they wear and break down at the same increment, which means that we will have to pay for them again in bulk instead of spreading them out over a year given a gap between or a two-year gap in between, which would save money and we could do without the one dollar fee increase there.*

*The **\$250,000 for the Executive Director position for the newly named Forward High Point** concerns me greatly as it does citizens in regards to the fact that we're paying for an Executive Director that does not answer to this Council or to the citizens that are paying for that position. That's unacceptable to many that have approached me, called me, or I've seen out in the community.*

*The \$500,000 for their revitalization in blight, **I support the revitalization and their blight efforts.** However, it's been stated that the \$500,000 that was put in the last budget was tapped into for employees, the hiring of Code Enforcement officers which I do not agree with. The consultant was used out of those dollars which I do not agree with. The previous conversations in regards to the \$5 million that Bank of North Carolina wants to put into the community, it was stated some time ago around the same time that we had our manager's review around that same time on that same day that we would be adding another \$500,000 to that to equal a million dollars to partner with Bank of North Carolina. And I don't reject that partnership at all, but I think the \$500,000 to say that we used it to hire employees when we budget for employees in the budget, there's a line item for it. There's a line item also for consultants. So I believe that some individuals may have, at least I feel that **I have been misled to believe that those employees were paid for out of that \$500,000 that was earmarked for revitalization and blight.** The consultant fee should not have come out of that \$500,000 because it is also a line item within the budget within that department. So, for us--for me--to believe and for the community that reads our budget to believe that that's what's happen with that previous \$500,000 is a little hard to swallow.*

*So, those are just a few of them. I have several more, but I won't go into a lot of those, other than the fact that someone has, in fact, asked me in regards to discretionary funds. Are we marking them as miscellaneous or are they a silent question mark within the budget that we don't know what they are, how much that amount is? I did send an email hoping that the City Manager would give me a break down of where those discretionary dollars are. Previous Council members and previous members of Boards and Commissions and citizens that have attended meetings during the last term of previous councils were under the impression that we didn't have any additional dollars. So this Council is spending money left and right and that is a concern for citizens that I represent because those that have been engaged over time are very concerned that we're on a spending spree. And quite frankly, I am too. So, therefore, **I will not be supporting this budget.** Again, I do have other concerns, but I believe those will suffice at this time.*

**Mayor Bencini:** Any other comments? I just want to thank our professional staff for the great job you did getting us ready starting in January in multiple Manager's briefings where every functional area of the City of High Point was presented to us. The needs, financial needs for the work programs that were involved and I really feel like you did a great job Mr. Demko getting us ready for this.

**Council Member C. Davis:** And I'd like to add Mayor that I have all the presentations here and I believe there's a citizen in the audience that was present when some of these presentations were being discussed. They were presented to us back in January moving forward as a wish list for the departments. Though in no part of the presentations were they ever eluded to being fully funded within the budget until the day we received the budget and that was misleading and misleading.

**Mayor Bencini:** Any other comments?

**Mayor Bencini:** All those in favor say Aye.

*Mayor Bencini, Mayor Pro Tem Golden and Council Members and Alexander, Ewing, Hill, Wagner, and Williams: Aye.*

*Mayor Bencini: Opposed?*

*Council Members C. Davis and J. Davis: No.*

*Mayor Bencini: Raise your hands. The Nays. That motion carries [7-2 vote]*

[end of transcript]

Adopted the FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance for the City of High Point and associated fee schedules.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following 7-2 vote:**

Aye (7): Council Member Hill, Council Member Williams, Council Member Ewing, Council Member Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Golden, Mayor Bencini, and Council Member Alexander

Nay (2): Council Member C. Davis, and Council Member J. Davis

**Ordinance No: 7210/16-30**

**Introduced 6-6-2016; Adopted 6-6-2016**

**Ordinance Book Vol. XIX, Page 93**

**160158 High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau - 2016-2017 Annual Budget/Contract**

City Council is requested to approve the annual budget for the High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) for FY 2016-2017 and authorize the City Manager to execute contract between the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau for FY 2016-2017.

Approved the annual budget for the High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) for FY 2016-2017 and authorize the City Manager to execute contract between the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau for FY 2016-2017.

**A motion was made by Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160159 International Home Furnishings Market Authority - 2016-2017 Annual Budget**

City Council is requested to approve the FY 2016-2017 annual budget for the International Home Furnishings Market Authority (Market Authority).

Approved the FY 2016-2017 annual budget for the International Home Furnishings Market Authority (Market Authority).

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**COMMUNITY HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - Mayor

Pro Tem Golden, Chair

Committee Members: Golden, Alexander, Ewing, &amp; Williams (All were present)

**160160      Ordinance to Demolish - 1600 Valley Ridge Drive**

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1600 Valley Ridge Drive belonging to Home Enhancements, Inc.

*Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Officer, provided an overview on the staff report for this demolition, which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.*

*She reported the order to repair or demolish was issued on October 7, 2014; however no action has occurred by the compliance date by January 9, 2015. The necessary repairs exceed its current tax value which warrants the demolition. Ms. Loosemore advised that a Lis Pendens was recorded on August 12, 2013 and the property has remained vacant since the expiration date of the order to repair or demolish notice.*

*She pointed out that the property was originally inspected on September 20, 2014 and the hearing was held with the owner present. The property owner did not dispute the condition of the home, but did state that he had limited funds and would try to make repairs. She reiterated the order to repair or demolish was issued in October 2014 and that expired January 9, 2015. It was stated that the owner did pull a residential alteration permit on October 13, 2014, but never called for inspections or had any past inspections. So in February 15, 2016 that permit was cancelled. She reported as of this afternoon, there are still no active permits on the property; the owner is still listed as the same owner and she has not had any contact with them although they were mailed a notice for tonight's hearing.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Golden asked if anyone was present to speak regarding this housing case. Ms. Loosemore confirmed that the property owner has up to one year to do some type of work and the permit was outstanding for about a year and a half. The inspectors did visit the property which showed that no work was being done and no inspections, so the permit was eventually cancelled.*

*Council Member Hill shared that the owner actually contacted her right before this meeting, not to dispute anything that has gone on, but to say that he is trying to make the repairs as he is financially able and keeps the windows boarded and the grass mowed. Having said that, she noted the permit has been there since October 5, 2014 with nothing happening, so she would not oppose the demolition.*

*Council Member Alexander suggested somehow in the future it would be good for Council to take a look at requiring the posting of some type of financial bond because if they want the city to work with them, they need to show the ability that they have the money to move forward with the repairs. He felt it would be good for Council to have the ability to say yes*

*that they would work with the property owner, but there would be a financial penalty if they fail to execute and a bond would accomplish this.*

Adopted an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1600 Valley Ridge Drive belonging to Home Enhancements, Inc.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Golden, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this matter be adopted. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.**

**Ordinance No: 7211/16-31  
Introduced 6-6-2016; Adopted 6-6-2016  
Ordinance Book Vol. XIX, Page 94**

**160161**

**Ordinance to Demolish - 320 Coltrane Avenue**

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 320 Coltrane Avenue belonging to Crystal A. Torrie.

*Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Officer, provided an update on the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.*

*She reported this property was inspected on May 8, 2012 with a hearing date of May 29, 2012 at which time the property owner did not appear. Numerous Minimum Husing Code violations were identified as well as multiple structural violations that make it an unsafe structure. Ms. Loosemore advised that in the present state necessary repairs to the dwelling exceed 50 percent of the value of the structure. An order to repair or demolish was issued by staff on May 29, 2012 with a compliance date of August 28, 2012.*

*Since that time, the property has changed hands a couple of times and at the time this was prepared it was under Crystal A. Torrie who was notified of the hearing. Ms. Torrie contacted Ms. Loosemore to inform her that the property was sold on July 1, 2015 to Mr. Artemio Perez Zavala. Ms. Loosemore then met with Mr. Zavala to view the property and on May 8, 2012 while the hearing was held and no one appeared. The order to repair or demolish was issued and that expired in August 28, 2012, then the property was transferred over to Crystal Torrie on July 21, 2012 and then Mr. Zavala received it on June 1, 2016.*

*Mr. Zavala addressed Council regarding the property at 320 Coltrane as he did not realize how bad of a shape it was in. He is not opposed to the demolition, but because of the money he has already invested, he is requesting more to come up with more money to work on his own demolition. He was unsure as to what the City would charge him for the demolition.*

*Council Member C. Davis inquired if we had an estimate as how much this would cost to demolish that property and how he could make restitution. She asked Mr. Zavala if he needed any leads regarding who to contact to help him with the demolition and Mr. Zavala replied that he definitely did. Council Member C. Davis asked if this was something that the city could possibly help him with. City Attorney Carlyle noted the city should not be pointing someone towards a particular private company. Council Member C. Davis then*

*asked if the city could provide him with a list of five or six. City Attorney Carlyle advised against this also.*

*Council Member Ewing asked Mr. Zavala if this order to demolish was disclosed to him prior to him purchasing the property and Mr. Zavala replied it was not. City Attorney Carlyle pointed out that it should have shown up in the title search.*

*City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle advised that Council could adopt the ordinance and allow an extension as requested by Mr. Zavala.*

*In support of Mr. Zavala appearing before Council, Council Member J. Davis stated he like to give him more time. Mr. Zavala replied at least two months would be efficient. Mayor Pro Tem Golden suggested making a motion to give Mr. Zavala 90 days.*

Adopted an ordinance with a 90-day extension ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 320 Coltrane Avenue.

Following the vote on this matter, Council Member C. Davis offered her business card to Mr. Zavala and suggested if he would contact her personally, she would be glad to help him find somebody.

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member C. Davis, that this matter be adopted. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.**

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**160192      For Information Only: 1110 Blain Street- Demolition**

The Ordinance to Demolish for 1110 Blain Street was initially adopted by the City Council on March 21, 2016. After that time, it was discovered that the ordinance contained an inaccuracy in the staff report which listed the value at \$1,700 instead of the actual value of \$7,100. On May 16, 2016, the case was brought back before Council for clarification. At that time, the property owner appeared before Council to request additional time and informed Council they had a potential buyer for the property who was interested in making the necessary repairs. At the June 6, 2016 City Council Meeting, the property owner appeared again before Council asking for additional time to secure the financing for the repairs, apply for the correct permits and to collect bids from licensed contractors to make the repairs.

*Transcript*

**Lori Loosemore:** *We do have the 1110 Blain that was continued from a previous Council meeting.*

**Chairman Golden:** *We don't have it on here though.*

**Lori Loosemore:** No, it's not placed on it. We did not know if the owner was going to appear or not, but she is here. From the previous week, it was heard from the last meeting due to the correction of the property value. There had been a error in the number and I think it had been valued at \$1,700 and the tax value was actually \$7,100. So then the owner appeared and said that she had a purchaser for the property she thought and was wanting more time. So that's why it was re-scheduled for today.

**Council Member Alexander:** MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

**City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle:** Before you do that, at this point in time, this is merely in a report form to Council. You have already got the ordinance adopted. And remember it came back to you because there were some numbers transposed. It wasn't for you to rescind or adopt an ordinance at that time. At that time, at that meeting is when you became aware of the owner and the interest and then you set tonight to see whether or not there would be any further activities. So right now I don't feel that it's necessary for you to suspend the rules and add it to the agenda. The only purpose is.....you won't have to act on it. However, if after you've heard what happens tonight whatever information is forthcoming....if you feel that you need to rescind the ordinance or do something, then it will be appropriate for you to suspend and modify the agenda to put it on for action.

**Council Member C. Davis:** Do we not have to do anything in order to hear it all because it wasn't on the agenda?

**JoAnne Carlyle:** You really don't because, you know, at this point you're just hearing the report of staff. You had already said that tonight would be the night and it's just another formality that I don't think is necessary if you're not going to take any action. However, if it looks like you're going to, then we'll do something with it.

**Bonnie Rudy:** Thank you Council. I'm Bonnie Rudy and since our last meeting I've actually had a couple more potential buyers, but none that were willing to sign a contract after we disclosed the order to demolish. However my husband and I talked in length and we have continued to keep in contact with Mr. McNair and Lori Loosemore and with your consideration, we'd like to move forward with making this property right. We would like to secure the financing for the repairs, apply for the correct permits and collect bids from licenses contractors to repair the property. So we're thinking our timeframe on this would be for the next 30 days to secure the financing, to apply for the permits and to get the bids for the licenses contractors. And in the next 60-90 days out complete the repairs on the property. So therefore, about 120 days out from tonight we would have a property that was livable again and we would be correcting this property to make it livable again.

**Chairman Golden:** Anybody?

**Council Member J. Davis:** Well I think personally she's come twice. She's trying to make an effort and I don't think 30 more days would hurt the process.

**JoAnne Carlyle:** *I will rely on staff to fill in the dates, but I believe this has been going on since 2013 and she actually did attend the hearing. So it's been a lot longer than her previous appearance before council.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Mr. Davis, if you want to make that a motion, I'll second your motion because I believe that we're here to represent the citizens and give them every effort to do what it is that they need to do. We're not.....not everyone in our city makes \$100,000 or better and being flexible when they're here before us asking I think is entirely different than people not showing up at all.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Well, can we make the motion contingent that they apply for a building permit within 30 days because I don't want to be sitting here six months down the road and we're going through this every month.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *We already approved the ordinance to demolish. Really what we're talking about is going back to amend that ordinance now.*

**JoAnne Carlyle:** *Yeah if you guys take action tonight, I would appreciate it as would staff that you guys be very clear in what your timetable is.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *Have we put it out for bid yet?*

**Lori Loosemore:** *No, the timeframe was up at the time she requested to come back to council last time.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *Okay. And we've still got time for her to secure the financing.*

**Lori Loosemore:** *You can, but I have an ordinance to demolish.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *You have to rescind that ordinance first. We could add to that that if they don't do it....*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *I want to see it a little beyond financing being in place. I want to see that they have applied for a building permit.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *Well, I mean there was nothing .....if financing is an opportunity then financing then might have been an opportunity. I mean this goes back to 2013, so that's three years.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *You know I have an issue and I understand trying to give people flexibility and give them credit for showing up because very few do show up to these council meetings. But we talk about allocating \$500,000 for redevelopment efforts and we need to fix our blight and we have so much dilapidated housing throughout the city. And we have dozens and dozens of cases of people who have been notified three, four, five, six years ago, but we're going to sit here and consider giving them another 120 days because the last 3.5 years wasn't enough time for them.*



**Council Member C. Davis:** *Mr. Davis didn't offer 120. He said 30 days for a building permit.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *I understand....*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *and I think you know, Mr. Ewing, that we have policy and this council knows that we have policies on a wide variety of items. They choose to follow at-will and at-whim. And we have a couple standing before us that says that they're wanting to do something with the property. We have two council members that are willing to allow them 30 days, then we could continue on with that bid process. We would give them time to secure a building permit and to start something and if they don't, we continue. But the fact that they're asking and the fact that they're wanting to secure financing, I think that speaks volumes. And, yes, we do have policies, but this council does not follow them to the letter of the law.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *I think Jason makes a perfect point and I totally agree. The only issue I have here is like you said very few people ever come to this hearing and we have a couple that has come twice. And I like to give people the benefit of the doubt. I think 30 days if they can improve that property, increase our tax base so that the city doesn't have to demolish it and have a lien against it, I think I'm willing to wait 30 more days.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *Let me say one thing, though. In my opinion, the building permit is not enough. We just had a case on here where someone got a building permit and then held it for a year and did nothing with it.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *what would you like to see beyond that so that we can help them out?*

**Council Member Wagner:** *I think that if we're going to do anything, then what we have to do is....I think that we can amend the ordinance that we've already had...that we already adopted to give them an additional time period to show that they have not only received the building permit, they have actually begun construction. Okay? So there's a difference between getting a building permit and actually beginning construction. Now if they get a building permit, though, even if they don't begin construction that limits our ability to demolish does it not?*

**Lori Loosemore:** *Not necessarily. But once they get it, it is valid for a year per the North Carolina General Statutes.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *Even if we've already adopted an ordinance to demolish, we can still demolish it right?*

**Lori Loosemore:** *it does not stop the process; it just depends on what the ordinance states.*

**Council Member Wagner:** Okay. I would be in favor of making the ordinance to demolish effective in 120 days with the direction to staff that they not only receive a building permit, but there's also evidence that they've actually started construction.

**Mayor Bencini:** What is the criteria for construction being started? I mean, you know, you rip off a couple of the boards....

**Council Member Wagner:** There's building materials on site. There's an actual contractor on site doing the work. Are you planning to do the work yourself, or are you going to hire somebody?

**Bonnie Rudy:** We're going to hire somebody. I have actually already scheduled appointments with two different contractors tomorrow evening.

**Council Member Wagner:** A signed contract with a contractor that they're physically on site doing work.

**Council Member C. Davis:** Sounds good to me.

**Chairman Golden:** It don't sound good to me. The problem I'm having with this is this is a burn-out, correct?

**Lori Loosemore:** Yes.

**Chairman Golden:** And it was insured at the time of the burn up right? And you received the insurance and you chose not to repair the home. And then three years pass and we come back and we ask for time and then we say we ought to be helping them out. The opportunity to help them has come and gone. They had the help in their hands. So I will not support any arrangements today.

**Council Member Ewing:** I agree. I think the more we continue to give rope to anyone, we're showing anyone else that comes to us with a violation that we're going to be soft. And at some point, we've got to draw the line. If we want to fix these hundreds and hundreds of issues within the city-mostly in the core city-we've got to have a zero tolerance policy on this. We have to say that the time limit has been met. We passed an ordinance to demolish and that's the case.

**Chairman Golden:** Also a few weeks back we came up with a strategic plan for this city and we said that blight would be one of our top priorities.

**Council Member C. Davis:** Well, you have tons of houses where you don't have people coming and saying let me make this right. And I'll comment on the fact that they receive money on the home and didn't repair the home at the time. I don't know, but looking out over the audience and looking down this dais, nobody knows my life walk but me. We don't know what their financial situation was when they received those dollars and whether or not they had to utilize those dollars to take care of something else. But that doesn't matter. Nobody dictates to you how you maintain your house bills or what it is that you need to do in order to do the things that you do day-to-day. What we do have before us is a couple who is

*willing to meet the criteria that Mr. Wagner, Mr. Davis and myself are willing to meet him on, 120 days, 90 days whatever that may look like. I would hope that if people come in that have blighted homes and say the city is serious about tearing this down that they'll look at this case and say that if I show up and I secure a contractor, I get my building permit and we get the materials and we start getting in there, push up our sleeves and I'm going to keep what I own.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *I want to clarify my position. If it's the will of Council to go ahead and proceed with the demolition order, I'm fine with that. I'm just saying that if it's also the will of Council to do the 120 days, I think the proposal that I put forward would be a better way to do it other than just requiring a building permit. If it's the will of Council that we go.....for a majority of this Council to go ahead and proceed with demolition, I'm fine with that too.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *I'll do that, but I hope that we can work something out in a compromise to help the couple that's before us that really wants to try to do what is right now. They may not have done it three years ago, but they're standing before us saying that they will get a contractor, they will begin the work. Otherwise in 120 days it's gone.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Is there a motion on the floor?*

**JoAnne Carlyle:** *there is no motion unless...*

**Council Member Wagner:** *We've got to suspend the rules first to consider a motion.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *So if we don't do anything, an order to demolish....*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *right, it just goes forward.*

**JoAnne Carlyle:** *It stays as is with the timing as is.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *We have to have a 2/3 vote to suspend the rules.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *so it has to be six folks. Does somebody want to make a motion?*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *I'll make a motion to suspend the rules.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We have a motion to suspend the rules. Is there a second?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *I'll second it.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *All those in favor, say Aye.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *All those opposed, say No.*

*Mayor Bencini, Mayor Pro Tem Golden, and Council Members Alexander, Williams, Hill, Wagner, J. Davis and Ewing: No.*

*Mayor Bencini: That motion FAILS.*

Note: The motion to suspend the rules to add this matter to the agenda for consideration FAILED; therefore no further action was necessary.

[end of transcript]

160133

**Transfer of Property - Bank of North Carolina - Infill Housing Needs**

Council is requested to approve the transfer of a lot located at 524 Radford Street, upon completion of the purchase from Guilford County, to the Bank of North Carolina to build a new, single family home to be sold at cost to a qualifying home buyer.

*Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin advised that the property located at 524 Radford Street was foreclosed by Guilford County for non-payment of property taxes. The City purchased the property for \$10,676.28 (\$6,528.80 for back taxes half of which will come back to the City and \$4,147.48 in legal expense associated with the foreclosure). Staff is recommending that Council enter into a contract with Sterling Real Estate Holdings, LLC who will build a house on the property at their cost to be sold to potential buyers in the community at their cost. He advised this is one of our services for doing infill in the City of High Point to raise the tax base by infilling and using these vacant lots. He then asked if there were any questions.*

*Council Member C. Davis questioned if we had bid this out and if other developers were made aware of this opportunity. Mr. McCaslin advised that they did not bid it out, but are willing to speak to any other developers if needed. He pointed out that Bank of North Carolina stepped forward; they are setting aside \$5 million towards this infill program. She also asked if staff had inspected the property and asked if it is livable, in disarray or if it will need to be demolished. Mr. McCaslin confirmed that it is a vacant lot. Council Member C. Davis disputed this and noted when she viewed the property on Google Earth it showed a little brick house with a white fence. Mr. McCaslin assured her that the property was vacant.*

*Council Member C. Davis noted there is also a question regarding the \$5,338.14 that was being surrendered over that will not be seen at the end. She recalled a conversation that took place during a Community Development Committee meeting that the city would consider using developers, but when the home was sold would try to recoup those costs or whatever costs the city put into it. Chairman Golden stated he had no problem continuing that conversation, but noted he did not see a need for it with this particular matter.*

Approved the transfer of a lot located at 524 Radford Street, upon completion of the purchase from Guilford County, to the Bank of North Carolina to build a new, single family home to be sold at cost to a qualifying home buyer.

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member Wagner, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**160162**

**Contracts - Habitat/Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)**

Council is requested to approve contract with Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale, Trinity and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to construct affordable homes in Southside and Washington Terrace in the funding amount of \$348,000.00.

*Richard Fuqua, Affordable Housing Manager, noted the Community Development & Housing Department is seeking Council's approval to execute contracts with Habitat and with Community Housing Solutions (CHS) for this next fiscal year. He shared this is their continued effort to support redevelopment in the Southside and within the Washington Terrace area. He explained the individuals and families that would be targeted would be those with incomes of 80 percent or below the area median income. For a family of four that would represent roughly \$45,000 for that family and below. He then shared that Habitat targets 60 percent and below the area median income which is roughly \$34,000 for a family of four.*

*He advised that the Habitat contract seeks to engage them to build three additional homes in the Washington Terrace area as well as for operational funding up to \$105,000. He pointed out since 2008; Habitat has built 25 homes and sold 25 homes in this area and presently have five under construction.*

*Mr. Fuqua gave a brief update on Community Housing Solutions and advised they are looking to engage them to build two new additional homes in the Southside area with a contract amount of \$243,000. He shared that CHS recently completed two homes at 809 & 811 George Place that are available for sale and/or lease purchase at this time. He added that Council has previously approved contracts with both organizations in the past with the Community Housing Neighborhood Development Committee voting unanimously to bring it to Council for consideration and approval at the May 10th meeting. Staff is recommending Council approve these contracts and authorize the appropriate city staff to execute all the necessary documents.*

*Following Mr. Fuqua's presentation, there were no questions.*

Approved contract with Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale, Trinity and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to construct affordable homes in Southside and Washington Terrace in the funding amount of \$348,000.00.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Golden, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**PROSPERITY & LIVABILITY COMMITTEE** - Council Member Ewing, Chair  
Committee Members: Ewing, Hill, Wagner, & Williams (All were present)

160163

**Historical Marker Policy - Revision**

Consideration of a revision to the City's Historical Marker Policy.

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**Council Member Ewing:** *The only agenda item we have tonight is a recommendation of the Historical Marker Policy revisions; I believe Mr. Hemann has some background on that.*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *Mayor and Council members you have before you two proposed changes to the roadside marker policy. It was adopted in January. And, these changes are:*

1. *To clarify that the standard marker would be black with silver letters and have the City seal. That does need to be clarified based on confusion when the first person came forward.*
2. *The other suggestion was that you would leave the door open for the City to provide funding by revising that section that the City does not budget annually for markers but in some instances you may want to assist with funding, just to leave the door open in case you ever decide to do that in the future. We do not budget for these.*

*I don't think there's anything in the budget this year for those or next year. It was my suggestion you might want to leave that door open.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *My question Randy would be who makes the decision. We delegated the approval of the markers to the Historical Preservation. Are they the decider's on the funding? Will any funding requests come back to Council for decisions? Who makes that decision?*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *You have to approve the markers and I would suggest at that time you could ask.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *It would have to come to us because if there's no money budgeted we'd have to amend the budget to do it.*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *That is correct.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *What drove the change with City wanting to pay for these markers?*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *I just wanted to leave the door open. I know that we may have some where people come in and there are very worthy causes and worthy things to recognize, but they may not have money. A lot of City's fund these kind of markers so I thought it would be a good idea to leave the door open for that while we're also making the other change.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *What's the cost of a typical marker?*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *About \$5,000.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** Randy, were you here in January when we had this discussion and passed this new....

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** Yes, when I recently played the committee minutes to go back and listen.

**Council Member J. Davis:** Because I don't remember any discussion or anything from staff asking for that option. The whole discussion that I recall is that Council didn't want to get into the sign buying business and that's the reason why we wrote the ordinance so that individuals can go to the Historic Preservation Commission or organizations with a request and then they would approve or deny and Council didn't have any business being in that and then the funding, you know, they would have to provide their own funding. I'm just curious why that was never brought up for discussion in all the meetings that we had that the City might be willing to fund some.

**Council Member Wagner:** I could envision a situation where the impetus to honor somebody or remember some historical event or some historical place might actually come from Council and not from an outside group.

**Council Member J. Davis:** Well, if you read our ordinance, it says, "Council can initiate." So, I would think that if Council initiated one then we might consider funding it, but I don't think that we should be in the business that other organizations or individuals want one and then come to us to fund it. Now, I think if Council initiates it that's a different scenario.

**Council Member Alexander:** But I think the city staff is saying that they're not recommending anything and they just want to leave that loop hole there that should it be and since we would approve it and we would have to appropriate funds you, ultimately have your check in balance there.

**Council Member J. Davis:** I think that were opening pandora's...

**Council Member Wagner:** We'll have to look at this by a case by case basis.

**Mayor Bencini:** It looks to me like this is just building flexibility into the policy that's already in existence.

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** I understand the flexibility, but my fear is the first time that somebody comes in and we deny them funding and we approve funding for another organization, and we just created a sense of bias by this Council.

**Council Member C. Davis:** And that's one of the things that I went to Mr. Hemann prior to the meeting and ran a couple scenarios by him. For instance, coming into the City of High Point, the City Manager saw fit when there was a question about the confederate flag that was so hot a topic and everything was removed: Kiwanis, the Rotary Club, a variety of other signage was also removed. One of them could come back and say that we have a history, proof of that history. One of those, I can't remember because I'm not acclimated to all the

*signs that were there but something in regards to the confederacy was there. They could say on such on such property this occurred and we want a marker. We would like for you to help us pay for it, we have to come up with some of the monies ourselves. Mr. Hemann said that we could certainly deny that. We wouldn't have to pay for that. But here's the rub for me, is if we did it for one as Mr. Golden said and we don't do it for another, then there could be a sense of discrimination there. A sense of whatever in that particular situation or instance, but if we don't fund any at all, then we have removed ourselves from any attachment to anything that's being done other than the process that's been spelled out in the original policy. We don't have to worry about playing favorites one over the other and if Council, as Mr. Davis says, has the ability now to initiate a historical marker and its appropriate to do so, then we just simply pay for it that way. But I'm very concerned about the types of history that we may be putting City funds to that we should not be funding.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *I recall the P&L Committee is the one that vetted this and made a recommendation to Council.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *They did.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *...and the discussion and the minutes probably reflect the fact that they didn't want the City funding these markers because I remember reading the minutes and having those discussions. And then six months later we are revisiting it.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *Randy, how many have been installed to date in the little less than six months that we've had the policy?*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *I don't know that any have been installed. I think we've got just Southwest Renewal has ordered one and there are two other ones that have been approved by the policy under discussion. I don't know what the funding is for those right now.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *So three total have been approved, but do we have any others that have applied?*

**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *No, I know that Pat Plaxico has mentioned wanting to do one but I don't know where that is in the process.*

**Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager:** *Washington Street renovations...as part of the work we've done down there, a historical marker was approved as part of that project and we're finalizing the wording on that now, then it will be ordered.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *And the City's paying for that?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *That was a promise before the ordinance went into place, I believe.*

**Council Member Hill:** *Is that the type of situation that you're envisioning and wanting to put in?*



**Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager:** *That's one of them. I could tell you that I was part of a group that I started doing these in Salisbury. They got a list of everything that everybody wanted to propose and actually had a committee that would vet those and prioritize them and then they funded them annually out of the City budget. You all may not want to do that here, but they did it and did it as a means to make sure that everyone regardless of whether or not you know they could go out and raise the money the voice was heard and the most important things were prioritized and listed in this manner. So that was their take on how they ran the program.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *So before this would come to us, asking us for money you would have gone through the Historic Preservation Commission and been approved by them? That's the way it would work? So then it would have already been vetted, as to whether it was appropriate and what-not before it would come to us.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *Before we get the discussion on the floor, I'll MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS.*

**Chairman Golden:** *Let me ask a question first. What about a compromise?*

**Council Member Wagner:** *I'll SECOND that motion just so we can have something to discuss.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We have a motion for second.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *Are we open for discussion?*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Yes, we are Mr. Golden.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *I don't never want to be one that shows favoritism, but what about a compromise if we just, I don't know, budget three a year, and people apply and then whoever the City Council is do the approval for the process and if you don't get in that three during that annual, you have to apply the following year. That way we don't have to worry about this favoritism and a whole lot of people wanting signs and all of a sudden the City's paying for them. Because you said none have gone up so far, but I guarantee you once they find out they're free, they'll go up.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *What did the policy say about if one was damaged because of it being the right of way...*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *The City's pays for it.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *...so the city would have to pay for it then? I'm talking about the original policy that we adopted.*

**Randy Hemann:** *I believe it did say that.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *I think the underlined changes are in purple and I have a printed copy. The only two changes that I see is: The addition, it looks like that the standard marker shall be black with silver letters with the City seal positioned at the top in the arch as demonstrated on several existing markers and the other (Oh, I'm sorry there are three). The removal of the following sentence, "The City shall not provide funds for markers through the budget process". The new insertion reads: The City does not budget annually for markers; however, in some instances the City may fund or assist with the funding of markers. The other strike out reads: "No marker may be approved prior to its funding being previously secured". The new verbiage reads: "Priority of marker placement will be given to proposed markers that meet requirements and have private funding".*

**Council Member Ewing:** *I see being part of the committee that originally discussed this, we said no city funding for a reason. But, now that it's been out there for 5-6 months there's cases that it may be applicable. One thing that I had a conversation with Mr. Hemann on and I'll make a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to this point TO APPROVE THE REVISION WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE, "However, in some instances the City may fund or assist with the funding of markers when initiated by Council and/or staff." So we can't have all sorts of other organizations coming in. If it's initiated from staff or this Council, then we can fund.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Then it's an option to fund; it's not an obligation to fund.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *Right...it's not an obligation to fund.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *I don't know, should we get staff involved in that? To me I think we covered the bases when it says Council initiated. If there's a group or organization in this City that really make a case for a sign and cannot pay for it, I think that they can come to P&L Committee and make a case that City Council could go back and initiate it and agree to fund it and then make a recommendation for Council to consider. I think our original ordinance covers that.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *Is that a friendly amendment to the...*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Well it was spelled out in the original...*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Well, it was already written in there that Council could initiate it. If you want to make it a friendly amendment. You know, if you have an organization that comes to P&L that makes a valid case that you feel like, yeah I think City needs this marker. Then you could make a recommendation to Council just like we do through our committee structure to fund it and then go to Finance just like normal things and we say okay, Yea or Nay and it goes to Council for approval. Our original ordinance allows that now, just doesn't have city funds in place.*

**Council Member Hill:** *So you made a substitute motion, I'll SECOND your substitute motion.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We have a substitute motion and second.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Do I need to make a substitute motion to his substitute motion?*

**Council Member Alexander:** *Well, no you'll have to vote on the substitute first.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Are you sure about that? I think we've been down this road before.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We only deal with one substitute motion at a time.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Alright, so what is the substitute motion?*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Could you restate your substitute motion Mr. Ewing?*

**Council Member Ewing:** *Yes, that the language be added to the sentence, However, in some instances the City may fund or assist with the funding of markers when initiated by Council and/or staff." And the City Attorney can clean up any...legal gray areas that she wishes.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *And I can't make a friendly amendment to that to say remove staff?*

*Would you be willing to make a friendly amendment to remove staff?*

**Council Member Ewing:** *Certainly, when initiated by Council.*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *And, do you second that?*

**Council Member Alexander:** *I have a problem with removing staff. A lot of times these folks really know what's going on. We put markers up all over town. Every building that we build we've got markers. We have markers all over different things. We put an honorary marker on the Depot up there for Jerry Yarborough and if I sat here and thought about it I could think about a dozen brass markers that we've put up. This is kind of much to do about nothing, we need to allow staff to do their job, provide us advice and move forward. So, I have a problem when you start pushing staff out of it.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Can I second his friendly amendment?*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *I was just getting ready to say, procedurally you have substitute motion on the table that has no second at this point at time which is why I looked at Alyce because she originally seconded and are you willing to second as is?*

**Council Member Hill:** *I would like to keep staff in.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *You see, my problem with keeping staff in, is the fact that we have this... okay.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We can talk about that when we get a second.*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *We don't have a second yet. We're looking for a second to Council Member.....*

**Council Member Wagner:** *Amendment to the SUBSTITUTE MOTION.*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *Yes.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *To the amendment, to the friendly amendment?*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *Jim does, He has removed, his motion is without staff...*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Alright, I will SECOND Council Ewing's friendly amendment.*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *...here's a SECOND. Continue discussion.*

**Council Member Ewing:** *I think whether staff is in that or not, if it's going to come back to our committee what precludes if we take staff out of there, staff can still come to any one of our committee members and say you know we should consider this marker and then Council can initiate it. So, I think whether staff is in there or not, we're still doing the same thing.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *If staff's not there, we're not there...okay? I mean that's the reality.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Well, the reality is that if someone wants a marker they've got to go to Historic Preservation Commission first because that's the authority that we gave to hear about the markers.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *That's right.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *It would have already been heard and vetted by them and approved before it ever comes to us to ask for money.*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *Well, but the way this is proposed at this point in time, is that Council may initiate for it to go through that commission.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *And it still has to go to them.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *It'll always do that.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We could always do that anyhow couldn't we?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *The only question that I have Mr. Ewing is...*

**Council Member Wagner:** *It's not law, its policy.*

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *No, you're right.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *The only question is, is that there were 1, 2, 3 - 3 changes, so are you doing away with those 3 changes and just doing the 1 change?*

**Council Member Ewing:** *I'm just amending that one sentence to include that phrase.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Okay, so we're taking out the funding part too is that correct? Or are we leaving the funding part in?*

**Council Member Ewing:** *That was an amendment to the funding part. I'm adding that to it.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Okay, so you're just adding to, you're not removing anything?*

**Council Member Alexander:** *So is staff in or out?*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Is staff in or out?*

**Council Member Wagner:** *His motion is that staff is out.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Staff is out, but funding is still in.*  
**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** *Currently out.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Okay, currently out.*

**Council Member Williams:** *Can we vote on that motion?*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Okay.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *Call the question.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Alright*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *I'm confused.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *All those in favor, of the substitute motion say Aye.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden and Council Members C. Davis and J. Davis:** *Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Opposed?*

**Mayor Bencini, and Council Members Alexander, Ewing, Hill, Wagner, and Williams:** *No.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *That Motion FAILS.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *We're back to the original motion that Latimer made, right? For approval as the policy was written?*

**Council Member Alexander:** Yes, have to go back to the original motion.

**Council Member Ewing:** Can I make a new substitute motion without that friendly amendment? Is that procedurally allowed?

**JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney:** You can make another substitute motion. I don't think there's a limit on who can make it.

**Council Member Ewing:** But we want to get out of here tonight.

**Mayor Bencini:** Mr. Ewing, you want to make a substitute motion?

**Council Member Ewing:** I move, I make a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that we include the language when initiated by council and/or staff.

**Council Member Williams:** SECOND

**Mayor Bencini:** We have a motion and second. Any further discussion? All those in favor, say Aye.

**Mayor Bencini, Mayor Pro Tem Golden, and Council Members Alexander, C. Davis, J. Davis, Ewing, Hill Wagner, Williams:** Aye.

**Mayor Bencini:** Opposed? [none]

**Mayor Bencini:** That MOTION carries [9-0 vote]

[end of transcript]

Approved revision to the City's Historical Marker Policy.

**A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Council Member Hill, that this matter be approved. The motion passes by a 9-0 unanimous vote.**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - Council Member Wagner, Chair  
Committee Members: Wagner, C. Davis, J. Davis & Golden (All were present)

**160164      Yihua Timer Industry, Inc. - Right-Of-Way Encroachment (RE-16-0013)**

A request by Yihua Timer Industry, Inc. to allow a proposed building to be erected within the right-of-way along E. Commerce Avenue. The proposed building will replace the existing building located at 305 E. Commerce Avenue, which currently encroaches into the right-of-way. The proposed building will encroach 1.33-feet into the right-of-way.

*Senior Planner Justin Westbrook presented the staff report regarding this matter which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.*

*Mr. Westbrook provided some background information on this case and noted it was located across the street from the new Classic Furniture Showroom. He reported there are two buildings currently on the site now on the same property. One is addressed as 135 South Hamilton and the other is addressed as 305 East Commerce. This case deals with the 305 East Commerce building (eastern building). He noted these buildings are old and that the applicant, Yihua Timber Industry who also owns the building. He pointed out the applicant; Ms. Smalls from Westcott Small & Associates was also present to answer any questions.*

*They are proposing to demolish the eastern one-story building (address 305 East Commerce) and would like to build a new building. Currently both buildings are internally connected; however, both buildings are one foot four inches over the property lines so they reside in the East Commerce right-of-way. They are requesting to build the new 5 story building for the increased market showroom demand. They will be in the existing footprint, so the applicant is requesting a right-of-way encroachment that currently already exists, not to encroach any more than they already do. He advised they still will be internally connected and shared that the structural engineer is also present to answer any questions.*

*The Technical Review Committee reviewed this request on May 26, 2016 and determined that the proposed encroachment would not affect public safety or interfere with street maintenance needs, especially since the new building will use the same footprint as the existing one.*

*Mayor Bencini asked if any consideration was given to our policy to require them to tear down both buildings and start over.*

*Council Member C. Davis asked if there was any concern given to the other portion of the building being damaged when this other section is taken down due to its age? Mr. Westbrook deferred the question to the applicant for an explanation due to not having the commercial construction building plans not currently being available. The contractor explained the buildings are simply adjacent to each other, and there are no structural connections.*

*Approved the request by Yihua Timer Industry, Inc. to allow a proposed building to be erected within the right-of-way along E. Commerce Avenue (the proposed building will encroach 1.33-feet into the right-of-way).*

**A motion was made by Council Member J. Davis, seconded by Council Member Wagner, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**160165**

### **Winning Link Property Resources, LLC - Zoning Map Amendment 16-08**

*A request by Winning Link Property Resources, LLC to rezone an approximately 0.9-acre parcel from the Highway Business (HB) District to the General Business (GB) District. The site is lying east of Westchester Drive and north of N. Ward Avenue (1911 Westchester Drive).*

*The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.*

*Herb Shannon, Senior Planner presented the staff report for Zoning Map Amendment 16-08, which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.*

*The applicant, Winning Link Property Resources, LLC has submitted a Zoning Map Amendment request to rezone an approximately 0.9-acre parcel from the Highway Business (HB) District to the General Business (GB) District located on the eastside of Westchester Drive and north of Ward Avenue. Mr. Shannon advised this is the location of the old Burger King which has been demolished and noted the GB District has less restrictive setback standards.*

*Based on the small size of the property and the larger area that is zoned Highway Business, one of the concerns staff looked at was if this would generate any type of spot zoning concern. He explained that spot zoning could be considered illegal unless the city can establish a reasonable public policy for approval of the request and some of the issues to be considered would be the size of the property, compatibility with the uses in the area and the city's comprehensive plan and any benefits or detriments resulting from the rezoning request. Based on the adopted policies and Land Use Plan, staff feels this is an appropriate location for commercial uses and as these two districts allow similar uses, it would not be introducing any significant different land uses in this area. As for balance and detriments, there was a concern that it would be granting a lesser restrictive standard than the other properties in this area, but with the recent adoption of the new Development Ordinance that the City Council approved on May 16th, this issue would be eliminated.*

*Mr. Shannon advised as part of the new Development Ordinance, several districts are being consolidated with the HB and GB Districts are being consolidated into one district. He pointed out within six months everything that is designated here as HB will GB zoning under the new District, so long term approval of this request would not be granting this property owner any long term benefits that would not be available to all the property owners in this area. This is a situation where this property owner would prefer to build prior to the January 1st effective date of the new ordinance so they have submitted this zoning request.*

*Staff considers the applicant's request reasonable in the public interest as it is consistent with the Land Use Plan; similar uses are allowed in both districts; and with the new Development Ordinance the HB District will be folded into the GB District so this property owner will not be gaining any long term benefits that would not be available to all property owners in less than six months. For these reasons, staff is of the opinion that it does not constitute spot zoning and is recommending approval. The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed this request at their April 26, 2016 meeting and recommended approval.*

*Following Mr. Shannon's presentation, he asked if there were any questions.*

*At this time, Chairman Wagner opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of or in opposition to this request.*



**Jack Summers**, the property owner, addressed Council in support of this request. He advised that he is developing the property for Family Dollar and they would like to move forward as soon as possible.

Chairman Wagner asked if there was anyone else wanting to speak. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Adopted the Ordinance to rezone this property from the Highway Business (HB) District to the General Business (GB) District based upon consistency with the City's adopted plans and that the action taken is considered to be reasonable and in the public interest.

**A motion was made by Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member J. Davis, that this matter be adopted. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.**

**Ordinance No: 7213/16-33  
Introduced 6-6-2016; Adopted 6-6-2016  
Ordinance Book Vol. XIX, Page 96**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

**160166**

### **Revisions to the High Point City Council 2014-2017 Standing Committees**

Council is requested to confirm the following revision to the 2014-2017 Standing Committees. High Point Theatre Advisory Board - remove Council Member Latimer Alexander and add Council Member Cynthia Davis. This revision is effective immediately.

Approved the revision to the 2014-2017 Standing Committees. High Point Theatre Advisory Board - removed Council Member Latimer Alexander as liaison and added Council Member Cynthia Davis. This revision is effective immediately.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.**

**160167**

### **Reappointments/Appointment- Various Boards & Commissions**

Council is requested to confirm reappointments and appointments to various Boards & Commissions as outlined in the attached documentation.

Transcript

**Council Member C. Davis:** Mr. Mayor, before you start on the reappointments, can I make a request prior to that?

**Mayor Bencini:** Sure.

**Council Member C. Davis:** In lieu of the article that was in the Enterprise, Mr. Alexander shared that he had a couple of people that are submitting applications for boards and

*commissions that they always wanted to serve, but didn't know how to go about that. Could we table this until our July meeting to allow people some time to apply for boards and commissions now that that article has hit the paper?*

*The only reason I'm asking is because the on-line application if they apply on-line, those applications get lost. The city clerk's not here, but she's expressed..... as a matter of fact when I appointed Jim Bronnert to the CAC, I actually wanted to appoint Pastor Robinson, but Pastor Robinson had completed the application three times on-line and that application was never received by our city clerk. So I think that even though there are individuals that are not eligible, although there are members on Council that would like to see those individuals continue that maybe there's a way that we can get the word out through maybe another article or something to allow people an opportunity to really apply who want to serve and then look at what our selection base looks like at that time.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *If you want to make a motion. I personally.....*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *I was wanting to have that conversation to see what the appetite was before I made a motion.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *At the last meeting, we let Latimer and Cynthia kind of take that bull by the horns and run with it. To me, if that's her judgment and she feels like that's a good decision. I mean we gave her and Latimer the authority. I'm okay in waiting another month. I have a couple of appointments tonight, but they can continue to serve.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *I'd like to go ahead. We have a number that are expiring at the end of this month, so I'd like to go ahead and in one motion....*

*I make a MOTION to approve the attachment that is on Council's desk and I'd like to encourage folks to continue to apply for boards and commissions. There are a lot of seats still available and I see no reason to wait. So I'll make a MOTION to approve.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We have a motion. Is there a SECOND?*

**Mayor Pro Tem J. Davis:** *Well, then, if we're going to do that, I'll let Jeff make a substitute motion.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *I guess if we're going to do it in one motion, I'd just be making a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to add some people or do we need to....*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *The CAC was left off.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *So that we'd have something to work off of.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *We've got a SECOND by Mr. Wagner.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *We can do this one and then we can suspend the rules and do the CAC.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Yes, I wanted to make sure that we pointed out that our ....the manager's secretary had received an email from two of the individuals that did not want to serve on the CAC. Although they don't appear on that list, before we get into the second part and I apologize. Mr. Mingo and Teresa Echard didn't want to serve any longer either. So I just wanted to make that aware. You can go ahead.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Any other comments? [none] All those in favor, say Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini; Mayor Pro Tem Golden; and Council Members Alexander, Williams, Hill, Wagner, J. Davis, and Ewing:** *Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Opposed?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *No.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *That motion carries.*

*Now I believe Mr. Golden and Mr. Davis wanted to add one and suspend the rules and add a couple of appointments.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *To suspend the rules to make two reappointments and one appointment. All three of these people are to the CAC.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Okay, MOTION TO SUSPEND.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *SECOND.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *A motion and a second. All those in favor, say Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini; Mayor Pro Tem Golden; and Council Members Alexander, C. Davis, Williams, Hill, Wagner, J. Davis and Ewing:** *Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *That motion carries.*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *The two reappointments are Willie Davis and Elizabeth Dennis and the first time appointment is Amanda Anderson.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *That's Wards 5....*

**Mayor Pro Tem Golden:** *Wards 1, 5, and 4. That's the MOTION.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Is there a second?*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *SECOND.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Motion and second. All those in favor, say Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Opposed?*

**Mayor Bencini:** *That motion carries. [9-0 vote]*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *I'd also like to ask that my CAC appointment would continue, Mehmet. He's eligible to continue on. He was an one-year appointment.*

**Council Member Alexander:** *Motion to suspend the rules to consider.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Is there a SECOND?*

**Chris Williams:** *SECOND.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *All those in favor, say Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini; Mayor Pro Tem Golden; and Council Members Alexander, C. Davis, Williams, Hill, Wagner, J. Davis and Ewing:** *Aye.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Opposed?*

**Mayor Bencini:** *That motion CARRIES.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *You'll make that as a motion.*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *Yes, please. I'd like to make the motion to CAC, that Mehmet...I can't think of his last name and I don't have it before me.*

**Council Member J. Davis:** *We've already suspended the rules for CAC*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *He's Human Relations, I apologize.*

**Council Member Wagner:** *Wasn't he on the list?*

**Council Member C. Davis:** *He is on the list. I apologize. My apologies.*

**Mayor Bencini:** *Motion withdrawn.*

*[end of transcript]*

Approved/confirmed the preceding reappointments/appointments to the various Boards & Commissions as outlined in the attached documentation.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Wagner, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by an 8-1 vote:**

Aye (8): Council Member Hill, Council Member Williams, Council Member Ewing, Council Member Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Golden, Mayor Bencini, Council Member Alexander, and Council Member J. Davis

Nay (1): Council Member C. Davis

**160169 Appointment/Reappointment - Boards & Commissions - CAC**

Council is requested to confirm the following reappointments and appointment to the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC).

Reappointment of Willie Davis (ward 1) - effective immediately and expires 5/31/2018

Reappointment of Elizabeth Dennis (ward 5) - effective immediately and expires 5/31/2018

Appointment of Amanda Anderson (ward 4) - effective immediately and expires 5/31/2018

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Golden, seconded by Council Member Davis, that these reappointments/appointments to the CAC be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote. [9-0 vote]**

**160168 Minutes to Be Approved**

- Community Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Meeting; Tuesday, May 10th @ 10:00 am.
- Finance Committee Meeting; Wednesday, May 11th @ 4:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting (Presentation of Annual Budget); Wednesday, May 11th @ 4:30 p.m.
- Manager's Briefing; Monday, May 16th @ 4:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting; Monday, May 16th @ 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session)
- Regular Council Meeting; Monday, May 16th @ 5:30 p.m.
- Special Meeting (Budget); Wednesday, May 18th @ 3:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting (Budget Comment Period); Thursday, May 19th @ 3:00 p.m.

The preceding minutes were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Council Member Alexander and second by Council Member J. Davis.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member J. Davis, that these minutes be approved. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Maria A. Smith  
Deputy City Clerk