

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 – 5:15 P.M.  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER**

**Present (9):**

Mayor Jay Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Williams (Ward 2); Council Member Britt W. Moore (At Large); Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson (At Large); Council Member Cyril A. Jefferson (Ward 1); Council Member S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4); Council Member Victor A. Jones (Ward 5); and Council Member Michael A. Holmes (Ward 6)

**Absent: (1):** Council Member Monica L. Peters (Ward 3) [participated in the discussion of the closed session via polycom]

**Staff Present:**

Greg Demko, City Manager; Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Jeron Hollis, Director of Communications and Public Engagement; Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

**Others Present:**

David Woodard, Outside Legal Counsel with Poyner Spruill LLC

*Mayor Wagner called the Special Meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.*

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

**2020-78**

**Appointment to the High Point Housing Authority**

At the request of Angela McGill, Executive Director for the High Point Housing Authority, Mayor Wagner is recommending the appointment of Charles (Chuck) Portaro. Mr. Portaro will fill the unexpired term of Bob Davis, who has resigned effective March 31, 2020. Mr. Portaro's term will be effective April 1, 2020 and will expire on December 22, 2022.

Approved the appointment of Mr. Charles (Chuck) Portaro to the High Point Housing Authority. Appointment effective April 1, 2020 and will expire December 22, 2022.

**A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that this appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:**

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Johnson

Absent (1): Council Member Peters

**2020-81      Rescission of Ordinance to Demolish - 1700 Edmondson Place**

Council is requested to rescind the ordinance adopted on January 7, 2019 to demolish the dwelling at 1700 Edmondson Place belonging to Che Lawrence Reynolds, Jr.

*In response to some questions posed about why this action was necessary when action was taken by the City Council at the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m. to adopt the ordinance rescinding the demolition ordinance for 1700 Edmondson Place (adopted January 16, 2020), City Attorney Joanne Carlyle explained it was due to a clerical correction as the property owner was listed incorrectly on the agenda and ordinance to rescind that was adopted on February 17, 2020.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, to adopt the ordinance rescinding the demolition ordinance that was adopted on January 16, 2020. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:**

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Johnson

Absent (1): Council Member Peters

**Ordinance No. 7596/20-13  
Ordinance Book Volume XXI, Page 13**

**2020-79      Closed Session- Personnel**

Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel.

*Prior to the motion being made to go into closed session, City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle asked that staff leave the room, but remain accessible.*

**Council Member Johnson moved to go into closed session at 5:21 p.m. pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for a personnel matter. Mayor Pro Tem Williams made a second to the motion, which carried by the following 8-0 unanimous vote.**

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Johnson

Absent (1): Council Member Peters

Upon reconvening into open session at 7:40 p.m., Mayor Wagner announced it would be necessary to continue the Closed Session discussion and recess this meeting to Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**Council Member Jefferson then made a motion to recess this meeting to Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Hudson made a second to the motion, which carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:**

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Johnson

Absent (1): Council Member Peters

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk