

# City of High Point

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



## Minutes

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

## **Community Development Committee**

*Christopher Williams, Chair  
Wesley Hudson  
Cyril Jefferson  
Tyrone Johnson  
Mayor Jay Wagner (Alternate)  
Mayor Pro Tem Britt Moore (Alternate)*

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Community Development Committee - Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chris Williams called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Following a virtual roll call, the following attendance by Committee Members was duly noted.

### **Physically**

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

### **Also**

**Present (1):** Council Member Michael Holmes

### **Staff Present:**

Randy McCaslin, Interim City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Michael McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing; Lisa Vierling, City Clerk; and Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

### **Staff Participating Remotely:**

JoAnne, Carlyle, City Attorney; Michelle McNair, Community Resource Manager; and Thanena Wilson, Assistant Director of Community Development & Housing

### **Also Present:**

Samet Corporation's Representatives: Johnny Siegars, Director of Diversity + Inclusion; Adam Cardin, Project Manager; and Brian Lambert, Project Manager

### **Also Participating Remotely:**

Dr. Pamela Palmer; and Brian Hahne

**Present 4 -** Chair Christopher Williams, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Council Member Wesley Hudson, and Council Member Cyril Jefferson

## **PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

[2020-440](#)

**Overview-Samet Corporation's M/WBE Program**

Samet Corporation representatives will be present to give an overview of their Minority/Women owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Program.

**Attachments:** [Samet MWBE Program](#)

Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager introduced Samet Corporation's Representatives: Johnny Siegars, Director of Diversity + Inclusion; Adam Cardin, Project Manager; and Brian Lambert, Project Manager to provide an overview for Samet Corporation's MWBE Program.

Mr. Siegars extended greetings; made a PPP on their MWBE Program-Beginning the Process to Successful MWBE Numbers; explained the outreach process; spoke to meeting with sub-contractors and encouraging them to attend meetings; to networking; said that MWBE requirements and request for bids were posted in newspaper ads; gave an overview of the prequalification process; to having personal relationships with MWBE subcontractors; to providing services to subs such as bonding and insurance agents; discussed the scope of work related to projects; and spoke to the state requirements for MWBE participation.

Chairman Williams thanked Samet Corporation for their presentation and insight on their MWBE program.

Committee Member Hudson inquired on the percentage of minority firms to choose from for bids. Mr. Siegars replied that it would be around 30% participation.

Committee Member Jefferson voiced appreciation to Samet Corporation and staff for their efforts; spoke to continuing to spread the narrative for MWBEs; and to the participation of MWBEs with the city of High Point.

Mr. Cardin noted that Samet Corp. developed their own private projects in house so that good faith efforts would carry on without city projects.

[2020-441](#)

**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. Dr. Palmer expressed gratitude for the resolution provided from the city of High Point in support of the CoC; said a formal approval to pursue the county as a working collaborative applicant was approved by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners at a work session; to meeting with HUDs technical assistants discussing the

governance of the CoC and how it's structure could be modified to be in alignment with the city of Greensboro; to having approval from key stakeholders to move forward with the formal application to HUD with Guilford County serving as the applicant; and to positive feedback from the CoC and commissioners.

Mr. Hahne voiced appreciation of support from council; said that they were working with the county manager on formalizing a MOU between Guilford County and the CoC; said this process involved a lot of stakeholders; and spoke to building bridges; and being stronger together as a unified CoC.

Chairman Williams thanked CoC for their efforts; and spoke to moving in a positive direction.

[2020-442](#)

**Update-CDBG-CV Funding**

Staff will provide an update on the CDBG-CV funding.

**Attachments:** [CDBG-CV Update for 11-10-20 for distribution to Council](#)

Michael McNair, Community Development Director made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the Community Development Block Grant-CV; gave a recap on funding in response to the pandemic; said they have issued \$354,363 in total contracts with balance of \$198,343 that has not been allocated; voiced concerns of duplicating services because of other resources available for applicants; spoke to doing another RFP or amending contract to the existing agencies with council's approval; to using allocated funds on a public facility; said there was a total of \$1,141,357 in CDBG-CV awards; provided a list of agencies awarded funds; spoke to the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency's Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions program (HOPE); said they provided rental and utility assistance to those economically impacted by the pandemic; and explained their eligibility process. Chairman Williams inquired where the CARES act funding came from; asked for an update of funding from the Housing Consultants. Mr. McNair replied it came from same source under the CDBG-CV; and that he would provide an update to council on the Housing Consultant's funding.

**2020-530**

**Coltrane Project Update & Renaming of the Coltrane Home**

Council Member Jefferson will provide an update on the Coltrane Project. The Coltrane Committee is requesting that the "John Coltrane House" be renamed to the "Blair-Coltrane House" and that the request be forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation for approval.

Committee Member Jefferson provided an update on the Coltrane Project; said it was an initiative that started in High Point in 2019; provided photos of the Coltrane Home; spoke to the history of Coltrane; said the mission of the Coltrane Project was to preserve Mr. Coltrane's childhood home; spoke to having an oversight committee to focus on historical

markers; a preservation committee that worked on the upkeep of the home; gave an overview of the timeline of how the Coltrane Project progressed; spoke to the community input meetings that discussed uses for the home; to connecting with community partners for funding; to a donation of a framed photo album from DJ Pari; to having more visitors to the home; to having a consultant to do the landmark designation; to having a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission for this designation; to keeping the community updated; to keeping the city updated; and inquired on the process for moving forward with a resolution naming the Coltrane home the Blair Coltrane House.

Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager replied that action would need to be taken to send the recommendation to council.

Chairman Williams commended Committee Member Jefferson for his exceptional work on this project.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Jefferson, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, to recommend a resolution to Council on naming the Coltrane Home to the "Blair-Coltrane House." Following a roll call vote by Chairman Williams, the motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Williams, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jefferson

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Williams, Chair

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk