

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
May 7, 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 Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), Council Member Victor Jones (Ward 5), and Council Member Jason Ewing (Ward 6)

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

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2018-161 Proclamation - Public Works Week

Mayor Wagner will read a proclamation declaring the week of May 20-26, 2018 as “Public Works Week” in the City of High Point.

Mayor Wagner read a Proclamation into the record declaring the week of May 20-26, 2018 as "Public Works Week" in the City of High Point and presented it to Keith Pugh, Director of Engineering Services.

[photo op followed]

2018-162 Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Wagner will read a proclamation declaring the week of May 6-12, 2018 as “Municipal Clerks Week” in the City of High Point.

Mayor Wagner read a Proclamation into the record declaring the week of May 6-12, 2018 as "Municipal Clerks Week" in the City of High Point and presented it to Lisa Vierling, City Clerk and Sandra Keeney, Deputy City Clerk.

[photo op followed]

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

2018-131 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 April 2018 activities as follows:

- ✓ 39 New Minimum Housing Complaints
- ✓ 292 Active Minimum Housing Cases
- ✓ 96 New Public Nuisance Complaints
- ✓ 165 Active Public Nuisance cases
- ✓ 68 Signs collected

Chairman Golden also reported that staff has completed interviews for the two vacant Local Codes Enforcement Officer positions and are currently awaiting background checks with hopes to have the two positions filled by the end of the month.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2018-132 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.

The following people spoke during the Public Comment Period.

Larry Cormier, 3007 Scott Trail, a registered voter in Precinct FR2, addressed Council regarding equal and fair treatment of women. He advised that our country is based on fairness, justice, and equality and referenced the Constitution, which he referred to as a living document that is amended on a regular basis. He explained there was an attempt to amend it and pointed out it has not been ratified since 1972. He noted that the next speaker, Megan Longstreet, would read the resolution into the record and asked that Council consider adoption.

Megan Longstreet, 607 Rotary Drive, a registered voter in Precinct H02, also addressed Council on equal and fair rights for all women. She explained that although Congress finally passed the ERA in 1972 and sent it to the states for ratification; the ERA fell three states short of the 38 required to become an amendment to the Constitution as of the deadline for ratification. Since that time, the ERA has been reintroduced in every single session of Congress with Bi-Partisan support. She further stated that on March 22, 2017, Nevada became the first state in 40 years to ratify the ERA, and Illinois followed suit and also ratified it, leaving only one state short for national ratification. She hinted that North Carolina could make history and could be that state.

Ms. Longstreet then shared some of her personal experiences with discrimination and mentioned the "Me Too" movement. She also asked for Council to fully support the ERA resolution.

Following her comments, Ms. Longstreet read the Resolution in Support of the Equal Rights Amendment into the record. [a copy of the resolution will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

Assoud Koury, a resident at 2921 E. Martin Luther King Drive, spoke about high electric bills in High Point. He shared that he has businesses all across the Piedmont Triad and High Point's bills are about 40% higher than other jurisdictions. He provided an example of one employee they moved to High Point in a one-bedroom apartment with an \$800 a month electric bill. He asked that the city check into this situation with a high electric bill. Mayor Wagner asked Mr. Koury make sure he shared his contact information with Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin.

Ken Orms, a resident at 3525 Sainsbury Lane, Greensboro (in High Point city limits), inquired about the status of the collection notice that High Point received from HUD for mishandling federal grant money. He noted at issue was \$1.8 million that the federal government says High Point owes for a lead abatement program from several years ago. He also mentioned a recent article that was printed in the High Point Enterprise that stated HUD determined that High Point "had significant deficiencies in the way the city administered its lead abatement program." He made light of the Mayor's comments regarding HUD's response that they don't make mistakes, even though they make mistakes. Mr. Orms asked the following questions:

1. *Where is the city going to come up with the money to repay HUD?*
2. *Will a tax increase be necessary?*
3. *Does the city have an extra \$2 million lying around to pay the federal government?*
4. *Will this matter be discussed in public meetings that would allow voters to comment, or will Council hold another secret, private meeting?*
5. *Do we know who made these significant deficiencies discovered by HUD?*
6. *Will anyone be held accountable for the mishandling and misspending of federal grant money?*

He also mentioned an item on tonight's agenda that calls for spending over \$1.5 million for projects related to the stadium and asked whether those monies are part of the bond monies, or extra monies.

He also posed the following questions regarding the High Point Area Arts Council Assistance Agreement.

1. *Is this extra money?*
2. *Where would the money come from?*
3. *Does the city have a pot of cash laying around that can be spent on whatever?*

Mayor Wagner asked City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle to speak with Mr. Orms following adjournment of the meeting and provide an update on the HUD issue.

Mark Harris, 3212 Peninsula Drive, Chairman of the Arts Council Board of Directors, thanked Council for their consideration for the matching assistance to pay the mortgage associated with the High Point Arts Council at Centennial Station. He went on to say in today's environment, all areas of spending, including the arts, continue to come under scrutiny realizing every public dollar is competitive. He shared the economic impact that the arts have on High Point is great, serving over 25,000 citizens. Of this number, many are children from the poorest areas where the Arts Council provides concerts at no cost to these children. In addition, he advised that the arts also bring an educational impact. Mr. Harris pointed out the Arts Council is a catalyst and brings people to the city. He explained the principal and interest on their buildings is \$70,000 a year and by paying off the mortgage, they would have more money to reach more people and places.

Jim Morgan, 416 Hillcrest Drive, former Chairman on the Arts Council Board of Directors, advised that when he became affiliated with the Arts Council in 2012, High Point was the only major city in North Carolina that did not have an arts headquarters. He further explained the reason was that a consensus between the City Council and Arts Council could not be reached regarding an optimal location. He shared that Centennial Station has been a great thing for them and is in a great location. He pointed out that when they acquired the building, they were able to bring the Ballet back to High Point and they also provide a home to the Community Theatre.

He advised that the agreement requires that the money they raise would go through and would be held by the Community Foundation. He noted that at the end of the city's fiscal

year, June 30th, the Community Foundation would certify the monies received and the Council would then match what has been raised; then the process would be repeated next year. Mr. Morgan concluded his remarks and asked Council to consider that prosperous communities support the arts and support folks and this is what makes High Point a great city, "the most livable safe and prosperous community in America."

Louis Thibodeaux, a resident at 1242 Kensington Drive, stated he does not support giving the Arts Council an 81% increase in funding in the amount of about \$81,000, as they already receive \$100,000 a year from the city for operations/programming. He felt there are many other issues that require attention such as continued work on blighted housing and putting hand sanitizers in the port-a-potties at one of the Parks & Recreation facilities. He shared that other groups would ask for funding as well and expressed concerns with giving over \$160,000 to one group. He asked if there was more that could be done with such a large amount of money. He encouraged Council to listen and think about what the citizens have to say.

There being no further comments, the Public Comment Period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Finance Committee Chairman Moore reported that the Finance Committee did meet on May 3, 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 Peters 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 Moore, Chair
Committee Members Moore, Ewing, Hudson, and Jones

2018-133 Contract - Anixter - Underground Cable

City Council is requested to approve the award of contract for Bid No. 44 to Anixter for the purchase of 750 MCM Underground Cable in an amount not to exceed \$1,088,000.00 for the conversion of overhead electric lines to underground facilities for the Downtown Revitalization projects.

Approved contract with Anixter for the purchase of 750 MCM Underground Cable in an amount not to exceed \$1,088,000.00 for the conversion of overhead electric lines to underground facilities for the Downtown Revitalization projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-134 Contract - WESCO - PVC Conduit

City Council is requested to approve the award of contract for Bid No. 45 to WESCO for the purchase of PVC conduit in the amount of \$181,275.90 for the conversion of overhead electric lines to underground facilities for the Downtown Revitalization projects.

Approved contract with WESCO for the purchase of PVC conduit in the amount of \$181,275.90 for the conversion of overhead electric lines to underground facilities for the Downtown Revitalization projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-135 Contract - WESCO - Concrete Underground Vaults

Council is requested to approve the award of contract for Bid No. 50 to WESCO for the purchase of Concrete Underground Vaults in the amount of \$252,740.00 for the conversion of overhead electric lines to underground facilities for the Downtown Revitalization projects.

Approved contract with WESCO for the purchase of Concrete Underground Vaults in the amount of \$252,740.00 for the conversion of overhead electric lines to underground facilities for the Downtown Revitalization projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-136 Contract - Control Systems Programmer - Ward WTP

City Council is requested to approve the Request for Qualification (RFQ) selection of Revere Control Systems in the amount of \$377,201.00 as the control systems programmer for the Ward Water Treatment Plant.

Approved contract with Revere Control Systems in the amount of \$377,201.00 as the control systems programmer for the Ward Water Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-137 Municipal Agreement - NCDOT - Sidewalk & Transit Improvements - Eastchester Drive

City Council is requested to approve a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to construct sidewalk and transit improvements on Eastchester Drive (Palladium Circulator Transit Connector).

Approved a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to construct sidewalk and transit improvements on Eastchester Drive (Palladium Circulator Transit Connector).

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-138 Agreement- Cherry Bekaert LLP - Audit Testing Procedures

City Council is requested to approve an agreement with Cherry Bekaert LLP in the amount of \$6,000.00 for special audit testing procedures required by the State Treasurer's Office as part of the Retirement System's audit and report.

Approved an agreement with Cherry Bekaert LLP in the amount of \$6,000.00 for special audit testing procedures required by the State Treasurer's Office as part of the Retirement System's audit and report.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-139 Resolution Approving the Donation of Surplus Fire Equipment - Francisco Volunteer Fire Department

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution approving the donation of a surplus 1992 Seagrave Pumper to the Francisco Volunteer Department.

Adopted a Resolution approving the donation of a surplus 1992 Seagrave Pumper to the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Resolution No. 1760/18-22

Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 22

Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-140 Resolution - Lease Agreement - City Owned Property

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution approve a lease agreement for city-owned property located at 1420 Bragg Avenue.

Adopted a Resolution approving a lease agreement for city-owned property located at 1420 Bragg Avenue.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Resolution No. 1761/18-23

Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 23

Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-141 Resolution - Housing Authority of High Point - Redevelopment of Daniel Brooks Homes

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution to fund a total of \$6,500,000 from the City's general fund budget over a three-year period with total funding available by March 31, 2021 to assist with redevelopment of Daniel Brooks Homes; and authorize the City Manager to execute funding commitment letters and associated documents as may be required to support the Housing Authority of the City of High Point in its pursuit of federal and state approvals associated with the redevelopment plan for Daniel Brooks. City funds will be used toward construction costs and infrastructure associated with the development of 100 new, mixed income affordable housing units and infrastructure on the existing Daniel Brooks site.

Adopted a Resolution to fund a total of \$6,500,000.00 from the City's general fund budget over a three-year period with total funding available by March 31, 2021 to assist with the redevelopment of Daniel Brooks Homes, and authorized the City Manager to execute funding commitment letters and associated documents as may be required to support the Housing Authority of the City of High Point in pursuit of federal and state approvals associated with the redevelopment plan for Daniel Brooks.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Resolution No. 1762/18-24

Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 24

Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - *Council Member Moore, Chair*
Committee Members Moore, Ewing, Hudson, and Jones

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.

Transcript of Discussion

Chairman Moore: *There was another item on the regular agenda-the High Point Area Arts Council Assistance Agreement. Over the past two weeks at different meetings, this item has been discussed in great detail. It certainly has the attention of all members of this Council and I believe this Council fully wants a thriving and important Arts Council. With that being said, there were still many things to be discussed. This is being brought back to the full Council for consideration without a recommendation from the Finance Committee.*

Council Member Hudson: *Mr. Chair and Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion to refer this item to the P & L Committee for further discussion.*

Mayor Wagner: *there's a motion by Councilman Hudson to move this to the P & L Committee.*

Council Member Golden: **Second.**

Mayor Wagner: *Is there any discussion on the motion?*

Council Member Peters: *Can I make a motion for it to go to the full Council?*

Mayor Wagner: *It's already with the full Council.*

Council Member Peters: *Okay.*

Mayor Wagner: *Any other questions or comments? [none] All those in favor of the motion, please signify by saying Aye.*

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing: *Aye.*

Mayor Wagner: *That motion passes.*

Note: The following discussion took place preceding adjournment.

Jim Morgan: *Would you please reconsider the motion to send the Arts Council's request to the P & L Committee. If you'll note from our agreement, there's a very short period of time to raise the money before June 30th. I plead with you that somebody make a motion so we can go forward with this request because our time is running out.*

Mayor Wagner: *I believe a motion to reconsider would require 2/3 vote if it's at the same meeting under our rules. Is someone willing to make a motion to reconsider at this point?*

Council Member Golden: **I MOVE THAT WE SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADDRESS HIS REQUEST UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL REQUIRE 2/3 VOTE.**

Mayor Wagner: *There's a motion in pending to reconsider the Arts Council item. Is there a second?*

Council Member Hudson: **Second.**

Mayor Wagner: *Is there any comment?*

Council Member Ewing: **I MOVE TO DECLINE THE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.**

Mayor Wagner: *This would be a SUBSTITUTE MOTION. I think we need to pass the motion to reconsider first before we can consider that.*

Is there any other comment on the MOTION TO RECONSIDER?

Council Member Hudson: *If I can say.... if this goes to a vote, it will be a No.*

Mayor Wagner: *Okay, all those in favor, let's see a show of hand. All in favor of the MOTION TO RECONSIDER PLEASE SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. Let's see a show of hands. [7-2 vote]*

Mayor Wagner, Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing: *Aye.*

Mayor Pro Tem Williams and Council Member Golden: *Nay.*

Mayor Wagner: *We will now reconsider the item for the Arts Council agreement.*

I'll put it out to Council for discussion.

Council Member Ewing: *I believe the purpose for putting it back into committee was to try to find some way to assist because as councilman Hudson said, right now there's not enough support to move it forward as it is. So we can discuss it in committee in P & L and try to find a way to help the Arts Council because we do see value in it, just not the agreement as it's*

written. But, if you all want a decision tonight, **I will remake my motion to decline the agreement as presented.**

Mayor Wagner: *There's a motion to decline the agreement as presented. Is there a second?*

Council Member Golden: **Second.**

Mayor Wagner: *There's a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion?*

Council Member Peters: *The only thing that I'd like to say is, you know, we're going to meet, the P & L is going to meet on Wednesday and I just think there's some things that need to be ironed out.*

Council Member Moore: *The whole intent on moving it back there for discussion is to try to find a way to make it work. Everyone understanding that there's a deadline, but there was not enough agreement to get it through. We'll move as quick as we can.*

Jim Morgan: *When will they meet?*

Mayor Wagner: *The P & L Committee I believe would discuss it on Wednesday and we'll have to go from there.*

Council Member Jones: *Will they have to send it back to us at the Finance Committee?*

Mayor Wagner: *I doubt it, but you never know what might happen.*

Council Member Ewing: *There's still another Finance Committee meeting before the May 21st City Council meeting, so we could if we wanted to touch as many people as*

Jim Morgan: *Let me say this, if you're willing to try to help us and understand how crucial it is whatever you think we ought to do. I tweak things all the time for people, so I'm just concerned about the timing and I want to get at least half of this money raised by June 30th.*

Council Member Ewing: *I think timing is important, but we're talking about \$180,000 of taxpayer money that there's a lot of other organizations that would probably like to have a piece of that as well. And I think that it requires a lot of constructive thought and consideration and discussion to make sure that we're making the best decision, not only for the city, but for the Arts Council and all the other organizations in the city.*

Jim Morgan: *When will the committee meeting be?*

Mayor Wagner: *Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.*

Jim Morgan: *Then we can get it back on the agenda?*

Mayor Wagner: *It would depend on what happens in the committee.*

Council Member Ewing: *I call the question.*

Mayor Wagner: *All those in favor of denial of the agreement, please signify by saying Aye. Would you raise your hands?*

Council Member Peters: *Okay, I'm confused. Y'all confuse me. So, can we make a motion to.....*

Mayor Wagner: *A vote for is a vote against the agreement.*

Council Member Peters: *But, then it will not go to Prosperity & Livability.*

Council Member Moore: *So, do you need a substitute motion to move it back.*

Mayor Wagner: *We can either vote on this, or we can entertain a substitute motion.*

Council Member Moore: **I make a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that we go back.**

Mayor Pro Tem Williams: **I second it.**

Mayor Wagner: *I don't know at this point, I've already called for a vote. So, I think we have to record that vote. Who was in favor of that vote? Of the approval denying the agreement?*

Council Member Jones: *Denying the agreement as it stands right now.*

Council Member Ewing: *Denying it as it stands right now.*

Mayor Wagner: *One, two, three, four, five. That motion passes. [5-4 vote]*

Council Member Peters: *Now can we make a motion to... ..*

Mayor Wagner: *Well five of you just voted to kill the agreement.*

Council Member Peters: *As it stands.*

Council Member Moore: *Prior to that vote, we asked if we could substitute a motion.*

Mayor Wagner: *We couldn't because I had already called for the vote.*

Council Member Moore: *And we asked if after that vote if we could make a substitute motion.*

Council Member Jones: **I make a motion to reconsider the Arts Council agreement.**

Council Member Moore: **Second.**

Mayor Wagner: *This has to be a 6-3 vote to pass. All those in favor of reconsidering the Arts Council agreement, please raise your hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Alright, now we're back on track.*

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson and Jones: Aye.

Council Member Ewing: Nay.

Mayor Wagner: Is there a motion regarding the Arts Council agreement? **It was 8-1, the motion to reconsider.**

Council Member Hudson: I'd like to make a motion to put this in the P & L Committee.

Council Member Peters: I second it.

Mayor Wagner: There's a motion and a second to place this item in the P & L Committee for Wednesday. Is there any further discussion? Are we all thoroughly confused? The motion is to place the item into the P & L Committee to be heard on Wednesday. Any discussion? All those in favor, please signify by saying Aye.

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing: Aye.

Mayor Wagner: Anyone opposed? [none] Okay, that motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Hudson, seconded by Council Member Peters, that this matter be referred to the Prosperity & Livability Committee for further discussion. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

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

Committee Members: Golden, Peters, Scarborough, and Williams

2018-143 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 711 E. Commerce Avenue

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 711 E. Commerce Avenue belonging to Tom and Rhonda Gould.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Director, advised the inspector observed the exterior of the property and requested to do an inspection. The original inspection on this structure was conducted on January 25, 2018. A hearing was held on February 12, 2018 and no one appeared. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued with a compliance date of March 12, 2018. Ms. Loosemore noted the inspector did talk with the owner, Ms. Gould, on January 30, 2018 and learned that the property owner does not plan on doing anything with the structure. Delinquent property taxes in the amount of \$5,641 are owed on the property.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Ordinance No. 7403/18-32
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 32
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-144 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1505 East Avenue

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1505 East Avenue belonging to SHJ Capital, LLC.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, requested that Council place this housing case in pending for 30 days. She explained that they discovered that the previous owner, SHJ Capital LLC sold the property in the last few weeks. She did speak with the new owner of the property who asked for an additional 30 days to get permits pulled and start making some progress on the house. Ms. Loosemore also advised that she has requested a meeting with the new property owner because he has purchased other properties from the same owners.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this matter be placed on the pending list for 30 days. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-145 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1028 Meadowbrook Boulevard

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1028 Meadowbrook Boulevard belonging to Thomas Lee Dickens III and Erika Dickens.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, reported that the original inspection was conducted on January 21, 2017. No one appeared for the hearing that was held on August 21, 2017. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued with a compliance date of October 25, 2017. Since that time, staff has had no communications with anyone about the property. Property taxes are delinquent in the amount of \$3,643.00.

There was no one present to speak regarding this housing case.

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of the structure located at 1028 Meadowbrook Boulevard.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Ordinance No. 7404/18-33
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 33
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-146 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 901 Martin Street

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 901 Martin Street belonging to Estate of Ben Chestnut, Jr.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, noted the inspector initiated the inspection on this structure due to the exterior conditions. The original inspection was conducted on March 31, 2017. A hearing was held on May 3, 2017. James Chestnut, the executor of the Estate for Ben Chestnut, did attend the hearing and stated that he was possibly looking at demolishing the structure, but he was not sure as to which direction he would go. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued with a compliance date of June 5, 2017. Mr. Chestnut advised the inspector in June of 2017 that he planned to demolish it, but was later told in February of this year that he did not have the funds to demolish it. Delinquent taxes in the amount of \$6,474 are owed on the property and the property is pending active foreclosure with the Guilford County Tax Department.

There was no one present at tonight's meeting to speak regarding this housing case.

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 901 Martin Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Ordinance No. 7405/18-34
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 34
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-147 Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 302 Montlieu Avenue

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 302 Montlieu Avenue belonging to Lucretia L. Henard.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, advised the original inspection was conducted on January 20, 2017 with a hearing on June 12, 2017. No one appeared for the hearing. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on June 29, 2017 with a compliance

date of July 29, 2017. The property owner, Ms. Henard, did contact the inspector prior to the hearing and stated the house had been foreclosed on and she was no longer living in it. Delinquent taxes are owed on the property in the amount of \$587.00.

There was no one present to speak regarding this matter.

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 302 Montlieu Avenue.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Ordinance No. 7406/18-35

Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 35

Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

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.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, asked that Council turn this housing back over to staff to handle. She advised that Ms. Dorley has been emailing her and staying in contact providing regular updates. They have gone in and demolished the chimneys on the property and have gutted the entire house. The church does have a contract with KC's Home Improvements to assist with the repairs. They have been actively working and staying in touch with staff, although they have not yet asked for any inspections. Ms. Loosemore advised that she informed Ms. Dorley that they would have to make continuous progress with the inspections, stay in touch with staff, and could not drop the ball because it would be brought back to Council if that were the case.

This matter was removed from the agenda and referred back to staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this matter be removed from the agenda and referred back to staff to monitor the progress. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

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.

Chairman Golden asked staff to provide an update on this housing case.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, requested that Council adopt an ordinance to demolish this structure. She advised that this case was originally brought to the City Council in January 2018 and Council has granted extensions since that time. She further advised that the property owner was sent a notice to secure the property, but did not comply, so the city had to secure it. The property owner has paid most of the delinquent property taxes on the property, but still owes \$931. The property owner has not had any inspections made on the permit that was pulled in September. Ms. Loosemore shared some recent pictures that were taken of the property that showed the grass that needs to be cut and a pile of limbs in the front yard and she noted that it was posted today and staff would be sending out a notice on the public nuisance abatement. Staff is requesting that Council move forward with the Ordinance to demolish the structure.

Chairman Golden asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding this housing case. There was no one present to speak.

Chairman Golden then moved to take remove this matter from the pending list so it could be added to the agenda for action. Council Member Ewing made a second to the motion, which carried by a unanimous 9-0 vote.

Adopted the Ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of the structure located at 613 Manley Street.

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Ordinance No. 7407/18-36

Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 36

Introduced 1/16/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

PROSPERITY & LIVABILITY COMMITTEE - Council Member Ewing, Chair
Committee Members: Ewing, Hudson, Peters, and Golden

2018-148 Resolution of Support - Removing US 311 Designation from the I-74 Corridor

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution of Support for the removal of the US 311 route designation from the Interstate 74 corridor. This matter was discussed in the March 7, 2018 Prosperity and Livability Committee with a unanimous vote to forward to City Council for final approval.

Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation, advised that the city has been presented with a proposal from NCDOT to remove the designation and reference to 311 from the I-74 corridor. He explained this was discussed at the March 7, 2018 Prosperity & Livability Committee meeting and advised that Brian Thomas with NCDOT was present to address any concerns/questions regarding the proposal.

Adopted the Resolution of Support for the removal of the US 311 designation off the I-74 corridor.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Council Member Peters, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

**Resolution No. 1763/18-25
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 25
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018**

2018-149 Resolution - Use Agreement- City-Owned Property (The Pit)

A presentation will be made to City Council regarding the use of this city-owned property ("The Pit").

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager, advised that there are some individuals who want to use the PIT for events. He shared an aerial photograph. He explained there are actually three different levels. The main level is below the street grade and is accessed by a joint access easement from High Avenue. The lower level is accessed by an access easement off of Commerce only. The upper level, is accessed by a pedestrian walkway that comes off Main Street. Mr. McCaslin emphasized that they all have single access points: one off of High; one off of Main; and one off of Commerce.

Mr. McCaslin reported that the city has a proposal from the High Point Jaycees and Ryan Saunders, who has held several events in High Point. They desire to do a 1st Thursday event with bands and other entertainment in the he PIT on the 1st Thursday of June through October. Staff is not proposing a cost to Mr. Saunders as far as a rental or a license agreement for the use of the PIT itself; however, they have been working with the Police Department and if off-duty officers are needed for such events, then Mr. Saunders will be responsible for the costs of those officers. He will also be responsible for any barricading of certain areas. Depending on which areas they elect to use, there may have to be some portable stairs or some other method of access for getting from one level to another.

Mr. McCaslin advised that staff is not at a point right now where they can provide a written document, a license agreement, or a lease agreement as they are still trying to work out details with the Police Department, the ABC officers, Building Inspections Department, Fire Marshall, etc.... to come up with all the regulations/conditions of the agreement.

Staff is aware that there will be liability insurance required to hold the city harmless and the promoters have agreed to provide that. At this time, Mr. McCaslin asked Ryan Saunders to

share his ideas as to his plans for using the PIT. Mr. McCaslin emphasized that staff is asking that Council give staff the authority to negotiate the remainder of the license agreement with Mr. Saunders and stressed that time is of the essence because of the 1st Thursday schedule. He explained that there is an urgent need for Mr. Saunders to proceed with booking bands, etc..... for the facility to keep on the 1st Thursday schedule that would commence in June.

Mr. Saunders expressed excitement for the changes that are taking place in moving High Point forward in the potential to create new jobs and energy for young people to want to live in High Point. He stated that places like the PIT are areas that generate that energy and artistic innovation that leads to new industries and job creators to consider a city. In direct response as to what will occur with the events, he acknowledged the presence of Byron Moran with the High Point Jaycees and noted the powerful role that the Jaycees play in the community to improve conditions for all. He shared that they will have live music, live artists, games, and would work with designers, speaker series to introduce architects, artists, landscape designers--people that generate creativity in spaces. Mr. Saunders stated that he hopes to continue to be an ethical and responsible generator of economic prosperity for the entire Piedmont Triad.

City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle advised that this document would have the city's general protection, indemnification, and insurance. She further advised that the city may ask for some fencing in trying to address all the safety issues. She noted there might be some question as to if it would be a three-party agreement in whatever needs to be done to address the need for an ABC permit and the Jaycees, but acknowledged that this was something that she felt could be resolved. She advised the action that staff is seeking tonight is for Council to give the manager permission to execute the agreement after the negotiations are complete.

Mr. Saunders reported that he has been in direct contact with the High Point Fire Department, the High Point Police Department, Building Inspections, Electrical Engineering, etc... and informed Council that he will be meeting with an events specialist regarding the temporary stairs and ramps, which may or may not be necessary based on the plans in regards to getting people between the three levels. He also advised that he did speak to his insurance company and feels comfortable with what they are going to be able to work out. He felt confident that all the details would be worked out by the 1st Thursday in June.

Prosperity & Livability Committee Chairman, Jason Ewing, advised this matter was discussed by the Prosperity & Livability Committee and the agreement comes in full support from the Prosperity & Livability Committee.

Adopted the Resolution

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Peters, to grant the city manager the authority to finalize the agreement. the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Resolution No. 1764/18-26

Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 26
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-150 Revision to the Standing Committees of City Council (2017-2019)

Council Member Ewing is proposing a revision to the Standing Committees of the 2017-2019 Council as follows:

Prosperity & Livability Committee - Wednesday following the 1st Monday Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Approved the revision to the 2017-2019 Standing Committees of the Council changing the time for the Prosperity & Livability Committee to the Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., following the 1st Monday Regular Meeting of the City Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Council Member Golden, that the revision to the Standing Committees of the City Council (2017-2019) be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - *Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair*
Committee Members: Williams, Jones, Moore, and Scarborough

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2018-151 Ordinance - Jerry & Alicia Murphy and Hong Thu Nguyen Hong Thu - Annexation 18-01 (AN-18-01)

A request by Jerry & Alicia Murphy and Hong Thu Nguyen 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 and 5208 W. Wendover Avenue and also known as Guilford County Tax Parcels 0154826 and 0154832.

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter 2018-152 Zoning Map Amendment 18-01 was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon with the Planning and Development Department provided an overview of the staff report, which is hereby attached as a permanent part of these

This is a request for a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 8.7 acres lying along the north side of W. Wendover, approximately 500 feet west of Tarrant Road; the specific location of the property is 5206 and 5208 W. Wendover Avenue. The property owners are requesting annexation in order to have access to city utilities. Wynnefield Properties, a local development, construction, and management firm, has contracted with one of the two property owners associated with this request.

Mr. Shannon reported that in order for to not have an unincorporated home next to the property proposed for annexation, staff approached the owner of the parcel and asked them

if they would like to be part of the annexation request; they agreed and signed on as co-applicant.

Staff stated annexation of this site would be a logical progression of the city's annexation policy in this area, and there would be no impact on the current level of service.

Regarding the second part of the proposal, Zoning Map Amendment 18-01, is a request by the applicant to establish an RM-16 Residential Multi-Family 16 zoning on this property. There is existing multi-family developments in this area, therefore, this proposal for the RM-16 District will not be introducing a use that is not already established in the area.

As far as consistency with adopted policy guidance documents, Mr. Shannon, advised that the zoning in the surrounding area is designated as Medium Density on the Land Use Map and the Wendover Avenue/Guilford College Corridor Plan does support higher density residential along the north side of this portion of the Wendover corridor. As for the reasonableness in the public interest, the request is consistent with the existing zoning development pattern along this portion of the Wendover corridor. Staff recommends approval of the requested RM-16 zoning on this property. The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed this request at their March public hearing and also recommended approval by a vote of 9-0.

At this time, Chairman Williams opened the public hearing and asked the applicant to come forward.

Craig Stone, 5614 Riverdale Drive, Jamestown, North Carolina, advised this is a continuation of the work that we've done over the last number of years working in conjunction with the cities staff in affordable housing to bring communities like this through the competitive cycle of the NC Housing Finance Agency. Mr. Stone pointed out this particular site was selected because of some competitive items. They are estimating this to be about a \$10 million investment in the community. He shared that Wynnefield Properties recently opened up Admiral Pointe,

Addington Ridge, and Kirkwood Crossing and noted that these units have been extremely in high demand with over 1,500 names on the waiting list for Kirkwood Crossing with more staggering numbers on the other waiting lists.

Council Member Moore asked if the footprint for the actual building would encompass most of the 8.7 acres. Mr. Moore replied they would take a majority of the larger tract of land and advised that they have met with the municipal staff and NCDOT to talk about access, ingress, egress, etc.... He explained that they are asking for up to 96 units, but they may have to size it down just a bit, but confirmed that they would utilize a majority of the land.

Council Member Moore shared some concerning news he heard recently that Charlotte-Mecklenburg has a waiting list of 18,000. He applauded Mr. Stone for his work in bringing affordable housing to High Point, but felt it would be nice to see the demand going down.

For clarification purposes, Council Member Ewing asked if sidewalks would be a part of this development. Mr. Stone explained they do have contiguous sidewalks within the community, and they would bridge across and go up to the connected sidewalk on Wendover Avenue.

Chairman Williams asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the annexation or the zoning map amendment case. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Adopted a Resolution approving annexation of this property, and adopted an Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-01 based on consistency with the city's adopted plans, and that it is reasonable and in the public interest as stated in the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this annexation ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

**Ordinance No. 7408/18-37
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 37
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018**

2018-152 Ordinance - Wynnefield Properties, Inc. - Zoning Map Amendment 18-01 (ZA-18-01)

A request by Wynnefield Properties, Inc to rezone approximately 8.7 acres from the Residential Single Family-40 (RS-40) District, within Guilford County's jurisdiction, to the Residential Multifamily-16 (RM-16) District. The site is lying along the north side of W. Wendover Avenue, approximately 500 feet west of Tarrant Road (5206 & 5208 W. Wendover Avenue). Approval of this rezoning request is contingent upon City Council approval of a voluntary annexation request.

The joint public hearing for this matter and accompanying matter, 2018-151 Annexation 18-01, was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Note: Staff provided a joint presentation on this matter and the accompanying annexation request. For specific comments made at the public hearing, please refer to 2018-151 Annexation 18-01.

Adopted Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-01 based on consistency with the city's adopted plans and that the request is reasonable and in the public interest as stated in the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-01 be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

Ordinance No. 7409/18-38
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 38
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018

2018-153 Ordinance - The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. - Zoning Map Amendment 18-02 (ZA-18-02)

A request by the Presbyterian Homes, Inc. to rezone approximately 0.16 acres from a Conditional Use Residential Multifamily-5 (CU RM-5) District to a Planned Development - Periphery (PD-P) District, and update the Master Plan and amend the Statement of Intent to include this area. The site is lying north of the intersection of Sandy Ridge Road and Johnson Street and west of the intersection of Sandy Ridge Road and Kendale Road.

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon with the Planning and Development Department provided an overview of the staff report, which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Presbyterian Homes, Inc., the applicant, is requesting zoning approval to allow a minor expansion of the River Landing's Continuing Care Retirement Community, which consists of approximately 162 acres. They are requesting to allow an expansion on the northeastern portion of the development for expansion of their corporate office.

Mr. Shannon explained that due to the current property line configuration, the proposed new structure would have an odd situation and would not allow maximum use of the new building. The applicant has purchased just under 7,000 square feet of property from the Saddlebrook subdivision that will be added to their development. The applicant is requesting the following:

- 1. That the additional area be included in their Planned Development zoning.*
- 2. That their Master Plan be updated to show that area as part of Tract G (which is their Office tract).*
- 3. That the total acreage for the development be updated to include the area.*

Key items to point out in the Staff Analysis:

- 1. This is a minor expansion of this development.*
- 2. The previously adopted conditions and perimeter buffer standards will remain in place.*
- 3. No change in any of the previous zoning conditions that Council has imposed on this development.*
- 4. As far as consistency with adopted policy guidance, the proposal is consistent with the Land Use Plan Map designation objectives for this area and is consistent with the Northwest Area Plan.*
- 5. And, the request is minor and adding just under 7,000 sq. ft. to a 162-acre development with all the previous conditions and perimeter buffer requirements remaining the same.*

Staff, as well as the Planning & Zoning Commission, recommend approval of Zoning Map Amendment 18-02.

At this time, Chairman Williams opened the public hearing and asked the applicant to come forward.

Tim Webster, President of The Presbyterian Homes, 2109 Sandy Ridge Road, Colfax, offered to address any concerns or comments regarding the request.

Chairman Williams asked if there was anyone present who would like to offer comment regarding Zoning Map Amendment 18-02. There being no one else to speak, the public hearing was declared closed.

Adopted an Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-02 based on consistency with the city's adopted plans and that the request is reasonable in the public interest as stated in the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Peters, that the ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-02 be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

**Ordinance No. 7410/18-39
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 39
Introduced 5/7/2018; Adopted 5/7/2018**

2018-154 Ordinance - Anthony Pennisi - Zoning Map Amendment 18-05 (ZA-18-05)

A request by Anthony Pennisi to rezone approximately 1.7 acres from the General Business (GB) District to the Light Industrial (LI) District. The site is lying west of East Market Center Drive, between Tate Street and Park Street.

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon with the Planning and Development Department provided an overview of the staff report, which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Anthony Pennisi, the applicant, is requesting Council rezone an approximate 1.7 acres from the General Business District to the Light Industrial District. Mr. Shannon shared a map of the site in question which showed an oddly configured area of the General Business District being completely surrounded by Light Industrial zoning. The applicant is requesting the area be rezoned to allow a manufacturing use at this location.

Mr. Shannon advised that the property is under ownership of about eight parcels and the zoning line cuts through the property that has a 20,000 sq. ft. building on the site. The portion of the building fronting Tate Street is zoned Light Industrial; however, the rear of the

building that fronts on Park Street is zoned General Business. This proposal would allow the site to be governed by one set of zoning standards, thus the requested rezoning from the General Business to the Light Industrial District.

As far as consistency with the adopted policy guidance, the zoning site and surrounding area designated on the Land Use Plan for Light Industrial uses and the proposed LI District is consistent with that designation. As for the reasonableness and public interest, the proposed LI District is consistent with surrounding zoning patterns when a lot of the property is developed in a similar manner as the surrounding properties.

Both staff and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommend approval of this request.

At this time, Chairman Williams opened the public hearing and asked the applicant to come forward.

Anthony Pennisi, 1107 Tate Street, shared that he has a manufacturing business in High Point and has been renting a building off of Market Center Drive for the past six years. The building has been sold and opened up an opportunity for them to purchase this property. He advised that they do light furniture manufacturing and they also help out with and service the overflow from other manufacturers in High Point as well.

Chairman Williams asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Adopted an Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-05 based on consistency with the city's adopted plans, and that the request is reasonable and in the public interest as stated in the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 18-05 be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

**Ordinance No. 7411/18-40
Ordinance Book, Volume XX, Page 40
Introduced 5/7/2018; adopted 5/7/2018**

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

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

The High Point City Council held public hearings on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and continued the public hearing to Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. (public hearing was closed at this meeting) on a proposed 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.

The initial public hearing regarding this matter was held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. At that time, the public hearing was continued to Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

This is the continuation of that public hearing.

Ken Orms, a resident at 3525 Sainsbury Lane in Greensboro (property in High Point city limits), felt it inappropriate to restrict comments to a 3-minute time limit because the time limit was not restricted during the first phase of the public hearing held on April 2nd.

He spoke in strong opposition to changing from two-year terms back to four-year terms. He felt a referendum would settle the issue and would be the right, smart thing to do.

Louis Thibodeaux, 1242 Kensington Drive, reiterated that he asked Council two questions at the April 2nd meeting.

1. Are you in favor of the said issue?
2. Would you put the four-year term to a vote of the citizens?

Mr. Thibodeaux expressed that it was puzzling to him because he asked Council for a show of hands, but got no response. He believed the terms for Mayor and Council should remain on a two-year cycle for the following three reasons:

1. *It is a good incentive to be accountable to the citizens.*
2. *If terms are changed to four years, it would limit the citizens who could not serve the four-year terms, but could do two years. And,*
3. *You would have to attend City Council meetings to have some idea of what is involved in being a City Council member.*

Dot Kearns, a former City Council member, Board of Education member, and community advocate expressed strong support for four-year terms. She spoke about her on personal experience in holding various elected positions and felt two-year terms are inadequate because having two years in between the first year and the last year is extremely helpful for knowing and interacting with constituents and continuing to work on opportunities for the city and coordination with other local, state, and national elected officials and lays the ground work for productive, successful city government.

Jeffrey Mazze, a resident at 212 N. Ward Avenue, stated Council should not make the decision for the voters. He believed the decision should be put to a referendum for the voters to decide.

Brian Earl, 1111 Wynnewood Avenue, shared that he has lived and worked in three countries around the world and currently resides in the United States. He stated that he has never known local government anywhere that only has two year's service. He agreed that it takes four years to get things done and expressed support for four-year terms.

Mayor Wagner asked if there was anyone else present who would would like to speak. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed. The Mayor advised that because

of the provisions in the statute regarding the timing and adoption, Council could not take action at tonight's meeting.

2018-159 Economic Development Agreement - High Point CVB and City of High Point

City Council is requested to approve an Economic Development Agreement between the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (CVB) and the City of High Point which formalizes the CVB commitment for financial support for the Multi-Use Stadium.

Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager, explained that in August of 2017, the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) agreed to assist the city with the financing of the multi-use stadium and agreed to provide \$250,000 a year for twenty years using occupancy tax receipts. This agreement formalizes the CVB's support and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of both parties in keeping with Senate Law 1989-39, as well as the CVB's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. He noted that the City Attorney would like to reserve the right to make a few minor adjustments to the agreement.

Staff recommends approval.

No questions were posed.

Approved an Economic Development Agreement between the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (CVB) and the City of High Point which formalizes the CVB's commitment for financial support for the multi-use stadium.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this Economic Development Agreement between the City of High Point and the Convention & Visitors Bureau be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-155 Presentation of the Proposed 2018-2019 City of High Point Annual Budget

The proposed 2018-2019 City of High Point Annual Budget will be presented to City Council and Council is requested to establish the date of Monday, May 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comments on the proposed budget; and establish Thursday, May 10th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Friday, May 11th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. as budget work sessions for City Council.

Eric Olmedo, Budget & Administrative Director, advised the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget was built using the policy goals and strategic initiatives set by Council and strives to maintain current service levels. On the revenue side, a lot of things are staying the same. It continues the current tax rate of 64.75 cents; no electric rate increase; no garbage fee increase, no stormwater increase, no motor vehicle fee increase. It does include a 3% water/sewer rate increase effective October 1, 2018 in keeping with the long range financial plan that we have developed with Davenport & Company to fund necessary investments and infrastructure.

Mr. Olmedo pointed out the proposed rate increases keep the costs close to the median of the 315 utility systems statewide that the Environmental Finance Center benchmarks against. With the proposed 3% water/sewer rate increase, an average 5,000 gallon water/sewer bill would be \$75.48, which is very close to the median.

The following are also included in the budget:

- ✓ *Four full-time positions citywide and upgrades to one position*
- ✓ *Continues the third year of the 3% pay for performance program.*
- ✓ *Includes a 1% contribution from the city for a 401K/457 match.*
- ✓ *Anticipates a 5% increase in health and dental insurance.*
- ✓ *Includes a second-year commitment with Guilford County to fund the Family Justice Center currently under construction.*
- ✓ *Increases the city's utility assistance program*
- ✓ *Acquisition and renovation of a police headquarters building at an estimated cost of \$10 million and anticipates that the city will sell two-thirds bonds for \$6.6 million to start the funding process for this.*
- ✓ *Increases the investment in the Core City Redevelopment programs.*
- ✓ *Continues annual Street resurfacing at \$2.45 million.*
- ✓ *Continues the city's partnership with Forward High Point.*
- ✓ *Continues a multi-year replacement plan which will include lease purchase of a ladder truck and a pumper truck for \$2.1 million.*
- ✓ *Anticipates replacing \$6.6 million in vehicles and large equipment.*
- ✓ *Replaces one transit bus (90% will be paid by state and federal funds).*
- ✓ *Includes some renovation of the Transit offices (a 90% grant was secured for this).*

The PAYGO (cash-funded projects) portion of the budget will include capital projects such as:

- ✓ *Street resurfacing program;*
- ✓ *Renovations to some of the older fire stations;*
- ✓ *Deferred maintenance program for Parks & Recreation (\$500,000 has been allocated over the last two years for paving City Lake Park and some of the other larger parks. The proposed budget includes about \$200,000 for paving, and addresses some of the older playgrounds and facilities within the parks).*
- ✓ *Improvements at the Mendenhall Terminal that are necessary for upgrading signage and other infrastructure.*
- ✓ *Includes about \$290,000 in NCDOT matching funds (for the Eastchester/I-74 Interchange and Skeet Club Road).*
- ✓ *Includes \$150,000 for a second phase of funding for traffic services building.*
- ✓ *Includes \$250,000 for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system upgrade.*
- ✓ *Includes \$100,000 for an electric system upgrade for City Hall.*
- ✓ *Includes \$150,000 for some smaller projects.*

Mr. Olmedo reported that other PAYGO within the Water/Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, and Landfill are funded on an annual basis because of the infrastructure needs that have to be addressed. Approximately \$2.9 million is included in the proposed budget for PAYGO stormwater projects.

A Budget Review Session has been scheduled for Thursday, May 10th from 9:00 to Noon, and a time set aside for Friday, May 11th if needed. The public hearing on the budget will be held on Monday, May 21st at 5:30 p.m., and another scheduled work session, if needed, on Wednesday, May 30th. Staff will place copies of the FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget at the City Hall and the Library for the public to view. Council Member Ewing asked about the possibility of putting a copy at the Deep River Recreation Center as well. Mr. Olmedo agreed and advised that he would place a copy at all the Recreation Centers throughout the city.

Mayor Wagner asked Mr. Olmedo to explain the PAYGO policy for capital projects and what the 3% water/sewer rate increase is for. Mr. Olmedo explained a study was done in 2004 when the Revenue Bond Program was created that anticipated a 4-6% annual rate increase to pay for the plan because of the known massive amount of infrastructure from previous years of deferred maintenance that was not addressed properly. The work with Davenport was able to project out how much infrastructure was needed and this has been manageable with the recommended 4-6% rate increase. He noted they have been able to lower this and even enjoyed a couple of years with no rate increase. The Mayor added that prior to 2004, the city was getting some hefty fines by the State for sewage spills because of the poor infrastructure and enormous amount of deferred maintenance on the infrastructure. He noted that there has also been some refinancing opportunities for the bonds over time and this has also enabled the lower rates. Mr. Olmedo clarified that the city has been able to take advantage of refinancing some of the bonds and also mentioned that staff has had to adjust the budget due to ever changing federal mandates, especially on the wastewater side.

Acknowledgement that the Proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget was presented to the Council and established the following dates relative to the proposed budget:

- *May 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon- Budget Review*
- *May 11, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon- Budget Review (if needed)*
- *May 21, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing*

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, to acknowledge receipt of the 2018-2019 Annual Budget and establish these dates relative to the proposed budget. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-156 Reappointment - Boards & Commissions - Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Christian Thoma to the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire April 1, 2021.

Approved the reappointment of Christian Thoma to the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission (GCHPC).

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this reappointment be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-157 Appointment - Boards & Commissions - Human Relations Commission

Council Member Jason Ewing is requesting the approval of the appointment of Esther Idassi to the Human Relations Commission as the Ward 6 appointment. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire November 1, 2020.

Approved the appointment of Esther Idassi to the Human Relations Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-160 Reappointments - Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)

Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Jim Bronnert (Council Member Moore's At-Large appointment); Elizabeth Dennis (Council Member Jones' Ward 5 appointment); and Jerry Mingo (Council Member Scarborough's At-Large appointment) to the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). Appointments to be effective May 31, 2018 and will expire May 31, 2021.

Approved the reappointment of Elizabeth Dennis, Jerry Mingo, and Jim Bronnert to the Citizens Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that these reappointments be approved. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

2018-158 Minutes to Be Approved

1. Special Meeting (Departmental Presentations); Wednesday, March 28th @ 3:30 p.m.
2. Finance Committee Meeting; Thursday, March 29th @ 4:00 p.m.
3. Manager's Briefing; Monday, April 2nd @ 4:00 p.m.
4. Regular Meeting of Council; Monday, April 2nd @ 5:30 p.m.
5. Community Housing, Neighborhood Development & Public Safety Committee; Tuesday, April 3rd @ 10:00 a.m.
6. Prosperity & Livability Committee; Wednesday, April 4th @ 9:00 a.m.
7. Special Meeting (Departmental Presentations); Wednesday, April 11th @ 3:30 p.m.
8. Special Meeting (EDC Public Hearing/Departmental Presentations); Wednesday, April 18th @ 3:00 p.m.
9. Special Meeting (Departmental Presentations); Wednesday, April 25th @ 3:30 p.m.

10. Special Meeting of Finance Committee; Thursday, April 26th @ 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that the preceding minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, and Council Members Moore, Scarborough, Golden, Peters, Hudson, Jones, and Ewing

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Jim Morgan asked Council to reconsider the previous vote to send the Arts Council matter to the Prosperity & Livability Committee due to the short time period the Arts Council would have to raise the money for the match. He pleaded with the Council to move forward with action on the item. [further discussion is included in Matter 2018-100 above]

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk