

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Note: In order to maintain the health, safety, and well-being of our residents, staff, and the City Council, this meeting was conducted electronically. As part of the City of High Point's COVID-19 mitigation efforts, in-person public 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.

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, and MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.; called for a Moment of Silence; and conducted a roll call. The following Council Members were present:

Mayor Jay W. Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Williams (Ward 2), Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson (At Large), Council Member Britt W. Moore (At Large), Council Member Cyril Jefferson (Ward 1), Council Member Monica L. Peters (Ward 3), Council Member S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), Council Member Victor Jones (Ward 5); and Council Member Michael A. Holmes (Ward 6)

The following staff members were also present:

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Meghan Maguire, Assistant City Attorney; Gary Smith, Director of Fleet Services; Angela Wynes, Hi Tran Manager; Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation; Mike McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing; Herb Shannon, Planning and Development Department; Lori Loosemore Code Enforcement Manager; Jeron Hollis, Director of Communications & Public Engagement; Ryan Ferguson, Marketing Manager; Kim Thore, Right-of-Way Coordinator; Loren Hill, President- High Point Economic Development Corporation; Mary Brooks, Deputy City Clerk; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

Also Present:

Ian Woody, Eagle Scout, and his parents
Perry Sharpe, Apprentice with Fleet Services
Wyatt Mericka, Apprentice with Fleet Services
Hamza Alkadir
Bruce Clodfelter, owner of property at 1022 Asheboro Street
Dr. Brandon Lenoir, Assistant Professor Political Communication, High Point University
High Point University Undergraduate Students (Greenway Extenders Project): Alexandra D'Arpino, Jack Eitner, Sydney Kerr, Mackenzie Martin, Danielle Milich
High Point University Undergraduate Students (Blue Lit Street Program): Penn Cosler, Virginia Ferebee, Hannah Gutenstein, Kimberly Jenkins, and Valeria Maya

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wagner introduced Eagle Scout Ian Woody who was present in the audience with his parents and asked him to come forward to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**2020-430 Recognition - Eagle Scout Award - Ian Woody**

Ian Woody from Scout Troop 20 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, will be in attendance for recognition of achieving the Boy Scout Eagle award. For his Eagle Scout project, Ian in a partnership with High Point Parks & Rec and High Point Transportation Department installed enhanced handicap parking signs at several Parks & Rec facilities. The signs feature citizens from the community that utilize handicap accessible parking.

Mayor Wagner asked Eagle Scout Ian Woody to come forward to share his presentation. Ian provided details and shared some pictures of his Eagle Scout project. Ian, in partnership with the High Point Parks & Recreation Department and the High Point Transportation Department installed enhanced handicap parking signs at several Parks & Recreation facilities; the signs featured citizens from the community that utilize handicap accessible parking.

Following his presentation, Mayor Wagner read a Letter of Recognition into the record congratulating Ian Woody and expressing appreciation for his contributions to the project as well as the assistance he received from the Parks & Recreation Department and the Transportation Department. [applause] [photo op followed]

2020-431 Proclamation - National Apprentice Week

Mayor Wagner will read a proclamation recognizing November 8-14, 2020 as National Apprentice Week in the City of High Point.

Mayor Wagner read a proclamation into the record recognizing November 8-14, 2020 as National Apprentice Week in the City of High Point.

Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager, recognized Gary Smith, Director of Fleet Services and introduced two apprentices currently working in the Fleet Services Division: Wyatt Merica and Perry Sharpe. Mr. Olmedo expressed appreciation to them for doing such a fantastic job and for bringing so much enthusiasm and energy to the workplace. He also pointed out that High Point is the first municipality in Guilford County to sign up and participate in this program. He also expressed appreciation to the Human Resources Department for their efforts in making this happen; thanked everyone involved; and spoke to how it looks forward to expanding the program and the success the program will have. [applause]

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Council will receive an update on the Strategic Plan from Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair of the Community Development Committee.

Note: The Strategic Update on Code Enforcement Activity for October 2020 was provided to the City Council and will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Lori Loosemore, Coe Enforcement Manager, showcased two houses (327 Wheeler and 2011 E. Green Drive) that had been scheduled for condemnation, but have been repaired and brought up to code.

2020-460 Strategic Plan Update- Code Enforcement Activity for October 2020

Council will receive an update on the Strategic Plan from Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair of the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2020-432 Public Comment Period

A Public Comment Period will be held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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Although the public is unable to physically participate in the meeting, the public can submit comments by

1. Calling 336-883-3522 and leaving a message, or by
2. Emailing written comments to publiccomment@highpointnc.gov or by
3. Dropping off written comments in the city of High Point's utility payment drop-boxes located on both sides of the Municipal Building located at 211 S. Hamilton Street in the Green Drive and the Commerce Avenue parking lots.

All comments received will be forwarded to the City Council and will be incorporated as part of the permanent proceedings of the November 2, 2020 City Council Meeting. The city of High Point's Public Comment Policy restricts comments to no more than three (3) minutes which will apply for the telephone message submission. Email submissions and written comments should be kept at 350 words or less. The deadline for submitting public comments is Friday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Wagner reviewed the process for the public to submit public comments since they are unable to physically participate in the meetings due to the on-going COVID Pandemic.

He asked the clerk if any comments were received; the clerk reported that no comments were received.

The Mayor then recognized a gentleman in the audience and allowed him to address Council.

Bruce Clodfelter, who owns property at 1022 Asheboro Street, addressed Council regarding a letter and an invoice in the amount of \$1,200 that he received from the City of High Point for cleaning the property. He stated that when he received the first letter about six months ago to clean the property, he paid the tenant next door \$40 to clean the property and the property was cleaned. He questioned how it could cost \$1,200 for clean-up of a 50-foot lot. He advised that he did visit the property and saw where they went further down from the property line and cleaned out a ditch in the rear but pointed out the ditch was not his property. He asked if it might be possible for the city to provide some assistance because he felt that \$1,200 was excessive for a 50-foot lot.

Mayor Wagner asked Mr. Clodfelter to get with Lori Loosemore, the Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Moore, Chair
Committee Members: Moore, Holmes, Jones, and Peters

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Finance Committee Chair Moore reported all finance items were discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 29th at 4:00 p.m. and are being forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation for approval.

Motion by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson to approve all matters on the Finance Committee Consent Agenda. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following unanimous 9-0 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

2020-410 Contract - High Point University (HPU) - Lease - Roy Culler Senior Center

City Council is requested to approve a lease with High Point University to relocate the Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center to the HPU Community Center located at Oak Hollow Mall for a temporary period while continuing the search and planning for a new permanent Senior Center, as approved in the 2019 General Obligation Bond Referendum.

Approved a lease, for a period up to five years, with High Point University to relocate the Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center to the HPU Community Center located at Oak Hollow Mall for a temporary period while continuing the search and planning for a new permanent Senior Center, as approved in the 2019 General Obligation Bond Referendum.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that the contract approving the lease with HPU be approved. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following unanimous 9-0 vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

2020-411 Resolution - Sale of Roy B. Culler Senior Center Property & Adjacent Properties to Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution approving the sale of the Roy B. Culler Senior Center property and adjacent properties identified as tax parcel numbers 189745 (600 N. Hamilton), 189756 (207 E. Ray Av.), 189755 (209 E. Ray Av.), 189754 (211 E. Ray Av.) in the amount of \$500,000 to the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum.

Adopted a resolution approving the sale of the Roy B. Culler Senior Center property and adjacent properties identified as Guilford County tax parcel numbers 189745 (600 N. Hamilton), 189756 (207 E. Ray Ave.), 189755 (209 E. Ray Ave.), 189754 (211 E. Ray Ave.) in the amount of \$500,000 to the Nido and Mariana Qubein Children's Museum.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this resolution be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

**Resolution No. 1943/20-32
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 172**

2020-412 Contract - Wharton & Smith Inc. - Change Order No. 4 - Ward Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

City Council is requested to approve change order no. 4 with Wharton & Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$103,626.00 for the Ward Water Treatment Plant electrical and HVAC upgrades.

Approved Change Order No. 4 to the Wharton-Smith, Inc. contract in the amount of \$103,626.00 for the Ward Water Treatment Plant electrical and HVAC upgrades.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, to approve Change Order No. 4 to the Wharton-Smith, Inc. contract. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

2020-413 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funding - JAG

City Council is requested to establish a public hearing date of Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the funding for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funding (JAG).

Approved a public hearing date of Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the funding for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funding (JAG).

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this matter be approved. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

2020-414 Ordinance - High Point Fire Department Reimbursements & Grants

City Council is requested to adopt a budget ordinance to appropriate certain reimbursements and grants in the amount of \$55,176 received by the High Point Fire Department.

Adopted an Ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance appropriating certain reimbursements and grants in the amount of \$55,176 received by the High Point Fire Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this Budget Ordinance Amendment be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

**Ordinance No. 7642/20-58
Ordinance Book, Volume XXI, Page 57**

2020-415 Contract - S&S Contracting of NC - Oak Hollow Golf Course Bulkhead Replacement

City Council is requested to award a contract to S&S Contracting of NC in the amount of \$242,685.90 for the replacement of the wooden bulkhead section along Hole #4 at Oak Hollow Golf course.

Approved award of a contract to S & S Contracting of NC in the amount of \$242,685.90 for the replacement of the wooden bulkhead section along Hole #4 at the Oak Hollow Golf course.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that the contract with S & S Contracting of NC be approved. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

2020-416 Resolution - Housing Authority of High Point Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Daniel Brooks Phase I

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution approving, for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the issuance by the Housing Authority of the City of High Point in an aggregate amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000 of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Daniel Brooks Phase I.

Adopted a Resolution providing approval of a multi-family housing facility known as Daniel Brooks Phase I in the City of High Point, North Carolina, and the financing thereof with the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$11,000,000.00 by the Housing Authority of the City of High Point.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this resolution be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

**Resolution No. 1940/20-29
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 169**

2020-417 Resolution - Formal Acceptance of Highest Bid - 1114 Tipton Street

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution formally accepting the highest bid offer of \$28,500 and directing sale of the property at 1114 Tipton Street to MB Enterprises, LLC in accordance with N.C.G.S. §160A-269.

Adopted a resolution formally accepting the highest bid offer of \$28,500 for the property located at 1114 Tipton Street authorizing the sale of said property to MB Enterprises, LLC in accordance with N.C. General Statute 160A-269.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this resolution be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

**Resolution No. 1944/20-33
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 173**

2020-419 Resolution - Sale of City Owned Property by Upset Bid - 652 Wesley Drive

Council is requested to adopt a resolution accepting the offer of \$4,000.00 and authorizing the sale of the property 652 Wesley Drive, Parcel No. 176168 through the upset bid procedure of N.C.G.S. 160A-269 and direct the City Clerk to publish a public notice of the proposed sale in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-269.

Adopted a resolution accepting the offer of \$4,000.00 and authorizing the sale of the property at 652 Wesley Drive, Guilford County Parcel No. 176168 through the upset bid procedure of N.C. General Statute 160A-269; and directing the city clerk to publish a notice of the proposed sale.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this resolution be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

**Resolution No. 1945/20-34
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 174**

2020-420 Resolution - Conveyance of Property to CDC - 2111 Little Avenue

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution approving the conveyance of property located at 2111 Little Avenue to the Core City CDC and that the appropriate City official be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Adopted a resolution approving the conveyance of property located at 2111 Little Avenue to the Core City CDC and authorized the appropriate City official to execute all necessary document for the conveyance.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this resolution be adopted authorizing the conveyance of property located at 2111 Little Avenue to the Core City CDC. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

**Resolution No. 1946/20-35
Resolution Book, Volume XX, Page 175**

PROSPERITY & LIVABILITY COMMITTEE - *Council Member Hudson, Chair*
Committee Members: Hudson, Holmes, Jefferson, and Peters

2020-425 Presentation - High Point University Undergraduate Students

High Point University undergraduate students will share project presentations on the following two projects highlighting “How to Make HPU More Attractive to Prospective Students”.

1. The Greenway Extenders Project
2. The Blue Lit Road Project

Note: Prior to the meeting, handouts for these two projects were placed at the dais. This information will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Council Member Hudson recognized two groups of High Point University undergraduate students who would be presenting and sharing some ideas regarding two projects that are currently underway: The Greenway Extender Project and the Blue Lit Road Project. He asked the students to come forward and asked them to say their names before speaking so the virtual audience would know who was talking.

The Greenway Extenders Project

The following students came forward and presented on The Greenway Extender Project: Alexandra D'Arpino, Jack Eitner, Sydney Kerr, Mackenzie Martin, Danielle Milich.

The students are partnering with the Southwest Renewal Foundation to advocate for the Phase 3 extension of the greenway which would be a component of the southside neighborhood and would run from Vail to West Ward down to Cassell Street. They spoke to how Phase 3 of the greenway would benefit an underutilized segment of the city in order to attract businesses, make it more livable/walkable/safe/prosperous; and hopefully attract/retain young professionals to live, start their lives/careers here in High Point. Some examples of benefits they shared were:

- ✓ It would be ideal to make the area more walkable and safe;
- ✓ It would allow for foot traffic for businesses such as coffee/donut shops;
- ✓ It would connect the southside neighborhood to the other side and bring the city together to make it more safe/walkable/and prosperous;
- ✓ It would improve the environmental health by providing cleaner water and improving air quality; and
- ✓ It would help the residents live a healthier lifestyle both physically and mentally.

Since the road is already there, the students felt the construction of the greenway would be rather straight forward (sidewalk needs to be extended so that it coincides with the end of the round-about, lines painted onto the street, some safety barriers are needed; and handicap ramps) at a total estimated cost of \$82,009.38 with a 15% contingency to cover unexpected costs. The students are anticipating that these funds would come from the High Point Department of Transportation and noted it would be for the 2021-2022 budget year. The students also provided some examples and locations where these greenways have been very positive, prosperous, and successful for communities and they spoke to the positive effect greenways have on the housing market as well as the economy and economic development of a city. In conclusion, they spoke to how Phase 3 of the Greenway extension would be a one-time investment in the southside neighborhoods future; how it would connect the

communities together; how it would make the southside community and the rest of the city more prosperous; and how it would help to retain young professionals.

Council Member Jones thanked the students for making a great presentation. He mentioned that he and Council Member Hudson met with the students and he was impressed when they talked about retaining young professionals and they said they wanted to stay local in the North Carolina area. He felt they do have a heart for this community and felt they are certainly on the right path in thinking about what can be done to retain young professionals for our job base and workforce.

Council Members Hudson reported that these students will also be presenting to the Prosperity & Livability Committee on Wednesday, November 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

The then recognized the second group of students who would be making a presentation on the Blue Lit Road Project.

Blue Lit Road Project

The following students came forward and presented on the Blue Lit Road Project: Penn Cosler, Virginia Ferebee, Hannah Gutenstein, Kimberly Jenkins, and Valeria Maya

This group of students would like to implement a blue light system in High Point. They spoke to how it would, overall, make the city a much more walkable/safe place. In Phase 1, they are recommending the installation of four blue lights: two at the corner of Main and Lexington, one near the bus stop across from Rockspring Road, and one near the bus stop across from Guilford, and later on they would like to implement more blue lights that would be connected to the stadium area to create a more walkable experience for members of the community.

The estimated cost per light could vary depending upon which model is chosen and could range from \$4,000 to \$7,500 per blue light with estimated maintenance costs around \$200 each light per year; the lights generally come with an 8 to a 10-year warranty. The students overall hope is to create a feeling of safety in the community, decrease the crime rates, keep young professionals in High Point after graduation, generate more jobs, and help the economy grow.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, the students entertained questions.

Council Member Holmes inquired as to if HPU uses a similar system and if this is where their idea was generated from. They replied in the affirmative and noted that HPU does bring lots of visitors to the community which helps with bringing in revenue and the economy and they would like to extend that feeling of safety they have on campus to the general area.

Council Member Moore shared that he thoroughly enjoyed his visit with the HPU students on the Greenway Extender Project and he expressed regret that he was unable to meet with the other HPU students on the Blue Lit Road Project due to scheduling conflicts. He asked them if they are following a blueprint of this type of project from other places in other cities. The students replied that there are several cities that have also successfully done a project of this type in downtown areas and mentioned Grand Rapids, NC and Greenville, NC. Mayor Wagner added that during a recent visit to Chapel Hill, he noticed they have also installed

the lights in some of the residential areas close to the UNC- Chapel Hill campus and in the downtown area.

Council Member Moore personally thanked each of the students for their passion, advocacy, and professionalism and stated he would expect nothing less out of HPU under the leadership of Dr. Qubein. He spoke to how he is looking forward to looking more into the projects and hopes to see some great progress.

Council Member Jones reiterated that the HPU students would be presenting to the Prosperity & Livability Committee on the Greenway Extenders Project and they would be presenting to the Public Safety Committee on the Blue Lit Road Project and spoke to how this would allow for additional information and research. He advised that he would like to see the number of calls for service for the Police Department in those particular areas and if the areas are problem areas as a means to justify the expense.

Council Member Jefferson spoke about how the awesomeness of having both groups come in from HPU under the leadership of Dr. Qubein and Dr. Lenoir, who is their professor. He stated he loves the idea, what the class is doing, and having the students come in to do presentations like this, but he only wished that it was a one-year long class instead of a one-semester class. He expressed kudos to the students for taking a stake in the community, using their great innovative skills/intelligence, for their compassion, and their commitment and desire to do something.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams also thanked both groups of students for coming in and doing the presentations before the City Council. He spoke to how these projects fit within the strategic goals that have evolved with the City Council that continues to cover the retention of young professionals, blight remediation, and more downtown development.

Hearing nothing further, Council Member Hudson thanked Dr. Brandon Lenoir for bringing in this group of HPU students and thanked them for presenting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair

Committee Members: Williams, Hudson, Jefferson, and Johnson

2020-421 Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1503 Bridges Avenue

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1503 Bridges Avenue belonging to Elks Carpet Outlet, Inc.

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager, advised this was a housing case from the previous software and because of notification issues associated with the passing of the property owner caused the delay, but they were finally able to successfully get notification through the registered agent with the company. She then reviewed the timeline for the property:

First Inspection	12/14/2016	
Hearing	2/27/2020	No one appeared
		Repairs exceeded 65% of value
Order to Repair or Demolish	4/3/2020	
Compliance Date	4/3/2020	
Delinquent Taxes	\$5,343 (2017-2020)	

Mayor Pro Tem Williams asked if there were any questions of staff. Hearing none, he asked the clerk if any comments were received from anyone for or against this order; the clerk replied no comments were received.

Adopted an Ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1503 Bridges Avenue belonging to Elks Carpet Outlet, Inc.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this Demolition Ordinance for 1503 Bridges Avenue be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

Ordinance No. 7641/20-57

Ordinance Book, Volume XXI, Page 56

2020-422

Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 711 Hines Street

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 711 Hines Street belonging to Dolores Lobo Martinez, property deed date 7/19/2019, Lis Pendens record 8/27/2018, Previous owner Isa Irina Reyes-Lobo.

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager, advised that the property owners have made some repairs to the exterior of the house; however, there is still some work that needs to be done on the interior. She advised that she has been in discussions with the property owner and is recommending that Council put this housing case in pending for 30 days to allow staff to work with the owner to see if they can get things on track and get the house repaired.

Ms. Loosemore noted that she notified the property owner in March to let them know that this housing case would be coming before the City Council and how they sometimes don't believe it before it gets to this point.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this matter be postponed and placed in pending for 30 days [due back December 7, 2020]. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - Mayor Jay Wagner

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2020-423 Resolution of Intent Annexation 20-06

Approval of a Resolution of Intent to establish a public hearing date of November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., to consider a voluntary noncontiguous annexation of an approximately 6.8 acre parcel located along the south side of Tyner Road, approximately 1,300 feet east of Sandy Ridge Road. The property is addressed as 8229 Tyner Road, and also known as Guilford County Tax Parcel 170870.

Adopted a Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a voluntary noncontiguous annexation of an approximate 6.8-acre parcel located along the south side of Tyner Road, approximately 1,300 feet east of Sandy Ridge Road, addressed as 8229 Tyner Road and also known as Guilford County Tax Parcel 170870.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Jefferson, that this Resolution of Intent be adopted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

Ordinance No. 7641/20-57

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

2020-316 George Pitts and Lala Pitts-Annexation 20-05 (Continued Public Hearing)

A request by George Pitts and Lala Pitts for a voluntary noncontiguous annexation of approximately 15.5 acres located along the south side of National Service Road, approximately 200 feet east of Sandy Ridge Road. The property is addressed as 8051

National Service Road and 2520 Sandy Ridge Road, and also known as Guilford County Tax Parcels 170819 and 170821.

Note: The public hearing for this matter and accompanying matter 2020-317 Zoning Map Amendment 20-13 was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Council took action at that time to continue the public hearing to September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., and it was continued again to November 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon, Senior Planner with the Planning & Development Department, reiterated that the public hearing for this matter and related matter 2020-317 UMA Geotechnical Construction- Zoning Map Amendment 20-13 was initially held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at which time staff provided an overview of the staff report on both matters and outline of a recommendation of approval of both the annexation matter and the rezoning matter. He advised there is nothing additional that staff needs to add to their presentation and noted the applicant would like to present regarding Annexation 20-05 and Zoning Map Amendment 20-13.

Judy Stalder, 3735 Admiral Drive in High Point [participating remotely], recognized Brian DeSpain from UMA Geotechnical Construction, who was also participating remotely. Ms. Stalder advised that UMA is asking for approval of this annexation and rezoning so they can move and expand their business that is currently operating on a nearby property across the line in Greensboro. They are proposing to develop the property with offices, equipment storage, and a place for employees to park while working on site. She spoke to the operations on the site being low profile because all the actual physical work is done on job sites through the Southeast United States. To ensure higher development standards, UMA is proposing conditions that limit the uses and outdoor storage. They are providing a perimeter landscape screen to protect adjacent property and public rights-of-way. Ms. Stalder stated the request is supported by staff and also received a recommendation for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission. They are asking for Council's approval as well and she thanked Council for bearing with them while they asked for these cases to be continued to ensure they got through the due diligence before getting the property annexed.

Mayor Wagner asked if there were any questions for the applicant or the applicant's representative. There being none, he asked if any additional public comments were received. The clerk replied there were no additional comments received.

The Mayor announced that this matter would remain open for receipt of any additional comments for the required 24-hour period and City Council would be taking action on the annexation case and the rezoning case on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

2020-317 UMA Geotechnical Construction - Zoning Map Amendment 20-13 (Continued Public Hearing)

A request by UMA Geotechnical Construction to rezone approximate 15.5 acres from the Residential Single Family-40 (RS-40) District and the Agricultural (AG) District, both within Guilford County's zoning jurisdiction, to a Conditional Zoning Light Industrial (CZ-LI) District. The site is located along the south side of National Service Road, approximately 200 feet east of Sandy Ridge Road (8051 National Service Road and 2520 Sandy Ridge Road).

Approval of this rezoning request is contingent upon City Council approval of a voluntary annexation request.

Note: The public hearing for this matter and accompanying matter 2020-316 Annexation 20-05 Zoning Map Amendment 20-13 was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Council took action at that time to continue the public hearing to September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., and it was continued again to November 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Please refer to 220-316 Annexation 20-05 for specific comments made at the public hearing.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2020-427 Waiver of Conflict for Jonathan Fine

Council is requested to provide authorization for the Mayor to execute a Waiver of Conflict to allow Jonathan Fine to assist as an informal mediator between the City and the Rockers Team.

Mayor Wagner announced that the Council has been briefed regarding this matter and asked the City Attorney if there was anything additional that needs to be presented to Council. City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle offered to answer any questions; there were none.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve the Waiver of Conflict for Jonathan Fine and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Waiver of Conflict that would allow Jonathan Fine to assist as an informal mediator between the City and the Rockers Team. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

2020-439 Amendment to Personnel Resolution- Section 4.9 New Employee Orientation

Staff is requesting that Council amend Section 4.9 of the Personnel Resolution to reflect that New Employee Orientation is held bi-weekly instead of monthly.

Mayor Wagner moved to suspend the rules to place this matter on tonight's agenda for consideration. Council Member Jefferson made a second to the motion. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion to suspend the rules carried by a 9-0 unanimous vote as follows:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

Mayor Wagner explained this is a minor amendment to the Personnel Resolution clarifying that new employee orientation is to be held bi-weekly instead of monthly. City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle stated that was correct and explained that a week ago the Human Resources

Director and outside legal counsel met to go over documents looking at revisions to the Personnel Resolution, more particularly Section 4 and that the City Council actually addressed and discussed revisions to the Personnel Resolution at a Special Meeting on October 28th and at that time, the Human Resources Director was unable to present the discrepancy that she found.

Mayor Wagner agreed that it was merely a minor technical change to reflect what it should have been in the first place. As a reminder, Ms. Carlyle advised that review of the Personnel Resolution would be ongoing and she has asked the Human Resources Director Angela Kirkwood to work with and be the main contact for the outside legal counsel in that process.

Approved an Amendment to Section 4.9 of the City of High Point Personnel Resolution- New Employee Orientation- stating that new employee orientation will be held bi-weekly instead of monthly.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve an amendment to Section 4.9 of the City of High Point Personnel Resolution regarding New Employee Orientation. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

2020-424 Minutes To Be Approved

Finance Committee; October 1st @ 4:00 p.m.
Special Meeting of City Council; October 5th @ 2:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting of City Council; October 5th @ 5:30 p.m.
Community Development Committee; October 6th @ 4:00 p.m.
Prosperity & Livability Committee; October 7th @ 9:00 a.m.
Recessed Meeting of City Council; October 7th @ 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Hudson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, that the preceding minutes be approved as submitted. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Williams; Council Member Johnson; Council Member Moore; Council Member Jefferson; Council Member Peters; Council Member Hudson; Council Member Jones; and Council Member Holmes

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, at 6:25 p.m., the meeting was recessed to Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at which time, Council will take action on the public hearing matters that were heard tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk

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