

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 South Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27261*



Minutes

Monday, January 6, 2014

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

*Bernita Sims, Mayor
James C. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Foster L. Douglas, Jason P. Ewing,
Jeffrey J. Golden, Judith P. Mendenhall,
Britt W. Moore, Rebecca R. Smothers,
Jay W. Wagner*

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were present. Council Member Davis offered the invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Sims explained there were a couple of news stories that incorrectly reported that the City Council would be dealing with the Kilby Hotel on this agenda, but pointed out this is not the case. She explained that those items are pending with Council and clarified that they would not be discussed at tonight's meeting.

Present 9 - Mayor Bernita Sims, Council Member Foster Douglas, Council Member Jason Ewing, Council Member Jeffrey Golden, Council Member Judy Mendenhall, Council Member Rebecca Smothers, Council Member Jay Wagner, Council Member Britt Moore, and Mayor Pro Tem James Davis

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**Boy Scout Tanner Seals**

Mayor Sims recognized Tanner Seals with Troop #2, who was present in the audience. He attends Southwest Middle School and is working on his Citizenship in the Community badge.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Moore, Chair****Committee Members: Wagner, Davis and Sims****(all were present)****[140001](#)****Contract - Bid No. 34 - Centrifuge Equipment Procurement - Eastside WWTP**

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 34 for the purchase of Centrifuge Equipment for the Eastside Waste Water Treatment Plant. Purchasing and the Public Services Department recommends that contract be awarded to GEA Mechanical Equipment US Inc. in the amount of \$816,000.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Bid No. 34 - Centrifuge Equipment Procurement](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended approval.

Approved contract with GEA Mechanical Equipment US Inc. in the amount of \$816,000.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this Contract be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140002**Contract - Bid No. 36 - Cake Pump and Silo Equipment - Eastside WWTP**

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 36 for the purchase of Cake Pump and Silo Equipment for the Eastside Waste Water Treatment Plant. Purchasing and the Public Services Department recommends that contract be awarded to Schwing Bioiset, Inc. in the amount of \$1,104,300.00.

Attachments: [Bid No. 36 - Cake Pumps - Eastside WWTP Incinerator](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended approval.

Approved contract with Schwing Bioiset, Inc. in the amount of \$1,104,300.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this Contract be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140003**Engineering Services Agreement - Phase 3 Upgrade - Westside WWTP**

Acceptance of contract for Engineering Services between the City of High Point and Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. (Engineers) in the amount of \$1,892,798.00 for the Phase 3 Upgrade for the Westside Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Attachments: [Engineering Services - Hazen and Sawyer - Phase 3 Upgrade Westside WW](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended approval.

Approved contract with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. in the amount of \$1,892,798.00 for engineering services for the Phase 3 Upgrade for the Westside Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this Contract be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140004**Resolution - 2012 Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP)**

Council is requested to adopt a Resolution for the 2012 Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) as required by North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NDENR).

Attachments: [Resolution - 2012 Local Water Supply Plan](#)
 [Resol - Local Water Supply - Signed](#)

Resolution No. 1361/14-02
Introduced 1/6/2014; Adopted 1/6/2014
Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, page 84

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. The Committee recommended approval.

Adopted Resolution for the 2012 Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) as required by North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

(NCDENR).

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140005

Supplemental Agreement - NCDOT - Deep River Greenway Trail

Council is requested to approve a Supplemental Agreement between the City of High Point and the North Carolina Department of Transportation that extends the completion date of the Deep River Greenway Trail to July 1, 2014.

Attachments: [NCDOT Supplemental Agreement - Deep River Greenway Trail](#)
[NCDOT_SuppAgreement-Greenway - signed](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended approval.

Approved a Supplemental Agreement between the City of High Point and the North Carolina Department of Transportation that extends the completion date of the Deep River Greenway Trail to July 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this Supplemental Agreement be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140006

Contract - Bid No. 16 - Restroom Building at City Lake Park

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 16 for the construction of a new restroom building at the City Lake Park. Purchasing and the Parks and Recreation Department recommends that contract be awarded to C.R. Beaver, Inc., Kernersville, NC in the amount of \$128,395.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Bid No. 16 - New Restroom at City Lake Park](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended approval.

Approved contract with C.R. Beaver, Inc., Kernersville, NC in the amount of \$128,395.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this Contract be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140007

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant Application

Council is requested to authorize the staff to proceed with the filing of an application for a \$500,000.00 grant from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) to assist with construction costs for the Deep River portion of the High Point Greenway.

Attachments: [Parks & Recreation Trust Fund Grant](#)
[P & R Trust Fund Grant - Signed](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended approval.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, to authorize staff to proceed with the filing of an application for a \$500,000.00 grant from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) to assist with construction costs for the Deep River portion of the High Point Greenway. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140008

Budget Ordinance Amendment - Fire Department Bike Team

Adoption of an ordinance amending the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds received in the amount of \$18,758.00 from the Fireman's Fund Grant for the Fire Bike Team.

Attachments: [Budget Ordinance Amendment- Fire Bike Team Grant Funds](#)

Ordinance No. 7023/14-01

Introduced 1/6/2014; Adopted 1/6/2014

Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 55

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended adoption.

Adopted Ordinance amending the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance appropriating funds received in the amount of \$18,758.00 from the Fireman's Fund Grant for the Fire Bike Team.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that the Ordinance amending the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance to appropriate these funds be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140014

2014-2015 CIGNA Group Health Insurance Contract Renewal

Staff is requesting approval of the 2014-2015 CIGNA Group Health Insurance Contract at a renewal increase of 3.0% beginning April 1, 2014. The recommendation for 2014-2015 also includes a continuous wellness initiative and changes in annual out of pocket maximums.

Attachments: [CIGNA 2014-2015 Health Insurance Renewal Handout](#)

[Health Dental Contribution Rates 2007 to 2015](#)

[Health Care Renewal for April 1 2014 Updated January 6 2014](#)

[Note: As per Council Member Smothers' request, the information distributed during the Finance Committee meeting regarding this matter will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.]

Motion by Council Member Moore and second by Council Member Mendenhall to suspend the rules to place this matter on the Agenda for consideration. The motion to suspend the rules carried by a unanimous 9-0 vote.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. Angela Kirkwood, Director of Human Resources and Joe Lineberry with AonHewitt were present at that meeting and made a short presentation.

Chairman Moore asked the city manager to briefly summarize the recommendation that was made during the Finance Committee meeting. City Manager Strib Boynton explained that for several years, the city has enjoyed lower claims than expected and the city's consultant, AonHewitt, researched a number of health care providers in the market including CIGNA. The city's loss ratio and loss experiences, drew them to the conclusion that the city should remain with CIGNA. He pointed out the bottom line increase would be \$388,000 for the coming year, which is a 3% increase and this was considered to be a fairly good increase taking into consideration the current market. He also noted that it was of significant importance to note that the cost the city will incur in the coming year due to the National Health Care Program is estimated at \$507,000 and if it were not for this increase, the renewal would have come in about \$117,000 to \$118,000 less than what the city is currently paying. He reported that staff is requesting Council's approval of the contract with CIGNA which begins April 1, 2014.

Council Member Douglas asked if the \$388,000 increase was so that the employees out-of-pocket costs would not be affected. Mr. Boynton explained there would be no increase in the monthly fee that is charged to employees, but there would be some out of pocket annual maximums which have already been reviewed with Council.

Approved the contract renewal with CIGNA for 2014-2015 to be effective April 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Smothers, that the contract renewal with CIGNA for 2014-2015 be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

Pending Items

[130364](#)

Contract- Bid No. 28- Demolition of Kilby Hotel, 625-627 Washington Street

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 28 for the demolition of the Kilby Hotel located at 625-627 Washington Street. The low bidder for the demolition of the Kilby Hotel was A1 Salvage and Demolition Co., Inc. in the amount of \$58,500 and the Purchasing Department is recommending acceptance of the bid based on the company being properly licensed and capable of completing the scope of work for demolition of the building. At the December 16th, 2013 meeting, this item was deferred to the January 21st meeting.

Attachments: [Kilby Hotel Demolition Bid Tabulation](#)

This matter was discussed by the City Council on December 16, 2013. At that time, action was taken to continue this matter to the January 21, 2014 meeting.

[130230](#)

Review of Health Insurance Coverage for City Council Members

At the request of Council Member Mendenhall, Council is being asked to review the current council-established policy regarding health insurance coverage and costs associated with the same.

This matter has been on the pending list since August 19, 2013.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Council Member Smothers, Chair

[140009](#)

Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 14-01 - High Point University

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to consider a request by High Point University to abandon that portion of Montlieu Avenue, an improved right-of-way, lying between N. Centennial Street and N. College Drive.

Attachments: [Resolution of Intent Street Abandonment 14-01 - Montlieu Ave - HPU](#)

Resolution No. 1362/14-02

Introduced 1/6/2014; Adopted 1/6/2014

Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, Page 85

Chairwoman Smothers explained this is a Resolution of Intent calling for a public hearing on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to consider the request by High Point University to abandon that portion of Montlieu Avenue, an improved right-of-way, lying between N. Centennial Street and N. College Drive.

Adopted the Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to consider a request by High Point University to abandon that portion of Montlieu Avenue, an improved right-of-way, lying between N. Centennial Street and N. College Drive.

A motion was made by Council Member Smothers, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this Resolution of Intent be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

Pending Items

[130365](#)

Ordinance- Demolition- Kilby Hotel. 625-627 Washington Street

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 625-627 Washington Street belonging to Burnie McElrath and Myra Williams. At the December 16th, 2013 meeting, this item was deferred to the January 21st, 2014 meeting.

This matter was discussed by the City Council on December 16, 2013. At that time, action was taken to continue this matter to the January 21, 2014 meeting.

For specific comments made regarding this matter, please refer to matter 130360 Washington Street/Kilby Hotel.

MISCELLANEOUS

[140010](#)

Change in Meeting Schedule - Martin Luther King Holiday

Council is requested to establish the date of Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. as the next Regular City Council meeting due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 20th, 2014.

Established the date of Tuesday, January 21, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m. as the next Regular City Council meeting due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. be established as the next Regular City Council Meeting due to the Martin Luther King Holiday be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 6:00 P.M.

Charity Belton, 226 Hobson Street, High Point, 27260, addressed council. She thanked Council for their recent action to reopen Washington Street and reported that the residents in the area are happy with the fence that was put up. She reiterated there were some property owners who had some property damages as a result of the street closure and noted she had forwarded this to her representative on Council, but would like an update as to how it would be addressed. Ms. Belton also happily reported that she will not be closing the doors at 709 E. Washington Street (Cretive Niche) due to the street being opened up.

She also expressed concerns regarding matter #140009 that was on tonight's agenda regarding the abandonment of Montlieu Avenue. From a residential standpoint, she expressed concerns regarding connectivity and the EMS being able to get through from the Cedrow Resident's Association area going through to Main Street--especially with all of the plans with IGNITE High Point. She felt like abandoning this portion of Montlieu would be closing these residents off and wanted to go on record against the street abandonemtn.

At this time, Council Member Smothers assured Ms. Belton that no action was taken tonight to close Montlieu Avenue, it was merely action to set a public hearing to consider the street closing request. Ms. Belton understood and explained that she and the residents wanted to be proactive about letting their concerns be known in advance.

Claire Stone, 4915 Kenview Street, Greensboro, a transportation advocate, was present to address Council along with some members of the Advocates for

High Point Transportation (AHPT). She provided Council with some handouts outlining two requests and containing minutes from past meetings regarding some benefits of public transportation. ***[a copy of these handouts will be attached in the Exhibit Book and incorporated as a permanent part of these proceedings]***. AHPT is requesting the following:

1. That HiTran cover the growing north side of High Point (Eastchester and Wendover area), shifting away from Oak Hollow Mall (Route #15); and
2. Requested creation of a HiTran Advisory Committee similar to the committee that operated in the past (possibly including fixed route and paratransit riders, organizations, city staff and City Council liaison).

Mayor Sims asked City Manager Boynton to make sure the information submitted is distributed to the appropriate people so these concerns could be addressed. Mr. Boynton agreed there is a need for a study committee and noted that it has been discussed, but the appointments have not yet been made.

Larry Diggs, 1127 Biltmore Avenue, High Point, addressed Council regarding public transportation concerns. He noted that he has talked to the Transit Manager as well as the Human Relations Department in hopes that something could be worked out to make public transportation better in High Point. He totally agrees and supports the creation of a transportation advisory committee, but felt like the city has not put this as a high priority. He stressed the importance of having a good public transportation system for a growing city like High Point. He asked Council to consider these things, particularly providing public transportation to the north end of High Point to the Palladium area because of the many job opportunities and businesses that would benefit.

Mr. Diggs also mentioned a recent transportation survey that was distributed to some of the ridership and felt many of the questions in the survey were redundant and did not address questions that would expose the problems with public transportation.

Gloria Bellamy, 1216 Turney Court, High Point, also addressed Council regarding public transportation concerns. Ms. Bellamy noted that she grew up in High Point, graduated from T. Wingate Andrews, moved away, but moved back to High Point in 2006. She explained that due to a visual impairment, she relies on public transportation and a paratransit transportation and would think that the merchants and the Chamber of Commerce would want her to spend her money in north High Point and to be able to go to the doctor so she could live her life as independently as she can without always having to ask a friend, relative, or a taxi to take her places. She shared that she, too, got the survey that Mr. Diggs referenced, but she could find no definitive reason to answer the questions. She also agreed with the creation of a transportation advisory board and suggested that its members could have helped develop questions for the

survey which would have led to a truer result that would have been helpful in finding the needs for people who actually use transportation. She felt for a city with a population over 100,000 that concerns would be placed on sustainability and the green factor. She also suggested a park-in-ride as an alternative and felt this might prompt more people to use public transportation. Ms. Bellamy asked Council to please consider these factors and move at posthaste because the riders have some wonderful ideas they would like to share.

Cynthia Davis, 413 Evergreen Avenue, High Point, addressed Council regarding the following concerns:

1. Reported there are two or three lights that need to be checked in the middle of Evergreen.
2. Reported that the signage at the end of Evergreen for Edgewood has been removed, and needs to be replaced.
3. Asked if the city's Pcards are connected or linked to the miscellaneous funds that are allocated in the budget, or if they are above and beyond the miscellaneous accounts that are contained in departmental budgets.

Jeff Moore, Director of Financial Services, explained that the Pcard program is part of the budget that is adopted by the City Council on an annual basis and is tied to the budget. Mayor Sims further explained that each expenditure should have an account code associated with it and that account code identifies whether it's office supplies, repair materials, etc..... and this coding assists the Finance Department in determining what line item is used for payment of the item(s).

4. Asked for an update regarding the Montlieu Avenue and if any input has been received from NCDOT.

City Manager Boynton explained that NCDOT will meet this week and the recommendation from their staff is to approve removing it from the state system.

Steven Ray Turner, 1008 Old Creek Crossing Lane, High Point, addressed Council regarding traffic concerns, careless and wreckless drivers. He felt those traffic offenders who have to go to court, pay their fines and attorney fees, and also do some community service time.

Council Member Smothers asked Mr. Turner if there is a specific area he feels where traffic enforcement would be important and Mr. Turner replied generally anywhere or everywhere and shared a recent experience he had with a motorist on English Road that could have resulted in a three-car collision.

Doretta Sims, a High Point resident, addressed Council regarding the following issues:

1. Concerns regarding closing Montlieu (but will save her comments for the public hearing that is scheduled);
2. Elections- She is okay with changing the elections from Plurality back to Primaries, but will advocate keeping the elections in the even years because it affects Black people; and
3. Asked Council to hold a public hearing on renaming a street to Martin Luther King and felt this seems to keep getting pushed under the rug. She asked Council to stop trying to give them sidewalks, statues and naming buildings, etc.... and felt if Council could close a street, they could certainly change the name on one.

Lee Drezner, an 85-year-old resident and businessman, lodged complaints and felt he was treated unfairly by the City Manager, Police Chief and Police Department, as well as the Mayor. He expressed concerns that he has made numerous calls to the city manager as well as the Mayor and cannot get anybody to return his calls. He proceeded to share with Council some personal experiences and alleged incidents and felt he was being lied to and deceived and he took offense to this. He accused the High Point Police Department of falsifying a police report regarding an alleged accident involving a Timewarner Cable truck which caused him to break his hip.

Mayor Sims shared with Mr. Drezner that she did return his calls and has spoken with him on several occasions about his situation and the last time she spoke with him, she advised him it would have to be turned over to the City Manager and Police Department, and has since found out that they had already looked into the situation. Mayor Sims informed Mr. Drezner that there is nothing further that the city can do and advised him that he would need to hire an attorney and have that attorney look into the situation with the way the police report was filed. Mr. Drezner then raised his voice, became belligerent and shouted, "I can prove it's wrong." Before leaving the podium, Mr. Drezner reached into his briefcase, pulled out a notebook and threw it on the dais towards the mayor and manager. [He was then ushered out by a police officer].

Mayor Sims asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak during the Public Comment period. There being none, the Public Comment period was closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:15 P.M. - No Public Hearings Scheduled

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCY REPORT

[140013](#)

Appointment- Historic Preservation Commission

Council Member Jason Ewing is recommending the appointment of Gloria Halstead to

the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Halstead will fill the expired term of Steven Dudash. Appointment effective 1/15/2014 and will expire 7/1/2016.

Attachments: [HALSTEAD Gloria 2013](#)

Council Member Ewing shared that Ms. Halstead has a background in energy and environmental as an attorney and she has also served as a board member in Washington, DC with the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, among a few others and felt she would be a good fit for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Approved the appointment of Gloria Halstead to the Historic Preservation Commission to be effective January 15, 2014 and will expire July 1, 2016.

[140011](#)

Boards and Commissions - Vacancy Report

Attached is the current list of vacancies for all Boards and Commissions

Attachments: [term expirations Vacancy Report](#)

This information is attached for informational purposes only. No action is required on this item.

[140012](#)

Approval of the following Minutes

Adjourned Session of City Council held Thursday, December 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

Finance Committee meeting held Monday, December 16th @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Regular meeting held Monday, December 16th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday, December 17th @ 4:00 p.m.

Attachments: [December 5 2013 Adjourned Session](#)

[December 16 2013 Finance Committee](#)

[December 16 2013 High Point City Council](#)

[December 17 2013 Comprehensive Planning Committee](#)

The minutes for the preceding minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Council Member Wagner, that these Minutes be approved as submitted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. upon motion duly made by Council Member Wagner and second by Council Member Mendenhall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernita Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk