

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 3, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES

As part of the City of High Point's on-going 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. www.HighPointNC.gov/VirtualPublicMeeting

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

He then called the roll for attendance. The following council members were **present (8)**:

Mayor Jay W. Wagner (physically present)
Mayor Pro Tem Britt W. Moore- At Large (physically present [arrived at 4:07 p.m.])
Council Member Tyrone Johnson- At Large (remote participation)
Council Member Cyril Jefferson- Ward 1 (physically present)
Council Member Christopher Williams- Ward 2 (physically present)
Council Member S. Wesley Hudson- Ward 4 (physically present)
Council Member Victor Jones- Ward 5 (physically present)
Council Member Michael Holmes- Ward 6 (remote participation)

The following council members were absent (2):

Council Member Monica L. Peters

The following staff members were physically present:

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Jeron Hollis, Managing Director; Mark McDonald Transportation Director; Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director; Lee Tillery, Parks and Recreation Director; Tracy Pegram, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

Others present:

Colin Frosch, P.E., Kimley-Horn; HH Architectural: Kristen Hess, and Jenessa Van Deen, Samet Corporation: Adam Cardin and Maurice McNiell

Others participating remotely:

Jonathan Fine; and Sarah Stevenson

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**2021-166 Closed Session (Attorney-Client Privilege)**

Council is requested to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner at 3:03 p.m., seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privilege. Following a roll call vote by the Mayor, the motion to go into closed session carried by the following unanimous 7-0 vote.

Aye (7): Mayor Wagner, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, Council Member Jefferson, and Council Member Holmes

Absent (2): Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Council Member Peters

Upon reconvening into Open Session at 3:58 p.m., Mayor Wagner announced there would be no action taken as a result of the closed session.

2021-167 Presentation- Triangle Lake Road Bond Project

Staff and the consultants for the project, Kimley-Horn, will make a presentation on the Triangle Lake Road Bond Project.

Mark McDonald, Transportation Director gave a brief background of the Triangle Lake Bond Project (Project); said that the Project was a part of the 2004 bond referendum; and recognized the consultants from Kimley-Horn to provide details of their preliminary study results, and proposed design.

Colin Frosch, P.E., Kimley-Horn extended greetings; said that the Project would be funded through the City of High Point's 2019 Transportation Bond Referendum (\$12 million); the purpose of the Project was to improve access for pedestrian, bicyclist, and transit users; provided an overview of the existing conditions of Triangle Lake Road's corridor; located between Hickory Chapel Road and Oakcrest Avenue; and between Oakcrest Avenue, and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Mr. Frosch explained the Crash Analysis conducted that included the frequency of crashes along the corridor, crash type, high crash concentration areas, and recommendations; stated that the crash rate was higher than the statewide average with no fatalities; discussed the Traffic Analysis at the intersections; provided the results with recommendations; spoke to the Environmental Screening that included natural resources, and community features; the proposed improvements were: typical sections, intersection modifications, alignment improvements, and to have five bus stops along the corridor; and that they would continue to work in coordination with the Transit Department to evaluate the needs in the final design process.

Council Member Williams inquired on potential flooding issues at the Roundabout. Mr. Frosch replied that curbs and gutter would be added to control the storm water; and that the flooding concerns would be evaluated in the final assessment of the Project.

Mr. Frosch continued discussion regarding the public's involvement for the Project; said that there would be public meetings, and surveys conducted for feedback; concluded with the next steps of the Project with an anticipated begin date of 2023/2025; and noted that he had a copy of the design plan for council to review.

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager recognized Mr. McDonald to provide an update on the Washington Street Relocation, and Burton Road transportation bond projects.

Mr. McDonald spoke to the Washington Street Relocation Project; to the issues with erosion at the railroad tracks; said that the consultants for the project had completed the roadway element, and were working on the relocations of utilities, and gas lines; and that the plans for this project would be completed late summer. The Burton Road Project would be adding curb/gutter, bike lanes, and sidewalks; the engineering services and designs would be performed inhouse; and that the project was ready to move forward.

Council Member Jefferson inquired on the Washing Street Relocation Project timeline; asked was the pedestrian bridge apart of the project; and if there would be future public meetings regarding this project. Mr. McDonald replied that at this time there was no definite timeframe for completion of the project; the pedestrian bridge was not a part of the project but a request was submitted to NCDOT for one; and that there would be a future public meetings for the Washing Street Relocation, and Burton Road projects.

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Presentation- City Lake Park Renovation Bond Project

Staff; consultants for the project, HH Architectural; and the contractor, Samet Corporation, will present information on the City Lake Park Renovation Bond Project.

Lee Tillery, Parks and Recreation Director recognized staff, consultants from HH Architectural, and representatives from Samet Corporation in attendance who are working on the City Lake Renovation Bond Project (Project), which will be in two phases; said that they would be presenting a presentation; gave a brief history of the City Lake Park; outlined the scope of the Project; and spoke to an anticipated completion date of May 2022.

Kristen Hess, Principle, CEO of HH Architectural extended greetings; and introduced Jenessa Van Deen, Senior Architect of HH Architectural who will also be assisting with the design of the Project. Ms. Hess spoke to the existing conditions of the City Lake Park (Park); and to the deferred maintenance due to the age of the buildings.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore inquired on rebuilding versus renovations. Ms. Hess replied that is was more cost effective to renovate; and that preserving the history of the Park was worth saving.

Ms. Deen spoke to enhancing and preserving the history of the Park; outlined the project scope for the renovations of the pool; said that the pool renovations would include additional parking, and would have ADA connectivity at the pool area; and to the scope of the community center, which would be a multi-use center.

Ms. Hess provided details of the gym's design features, main entrance, and the pedestrian bridge; thanked everyone for their time; and said that HH Architectural look forward to working with the city.

Adam Cardin, Samet Corporation advised that Samet was selected as the construction manager at risk for the Project; provided a background, and history of their experience; to Samet's continued track record of having local MWBE participation; to having an schedule of completion by Memorial Day 2022; and introduced Maurice McNiell with Samet, who would be assisting with the Project.

Mr. McNiell voiced appreciation to be able to work on this Project; spoke to his personal connection and history with the Park; commended HH Architectural on their design work, and Parks and Recreation for their vision; spoke to the scope of the project; said that they were reaching out to contractors, and outreaching to MWBE firms; explained how the bidding process would be conducted for the Project; spoke to the quality and safety of the work to be performed; and thanked everyone for the opportunity to work on the Project.

Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager advised that he could address any components of the Project; explained the process of hiring General Contractors, and Sub Contractors; spoke to the rising prices for materials; said that the pedestrian bridge was an alternate design, and that there would be discussions for other alternate designs with Samet Corporation; and that staff would come back before council with definite numbers on the Project at a later date.

Council Member Jefferson voiced appreciation, and excitement for the Project; and commended Samet for involving MWBE participation.

Council Member Hudson inquired on the location of the proposed pedestrian bridge to the greenway. Mr. Tillery replied that the proposed connection to the greenway would be located at the American Legion building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, no objections were voiced to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk