



**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(Virtual Meeting)**

***Chaired by Council Member Moore  
Members: Moore, Holmes, Peters, and Jones  
October 1, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers***

**Present (2):** Chairman Britt Moore; Committee Member Victor Jones  
**Participating**

**Remotely (2):** Committee Member Michael Holmes; and Committee Member Monica Peters

**Staff Present:**

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; and Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

**Staff Participating**

**Remotely:** JoAnne, Carlyle, City Attorney; Meghan McGuire, Assistant City Attorney; Bobby Fitzjohn, Director of Financial Services; Gary Smith, Fleet Services Director; Reggie Hucks, Inspection Services Director; Terry Houk, Public Services Director; Loren Hill, President High Point Economic Development Corporation

*As part of the city of High Point's COVID-19 mitigation efforts, in-person attendance was not allowed at this meeting. Instead, the meeting was live-streamed, and the public was provided a link to listen to the meeting as it was being live-streamed.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.*

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**2020-380      Public Hearing - DC Blox - EDC Performance Based Incentives**

City Council is requested to authorize performance-based incentives for the DC Blox data center project equal to up to 50% of the property taxes already paid in a year - for a period of from 10 to 17 years; and authorize the City Manager to execute a performance agreement with the company containing benchmarks for the company to achieve and a schedule for the payment of such financial incentives.

*Chairman Moore advised that this item was for the announcement to authorize the public hearing for DC Blox on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.*

*Loren Hill, President of the High Point Economic Development Corporation reported that a request from DC Blox was received to authorize performance-based incentives to build and operate a data center on the 14 acre tract at 4131 Sheraton Court in High Point; when the six data halls are completed in the building, capital investment could be more than \$305 million; and that High Point was asked to consider authorizing performance-based incentives equal to up to 50% of the property taxes paid each year by DC Blox and its client businesses.*

*Committee Member Holmes asked would the terms of incentives be discussed in more details at Monday night's meeting to assure the citizens listening would understand. Mr. Hill replied yes; and that the company's attorney, Ernie Pearson, would be in attendance to answer any questions; and would describe the incentive proposal.*

*Mr. Hill noted that the City of High Point has not had this type of incentive request before; and spoke to communications with other entities with similar experiences.*

**2020-375      Contract - Sourcewell - Altec - Electric Bucket Truck**

City Council is requested to award Sourcewell Contract 012418-ALT to Altec in the amount of \$224,760 for the purchase of an International truck with Altec Model AA55 body for the electric department and declare the old truck as surplus and disposing through the online auction process.

*Gary Smith, Fleet Services Director reported that the Electric Department was currently using a 2010 Ford F750 with a Terex bucket that needs replacement due to overall condition and 10,000+ operating hours. The new International truck with an Altec AA55 is similar to other trucks they are using and will meet their needs. The price of \$224,760 is for the truck, training, and delivery. The estimated delivery is 240-360 days. Staff is recommending approval for the contract in the amount of \$224,760.00; and to declare the old truck as surplus.*

*Chairman Moore inquired on the timeframe for delivery. Mr. Smith replied that the trucks were made to order; and that delivery times would vary because COVID-19.*

**Chairman Moore moved to forward this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation and place it on the October 5, 2020 City Council Finance Committee Consent Agenda for approval. Committee Member Holmes made a second to the motion. Following a roll call vote by Chairman Moore, the motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:**

Aye (4): Chairman Moore, Committee Member Jones, Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Holmes

**2020-376      Contract - NC Sheriffs' Association Procurement - Amick Equipment Co. - Compact Refuse Truck**

City Council is requested to award a contract using the NC Sheriffs' Association Procurement contract process to Amick Equipment Company in the amount of \$115,358.48 for the purchase of a new 2021 Isuzu truck with a New Way Model 8 yard Diamondback compact rear loading body and include declaring the old truck as surplus and disposing through the online auction process.

*Gary Smith, Fleet Services Director reported that the Parks & Recreation Department was currently using a 2009 Ford F360 crew cab truck with a stake body that has over 105,000 miles. This truck was used daily for refuse collection at all of the park facilities. The proposed compact rear loading truck was designed for safely transporting and disposing of refuse. This vehicle would improve efficiency by being able to accommodate more refuse and reducing trips to the landfill. The price of \$115,358.48 is for one truck, refuse body installation, training, and delivery. Estimated delivery is 240-360 days. Staff is recommending approval for the contract in the amount of \$115,358.48; and to declare the old truck as surplus.*

**Chairman Moore moved to forward this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation and place it on the October 5, 2020 City Council Finance Committee Consent Agenda for approval. Committee Member Holmes made a second to the motion. Following a roll call vote by Chairman Moore, the motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:**

Aye (4): Chairman Moore, Committee Member Jones, Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Holmes

**2020-377      Contract - Sole Source Vendor - Siemens Industry Inc. - City Lake Raw Water Pump Station**

City Council is requested to approve Siemens Industry Inc. as a sole source vendor to perform the total cell refurbishment and panel upgrade on VFD # 2 at the City Lake Raw Water Pump Station for \$123,692.60.

*Terry Houk, Public Services Director reported that the City Lake Raw Water Pump Station was utilized to pump water from Arnold Koonce City Lake to the Ward Water Plant for treatment. There were two 18 MGD pumps and one 13 MGD pump in the pump station. VFDs were installed on the two 18 MGD pumps in 2004. Due to the age of the VFDs, the manufacturer (Siemens Industry Inc.) was recommending that the City replace the power cells and control panels to extend the life of the VFDs. The Public Services Department upgraded VFD# 3 during FY 2019-2020. Staff is recommending approval for the contract in the amount of \$123,692.60.*

*Committee Member Holmes asked for clarity on what 'Sole Source Vendor' meant for the citizens listening. Mr. Houk replied that Sole Source Vendor was the original manufacturer/company authorized or capable of providing the supplies needed to work on this type of equipment; and that any amount requested over \$30,000 must be approved by council.*

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Aye (4): Chairman Moore, Committee Member Jones, Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Holmes

**2020-378      Contract - Timmy Causey Grading & Demolition - 1519 Baker Road**

City Council is requested to award a contract to Timmy Causey Grading & Demolition for the demo and removal of debris at 1519 Baker Road in the estimated amount of \$90,000 - \$120,000 depending on asbestos contamination that may be found.

*Reggie Hucks, Inspection Services Director reported that Timmy Causey Grading & Demolition had the lowest bid for the demo and removal of debris at 1519 Baker Road. Cost of the demo and removal of debris was estimated between \$90,000 - \$120,000 depending on asbestos contamination that may be found. At the August 17, 2020 City Council meeting, Council approved an ordinance for the demolition of the condemned, failing structure at 1519 Baker Road. Staff is recommending approval of the contract award to Timmy Causey Grading & Demolition up to the maximum amount of \$120,000.00 to demolish and remove debris leaving a concrete slab remaining.*

*Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager said that the funding from this project would be coming from general contingency fund since this was an emergency.*

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Aye (4): Chairman Moore, Committee Member Jones, Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Holmes

**2020-379      Budget Ordinance - CARES Act Funding**

City Council is requested to approve a budget ordinance appropriating the CARES Act funding of \$1,288,702 received through Guilford County and Davidson County in the Special Grants Fund.

*Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director reported to appropriate \$1,288,702 of CARES act funding received through Guilford County and Davidson County. Based upon guidance from the US Treasury and NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO), city management proposed to use this funding to cover existing public safety salaries for sworn police and certified fire personnel paid during FY 2020-2021. This amendment would recognize reimbursement revenue received from the Federal Government through the counties. Staff is recommending approving the budget ordinance appropriating the CARES Act funding in the Special Grants Fund.*

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Aye (4): Chairman Moore, Committee Member Jones, Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Holmes

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being nothing further to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

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Britt Moore, Chairman