

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
APRIL 2, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Jay W. Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Chris Williams (Ward 2); Council Member Britt Moore (At Large), Council Member Donald Scarborough (At Large), Council Member Jeffrey Golden (Ward 1), Council Member Monica Peters (Ward 3), Council Member Victor Jones (Ward 5), and Council Member Jason Ewing (Ward 6)

*Council Member Wesley Hudson (Ward 4) was **Absent**.*

Mayor Wagner called for a Moment of Silence. The Pledge of Allegiance Followed.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2018-106 Proclamation - Jazz Appreciation Month

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation to the High Point Area Arts Council designating April as “Jazz Appreciation Month.”

Mayor Wagner presented a proclamation to the High Point Area Arts Council designating April as "Jazz Appreciation Month." On hand to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Arts Council was Debbie Lumpkins, Executive Director, and Mark Harris, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

[applause] [photo op with the Mayor followed]

2018-107 Proclamation - National Community Development Week

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation to Nena Wilson, with our Community Development Department, designating the week of April 2-6 as “National Community Development Week.”

Mayor Wagner read a proclamation into the record designating the week of April 2 through April 6 as "National Community Development Week" in the City of High Point and presented it to Nena Wilson, Assistant Director of Community Development.

[applause] [photo op with the Mayor followed]

Following the presentation, Ms. Wilson shared some of the activities that have been planned for this week in commemoration of National Community Development week. She also

recognized the Citizens Advisory Council members that were present in the audience: Jerry Mingo and Jim Bronnert. She also recognized Dr. Burdell Knight, a neighborhood leader, who was also present.

2018-108 Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation to Sara Kramer, with Family Service of the Piedmont, designating the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

Mayor Wagner read a proclamation into the record designating the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention" month in High Point. Sara Kramer was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of Family Service of the Piedmont.

[applause] [photo op with the Mayor followed]

2018-109 Proclamation - Fair Housing Month

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation to Ms. Fanta Dorley, Human Relations Manager for the City of High Point, designating April as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of High Point.

Mayor Wagner read a proclamation into the record designating April as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of High Point and presented it to Fanta Dorley, Human Relations Manager and Janet Wright, Human Relations Specialist.

[applause] [photo op with the Mayor followed the presentation]

Following the presentation, Ms. Dorley shared some remarks and issued an invitation for a bus tour that is scheduled for April 26th with a housing summit afterwards. She also shared that in commemoration of Fair Housing Month, they will be meeting at High Point University to speak with the seniors and non-traditional students about how to be better renters. Landlords will also be present.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

2018-110 Update on the Strategic Plan adopted by City Council

Council Member Jeff Golden, Chair of the Community Housing, Neighborhood Development and Public Safety Committee and Council Member Jason Ewing, Chair of the Prosperity & Livability Committee will give an update to City Council on the Strategic Plan.

Code Enforcement/Blight

Community Housing, Neighborhood Development & Public Safety Committee Chair Council Member Golden provided an update on some numbers as they relate to the Code Enforcement efforts regarding blight in the city. He then shared numbers for the March 2018 activities as follows:

- ✓ 32 New Minimum Housing Complaints
- ✓ 295 Active Minimum Housing Cases
- ✓ 44 New Public Nuisance Complaints
- ✓ 49 Active Public Nuisance cases

✓ 118 Signs collected

Chairman Golden also reported there are currently two vacant Local Codes Enforcement Officer positions that need to be filled.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, shared some photographs of the ongoing Code Enforcement activity for March 2018.

Connect HP Update

Prosperity & Livability Committee Chair Council Member Jason Ewing reported that Connect HP would be appointing a new chair at their next meeting and their focus will be promoting more networking events that bring Young Professionals together.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2018-111 Public Comment Period

A Public Comment Period will be held on the first Monday of the regular City Council meeting schedule at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible following recognitions, awards and presentations. Our policy states persons may speak on any item not on the agenda.

- Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed. Others who wish to speak and have not signed in will be taken after those who have registered.
- Persons addressing City Council are asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.
- Citizens will be asked to come to the podium, state their name and address and the subject(s) on which they will comment.
- If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group while a designated speaker covers the various points. This helps to avoid repetition while giving an opportunity for people present with the same concerns to be recognized.

Thanks to everyone in the audience for respecting the meeting by refraining from speaking from the audience, applauding speakers, or other actions that distract the meeting.

Rev. Frank Thomas, 693 Mallard Landing Boulevard, Clemmons, and Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in High Point, shared about civility. He asked as the Council prepares to hear the public comments this afternoon, that they listen to the citizens and asked that the citizens be civil.

David Marshall, 702 Gatewood Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the work that the contractor did for the Gatewood/Westwood stormwater project. He cautioned others in the city where stormwater projects are ongoing or will be starting to be very careful and watch what the contractors do or don't do and noted he has reservations and concerns about the contractor that was used.

Karen Neal, NC Cooperative Extension, 12B Park Village Lane in Greensboro, introduced Quina Weber-Shirk, Community School Garden Cooperative Extension Agent, who was recently hired for the newly created COOP coordinator's position for Guilford County.

Ms. Weber-Shirk stated she was looking forward to working with the different organizations in High Point, specifically with the community gardens and advised that her time would be split between Greensboro and High Point.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Finance Committee Chairman Moore reported that the Finance Committee did meet on March 29, 2018 and recommended all finance-related items be placed on the Consent Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Council Member Moore then moved approval of the finance-related items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Ewing made a second, which carried unanimously.

Note: Although one motion was made to approve/adopt these matters under the Finance Committee Consent Agenda, action on all of these matters will be reflected throughout the Consent Agenda portion of these minutes as being made and seconded by the same persons.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - *Council Member Britt W. Moore, Chair*
Committee Members: Moore, Ewing, Hudson, and Williams

2018-112 Resolution - Establishing Petty Cash Funds

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution Establishing Petty Cash Funds for use of cash for City expenditures.

Adopted a Resolution Establishing Petty Cash Funds for use of cash for City expenditures.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

Resolution No. 1752/18-14
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 14
Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018

2018-113 Resolution - Authorizing Use of Electronic Payment Methods

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City of High Point to engage in Electronic Payment methods.

Adopted a Resolution authorizing the City of High Point to engage in electronic payment methods.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

Resolution No. 1753/18-15
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 15
Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018

2018-114 Municipal Agreement - NCDOT - Eastchester (NC 68) Sidewalk at I-74 Interchange

City Council is requested to approve a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the construction of sidewalk along Eastchester Drive (NC 68) from Ambassador Court to the Oak Hollow Festival Park entrance, and along the public section of Cypress Court adjacent to Eastchester Drive.

Approved a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of transportation for construction of a sidewalk along Eastchester Drive (NC 68) from Ambassador Court to the Oak Hollow Festival Park entrance and along the public section of Cypress Court adjacent to Eastchester Drive.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this Municipal Agreement with NCDOT be approved. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

COMMUNITY HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council Member Golden, Chair

Committee Members: Golden, Peters, Scarborough, and Williams

2018-115 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1135 Roberts Lane

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1135 Roberts Lane belonging to Norma Self Proctor.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, explained that this structure was originally inspected on September 16, 2016. A hearing was held on January 17, 2018 and an Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on February 23, 2018. She advised that the inspector did speak with the owner by telephone on January 3, 2018 and verified her mailing address and that she does own the property. Delinquent property taxes in the amount of \$9,727.34 are due on the property.

No one was present to speak regarding this property.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1135 Roberts Lane.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this demolition ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

**Ordinance No: 7400/18-29
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 29
Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018**

2018-116 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1706 Cedrow Drive

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1706 Cedrow Drive belonging to Heirs of Mary Lindsay.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, advised this property was one of the old cases in the system where inspectors had to start the process over. The property was reinspected on November 15, 2017. No one appeared for the hearing that was held on December 11, 2017. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on December 20, 2017 with a compliance date of January 22, 2018. The deceased property owner's niece did call and stated that Ms. Lindsay did not have any immediate family members.

Delinquent property taxes in the amount of \$20,314.39 are due on the property.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1706 Cedrow Drive.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this demolition ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

**Ordinance No: 7401/18-30
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 30
Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018**

2018-117 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1411 E. Green Drive

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1411 E. Green Drive belonging to Sylvia Davis and Anthony Pearson.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, reported that a fire occurred on November 20, 2017. Staff did an inspection on November 28, 2017. A hearing was held on December 19, 2017 and no one appeared. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on December 20, 2017 with a compliance date of January 26, 2018.

Staff has not heard from the property owner. Delinquent property taxes in the amount of \$386.83 are owed on this property.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1411 E. Green Drive.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this demolition ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

Ordinance No: 7402/18-31

Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 31

Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018

2018-118 Resolutions - Transfer of Properties to Core City CDC

City Council is requested to adopt Resolutions authorizing the transfer of the following properties to the Core City CDC: 2107 Little Avenue, 2109 Little Avenue, 2308 Little Avenue, 2310 Little Avenue, 1523 Willard Avenue, 300 Morgan Place, 1117 Jefferson Street and 1119 Jefferson Street.

Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin explained these properties were acquired through outright purchase or through Guilford County foreclosure and staff desires to transfer these to the city's CDC which will work with various groups for new construction.

Adopted resolutions authorizing the transfer of the following properties to the Core City CDC:

- 2107 Little Avenue
- 2109 Little Avenue
- 2308 Little Avenue
- 2310 Little Avenue
- 1523 Willard Avenue
- 300 Morgan Place
- 1117 Jefferson Street, and
- 1119 Jefferson Street

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

Resolution Nos: 1754/18-16, 1755/18-17, 1756/18-18, 1757/18-19, 1758/18-20
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Pages 16-20
Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018

PENDING ITEMS

2018-10 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1227 Pearson Place

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1227 Pearson Place belonging to Monument of Praise Ministries.

2018-13 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 613 Manley Street

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 613 Manley Street belonging to Joshua and Sarah Stahl.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Christopher Williams, Chair
Committee Members: Williams, Jones, Moore, and Scarborough

2018-119 Resolution of Intent - Annexation 18-01 (AN-18-01)

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of May 7, 2018, to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 8.7 acres lying along the north side of W. Wendover Avenue, approximately 500 feet west of Tarrant Road. The property is addressed as 5206 & 5208 W. Wendover Avenue and also known as Guilford County Tax Parcels 0154826 and 0154832.

Adopted a Resolution of Intent establishing the date of Monday, May 7, 2018, to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 8.7 acres lying along the north side of W. Wendover Avenue, approximately 500 feet west of Tarrant Road.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Golden, that this Resolution of Intent be adopted. The motion carried by the following 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

Resolution No. 1759/18-21
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 16
Introduced 4/2/2018; Adopted 4/2/2018

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2018-120 Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending Method of Election for City of High Point City Council Members

Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. is the date and time established for a public hearing to adopt an amendment to Article III, Section 3.1. Method of Election of the City Charter to implement four-year terms for the Members of City Council beginning with the 2019 municipal election.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke during the public hearing.

***Latimer Alexander**, 1019 Sweetbriar Road, a former council member, who has served on various boards on a local, state, and national level, addressed Council regarding the term lengths. He stated he was afforded the opportunity to work with many cities who were most effective and had four-year terms. He strongly recommended that Council consider four-year, staggered terms for the next group of council members that would be coming on board in 2019.*

***Hal Warlick**, 1506 Wickliff Avenue, suggested three-year terms for council members given the demographics in High Point. He felt this would allow more people to get involved and would give the public an opportunity to determine who is effective and who is not.*

***Louis Thibodeaux**, 1242 Kensington Drive, posed a couple of questions to the Council and asked to see a show of hands from those who are in favor of extending the terms from two years to four years, and asked if the Council would call for a referendum for the citizens to vote on the change. He pointed out that although a referendum is not required, the City Council could call for a referendum. He felt that there should be term limits in place of one term if the Council does go to four-year terms because it would give citizens of High Point more of an opportunity to serve.*

***David Willett**, 1501 Delk Drive, mentioned the results of the poll that was published in the High Point Enterprise and pointed out that most of the people favored two-year terms. He felt the two-year term for Council has worked for a very long time. He asked Council to allow a vote on the change citing fairness for all because it was the people that voted to change the four-year terms back to two-year terms.*

***Ken Orms**, 3525 Sainsbury Lane, spoke in strong opposition to changing the terms from two years to four years and noted what matters the most is that the voters overwhelming voted for two-year terms in 2000. He felt Council does not have the moral authority to make this change without a referendum because it was like "stealing his vote." He spoke about his distrust for politicians and accused the City Council of holding "secret working sessions"*

with no public input/discussion. He also accused the City Council of not being truthful about the cost of the stadium and other important issues.

*At this time, **Hal Warlick** asked if he could share some additional comments. He disagreed with many of Mr. Orms' remarks and offered assurances to Council that his comments had nothing to do with "morality" or his displeasure with anyone. He stated he was merely making a suggestion and he wanted to distance himself from any malice.*

Mayor Wagner asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak regarding changing the term lengths. No one else came forward to speak.

Due to the public hearing being scheduled during a holiday (Easter Monday), Council Member Ewing suggested that the public hearing be continued to allow those that could not attend tonight's meeting an additional opportunity to provide comments.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this public hearing be continued to Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

2018-100 High Point Area Arts Council Assistance Agreement

City Council is requested to approve an Agreement providing assistance from the City of High Point of up to \$181,324.00 over the next two fiscal years for the satisfaction of a \$362,648 mortgage associated with the High Point Area Arts Council purchase of property located at 121 S. Centennial Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams moved to table this matter and send it to the Finance Committee for further discussion. Council Member Ewing made a second to the motion.

Council Member Golden then offered a substitute motion that the matter be handled as a Committee of the Whole item to seek all of Council's input.

The substitute motion died from the lack of a second.

Mayor Wagner then called for a vote on the original motion to table this matter and send it to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

2018-121 Minutes to be Approved

- Finance Committee; Thursday, March 15th @ 4:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting; Monday, March 19th @ 3:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting of Council; Monday, March 19th @ 5:30 p.m.
- Special Meeting (Departmental Presentations); March 21st @ 3:30 p.m.

The preceding minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Council Member Golden, that the preceding minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Peters, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Ewing.

Absent (1): Council Member Hudson

For Information Only:**High Point Economic Development Corporation Meeting**

Mayor Wagner reported that Congressman Ted Budd would be speaking during the High Point Economic Development Corporation meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, High Point City Hall. He encouraged everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. upon motion duly made by Council Member Ewing and second by Mayor Pro Tem Williams.

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk