COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(Virtual Meeting)
Chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Williams
Members: Williams, Hudson, Jefferson, and Johnson
April 13, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

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.
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CALL TO ORDER (Virtual Roll Call)

Chairman Chris Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Following a virtual roll call, the following attendance by Committee Members was duly noted.

Remotely
Present (4): Chairman Chris Williams, Committee Member Cyril Jefferson, Committee Member Wesley Hudson, and Committee Member Tyrone Johnson

Also, Remotely
Present (1): Mayor Pro Tem Britt Moore

Staff Participating Remotely:
Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Michael McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing; and Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk; JoAnne, Carlyle, City Attorney; Lisa Vierling, City Clerk; Michelle McNair, Community Resource Manager; and Nena Wilson, Assistant Director of Community Development & Housing

Also Participating Remotely:
Dr. Pamela Palmer, Board Chair of the Guilford County Continuum of Care (CoC); Brian Hahne, Executive Director of Partners Ending Homelessness; Heather Skeens, DHHS Director; and Sherri Neal

The following documents associated with the presentations, are hereby attached as a permanent part of these proceedings:

1. *2021-22 Annual Action Plan PowerPoint Presentation*

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2021-135   Update-Homeless Services-Guilford County Continuum of Care
Staff and Officers of the Guilford County Continuum of Care will provide an update on Homeless Services.

Dr. Pamela Palmer, Board Chair of the Guilford County Continuum of Care (CoC) extended greetings; voiced appreciation for the opportunity to share information about the CoC; and recognized Brian Hahne, Executive Director of Partners Ending Homelessness to provide an update on Homeless Services with the CoC.; and on his continued effort working with the staff of Guilford County.

Mr. Hahne spoke to the progress made with the CoC and Guilford County; and recognized Heather Skeens, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director to speak on behalf of the county.

Ms. Skeens introduced Sherri Neal who served as the CoC Program Manager; said that Ms. Neal's position included working/assisting homelessness in the county; provided a brief background of her work history and experience; spoke to the positive partnership as a collaborative opportunity to assure unitedness in county; to continued meetings with Technical Assistant (TA) with Housing Urban and Development (HUD); voiced appreciation to Mr. Hahne's instrumental part during the transition; and thanked Nena Wilson, Community Development Assistant Director for participating in interview/hiring process for the CoC Program Manager.

Committee Member Jefferson voiced appreciation for the county's, and Ms. Skeens' collaborative efforts.

Ms. Skeens spoke to available, and forthcoming funds; and to partnering with the city of High Point with the Rental and Safe Drinking Water program.

Chairman Williams inquired if there were any plans in regards to assisting homeless individuals in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Palmer replied that the shelter leaders met every Wednesday as a task force to structure and share the needs as it related to the shelters; and that the homeless community received vaccines on a voluntary basis.

Mr. Hahne spoke to the history of the shelter's task force; to the number of individuals/clients that were placed safely to shelters; to the assistance from Ms. Skeens and her team on providing information for clients and staff that included the registration process for receiving the COVID-19 vaccines; and voiced appreciation of the partnership with the county.

Ms. Skeens voiced concerns related to the homeless community receiving vaccines; said there would be a mobile unit that would outreach to communities and offer the vaccine; and that there would be free transportation provided to the vaccination center for those who needed it.
Mr. Hahne voiced appreciation for the collaboration of two cities (Greensboro/High Point) and the county's leadership; to the city's supportive staff; and said that there would be reports provided in the future of the

work in progress.

Chairman Williams spoke to the great work that was being accomplished on all levels; and thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts.

2021-136   Presentation-2021-22 Annual Action Plan
Staff will give a presentation on the 2021-22 Annual Action Plan.

Michael McNair, Community Development Director made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the Community Development and Housing Department's (CDH) 2021-22 Annual Action Plan (Plan); said the Plan would be presented to council along with a resolution at the May 3rd regular meeting for approval; said the Plan identified activities that strengthened neighborhoods; spoke to utilizing HUD income guidelines based in the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for High Point and Greensboro; gave an overview of the proposed 2021-22 budget that included sources and uses; the funding distribution; outlined proposed activities to include: affordable housing, community capacity building, and code enforcement; provided a list of agencies for the 2021 Public Service Grant Recommendations; said that the agencies were reviewed by the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC); and said that the recommendation details were included in draft Plan which is located on CDH department's website.

Mr. McNair continued discussion regarding the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Program; explained the eligibility process, and what the Program would entail; provided updates for the Hartley Meadow Project, and Wendover Heights at 5000 W. Wendover; and provided the 2021 Plan schedule.

Chairman Williams opened the floor for questions.

Committee Member Jefferson Cyril thanked Mr. McNair for the update; and asked for clarification on the application process, and to expound on the collaborating efforts with agencies regarding the SOAR Program for homeless individuals. Mr. McNair replied that there was interaction/discussion with community groups and neighborhoods in regard to collaboration efforts to assist the homeless community; and spoke to using future funding from the government to help provide permanent, and affordable housing for homeless individuals.

Nena Wilson, Community Development Assistant Director added that The Servant Center's director in Greensboro is active with the CoC; and that the center is currently searching and working with agencies for a future site that would be convenient for those who lived in High Point.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore inquired if there was a confirmation on relief funding for the city. Mr. McNair replied that there was a limited amount of information at this time; that part of the funding would be received by the city on May 15th; and that part of that funding would be for the Home Program allocation.

Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager advised that the U.S. Treasury Department would issue guidance on eligible expenses before funds are released.

Committee Member Hudson thanked Mr. McNair and his staff for their continued efforts and hard work.

Committee Member Hudson made a motion to send the Community Development and Housing Department's 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to council with a favorable recommendation for approval. Committee Member Johnson made a second to the motion. Following a roll call vote by Chairman Williams, the motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:

Aye (4): Chairman Williams, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jefferson, and Committee Member Johnson

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Christopher Williams, Chairman

Attest:

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Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk