

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260*



Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2020

4:30 PM

3rd Floor Lobby Conference Room, #302

Special Called Meeting of City Council

*Jay W. Wagner, Mayor
Christopher Williams, Mayor Pro Tem
Michael A. Holmes, S. Wesley Hudson
Cyril A. Jefferson, Tyrone E. Johnson
Victor A. Jones, Britt W. Moore
Monica L. Peters*

Monica Peters

CALL TO ORDER

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
(Virtual Meeting)
June 11, 2020- 4:30 P.M.
3RD FLOOR LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM #302**

MINUTES

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 attendance was not allowed at this meeting. Instead, the meeting was live-streamed and a link was provided to the public to listen to the meeting as it was being live-streamed.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

Following a roll call vote for attendance, the following were identified as being present:

Mayor Jay W. Wagner (physically present)
Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Williams- Ward 2 (physically present)
Council Member Tyrone Johnson- At Large (physically present)
Council Member Britt Moore- At Large (physically present)
Council Member Cyril Jefferson- Ward 1 (physically present)
Council Member Monica Peters- Ward 3 (remote participation)
Council Member Wesley Hudson- Ward 4 (remote participation)
Council Member Victor Jones- Ward 5 (physically present)
Council Member Michael Holmes- Ward 6 (remote participation)

The following staff members were **physically present**:

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Jeron Hollis, Communications & Public Engagement Director; Mary S. Brooks, Deputy

City Clerk

The following staff members **participated remotely**:

JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk

Present 9 - Britt Moore, Christopher Williams, Cyril Jefferson, Jay Wagner, Michael Holmes, Monica Peters, Tyrone Johnson, Victor Jones, and Wesley Hudson

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2020-197

Budget Review-Proposed FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget

Staff will review the Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget with Council

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager, advised council that staff would be introducing Plan B from input following last session took input from council and come back with plan B. introduced Eric to present revised plan.

Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; provided handout of proposed General Fund Revenue, and proposed General Fund expenditures; as follows:

- *Proposed General Fund revenue-110,457,886*
- *Reduce 1 cent tax rate increase-(987,774)*
- *Adjusted General Fund Revenue-109,474,112*

Proposed General Fund expenditures

- *Restore museum for 4-day week operation. Reduce by 1 full time, 2 part time (30 hour per week) positions and all weekend part time positions (worked with museum staff, Library staff and the Historical Society)-430,000*
- *Restore funding for Morehead Recreation Center to previous level 230,000*
- *Restore 401k funding at 1% match (General Fund portion)-280,000*
- *Reduce supply budgets in departments-(200,000)*
- *Reduce Vehicle replacement budget-(200,000)*
- *Extend hiring freeze from 6 months to 12 months-(954,774)*
- *Defer Batter's eye and bridge hydraulics at stadium-(214,000)*
- *Reduce Parking Deck improvements from \$175,000 to \$50,000*

-(125,000)

- Reduce Traffic calming from \$100,000 to \$50,000-(50,000)
- Reduce stadium capital reserve fund-(180,000)
- Total-109,474,112

Mr. Olmedo continued discussion regarding a breakdown of the attendance at the Museum for March 2019-February 2020 as follows: Tuesday averages 35 attendees; Wednesday averages 31 attendees; Thursday averages 27 attendees; Friday averages 30 attendees; and Saturday averages 50 attendees.

Interim City Manager McCaslin stated that the funding for the Morehead Recreation Center would cover existing personnel, programs, and hours of operations

Council Member Holmes inquired on the amount of positions affected from the hiring freeze. Mr. Olmedo replied that number would vary; and that the general fund currently had 45 vacant positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Williams inquired, for field operations, on the concentration on certain sections of the city in reference to manpower and funding. Interim City Manager McCaslin replied that staff would provide that information to him.

Council Member Jefferson inquired on the organizational structure for the new position of the Inclusion Officer. Council Member Holmes inquired on the start date of the Inclusion Officer; and the role the mayor and city council would play in the job description duties. Interim City Manager McCaslin replied that the Inclusion Officer's position would fall under the Administration Department (City Manager); and said once the position was finalized in the budget, council would be provided with a draft to review.

Council Member Jones voiced appreciation for staff in balancing the budget; thanked the Historical Society for their collaboration with the city in keeping resources open for the citizens.

Mayor Wagner echoed Council Member Jones in his appreciation for staff and the Historical Society; commended staff for their research that allowed savings in the budget; encouraged the public to submit comments for the public hearing to be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5 p.m.; explained the public comment submission process; and that council would be voting on the budget on June 22, 2020.

Council Member Johnson thanked staff and the Historical Society for their hard work and efforts on balancing the budget.

Discussion took place regarding Interim City Manager's time and experience in City Government; COVID-19-Pandemic; experiencing unprecedented times; and the extent of the budget overhaul.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. upon motion duly made by Council Member Jones and second by Council Member Moore.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks,
Deputy City Clerk