HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 1, 2019 – 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed with a Moment of Silence.

Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were **Present** (9):

Mayor Jay W. Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Jason Ewing (Ward 6); Council Member Britt Moore (At Large), Council Member Donald Scarborough (At Large), Council Member Jeffrey Golden (Ward 1), Council Member Christopher Williams (Ward 2), Council Member Monica Peters (Ward 3), Council Member Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), and Council Member Victor Jones (Ward 5)

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2019-113 Proclamation - Jazz Appreciation Month

High Point Arts Council is celebrating April as National Jazz Appreciation Month. The Council is partnering with the High Point Library, Museum, Parks & Recreation to celebrate jazz artists, educators, enthusiasts and remember the brilliant jazz saxophonist John Coltrane. Debbie Lumpkins, Executive Director of the High Points Arts Council will be in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Wagner read the Proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of April as "National Jazz Appreciation" month and presented it to Debbie Lumpkins, Executive Director of the High Point Arts Council. Ms. Lumpkins introduced Clint Bowman, Arts Program Coordinator, who helped coordinate the events planned in High Point. She also recognized the High Point Arts Council board members who were present in the audience.

An events schedule was distributed for the 2019 JAM April events in commemoration of "Jazz Appreciation Month." These events were coordinated by the High Point Arts Council in partnership with the High Point Library, High Point Museum, and the High Point Parks & Recreation Department.

[applause, photo opportunity]

2019-127 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Council will receive an update on the Strategic Plan from Council Member Jeff Golden, Chair of the Community Housing, Neighborhood Development and Public Safety Committee and Mayor Pro Tem Jason Ewing, Chair of the Prosperity & Livability Committee.

Blight Reduction

Council Member Jeff Golden, Chair of the Community Housing, Neighborhood Development & Public Safety Committee provided an update on some numbers as they relate to the Code Enforcement. He then shared numbers for the March 2019 activities as follows:

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager, shared some photos of a structure located at 906 Carter Street that was scheduled for demolition, but has since been sold and completed renovated.

Minimum Housing Complaints	25
Active Minimum Housing Cases	335
Active Backlog Cases (270 originally)	1
City Demolished Houses	3
Public Nuisance Complaints	41
Active Public Nuisance Cases	104
City Abated Public Nuisance Cases	1
Owner Abated Public Nuisance Cases	14
Zoning Complaints (vehicles, signs, etc)	28
Active Zoning Cases	85
Signs Collected	287

Connect HP (Young Professionals)

Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Chair of the Prosperity & Livability Committee, reported that the Young Professionals group held their first new event last week, "Morning Fix," and had about 20 attendees. The next networking event is scheduled for April 25th at Blue Magnolia at 5:00 p.m.. He noted that the that the Chamber is officially running with the YP program as they are better suited to do that with the professional programs they already have in place. The YP group will continue to provide quarterly updates to Council.

2019-128 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.

- OPersons 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 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.
- o 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.

Mayor Wagner opened up the floor for the Public Comment Period.

<u>Chris McGhee</u> addressed Council regarding concerns with pedestrian traffic and pedestrian crosswalks, specifically those that do not align with intersections that are not marked very well. He noted the crosswalks that are most used are located from the IHFC over to Furniture Plaza and there have been several close misses with pedestrians being almost hit by vehicles. He suggested painting YIELD across both lanes in both directions.

<u>Larry Diggs</u>, a resident at 1127 Biltmore Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the schools in High Point and asked if there was a way to influence the Guilford County School Board to help with the lack of resources in the High Point schools. He felt the schools in High Point are suffering since redistricting.

Mayor Wagner asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak during the Public Comment Period. There being no further comments, the Public Comment Period was declared closed.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Moore, Chair Committee Members: Moore, Ewing, Hudson, and Jones</u>

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Moore reported that the Finance Committee did meet as scheduled on Thursday, March 28, 2019 and placed all the Finance-related matters on the Consent Agenda with a favorable recommendation for approval.

Council Member Moore moved to approve all finance-related items on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Ewing made a second to the motion, which carried by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

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.

2019-114 Contract - Graves Construction - Transmission Pole Relocation - NCDOT

City Council is requested to award a contract to Graves Construction for construction of six (6) utility pole foundations in the amount of \$375,181.00. This is part of the Eastchester I-74 interchange improvements and the city will be reimbursed by NCDOT.

Approved the award of a contract to Graves Construction for construction of six (6) utility pole foundations in the amount of \$375,181.00 for a portion of the Eastchester I-74 interchange improvements that will be reimbursed by NCDOT.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, that this contract be approved. The motion carried by a 9-0 unanimous vote as follows:

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

2019-115 Contract - Pike Electric Adjustment

City Council is requested to approve an increase in the contract with Pike Electric in the amount of \$1.5 million for FY 2018-2019. The City of High Point utilizes Pike Electric on an as needed basis when emergency situations arise, and unplanned project materialize.

Approved an increase in the amount of \$1.5 million for FY 2018-2019 to the Pike Electric contract on an as-needed basis when emergency situations arise and unplanned projects materialize.

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

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

2019-117 Resolution - Contract - Installment Financing for Fire & Fleet Equipment

City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager and Financial Services Director to accept the proposal with Banc of America Public Capital Corp., for the issuance of an installment financing contract for the identified 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fleet equipment replacement needs in the amount of \$7,988,207.50.

Adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager and the Financial Services Director to accept the proposal with Banc of America Public Capital Corp., for the issuance of an installment financing contract for the identified 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fleet equipment replacement needs in the amount of \$7,988,207.50.

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

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

Resolution No. 1832/19-19 Resolution Book Volume XX, Page 91

2019-118 Resolution - 2019 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$72.4 million combined enterprise system revenue bonds in June 2019 for the following purposes:

- (1) to issue approximately \$50 million in bonds to fund water and sewer projects approved by City Council and that have recently been completed or are currently under contract.
- (2) to refinance \$18.2 million water and sewer revenue bonds issued in 2010 to a lower interest rate.

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- (1) to issue approximately \$50 million in bonds to fund water and sewer projects approved by City Council that have been recently completed or are currently under contract; and
- (2) to refinance \$18.2 million water and sewer revenue bonds issued in 2010 to a lower interest rate.

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

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

Resolution No. 1833/19-20 Resolution Book Volume XX, Page 92

2019-125 Operating Agreement -Samet Corp. - Stadium Change Order #1

City Council is requested to approve Change Order #1 increasing the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Stadium in the amount of \$1,573,703.

Mayor Pro Tem Ewing asked Assistant City Manager Randy Hemann to present the information that was presented during the Finance Committee regarding the Change Order on the stadium.

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Assistant City Manager Randy Hemann: Mayor and Council Members, I'd love to take just a second. It's not very often that I come to you and talk about it being a pleasure to increase the budget in an area, but this is one instance where that's true. If you look around the state right now, you'll see other stadiums being built. At least one that I'm thinking of that started off at \$33 million. It's now at \$40 million. I want to make it crystal clear that what you have in front of you tonight, you are still spending \$36.1 million for a stadium. Samet has done an incredible job of not just keeping the budget where it's supposed to be, but actually carving out savings. If you look at the 3rd floor deck that's above the Stadium Club, that's close to \$500,000 of steel up there that was actually carved out of the existing budget through savings in other areas. So, what you have in front of you today, while it does raise the amount of the budget for the stadium, that comes from an outside source. So, the Downtown Transformation Board, as well as the Team are actually funding these additional improvements to amount to a little more than \$1.5 million. There's about \$1,013,000.00 of that coming from the Downtown Transformation Board and around \$560,000 coming from the Team. Those cover scoreboard enhancements, center field gate enhancements modifying a sight wall, drink rails and suites, upgrades to suites, a scoreboard topper, the Heritage Lounge upfit which will have barn wood from a barn in Davidson County in it which is really cool. Things like that. Enhanced video production, and all of the design that went into making that happen. So, all of those things are in here so the raised budget that actually goes from \$36.1 million on up to \$37,673,703 is actually a result of outside money coming in

to help with this project and I just wanted to make sure that's clear and to thank the Downtown Transformation Board and the Team for their investment in our stadium.

I'd be happy to take any questions. [no questions]

Approved Change Order #1 increasing the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Stadium in the amount of \$1,573,703.

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

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

2019-119 <u>Budget Amendment - Stadium Project Change Order</u>

City Council is requested to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,573,703 recognizing the funding and appropriating the funds to the Stadium project.

Approved a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$1,573,703 recognizing the funding and appropriating the funds to the Stadium project.

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

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

Ordinance No. 7513/19-30 Ordinance Book Volume XX, Page 142

PENDING ITEMS

2018-169 Amendment to License Agreement - Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC (AT&T)

City Council is requested to approve an Amendment to the License Agreement with Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) which allows the location of communication equipment at the City's Ward Water Plant; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Note: This matter was initially heard by City Council on May 21, 2018, at which time action was taken to refer it to the Finance Committee at the suggestion of City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle due to necessary clean-up on the contract in general as the company has changed hands and names.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u> - Council Member Moore, Chair Committee Members: Moore, Ewing, Hudson, and Jones

2019-130 Resolution of Support- National Service Road Improvements - EDC

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution of support regarding improvements to the National Service Road. This resolution will be presented to the NCDOT board members at their April 3rd meeting.

Council Member Moore moved to suspend the rules to add this matter to the agenda for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Ewing made a second to the motion, which carried by a unanimous 9-0 vote.

Loren Hill, President- High Point Economic Development Corporation, reported they have been working with clients in the North High Point area and noted National Service Road is the road that is parallel to Interstate-40 with vacant land in the area. He stated this project would help make the road better for the traveling public for those already in the area and for those that might locate to the area.

Once the resolution is endorsed by the High Point City Council, staff will forward it to the NC Board of Transportation's consideration this week to appropriate monies for this. There is no financial obligation for the City of High Point for this.

Adopted a Resolution of Support regarding improvements to National Service Road.

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

Aye (9):

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

Resolution No. 1834/19-21 Resolution Book Volume XX, Page 93

COMMUNITY HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE -

Council Member Golden, Chair

Committee Members: Golden, Peters, Scarborough, and Williams

2019-120 Ordinance to Demolish - 412 Cedar Street

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 412 Cedar Street belonging to Jane W. Mitchell.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager, reported that this structure was originally inspected on September 25, 2017. A hearing was held on October 15, 2018, but the property owner did not appear for the hearing. It was determined in the structure's present state, the necessary repairs to the dwelling exceed 65% of the value. An Order To Repair or Demolish was issued on October 15, 2018 with a compliance date of November 15, 2018. To date, staff has heard nothing from the property owner. Delinquent taxes in the amount of \$8,954.16 are owed on the property.

There was no one present to speak regarding this property.

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 412 Cedar Street.

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

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

Ordinance No. 7514/19-31 Ordinance Book Volume XX, Page 143

2019-121 Ordinance to Demolish - 1215 Tangle Lane

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1215 Tangle Lane belonging to Richard Barneski TIG Land Trust.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager, advised this structure was originally inspected on October 26, 2017. A hearing was held on November 12, 2018 and the property owner did not attend the hearing. It was determined at the hearing that in the structures present state, necessary repairs to the dwelling exceed 65% of the value. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on November 28, 2018 with a compliance date of January 3, 2019. Staff reported there has been no communication with the property owner; however, the taxes are current on the property.

There was no one present to speak regarding the structure located at 1215 Tangle Lane.

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1215 Tangle Lane.

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

Aye (9):

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

Ordinance No. 7515/19-32 Ordinance Book Volume XX, Page 144

2019-122 Ordinance to Demolish - 1215 Lakeview Heights Drive

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1215 Lakeview Heights Drive belonging to Heirs of Maude Johnson.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager, reported that the property was inspected on October 4, 2018 and a hearing was held on November 12, 2018; the property owner did not attend. At the hearing, it was determined that in the structure's current state, necessary repairs to the dwelling exceed 65% of the value. An Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on November 28, 2018 with a compliance date of January 3, 2019. Staff advised there has been no communication with the property owner; however, the taxes on the property have been paid.

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

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1215 Lakeview Heights Drive.

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

Aye (9):

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

Ordinance No. 7516/19-33 Ordinance Book Volume XX, Page 145

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2019-123 Appointment - Theatre Advisory Board - Edie Williams

Councilmember Hudson is recommending the appointment of Edie Williams to (replacing Nikki Lee). This appointment will be effective immediately and will expire June 1, 2021.

Approved the appointment of Edie Williams to the Theatre Advisory Board effective immediately and will expire June 1, 2021.

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

Aye (9):

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

2019-126 Appointments – Economic Development Corporation Board

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of the following seven members of the High Point EDC board, for a term beginning on the date of reappointment and ending on December 31, 2020.

- Dr. L'Tanya Joy Bailey, Bailey Orthodontics
- Bruce Davis, Kid Appeal Learning Center
- Beth Earnst, Akzo Nobel
- Jackie King, McDonald's of High Point, Jamestown, & Greensboro
- Chris Patrick, Fastenal
- Chris Whitesell, New Path Digital
- Royale Wiggin, Thayer Coggin

Approved the preceding reappointments to the High Point Economic Development Corporation Board for a term beginning on the date of reappointment and ending on December 31, 2020.

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

Aye (9):

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

2019-129 Creation of Opportunity Zones Task Force

City Council is requested to create an Opportunity Zones Task Force that will be appointed by the High Point Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ewing advised that while he was in attendance at the NLC Meeting in Washington, DC recently, he attended a number of meetings on Opportunity Zones. He explained that Opportunity Zones were created in the Tax Relief Package of 2017 and the final rules/guidelines should be coming out in about three weeks. He reported there are over 285 Opportunity Funds that have been created nationwide and these funds can be used to acquire property within the Opportunity Zones. Mayor Pro Tem Ewing shared that he has been working with the High Point Economic Development Corporation's staff over the past few weeks in strategizing as to how the city can best leverage what other cities are doing to try to realize more investment in High Point's Opportunity Zones which is in southwest High Point and the northwest part of Main Street. He stated in order to maximize the tax benefit, investments would need to be made in these properties by the end of this calendar year.

He noted many cities are creating an Opportunity Zones Task Force in an effort to be proactive in order to promote the Opportunity Zones.

Council Member Moore inquired about the composition of the Opportunity Zones Task Force. Mayor Pro Tem Ewing replied that it would be a mix of public and private sector folks in certain professions that can actively try to promote the Opportunity Zones, as well as staff members, council liaison, etc.... The High Point Economic Development Corporation's staff will be responsible for appointing representatives to serve on the Task Force.

Mayor Pro Tem Ewing asked to be the Council liaison to the Opportunity Zones Task Force when the Task Force is formed and named. Mayor Wagner mentioned that there has been some discussion regarding switching a couple of liaison positions between Mayor Pro Tem Ewing and Council Member Jones and suggested they get with staff about the details so the changes could be placed on the April 15, 2019 City Council agenda for approval.

Approved the creation of an Opportunity Zone Task Force to be named by the High Point Economic Development staff.

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

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

2019-124 Minutes To Be Approved

Aye (9):

- Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 14th 4:00 pm
- City Council Special Meeting, Monday, March 18th 4:00 pm
- City Council Regular Meeting; Monday, March 18th 5:30 pm

The minutes of the preceding meetings were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Council Member Moore, Council Member Scarborough, Council Member Golden, Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones

Whimsical Motion Regarding the Correct Position of Toilet Paper

In keeping with the spirit of it being April Fool's day, Council Member Jones stated there seems to be a debate within the city as to what direction toilet paper should be hung. He then whimsically made a motion to pass a citywide ordinance that would apply to commercial or residential that toilet paper be hung in the overhang position and to ban toilet paper being hung in the underhanging position. Mayor Pro Tem Ewing whimsically made a second to the motion. After a brief jovial discussion on the subject, the motion passed unanimously.

Unveiling of the High Point Rockers Mascot

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Wagner announced that staff would be live streaming the unveiling of the High Point Rockers mascot event taking place at the Hartley YMCA and encouraged everyone to stay and watch it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem Ewing and second by Council Member Jones.

	Respectfully Submitted,
Attest:	Jay W. Wagner, Mayor
Lisa B. Vierling, MMC City Clerk	