



**COMMUNITY HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT and  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*Committee Members: Golden, Ewing, Alexander and Williams*

*Chaired by Council Member Golden*

**August 8, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.**

**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

*Note: A quorum of the Committee was not present*

**Present:**

Chairman Jeff Golden

**Absent:**

Committee Members Latimer Alexander, Chris Williams and Jason Ewing

**Staff Present:**

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager; Mike McNair, Director of Community Development; Thanena Wilson, CD Administrator; Lori Loosemore, Supervisor- Code Enforcement; Michelle McNair, Community Resource Manager; Alisha Doulen, Community Resource Specialist; Lauren Atwell-Bass, Community Resource Specialist; Richard Fuqua, Affordable Housing Manager, Vicky Embry, Transportation; Maria Smith, Deputy City Clerk and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

*Note: The following hand-outs were distributed during the meeting and will be attached as a permanent part of these proceedings:*

- Small Builders Incentive Program
- Presentation: Update on the Core City Homebuyer Incentive Program

Chairman Golden called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. Review – Small Builders Incentive Program**

Mike McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing, explained the City Council approved the Small Builders Incentive Program in mid-May. When the program was initially set up, it was determined that funds would not be released until closing, but then there was a motion made to release funds at the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. McNair advised that staff could not offer assurances that it would be a homebuyer purchasing the property at that point in time. He stated the purpose of the program was to design it to meet the priorities for home

ownership, but they could not control the outcome and he wanted to raise awareness of this. Council budgeted \$100,000 for the pilot program when it was set up.

As there was no other committee members present, Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin suggested to put this on the next CH ND & PS Committee Agenda for discussion.

## **2. Update – Core City Homebuyers Incentive Program**

Mr. McNair reported on the criteria for the Core-City Homebuyer Incentive Program:

- ✓ Down Payment/Closing Assistance- \$7,500
- ✓ 5-Year Deferred Loan at 0% Interest
- ✓ Loan Forgiven at 20% each year
- ✓ Property must be primary residence and located in the Core
- ✓ Property sales price not to exceed \$200,000

He shared a map identifying the location of the activities and provided an update on the stats as follows:

- ✓ 64 applications received (56 closed, 5 pending, 3 withdrawn)
- ✓ Average price of homes: \$109,215
- ✓ Average age of homebuyers: 41
- ✓ Average household income: 92% of AMI
- ✓ Total Incentives expended or reserved: \$407,500 (\$277,500 local; \$130,000 federal)

## **3. Update- Traffic Calming Devices**

Mr. McNair reported that staff has been working on traffic calming in neighborhoods for four years and recently completed installation of four sets of speed cushions in the Washington Terrace neighborhood. He then shared a recent video that was produced by Fox8 News featuring some residents in the area. He advised that staff has received a lot of positive feedback from the neighborhood.

Vickie Embry with the High Point Transportation Department confirmed that the speed cushions were installed around July 18<sup>th</sup> and reported one of the issues they encountered with the installation was the pavement did not have adequate width, so the 7-inch bolt used to anchor the speed cushions actually hit the dirt. She advised that it may not stay.

Mr. McCaslin inquired about the cost for the speed humps. Ms. Embry replied a set of three costs approximately \$3,000. She then advised that a petition with 75% of the signatures is required and staff currently has two sets of petitions waiting to be vetted. One criteria is that the speed limit must be lowered to 25 m.p.h. on the streets where the speed cushions have been requested.

Mr. McCaslin asked about the process used to evaluate the effectiveness of the traffic calming devices. Ms. Embry stated that staff attends the neighborhood meetings to get their input as to noise, whether or not they feel it is working, etc..... She advised that these speed humps are temporary in nature and explained there is some uncertainty as to how long or how effective these speed humps will be over time, but if it is determined that they are slowing traffic down with good results, the speed humps could be installed with real asphalt.

Mr. McCaslin asked staff to provide another update after the neighborhood meeting that is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Update – Nuisance Liens Collection Program**

Mr. McCaslin provided an update on the Nuisance Liens Collection Program. Approximately \$18,000 has been collected thus far between the City of High Point and Guilford County. Just under \$1 million in liens were billed along with the property tax bills. Staff is happy with the response thus far and anticipates seeing a huge increase in collections with the next report.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lisa B. Vierling, MMC  
City Clerk

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Jeff Golden, Chairman