

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 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 P. Ewing (Ward 6); Council Member Britt Moore (At Large), Council Member Donald A. Scarborough (At Large), Council Member Jeffrey J. Golden (Ward 1), Council Member Christopher Williams (Ward 2); Council Member Monica L. Peters (Ward 3), Council Member S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), and Council Member Victor A. Jones (Ward 5)

Mayor Wagner called for a Moment of Silence and asked everyone to remember the victims of the recent mass shootings in Texas and Ohio and also dedicated the Moment of Silence to Guilford County Chief District Judge Tom Jarrell who passed away on Saturday, August 3rd.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2019-327 Proclamation - National Night Out

Members of the High Point Police Department will be in attendance to accept a Proclamation from Mayor Wagner proclaiming Tuesday, August 6th as “National Night Out” in the City of High Point.

Mayor Wagner read the Proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, August 6th as "National Night Out" in the city of High Point and presented it to Police Chief Ken Shultz.

Chief Shultz reported that there are approximately 30 communities that will be participating in the "National Night Out" and noted it is a partnership within the community getting out, making contact, and sharing information.

[applause, photo op followed presentation]

2019-328 Resolution - Toussaint L'Ouverture Masonic Lodge #524

Members of the Toussaint L'Ouverture Masonic Lodge #524 will be in attendance to accept a Resolution from Mayor Wagner recognizing their service and contribution to the community.

Mayor Wagner read the Resolution into the record recognizing Toussaint L'Ouverture Masonic Lodge #524 for their contribution and service to the community. Members of the Toussaint L'Ouverture Masonic Lodge #524 were present to accept the Resolution.

Chief Shultz mentioned some of the partnerships in the city and advised there are challenges and problems with youth being involved in activities that they shouldn't be and how this is a positive opportunity for the community to come together and interact with kids to show them the right way. He pointed out many churches have stepped up to assume this responsibility as well as the Masonic Lodge #524 and he challenged them to recruit others to follow in their steps.

[applause, photo op followed presentation]

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

2019-342 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.

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 July 2019 activities as follows:

Minimum Housing Complaints	30
Active Minimum Housing Cases	302
Active Backlog Cases (270 originally)	1
City Demolished Houses	1
Public Nuisance Complaints	21
Active Public Nuisance Cases	113
City Abated Public Nuisance Cases	5
Owner Abated Public Nuisance Cases	19
Zoning Complaints (vehicles, signs, etc...)	11
Active Zoning Cases	97
Signs Collected	92

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager, shared some before and after photos of a success story where the owners of 1100 Bridges Avenue repaired the house after a fire caused major damage to the structure and reported that the owners do plan on living in the house.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2019-343 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 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.

Mayor Wagner opened the Public Comment Period. The following individuals addressed Council during the Public Comment Period.

Paula Sieber, *Executive Director of the Sustainability Resource Center, expressed appreciation to the City Council for the support given to Scott Jones and the Tiny Home Community Development housing projects. She stated they are partners in this endeavor and they have spent quite a bit of time in Greensboro and they are extremely excited to be starting projects in High Point. Additionally, she shared that Guilford County has also partnered with them and wants them to address these areas as well, so they are giving them properties to create things such as a teaching/edible playground type park for young folks. She advised that they would like to implement as much solar and sustainability as possible, as well as much blue and green technology.*

She stated they would like to do an official groundbreaking the last week of August or first week in September for the Hay Street Tiny Home neighborhood that Mr. Jones and volunteers are developing in High Point and they would like to coordinate the timing with Council's schedules.

Mary Ann Cambruzzi, *a resident at 2111 Foggy Lane, Charleston Woods, in High Point. She addressed Council regarding the bad condition of their road and the possibility of dissolving their homeowner's association. She advised there are 61 homes in Charleston Woods and they have a petition containing 49 signatures to request that the city maintain their road and dissolve the home owner's association. The road is a private road and the city uses the road to maintain the greenway. She pointed out their unpaved road is not a public street and they were told years ago that the city would not own it because it is not wide enough, and several years ago the city did pave Beaucrest which was of a lesser width than their street.*

She shared a picture of a sign that has been erected on Beaucrest that maintenance stops at that point, but all of the cul-de-sac area has been paved. Ms. Cambruzzi informed Council that the drain in the curve of the cul-de-sac constantly gets blocked and has caused flooding on some of the homes which required repairs. She noted the years of neglect in road maintenance has caused enormous potholes and has caused the road to buckle making it very uneven. She asked Council to please repair the road and to dissolve their homeowner's association. Mayor Wagner recommended she provide her contact information to Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin.

Rev. Rod Ingram, a resident at 1114 New Hampshire Drive in Jamestown, addressed Council on behalf of the High Point Peacemakers, a nonprofit group who, like High Point Community Against Violence, is interested in stamping out violence in the community. He spoke to how they are working with and mentoring youth and children at the Southside Recreation Center so they will not get themselves in situations that will lead to violence. He issued an invitation for Council to attend a "Community-Unity Back-to-School" event on August 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Washington Terrace Park and asked the city to partner with them in this endeavor to make sure that the citizens of High Point know that the city is standing with the Peacemakers to promote unity and peace within the community.

T. Dianne Bellamy-Small, the Guilford County Schools District 1 representative and vice chair, stated that she proudly represents three high schools, one middle school, and six elementary schools in High Point as well as ten other schools in Jamestown and Greensboro. She thanked Council for renewing support to the Greensboro Aquatic Center Guilford County Schools "Learn to Swim" program for second graders. This will mark their fourth year in providing the "Learn to Swim" program in High Point. Ms. Bellamy-Small added that all High Point schools will participate in the "Learn to Swim" program this year. She spoke to volunteer opportunities for the program and issued a personal invitation to Council to join the children in the pool. Since the beginning of the program, they have trained over 6,500 second graders in Guilford County. The graduation ceremony for High Point students was held at T. W. Andrews High School in June where they had ten schools and 624 graduates. The next graduation for High Point will be on June 1, 2020 at Andrews High School and issued an invitation for Council to attend that ceremony as well. She concluded her remarks by reiterating appreciation for the critical support in the lives of the children and provided a packet of information about what they do at Guilford County Schools and some extra copies of the GCS "Ignite" magazine.

She mentioned the Guilford County Schools Board meeting scheduled for September 10th that will be held in High Point and issued a personal invitation for Council to attend.

Larry Diggs, a resident at 1127 Biltmore Avenue in High Point, thanked the City Council and leadership for the positive things that are happening in High Point, especially for the stadium and development that is proposed around the stadium. He stated it was great to see new growth and new things in High Point. He shared that he volunteers at Communities for Schools and spoke to some of the sad things happening in the schools due to lack of funding from the Guilford County Commissioners. He expressed concern that many of the schools in High Point are not making their mark and asked Council to go and visit some of the schools to see what is happening and see what could be done to help improve the situation.

Khem D. Irby, a resident at 1414 Adams Farm Parkway in Greensboro, stated she was present to speak on behalf of herself and to comment regarding a statement that was made that High Point does not have any representation on the Guilford County School Board. She informed Council that she is one of three High Point representative on the Guilford County School Board and has been since she was elected in November 2018. She represents the Southwest "Cowboy" community, Florence, Northwood, Colfax, Oakview and Western schools and she expressed disappointment when she heard this comment that was made by an elected official. She stated elected officials should respect each other, especially in public forums. Ms. Irby shared that she works every day for all the schools in District 6 and is building great relationships with the principals, and she has been part of the High Point

community for the last seven years, and is a graduate of the Business High Point Leadership class of 2017. She noted that the Guilford County Commissioners did not fully fund the superintendent's budget. From this point forward, she asked that any concerns about her role and representation in High Point warrants a conversation with her. Ms. Irby concluded her remarks by asking for a public apology for the statement that was made in a public venue by another elected official regarding her role on the Guilford County School Board.

Kenneth Miles, a resident at 701 S. Elm Street in High Point, addressed Council regarding public transportation service in High Point. He shared that he moved to High Point in January 2018 from the City of Raleigh where their public transportation system is now great, although that has not always been the case. He expressed concerns that the bus service in High Point stops at 6:00 p.m. and spoke to how this affects patrons' livelihood because they cannot get transportation to and from their jobs which thwarts some from accepting jobs in the far reaches of the community and at the times that are necessary. He felt the City of High Point is not putting the necessary funding or the efforts into the transportation system as they should be. Mr. Miles mentioned the many evening activities/events that are going on in High Point, but a lot of people cannot attend or participate because of the lack of bus service at night. Mr. Miles concluded his remarks and provided a file folder to Council with information on the lack of bus service and the impact on patrons and bus riders and challenged them to consider that.

Kim Volkman, a resident at 503 Steele Street, reminded Council that she stood before them eight months ago asking for help with the uprise in violence and crime in their neighborhood. She spoke to how the last several months has been bittersweet with both victories and defeats and shared the following:

Victories:

- ✓ The house at 408 Steele Street was demolished in May by council vote.
- ✓ The house at Oakland Place was demolished by the owner in June.

She spoke to the anxiety that she and the neighbors experienced daily to see the gangs, drug dealers, vandals, just to hear voices coming from either of these properties and the feeling of helplessness that another phone call to the city or police would result in no change. She shared that she personally placed more than four dozen calls to the Police Department in hopes that they could arrive on time to interfere with whatever was taking place, just to see the criminal element leave and the police show up a minute too late.

Ms. Volkman heard there has been some discussion about the city discontinuing the blight program and urged Council to continue moving forward with the program as it is truly in the best interest of the city and its residents, leaving impacts resulting that will bring long-lasting effects of hope and growth in debilitating communities. She talked about the relief she felt when she found out that the Mayor has started a task force to come up with solutions to the gangs in crime and encouraged Council to be more public about the proactive steps that are being taken to resolve these issues so the community can stay apprised.

Ms. Volkman then identified some of the defeats they have experienced.

- ✓ June 5th, her neighbors were arrested for a stolen car ring.

- ✓ July 4th, a second drive-by shooting occurred in their neighborhood and both were the same residents of the first drive-by shooting that occurred.
- ✓ Car was shot up in the parking lot at Steele and Richardson.

Ms. Volkman believes this to be much bigger than a gun or police issue because the family system is severely broken. She felt it would truly take a community commitment to turn it around and believed more public youth activities, community centers, and opportunities to mentor kids and provide a safe productive place for them to go would be a good start to get them away from the gangs and drug dealers.

She also urged Council to move forward with the initiative that would attach crime houses to landlords and urged them to move forward with creative thinking to find ways to bring accountability to the homeowner and the residents.

Ms. Volkman concluded her remarks by sharing two short video clips of the recent drive-by shooting that occurred in her neighborhood.

Eric Gilliam, a resident at 407 Steele Street, agreed that the drive-by shooting in the video clip was extremely disturbing. He shared that in the 30 years that he has lived in the neighborhood, he has never experienced something as bad as the two drive-by shootings that occurred within eight months and the other crimes going on in the neighborhood. He thanked the police for their efforts in more frequent patrols in the neighborhood, and although there has been a big reduction in crime just in the last month, he would like to see more patrols.

Mr. Gilliam thought the gates to be installed at Oakview Cemetery were a great idea because it would stop a lot of the speeding traffic coming through their neighborhood from the cemetery. He stated he would also like to see some speed bumps like the ones that were recently installed on Rotary because they really helped slow the traffic down.

Robert Irwin, a resident of 717 Gatewood Avenue, and property manager of 507 and 509 Steele Street, representing MD Enterprises, an affordable housing provider, spoke to the City of High Point's Vision Statement: "Creating the single most livable, safe, and prosperous community in America". He stated two drive-by shootings in less than nine months was unacceptable and made it clear that the shots were not fired at his property, but they were fired towards the property across the street.

In December, he discovered a stolen vehicle in his backyard and expressed appreciation that the auto perpetrators have since been apprehended and perhaps vacated the property across the street. He piggybacked on the previous comments regarding gates being installed at Oakview Cemetery and also felt that it would be a great thing. He pointed out both of the times they had the drive-by shootings that occurred, the perpetrators either came from the cemetery or left through the cemetery. He also agreed with Council's attempt to make landlords accountable for tenant activity and commended the Peacemakers and Masons for working with the youth in the community.

Regarding the speed bumps, Mayor Wagner spoke to the traffic calming policy that was adopted a couple of years ago and encouraged them to contact the High Point Transportation Department for information as to the process for making a request, which

involves a petition process and a study by the Transportation Department to evaluate whether traffic calming measures are necessary.

Cyril Jefferson, a resident at 110 Dogwood Circle, highlighted some positive things going on in the city and thanked the City Council for its efforts in getting things done. He mentioned this is the first year for the High Point Teen Leadership program that was started by the Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA, which is very similar to the successful Leadership High Point program for community leaders. He expressed appreciation to Council for helping out by allowing the youth an opportunity to dine and converse with city leaders and personally thanked Councilman Jones for leading one of the classes.

With regards to education, Mr. Jefferson stated he realizes the importance of education in economic development efforts for education to be perceived as doing very well in the city. He advised that the High Point Schools Partnership group meetings monthly and there are a number of leaders who are highlighting the good things happening in High Point, the schools in High Point, etc....and starting next month, they will be featuring educators from every high school in High Point because the goal is to recruit and retain those that are doing good work in educating students so we will have better schools. Mr. Jefferson concluded his remarks with a reminder to Council about the luncheon that will be held on August 13th at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate these educators.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Moore reported that the Finance Committee did meet as scheduled on Thursday, August 1, 2019 and placed all the Finance-related matters on the Consent Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

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.

2019-329

Contract - Freese & Nichols - Registers Creek Lift Station/Force Main Design

Council is requested to award a contract to Freese & Nichols in the amount of \$844,780.00 for a professional engineering services to design the expansion of the Registers Creek lift station and force main.

Approved award of a contract to Freese & Nichols in the amount of \$844,780.00 for professional engineering services to design the expansion of the Registers Creek lift station and force main.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-330 Contract - KRG Utility Inc. - Adkins Sanitary Sewer Outfall Change Order #1

Council is requested to approve a change order to KRG Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$145,456.80 for additional trench stabilization stone and to install two (2) gates for easement access for the Adkins Sanitary Sewer Outfall.

Approved a change order in the amount of \$145,456.80 to the KRG Utility, Inc. contract for additional trench stabilization stone and to install two (2) gates for easement access for the Adkins Sanitary Sewer Outfall.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-331 Contract - Garney Companies, Inc. - CMAR - Change Order #3

Council is requested to approve change order #3 to Garney Companies, Inc., Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) in the amount of \$723,972.91 to perform the sewer and stormwater improvements on Pine Street as part of the Catalyst project.

Approved change order #3 in the amount of \$723,972.91 to the Garney Companies, Inc. contract to perform the sewer and stormwater improvement on Pine Street as part of the Catalyst Project.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-332 Contract - Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. - Knuckle Boom Truck

Council is requested to award a contract to Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$119,000 for the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner M2-106 with a Peterson Body, Grapple bucket and 24-yard Hardox model 1824 dumping body for the Environmental Services Division.

Approved award of a contract to Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$119,000 for the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner M2-106 with a Peterson body, grapple

bucket and 24-yard Hardox model 1824 dumping body for the Environmental Services Division.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-333 Contract - Surface America - Miracle League Field

Council is requested to award a sole source contract to Surface America in the amount of \$121,910 for the replacement of surfacing on the Miracle Field at the High Point Athletic Complex.

Approved award of a sole source contract to Surface America in the amount of \$121,910 for the replacement of surfacing on the Miracle Field at the High Point Athletic Complex.

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

2019-334 Contract - White's International - Tandem Dump Truck

Council is requested to award a contract to White's International in the amount of \$116,103.34 for the purchase of a 2020 International tandem axle truck with dump body for the Water & Sewer Residuals Division of Public Works.

Approved award of a contract to White's International in the amount of \$116,103.34 for the purchase of a 2020 International tandem axle truck with dump body for the Water & Sewer Residuals Division of Public Works.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-335 Contract - Advantage Truck Center - Autocar/Front Loading Refuse Truck

Council is requested to award a contract to Advantage Truck Center in the amount of \$296,533.48 for the purchase of a 2020 Autocar with New Way Front Loading Refuse body for the Solid Waste Division of Public Services. Recommendation also includes declaring old equipment as surplus and disposing through the online auction process.

Approved award of a contract to Advantage Truck Center in the amount of \$296,533.48 for the purchase of a 2020 Autocar with New Way front loading refuse body for the Solid Waste Division of Public Services and declared the old equipment surplus to be disposed of through the online auction process.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-336 Contract - Excel Truck Group/Charlotte Truck Center - Freightliner NuLife Swaploader

Council is requested to award a contract to Excel Truck Group in the amount of \$129,728 for the purchase of a 2020 Freightliner truck with a NuLife SL240 Swaploader body for the Environmental Services Division of Public Works.

Approved award of a contract to Excel Truck Group in the amount of \$129,728 for the purchase of a 2020 Freightliner truck with a NuLife SL240 swaploader body for the Environmental Services Division of Public Works.

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 9-0 unanimous 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

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

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

Committee Members: Golden, Peters, Scarborough, and Williams

2019-337 Ordinance to Demolish - 315 N. Centennial Street

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 315 N. Centennial Street belonging to Haley Investment Group, Inc.

Chairman Golden advised that staff is recommending this matter be removed from the agenda due to the property being purchased by new owners.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be removed from the agenda. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous 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

2019-338 Ordinance to Demolish - 814 Fairview Street

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 814 Fairview Street belonging to Karen G. Davis.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, provided a summary of staff actions regarding this property as follows:

- ✓ *Inspector observed conditions on this property while out on another inspection;*
- ✓ *Inspected on 7/16/2018*
- ✓ *Hearing held on 7/30/2018. Property owner did appear and advised that she and the family members did discuss making the repairs.*
- ✓ *Ordinance to Repair or Demolish issued on 7/30/2018 with a compliance date of 9/4/2018.*
- ✓ *The property owner has not pulled any permits, nor have any repairs been made to the property.*
- ✓ *Guilford County taxes are delinquent for 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 in the amount of \$3,023.98.*

Kara Davis, 151 Cartridge Court in Thomasville, NC, was present to speak on behalf of her mother, Karen Davis, who currently resides at 814 Fairview Street. She stated she would like to assist her mother in the demolition of the home versus the city doing it and billing them.

Council Member Jones advised Ms. Davis that even if Council moves forward with adoption of the demolition ordinance, they would still have 30 days to take care of it. Ms. Davis inquired about the possibility of an extension. Chairman Golden asked Ms. Loosemore to explain the process. She explained that once the City Council adopts the demolition ordinance, staff would send a notice to the property owner advising them they have 30 days and in the case the structure is not demolished within 30 days, then the city could move forward with the bidding for the demolition. She informed Ms. Davis that she could work

with them if they are already in the process of gathering bids or doing the demolition work themselves and obtained the demolition permit.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 814 Fairview 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 9-0 unanimous 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. 7543/19-60
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2019-339 Ordinance to Demolish - 1516 Willard Avenue

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1516 Willard Avenue belonging to Creative Resources Ministries.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, provided a summary of staff actions regarding this property as follows:

- ✓ *Fire Department referred this property to the Inspections Department because it was unsecured.*
- ✓ *Inspection was conducted on 10/24/2018.*
- ✓ *Hearing was held on 11/19/2018.*
- ✓ *Mr. Mark Douglas appeared at the hearing on behalf of Creative Resources Ministries, who owns the property.*
- ✓ *Mr. Douglas stated he would start repairs on the property in the spring because he was currently working on another property.*
- ✓ *The inspector advised him that he would allow additional time before issuing an Order to Repair or Demolish, but he needed to start the repairs soon.*
- ✓ *The inspector also explained the minimum housing process to Mr. Douglas and informed him that if no repairs are made to the property, then the case would be brought before the City Council.*
- ✓ *Ordinance to Repair or Demolish was issued on 12/27/2018 with compliance date of 1/28/2019.*
- ✓ *No permits have been applied for, nor has any work been done on the property.*
- ✓ *Property taxes are current on the property with the exception of 2019.*

Ms. Loosemore advised that Mr. Davis did visit her office today and told her he would not be able to do anything until the first of the year. She stated that Mr. Douglas was present in the audience and would like to speak.

Mark Douglas, representing Creative Resources Ministries, shared that he has a lot of experience in buying homes, making repairs, and then selling them and has been doing it

over 20 years. At the time that he was contacted by Creative Resources Ministries to make the repairs, he was in the middle of another project so he told them it would probably be 8-10 months out before he could start the repairs on the property at 1516 Willard. He did not want to demolish the structure, so he got a letter from Creative Resources Ministries last month to allow him to come to this meeting and represent them. He stated that he fixes houses for ministry to help drug addicts, mostly those getting out of prison to give them affordable housing. He asked Council for additional time until the first of next year and reiterated that he does want to make the repairs to the property.

Chairman Golden asked Mr. Douglas if he was a general contractor and Mr. Douglas replied that he is not, but he has worked with general contractors for the last 15 years. He stated he participated in helping to clean up the Hoskins Street neighborhood 10-12 years ago by acquiring four to five houses and fixed them up. Chairman Golden asked Ms. Loosemore if she was willing to give them an extension.

Ms. Loosemore advised that she was not comfortable giving any additional time, especially to the first of the year and noted that Mr. Douglas did make a comment this afternoon about not having the funding available to make the necessary repairs to the property. Mr. Douglas stated he could get the money if Council will not grant him additional time.

Chairman Golden noted the housing case started in November 2018 and pointed out 13 months was well beyond what is normally done.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1516 Willard Avenue.

A motion was made by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous 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. 7544/19-61

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PROSPERITY & LIVABILITY COMMITTEE - Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, Chair

Committee Members: Ewing, Hudson, Peters & Golden

2019-340 Resolution - Renewal of Lease Agreement - West End Ministries

Council is requested to approve a three-year lease agreement with West End Ministries for the Bountiful Harvest Community Garden.

Michael McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing, advised that Bountiful Harvest Garden is on city property that has been leased to West End Ministries for the last four years and they are now requesting another lease renewal. Staff is recommending approval of the new lease. Mr. McNair introduced Brad Bowers, President of West End Ministries and Quina Weber-Shirk, Community Gardens Coordinator.

Mr. Bowers shared some pictures of things going on on the site which is being used for a garden and a park for children. He noted that over the past four years, they have had over 5,000 volunteer hours from people working in the garden and stated it could not be possible without the partnerships in the High Point community.

Mayor Pro Tem Ewing pointed out that West End Ministries is a very well utilized asset to the community. Council Member Peters commended Mr. Bowers for his work with West End Ministries to create a gathering place for the community. Mayor Wagner agreed there are a lot of great things going on in High Point with West End Ministries being one of them. He stated he would be happy to lend support to West End Ministries in hopes that they will take it to another level.

Adopted a resolution for approval of a three-year lease agreement with West End Ministries for the Bountiful Harvest Community Garden.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ewing, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following 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

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GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2019-344 Appointment - Historic Preservation Commission - Brianne Verstat

Council Member Scarborough is recommending the appointment of Brianne Verstat to the Historic Preservation Commission. This appointment will be effective immediately and will expire July 1, 2022.

Council Member Scarborough is recommending the appointment of Brianne Verstat as his At Large appointee to the Historic Preservation Commission as the Johnson Street Historic District representative.

Approved the appointment of Brianne Verstat to the Historic Preservation Commission. Appointment to be effective immediately and will expire on 7/1/2022.

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

2019-341 Minutes To Be Approved

Special Meeting of City Council; Thursday, July 11th @ 3:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting; Thursday, July 11th @ 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of City Council; Monday, July 15th @ 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of City Council; Monday, July 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

Approved the preceding minutes as submitted.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem Ewing and second by Council Member Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
High Point City Clerk