

City of High Point

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



Minutes

Monday, March 3, 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

- Present** 8 - 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, and Mayor Pro Tem James Davis
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Britt Moore

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Moore, Chair**
Committee Members: Wagner, Davis and Sims**[All were present except Chairman Moore]****In the absence of Chairman Moore, Mayor Sims chaired this portion of the meeting.**[140048](#)**Contracts - Chemicals for Water and Waste Water Treatments Plants**

Council is requested to award contracts as follows for the purchase of chemicals for use at the city's water and wastewater treatment plants:

- 1) Aluminum Sulfate (contract extension) - General Chemical - \$586,190.00
- 2) Sodium Hypochlorite (Bid No. 41) - Water Guard - \$127,492.50
- 3) Sodium Hydroxide (Bid No. 43) - Brenntag Mid South - \$148,529.00

These are the lowest responsive, responsive bidders meeting specification. Total amount of all three contracts - \$862,211.50.

Attachments: [Contracts - Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Chemicals](#)

Approved a contract extension with General Chemical in the amount of \$586,190.00, a contract with Water Guard in the amount of \$127,492.50, and a contract with Brenntag Mid South in the amount of \$148,529.00, with a total contract award of \$862,211.50, which are the lowest responsive, responsive bidders meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Contract be approved. The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent]

[140049](#)**Minority Contractor Participation Report 2013**

City Council will receive a presentation from the Purchasing Department on the Minorities, Women-Owned, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Annual report for the Calendar Year 2013.

Attachments: [MWBE Report-2013](#)

Jeff Moore, Director of Financial Services, reported that the city's purchasing department would be making a formal presentation regarding the 2013 Minority Contractor Participation Report in the next couple of weeks. For the calendar year 2013, the city tracked eight awarded construction projects totaling a little over \$28,000,000.00 with a participation rate at 17%, or almost \$4.8 million. Mayor Sims thanked Mr. Moore for providing this information and noted this has been something that she has constantly asked about and felt it was a good sign that the city has now exceeded the 10% goal.

COMMUNITY HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -

Council Member Douglas, Chair

Committee Members: Mendenhall, Ewing and Golden

(all members were present)

Pending Items

[140033](#)

Ordinance -Vacate/Close Dwelling (48 Hour Notice) - 1310-1C Burton Road

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing (48 hour notice) of a structure located at 1310-1C burton Road belonging to Laurelwood Park Limited Partnership.

Attachments: [Vacate Close - 1310-1C Burton Avenue](#)

[Memo from staff recommending removal from agenda](#)

Council Member Smothers moved to suspend the rules to take this matter out of pending so it could be disposed of. Council Member Mendenhall made a second to the motion, which carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote.

Chairman Douglas reported that staff has reported to him that the dwelling unit is now in compliance with the Minimum Housing Code and can now be occupied. The only violation for this dwelling unit was no heat and the property owner has hired a licensed mechanical contractor to replace the existing heat pump with a new unit.

Removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Douglas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Ordinance be withdrawn. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Council Member Smothers,

Chair

[140050](#)

Resolution of Intent - Annexation 14-01 - Carolina Investment Properties, LLC

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to consider a voluntary non-contiguous annexation of approximately 129.5 acres lying along the east side of NC Highway 66, between Moore

Farm Drive and I-74.

Attachments: [Resolution of Intent - Annex -14-01](#)

Resolution No. 1367/14-07

Introduced 3/3/2014; Adopted 3/3/2014

Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, Page 90

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to consider a voluntary non-contiguous annexation of approximately 129.5 acres lying along the east side of NC Highway 66, between Moore Farm Drive and I-74.

A motion was made by Council Member Smothers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Resolution of Intent be adopted. The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent]

Pending Items

[140043](#)

Ordinance - Text Amendment 14-01 - Vision of North Carolina, Inc.

A request by Vision of North Carolina, Inc., to amend Section 9-5-2(aaa) of the Development Ordinance, entitled Development Standards for Family Care Homes, to reduce separation of requirement between family care homes.

Attachments: [Text Amendment - 14-01 -Visions of NC](#)

[Family Care Home Requirements and maps](#)

Note: This matter was first introduced at the February 17, 2014 meeting. At that time, action was taken to refer it to the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Matter due back on or before April 21, 2014.

Chairwoman Smothers reported that she asked staff to prepare a map delineating the 1/3 mile circumference (similar to the map they did for the 1/2 mile circumference) and asked him to identify other permitted and licensed homes within those configurations.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Benjamin Igwemezie, who resides at 3907 Oak Hollow Drive and has an office at 635 N. Main Street, addressed Council regarding access to the Parks & Recreation facilities. He shared that he and his friends get together to play soccer a couple of times a week and they have had difficulty accessing fields to play on without the park ranger intervening. He noted that they have actually been threatened several times by the parks ranger to be arrested for trespassing. Dr. Igwemezie informed Council that they have had to pay \$140 per week just to play on the fields. He wasn't sure if there is an issue with soccer as an activity in High Point, or if this is just a policy of the city regarding the use of these facilities.

Mayor Sims pointed out others have brought similar issues with use of the

fields to her attention and explained from what she has been told, there are certain fields that League's play on that they cannot allow as a public recreational use on the field because the field is dedicated for formal league play and the condition of the fields have to meet their criteria. She was also told that there are other fields that can be utilized by contacting the Parks & Recreation Department. Mayor Sims questioned why the city would be charging for use of fields in this situation. Dr. Igwemezie shared that he also found it disturbing that they had to pay for use of the fields while others have used the same fields and not had to pay anything. Council Member Douglas agreed that the issue is not whether they can pay or not, but whether everybody is being charged for use of the fields. Council Member Smothers asked Dr. Igwemezie if he has tried to contact anyone in the Parks & Recreation administration and he replied that he has on several occasions, but was told he needed to present his case to the City Council.

Mayor Sims asked Dr. Igwemezie to give his contact information to Assistant City Manager Randy McCaslin so staff could check into these issues and respond to his concerns.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:15 P.M.

COMMUNITY HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Douglas, Chair

[140051](#)

High Point Express - Taxi Cab Company (2nd Reading)

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. is the date and time established to receive public comments (1st reading) on the filing of application concerning the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for High Point Express Cab Company to operate a taxi cab company in the City of High Point. Second Reading on this item will be Monday, March 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Attachments: [High Point Express Taxi Cab Franchise Application](#)
[Ordinance - High Point Express](#)

The 1st Reading for this matter was held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. The 2nd Reading is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 @ 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Douglas asked Tad Kramp, Taxi Inspector, to present the information regarding the request from High Point Express. Officer Kramp noted this is a new start-up cab company with the applicants being four experienced taxi cab drivers who have been driving for the two existing companies for varying lengths of time. He mentioned that they would like to start up a third company to take the place of Golden City Taxi, which was closed down a little more than a year ago. Officer Kramp reported that he has completed his review on the

applicants and based on the working relationship he has had with them and the review, nothing surfaced that would lead him to believe that they would be anything other than successful and a benefit to the city. He noted that although the other two companies hold permits to operate as many as 60 taxis and with Golden City Taxi no longer in operation, he felt there is room for a third company and felt the additional competition between the companies would allow for a higher quality of taxi cabs. He believed the owner-operators of High Point Express have the right motivation to put together a very good company and the experience to do it.

Officer Kramp did point out that the City Ordinance does require that they have a minimum of seven taxi cabs; however, at this point, they only have four taxi cabs in hand. He proceeded to remind Council that the city went almost 2.5 years allowing Golden Ibeawuchi to operate Golden City Taxi with below the seven required in an effort to try to get him up to the minimum that he was required to have, but he was just never able to attain that goal. He believed if High Point Express was given a probationary period or some period of time in order to operate, it would not take very long for them to reach the seven taxi cabs as required by the ordinance.

Council Member Smothers asked what an appropriate period of time would be for them to get the seven taxi cabs up and running. Officer Kramp responded by saying they could probably do it in six months, but recommended one year to give them the best opportunity to succeed. Council Member Smothers questioned the procedures and asked if it this would be considered a probationary application, or a conditional application indicating within one year, they would have seven vehicles operating. Officer Kramp replied whatever it would take to allow them to actually go into business and begin operating, so they can work during the Furniture Market. Council Member Smothers expressed concerns that a probationary period could possibly complicate their insurance and City Attorney Carlyle felt the risks would be minimal, but agreed it could go either way.

Mayor Sims asked if the same provisions were offered to Golden City Taxi and Officer Kramp explained he attempted to work with Golden for 2.5 years, but he was never able to get past three or four vehicles operating most of the time. Council Member Smothers suggested possibly rewording 9A in the application (re: Number of vehicles owned) to number of vehicles to "be" owned in a year. Officer Kramp explained that the city ordinance specifically states the company has to have seven and felt any modifications to the application could create more problems. Council Member Ewing asked if any thought has been given to drop the seven down to a number that's more attainable. Officer Kramp felt seven is a fair number. Council Member Wagner suggested the possibility of waiving the minimum number for High Point Express and Ms. Carlyle affirmed this could be done to get them up and running so they can have an opportunity to get the seven.

Council Member Ewing stated he would rather rewrite the ordinance than constantly having to give six or twelve month extensions. Council Member Wagner asked about the number of taxis currently operating in the city and Officer Kramp replied less than 30 total between the two existing companies, but they have permits for as many as 60 that include and at some point 75 was established as the maximum number of taxis needed in High Point. Council Member Mendenhall asked if it might be possible for staff to get together and work out some of these details prior to the 2nd reading. Council Member Smothers felt it was important to send a message to the owner-operators of High Point Express that the City Council is supportive, but is cautious because they don't want them to get into a difficult legal position. Officer Kramp agreed, but he would like for everything had to be finalized by the 2nd reading in order for them to be up and running before the Furniture Market.

At this time, Chairman Douglas opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment regarding this matter.

Zubair Ali, one of the owner-operators from A+ Yellow Cab, spoke in opposition on the grounds that there is already a lack of business for cab service in High Point and informed Council that his company is barely surviving day-by-day and month-by-month.

Harriett Young, representing her father's cab company, Red Bird Cab, also spoke in opposition. She did not think that High Point could support three independent cab companies because the cab business has been extremely slow. She explained that they struggle between markets (from April to October) and wanted to make sure that all the cab companies were on the same level with the same regulations. She noted that Red Bird is not making any money and sometimes payroll is larger than what they actually bring in in a week's time. Mayor Sims assured her that any cab company licensed to operate would have to meet the same requirements, but for the City Council to take into consideration the fact that the other cab companies are not making money as a reason not to allow another cab company an attempt to make money just does not make much sense. She suggested that they may have to step up a little to deal with the competition by finding a better way to market their company to make it more viable. Ms. Young understood and reiterated that she just wants all the cab companies to be on the same level playing field.

Ismaila Camara, one of the owner-operators for the High Point Express, spoke in support and felt more cabs are needed and that High Point needs some competition.

Chairman Douglas asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak. There were none. Mayor Sims announced that the 2nd Reading has been scheduled for Monday, March 17th on this application and staff would be getting together to come up with a recommendation regarding the number of cabs. Council Member Smothers suggested Ms. Carlyle get the

information/recommendation to Council prior to the 2nd Reading on March 17th.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM

[140055](#)

Request to Name a Street in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Consideration of establishing a public comment period on March 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of renaming a street in High Point in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

_____ *Transcript* _____

Council Member Golden: **I'd like to take a moment to suspend the rules for the purpose of making a motion to rename Green Street from the I-74 Bypass @ 311 all the way down to I-85.**

Mayor Sims: *So you want to make a motion to suspend the rules?*

Council Member Golden: *Yes.*

Mayor Sims: *Is there a second.*

Council Member Douglas: **Second.**

Mayor Sims: *I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules to consider a motion by Council Member Golden. All those in favor, say Aye.*

Mayor Sims, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, and Council Members Smothers, Golden, Douglas, Mendenhall, Wagner, and Ewing: *Aye. [8]*

Mayor Sims: *Any opposed? [none] That motion passes. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Moore absent]*

Council Member Golden: **The motion I want to make is the renaming of Green Street starting at I-74 and 311 Bypass all the way to I-85 Business.**

Mayor Sims: *I have a motion, is there a second?*

Mayor Pro Tem Davis: *What name are we*

Council Member Golden: *Martin Luther King Boulevard.*

Council Member Mendenhall: Mr. Golden, is part of your motion to hold a public hearing to hear comments?

Council Member Golden: Yes.

Council Member Mendenhall: I think that should be included as part of the motion. Can that be a friendly amendment?

Council Member Golden: Yes.

Council Member Smothers: Mr. McCaslin is standing up.

Assistant City Manager Randy McCaslin: I'm assuming that your motion is to defer this to the Planning Board for their action?

Council Member Golden: Yes, because they have to make that decision, but yes.

Mayor Sims: But what he's asking is for Council to initiate the name change.

Council Member Mendenhall: And to hold a public hearing to accept comments.

Council Member Smothers: At the Council level or at P & Z level?

City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle: What I would recommend, if I may interject, I would just recommend if you could not specifically set out what would have to be done, but just say that council initiate it in following the proper legal procedures that are necessary. That will cover everything. That will cover the hearing, the comment period, everything that's necessary.

Council Member Golden: So I need to rephrase it?

City Attorney Carlyle: I mean that will capture everything that you need.

Council Member Mendenhall: So this is not final action. This is putting it in motion to have a public hearing.

Council Member Smothers: This is the city initiating the action, correct?

City Attorney Carlyle: Yes, this is the Council initiating the action as I understand it, that it begin the process to go through for the changing of Green to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Council Member Mendenhall: Which doesn't include a public hearing.

City Attorney Carlyle: It will.

Council Member Wagner: With Planning & Zoning, right?

City Attorney Carlyle: It has to, right.

Mayor Sims: But I think what she's requesting is that it be a hearing before Council before they make that decision as to whether or not they want to refer it. I think that's what Council Member Mendenhall is saying...is that she would like public comment before Council makes that....

City Attorney Carlyle: In addition to what's already required.

Council Member Mendenhall: No, my....what I was trying to say is that I do not want to vote tonight to refer it. I want to vote to start the process to hear from citizens who live on that particular street and then decide whether or not to refer it.

Council Member Smothers: Then you need to vote against the motion.

City Attorney Carlyle: That is completely different from what Mr. Golden had in his motion.

Council Member Mendenhall: Well I thought that you said that a public hearing was part of it.

City Attorney Carlyle: But I thought you were referring to the one that will occur at P & Z.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis: The motion is that Council is initiating this to go to P & Z and go through the process.

Council Member Mendenhall: Without hearing from residents?

Mayor Pro Tem Davis: Right. Then P & Z will have a public hearing.

Council Member Douglas: At that point, you'll hear from the residents

Council Member Golden: I didn't hear Foster's question.

City Attorney Carlyle: He said at that point, you will hear from the residents.

Council Member Golden: So do I need to rephrase it?

Mayor Sims: What's the motion?

City Attorney Carlyle: I think it might be good for clarification.

City Clerk: That council initiate the process and follow proper legal procedures

necessary for the renaming of the street.

Mayor Sims: Okay, did everybody hear that? And there was a second. Is that correct?

Council Member Douglas: Yes.

Mayor Sims: okay, does everybody understand the motion? All those in favor of the motion, signify by raising your hand.

Mayor Sims and Council Members Golden and Douglas: Aye. [3]

Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Smothers, Mendenhall, Wagner and Ewing: Nay. [5]

Mayor Sims: Motion fails. [3-5 vote] [Council Member Moore was absent]

Council Member Mendenhall: Madam Mayor, I would move that the Council set the date for a public hearing to hear comments from residents on Green Drive as to their feelings about the renaming of the street in anticipation of a potential recommendation to Planning & Zoning, pending on those comments.

Council Member Wagner: What day do you have in mind?

Council Member Mendenhall: I don't know. When would we do it? We normally have public comments first meeting of the month.

Mayor Sims: Whenever you name it.

Council Member Mendenhall: Oh my goodness, such responsibility.

Council Member Smothers: Question about that, are you going to notify all the property owners who live along that roadway that there's going to be a public comment? It's not a public hearing. It's a public comment.

Mayor Sims: Why would we do that if we've already voted it down?

Council Member Smothers: Well, the motion as I understood it, Madam Mayor, was that the city initiate the process. That was the motion.

Mayor Sims: I understand that, but I'm saying what would be the reason for having the public comment period other than.....because we've already voted that that's not something we're interested in doing.

Council Member Mendenhall: My intention is to hear from people who live on a street that we are considering renaming as to whether or not they are in support of that. This

Council doing that. That was what my motion was trying to accomplish.

Mayor Sims: So are we at this point considering that? Because I was under the impression we just voted not to do that.

Council Member Wagner: No, we voted not to initiate it right now. She's making a motion that's saying she wants to hear from....I'm not putting words in her mouth, but it sounds to me like she's making a motion saying she wants to hear from the public who lives on that street to determine whether we ought to initiate it.

Council Member Mendenhall: That is very correct, Mr. Wagner.

Council Member Golden: Not just that street though.

Council Member Mendenhall: Yes.....Mr. Golden, I don't think

Council Member Golden: This is a city-wide thing.

Council Member Mendenhall: Well it affects the people who live on that street.

Council Member Golden: And the people who travel that street and the people who do business on that street.

*Council Member Wagner: Okay, then I'll make a.....her motion didn't get a second. **So I'll make a motion that we establish a public comment period on March 17th to hear public comment regarding the potential renaming of Green Drive to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from the entirety of it.***

Mayor Pro Tem Davis: Are we sending notices to the property owners on that street?

Council Member Mendenhall: I'll second the motion so that we can discuss it.

Mayor Sims: I have a motion and a second to establish March 17th as a public comment period to receive information or comments from the public regarding the renaming of all of Green Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Is there any further discussion regarding the motion?

Council Member Wagner: Was there a second?

Council Member Mendenhall: Yes, I seconded it.

Council Member Wagner: I'm sorry. Okay.

Council Member Ewing: Is two weeks ample time to get notice out?

Council Member Wagner: I'm sure Mr. Kimbrough will help us with that.

Council Member Smothers: Not everybody reads the paper.

Council Member Wagner: I'm sure it will get around.

Mayor Sims: Seeing none....

Council Member Smothers: I think it needs a longer period of time for notification than that.

Mayor Sims: So do you want to suggest moving it to April? Mr. Wagner?

Council Member Wagner: I'm fine with the 17th.

Mayor Sims: Okay. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, signify by raising your hand.

Mayor Sims, and Council Members Smothers, Golden, Douglas, Mendenhall, Wagner, and Ewing. [7]

Any opposed?

Mayor Pro Tem Davis: No. [1]

*Mayor Sims: **Motion passes [7-1 vote]***

[end of transcript]

A motion was made by Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, to establish a public comment period on March 17th to hear public comment regarding the potential renaming of Green Drive in its entirety to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. The motion PASSED by a 7-1 vote as follows:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Ewing, Council Member Golden, Council Member Mendenhall, Council Member Smothers, and Council Member Wagner

Nay: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Davis

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCY REPORT

140052

Reappointment - Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority

Council is requested to confirm the reappointments of Mr. John W. Thomas, III and Mr. John Bencini to the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority. Reappointments to be effective immediately and will expire September 30, 2016.

Approved the reappointment of Mr. John W. Thomas, III and Mr. John Benicni

to the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority.

A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that these reappointments be approved. The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote.

[140053](#)

Boards and Commissions - Vacancy Report

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

Attachments: [Vacancy Report](#)

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[140054](#)

Minutes to be approved

Finance Committee Meeting held Monday, February 17th at 4:30 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, February 17th at @ 5:30

Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting held Tuesday, February 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

Attachments: [February 17 2014 Finance Committee](#)
[February 17 2014 High Point City Council](#)
[February 18 2014 Comprehensive Planning Committee](#)

Approved the preceding minutes as submitted with the corrections as noted to the February 17, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting minutes and the February 18, 2014 Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes removing City Manager Strib Boynton as being present.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that the preceding minutes be approved with corrections to the February 17, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting minutes and the February 18, 2014 Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes removing City Manager Strib Boynton as present. The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Recognition of Police Officer for Heroic Act

Council Member Smothers mentioned an incident recently involving the heroic act of High Point Police Officer O'Toole, whose quick thinking and actions helped save a teen's life who was almost stabbed to death. She felt it would be fitting to have him publicly recognized. City Manager Strib Boynton explained the officer is currently on military duty, and hopefully will be recognized at the next Council meeting.

Update on Metro Mayors Meeting

Mayor Sims attended the Metro Mayors meeting recently held in Charlotte and reported that the two hot button items had to do with the privilege license fees and inspections regarding apartment buildings. She noted it does appear that

they are moving down the road to cap the privilege license fees at \$100 and it is uncertain as to the potential impact. It was suggested that communities get a little more active and engaged with local citizens and the business community regarding this legislation.

Regarding the apartment building inspections, Mayor Sims noted High Point does not have a program, so this legislation does not really affect the city. She pointed out there are some large cities across the state that have concerns around the inspection legislation. she also mentioned there was some discussion regarding the transportation formula and how it can impact the city.

YMCA IMPROVEMENTS

Council Member Wagner reported on the YMCAs \$4 million capital campaign for improvements at their various facilities (Hartley Drive YMCA in High Point, Grubb Family YMCA in Archdale, Chavis YMCA, Camp Cheerio, and). He noted their goal by the year of 2018, is to enlarge their role in the community to where they are serving about 18,000 individuals a year. He also mentioned a new service they are providing this year called "Darkness to Light," which is a new initiative that the Y has taken on by training some of the police and firefighters on how to spot child sexual abuse. The Y is also working in partnership with Oakhill Elementary School to teach the children how to swim there.

Citizens Advisory Council

Council Member Mendenhall reported that the Citizens Advisory Council met last week and heard all non-profit presentations from those seeking CDBG grant monies. She has asked for a final report from the CDBG staff on how much and what organizations/agencies they plan to fund.

Non-Profit Funding Review Committee

Council Member Ewing announced that the Non-Profit Funding Review Committee met earlier today to discuss the organizational aspect of the committee and a timeline. He reported the committee reviewed the applications received and criteria with staff and identified a few of the applications that were incomplete. Staff is in the process of lining up interviews with these non-profits that will take place next week, with a report and presentation to the City Council by the April 7th meeting. It was noted that the committee initially received some seventeen applications, and after moving some and eliminating some applications, the number is now 12 to 13.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernita Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk