

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Hold Hearings and Adopt Bond Orders Introduced at July 15th Meeting

From: Bobby D. Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director **Meeting Date:** August 19, 2019

Public Hearing: Yes **Advertising Date /** August 6, 2019
Advertised By: -

Attachments: Public Hearings & Adoptions of Bond Orders

PURPOSE:

The City Council is required by the NC Local Government Commission to initiate certain actions in order to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds pursuant to a voter referendum to be held on November 5, 2019, as follows:

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The first step in the authorization process involves the adoption of a resolution by the City Council finding that 1) the bonds are necessary for the City, 2) the proposed principal amount of the bonds is adequate and not excessive, 3) the City's debt management procedures and fiscal policies are carried out in compliance with applicable law and 4) any increase in taxes to service the bonds will not be excessive. The resolution will also authorize the Finance Director to file an application for approval of the bonds with the Local Government Commission.

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The second step will involve actions to be taken by City Council to introduce individual bond orders, by purpose (first reading), for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and to call for a public hearing on the bond orders.

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The third and final step requires the City Council to hold a public hearing on the bond orders, approve the bond orders (second reading) and to vote on the calling of a voter referendum on the bonds.

BACKGROUND:

This referendum will fund various projects within the adopted FY 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. The proposed bond orders are summarized by purpose in the attached resolution.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The proposed referendum will authorize up to \$50 million in bonds. No increase in property taxes are anticipated to pay the debt service for the bonds authorized in this referendum.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED:

It is recommended that the City Council hold hearings on each bond order and adopt the bond orders introduced at the July 15th meeting.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina (the “*City Council*”) was duly held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 211 South Hamilton Street in High Point, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 5:30 p.m. on August 19, 2019:

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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The City Clerk reported to the City Council that the bond orders entitled, “**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STREETS AND SIDEWALK BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,**” “**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,**” and “**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION HOUSING BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,**” which were introduced at a meeting of the City Council on July 15, 2019, were published on _____, 2019, with notice that the City Council would hold a public hearing thereon on August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The City Clerk also reported that there had been filed in her office a statement of debt complying with provisions of the Local Government Bond Act, and such statement as filed showed the net indebtedness of the City to be 1.68% of the assessed valuation of property in said City subject to taxation.

At __:__ o’clock p.m., the Mayor announced that the City Council would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the questions of validity of the General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bond Order and the advisability of issuing the General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds.

After the City Council had heard all persons who requested to be heard in connection with the foregoing questions, Council Member _____ moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and was unanimously adopted.

At __:__ o’clock p.m., the Mayor announced that the City Council would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the questions of validity of the General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bond Order and the advisability of issuing the General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bonds.

After the City Council had heard all persons who requested to be heard in connection with the foregoing questions, Council Member _____ moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and was unanimously adopted.

At __:__ o'clock p.m., the Mayor announced that the City Council would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the questions of validity of the General Obligation Housing Bond Order and the advisability of issuing the General Obligation Housing Bonds.

After the City Council had heard all persons who requested to be heard in connection with the foregoing questions, Council Member _____ moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and was unanimously adopted.

Council Member _____ moved that the City Council adopt, without change or amendment, and direct the City Clerk to publish notices of adoption, as prescribed by The Local Government Bond Act, of the bond orders entitled, **BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STREETS AND SIDEWALK BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,** “**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,**” and “**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION HOUSING BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA,**” as introduced at the meeting of the City Council held on July 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and was unanimously adopted.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August, 2019.

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREETS AND SIDEWALK BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary to pay capital costs of providing streets and sidewalks, including without limitation bridges, viaducts, causeways, overpasses, underpasses, alleys and bicycle lanes; paving, grading, resurfacing, and widening streets; sidewalks, curbs and gutters, culverts, and drains; traffic controls, signals, and markers; lighting; and grade crossings and the elimination thereof and grade separations; streetscaping, landscaping and pedestrian improvements; transit stop improvements; and the acquisition of land therefor; and

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Secretary of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina requesting Commission approval of the General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds hereinafter described as required by the Local Government Bond Act, and the City Clerk has notified the City Council that the application has been accepted for submission to the Local Government Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. In order to raise the money required for the purposes described above, in addition to any funds which may be made available for such purpose from any other source, General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds of the City are hereby authorized and shall be issued pursuant to the Local Government Finance Act of North Carolina. The maximum aggregate principal amount of such General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds authorized by this order shall be \$22,000,000.

Section 2. Taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the General Obligation Streets and Sidewalk Bonds.

Section 3. A sworn statement of the City's debt has been filed with the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. This bond order will take effect when approved by the voters of the City at a referendum scheduled for November 5, 2019.

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary to pay capital costs of providing for the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, expansion, furnishing and equipping of parks and recreation facilities, including without limitation senior centers, athletic fields, parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, shelters and pool facilities and the acquisition of land therefor; and

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Secretary of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina requesting Commission approval of the General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bonds hereinafter described as required by the Local Government Bond Act, and the City Clerk has notified the City Council that the application has been accepted for submission to the Local Government Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. In order to raise the money required for the purposes described above, in addition to any funds which may be made available for such purpose from any other source, General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bonds of the City are hereby authorized and shall be issued pursuant to the Local Government Finance Act of North Carolina. The maximum aggregate principal amount of such General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bonds authorized by this order shall be \$21,500,000.

Section 2. Taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bonds.

Section 3. A sworn statement of the City's debt has been filed with the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. This bond order will take effect when approved by the voters of the City at a referendum scheduled for November 5, 2019.

**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
HOUSING BONDS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina (the “*City Council*”) has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary to pay capital costs of providing housing projects for the benefit of persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, including without limitation construction or acquisition of projects to be owned by the City or a housing authority, and loans, grants, interest supplements and other programs of financial assistance to persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, and developers of housing for persons of low income, or moderate income, or low and moderate income, and the acquisition of land therefor; and

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Secretary of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina requesting Commission approval of the General Obligation Housing Bonds hereinafter described as required by the Local Government Bond Act, and the City Clerk has notified the City Council that the application has been accepted for submission to the Local Government Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. In order to raise the money required for the purposes described above, in addition to any funds which may be made available for such purpose from any other source, General Obligation Housing Bonds of the City are hereby authorized and shall be issued pursuant to the Local Government Finance Act of North Carolina. The maximum aggregate principal amount of such General Obligation Housing Bonds authorized by this order shall be \$6,500,000.

Section 2. Taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the General Obligation Housing Bonds.

Section 3. A sworn statement of the City’s debt has been filed with the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. This bond order will take effect when approved by the voters of the City at a referendum scheduled for November 5, 2019.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss:
CITY OF HIGH POINT)

I, Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk of the City of High Point, North Carolina, ***DO HEREBY CERTIFY*** that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an extract of the minutes reflecting the holding of public hearings and the adoption of bond orders by the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina, at a meeting held on the 19th day of August, 2019, and that such proceedings are to be recorded in the minute books of said City Council.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina, this the ____ day of _____, 2019.

City Clerk
City of High Point, North Carolina

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