

City of High Point

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



Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Britt W. Moore (At Large), Mayor Pro Tem

*Tyrone Johnson (At Large), Cyril Jefferson (Ward 1), Christopher Williams (Ward 2),
Monica L. Peters (Ward 3), S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), Victor Jones (Ward 5), and
Michael Holmes (Ward 6)*

NOTICE:

Face coverings (face masks) are now required inside all public places/buildings throughout Guilford County. There are some exceptions. Please visit www.guilfordcountync.gov for additional information.

The Guilford County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Guilford County Board of Health met on August 10, 2021 and took action to reinstate a Mandatory Mask Policy throughout Guilford County which was to be effective on Friday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m., and met again on Thursday, August 26th to make revisions to the Mandatory Mask Policy that are to be effective immediately. The mandate requires that:

- (1) Individuals must wear face coverings when indoors in all businesses, establishments, and public places.
- (2) All businesses, establishments, and public places must require that all persons wear face coverings when indoors on their premises.

ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were Present (9):

Mayor Jay W. Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Britt Moore, At Large; Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson, At Large; Council Member Cyril A. Jefferson, Ward 1; Council Member Christopher Williams, Ward 2; Council Member Monica L. Peters, Ward 3; Council Member S. Wesley Hudson, Ward 4; Council Member Victor A. Jones, Ward 5; and Council Member Michael A. Holmes, Ward 6.

Mayor Wagner called for a Moment of Silence. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Note: Items on the agenda were not presented as they were on the agenda.

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

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**[2021-389](#)****Proclamation - National Recovery Month**

Mayor Wagner will read a proclamation proclaiming September, 2021 as National Recovery Month in the City of High Point.

Attachments: [National Recovery Month 2021 SIGNED](#)

Mayor Wagner read the proclamation into the meeting proclaiming September, 2021 as

National Recovery Month in the City of High Point.

[Applause/photo ops]

[2021-390](#)

Proclamation - Exceptional Educators - Guilford County Schools

Mayor Wagner will read a proclamation recognizing the 2021 Exceptional Educators with Guilford County Schools.

Attachments: [Exceptional Educators 2021_SIGNED](#)

Mayor Wagner read the proclamation into the minutes recognizing the 2021 Exceptional Educators with Guilford County Schools.

Council Member Jefferson voiced appreciation; and thanked everyone for their incredible hard work and efforts. [Applause/photo ops]

[2021-418](#)

Appointment - Tim Andrew - Citizens Advisory Council

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Tim Andrew to the Citizens Advisory Council as Councilman Jones' Ward 5 appointee; appointment to be effective immediately and will expire on 5/31/2023.

Attachments: [Citizens Advisory Council Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Mayor Pro Tem Moore, to approve the appointment of Tim Andrew to the Citizens Advisory Council to be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2023. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

[Applause/photo ops]

A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-419](#)

Appointment - Jason Hicks - Citizens Advisory Council

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Jason Hicks to the Citizens Advisory

Council as Mayor Pro Tem Moore's At Large appointee, appointment to be effective immediately and will expire 5/31/2023.

Attachments: [Citizens Advisory Council Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve the appointment of Jason Hicks to the Citizens Advisory Council to be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2023. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

[Applause/photo ops]

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-417

Reappointment - Robert Sims - Citizens Advisory Council

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Robert Sims to the Citizens Advisory Council as Councilwoman Peters' Ward 3 appointee; appointment to be effective immediately and will expire on 5/31/2022.

Attachments: [Citizens Advisory Council Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the reappointment of Robert Sims to the Citizens Advisory Council to be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2022. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

[Applause/photo ops]

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-420

Appointment - Maritza Gomez - Human Relations Commission

Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Maritza Gomez to the Human Relations Commission as Councilman Victor Jones' Ward 5 appointee. Appointment to be effective immediately and will expire on 11/1/2023.

Attachments: [Human Relations Commission Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the appointment of Maritza Gomez to the Human Relations Commission to be effective immediately and will expire on November 1, 2023. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

[Applause/photo ops]

A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE- Blight Reduction and Marketing & Branding Initiative

2021-391

Strategic Plan Update

Council Member Chris Williams, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, will recognize staff to provide an update on the Strategic Plan regarding Blight Reduction. Council Member Michael Holmes, Chairman of the Marketing & Branding Task Force will provide an update on the Marketing & Branding Initiative.

Council Member Chris Williams, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, provided an overview of the numbers relative to Code Enforcement activity for September 2021.

Code Enforcement Activity August 2021

Minimum Housing Complaints 17

Active Minimum Housing Cases	223
Cases before Council (demolition)	2
City demolished houses	
Public Nuisance Complaints	133
Active Public Nuisance Cases	177
City Abated Public Nuisance Cases	51
Owner Abated Public Nuisance Cases	158
Zoning Complaints (vehicles, signs, etc..)	23
Active Zoning Cases	132
Signs Collected	68
Inspector Positions open	2

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager reported that the property located at 628 S. Elm Street was last inspected on February, 2019; provided an aerial map of the property; repairs were completed; property was sold in August, 2021; the property was currently rented out; and spoke to continuing repairs for the home located on S. Elm St.

Update- Marketing & Branding Task Force

Council Member Holmes, Chairman of the Marketing & Branding Task Force (Task Force) reported that the Task Force reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the city's place branding, and that the RFP was reviewed in the Prosperity and Livability Committee as well; the RFP would be released on September 24th for bids; after the completion of the bids a budget would be established, and that the vendor selected would focus on the city's branding; part of that process would include feedback from the community; then the new logo/brand would be marketed across the city; and said that he looked forward to the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

[2021-392](#)

Public Comment Period

A Public Comment Period will be held on the first Monday of the regular City Council meeting schedule at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible following recognitions, awards and presentations.

Our policy states persons may speak on any item not on the agenda.

- * Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed. Others who wish to speak and have not signed in will be taken after those who have registered.
- * Persons addressing City Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- * Citizens will be asked to come to the podium, state their name and address and the subject(s) on which they will comment.
- * If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group while a designated speaker covers the various points. This helps to avoid repetition while giving an opportunity for people present with the same concerns to be recognized.

Thanks to everyone in the audience for respecting the meeting by refraining from speaking from the audience, applauding speakers, or other actions that distract the meeting.

The following individuals addressed the City Council during the Public Comment

Period:

Matt Theil, 1018 Emory Circle, High Point, extended greetings; spoke to the request for a Reparations Commission; voiced how he felt regarding the word 'reparations'; feared that it could cause division in the community; spoke to the feedback from the community on the meaning of reparations; said that the community felt it could help in the healing process; spoke to addressing racism; referenced a quote by James Baldwin-"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced"; and voiced support in establishing the Reparations Commission.

Robert Winslow, 5906 Cardinal Dr. Greensboro, piggy backed what Mr. Matt Thiel spoke to; provided a brief personal background/history regarding his family; growing up during segregation; looked at community as one; said the systems of equity and disrespect were created and needed to be rectified; said that reparations was a word that meant 'repair'; spoke to overcoming the 'negative' caused by white people; referenced the city's tagline; and urged council to vote in favor of the commission and to monitor it in a collaborative effort; spoke to starting the process to establish the commission to understand reparations.

Frank Thomas, 753 Washington St. High Point, voiced excitement for the Reparations Commission; spoke to addressing oppression; spoke to the meaning of the word 'reparations'; said that it meant to make amends of wrong or injury done; and said that issuing a Reparations Commission would mean to study the wrong that happened to African Americans in the past.

[end of public comments]

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Chair

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Finance Committee Chair Britt Moore reported all finance items were discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. and are being forwarded to City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Motion by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes to approve all matters on the Finance Committee Consent Agenda. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following unanimous 9-0 vote.

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Note: Although one motion was made to approve/adopt these matters under the Finance Committee Consent Agenda, action on all of these matters will be reflected throughout the Consent Agenda portion of these minutes as being made and seconded by the same persons.

[2021-393](#)**Resolution - Retire and Sale of Police K-9 Gunner**

Council is requested to adopt a resolution to retire Police K-9 Gunner and declare as surplus property to allow him to be purchased by Lieutenant Zachary Wilkins who will assume all responsibility and liability for Gunner's care.

Attachments: [1. Resolution Retirement of K-9 Gunner High Point Police Department](#)
[Resolution Retired K-9 Gunner](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this resolution to retire and the sale of Police K-9 Gunner be adopted. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

**Resolution No. 2000/21-45
Resolution Book, Volume XXI, Page 45**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-394](#)**Contract (Sourcewell) - James River Equipment - John Deere Wheel Loader -(MRF) Materials Recycling Facility**

City Council is requested to award a contract to James River Equipment using Sourcewell #032119-JDC in the amount of \$164,732.00 for the purchase of one (1) John Deere 524P Wheel Loader and declare the old loader as surplus and disposing through the online auction process.

Attachments: [2. Contract James River Equipment-John Deere Wheel Loader](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this contract with James River Equipment using Sourcewell #032119-JDC in the amount of \$164,732.00 be approved. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the

following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-395](#)

Contract -NC Sheriffs' Association Procurement - Piedmont Truck Center - Dennis Eagle Side Loading Refuse Truck

City Council is requested to award a NC Sheriffs' Association Contract to Piedmont Truck Center In the amount of \$331,462.65 for the purchase of one (1) Dennis Eagle truck with a New Way Side Loading Refuse body and declare the current truck as surplus and disposing through the online auction process.

Attachments: [3. Contract Piedmont Truck Center - Dennis Eagle Side Loading Refuse Tr](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve the award of a NC Sheriffs' Association Contract to Piedmont Truck Center in the amount of \$331,462.65 for the purchase of one Dennis Eagle truck. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-396](#)

Contract - Change Order #2 - Samet Corporation (CMAR) - City Lake Park Renovation Project

City Council is requested to approve Project Change Order #2 & #3 with Samet

Corporation (CMAR) in the amount of \$451,334.16 to authorize additional concrete demolition in pool area and installation of Life Flooring (cushioned surface in Kids play area) during renovations at the City Lake Park Renovation project located at 602 W. Main St, Jamestown, NC.

Attachments: [4. Contract Samet CO #2-#3 City Lake Park Renovation Project](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve Project Change Order #2 and Change Order #3 to the Samet Corporation (CMAR) in the amount of \$451,334.00 to authorize additional concrete demolition in pool area and installation of Life Flooring during renovations at the City Lake Park project. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-397

Contract - South Atlantic Fireproofing Enterprises - Transportation Terminal Column Maintenance & Repairs

City Council is requested to award a contract to South Atlantic Fireproofing Enterprises in the amount of \$236,400 for the Transportation Terminal column maintenance and repair and that the appropriate City official and/or employee be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: [5. Contract South Atlantic Fireproofing Enterprises - Transportation Termin](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this contract be approved with South Atlantic Fireproofing Enterprises in the amount of \$236,400.00 for the Transportation Terminal column maintenance and repair. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-398](#)

Construction Agreement - North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) - High Point Water/Sewer Utilities - Bridge Replacement - Scientific Street

City Council is requested to approve a construction agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in the amount of \$707,737.90 for the replacement of bridge #400052 which consists of the installation of a new culvert downstream of the existing culvert for water/sewer utilities and shifting Scientific Street to the east of the existing alignment and that the appropriate City official and/or employee be authorized to execute all necessary documents to finalize the agreement with the NCDOT.

Attachments: [6. Construction Agreement NCDOT Utility - Bridge #400052 on SR 1332 \(S](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this contract be approved with North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$707,737.90 for the replacement of bridge #400052. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-399](#)

Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances- Title 6- Public Services; Chapter 2- Solid Waste Collection and Disposal; Section 6-2-6- Availability and Extent of Service (Bulk Collection)

Consideration of adoption of an amendment to Title 6- Public Services; Chapter 2- Solid Waste Collection and Disposal; Section 6-2-6- Availability and Extent of Service of the High Point Code of Ordinances to reflect the transition to biweekly bulk collection.

Attachments: [7. Ordinance Update for Bi-Wkly Bulk Item Collection](#)
[Ordinance Amendment Section 6-2-6 Solide Waste Collection](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to adopt an Ordinance amending the High Point

Code of Ordinances- Title 6- Public Services; Chapter 2- Solid Waste Collection and Disposal; Section 6-2-6- Availability and Extent of Service reflecting the transition to bi-weekly bulk collection. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

**Ordinance No. 7747/21-64
Ordinance Book, Volume XXII, Page 64**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-400](#)

Contract Amendment #2 - Tetra Tech - Watershed Assessment Framework Phase 3

City Council is requested to approve amendment two (2) with Tetra Tech in the amount of \$150,000 to assist the City with flood model development, stormwater model development and support compliance with water supply protection regulations.

Attachments: [8. Contract Amendment Tetratech Amend 2- Watershed Assessment Fram](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that the contract be approved with Tetra Tech in the amount of \$150,000.00 to assist the city with flood model development, stormwater model development and support compliance with water supply protection regulations. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-401](#)**Sole Source Contract - Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC - Sidewalk & Curbing Repair**

City Council is requested to award a sole source contract to Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC in the amount of \$32,632 for the repair of identified sidewalks within the Central Business District (CBD).

Attachments: [9. Contract Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC - Sidewalk & Curbing Repair Recommendation-Department \(Informal Bid\) with Finance Director](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that the contract be approved with Precision Safe Sidewalks, LLC in the amount of \$32,632.00 for the repair of identified sidewalks within the Central Business District. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-402](#)**Agreement - Contract Attorney - Fred Baggett, P.A.**

City Council is requested to approve a three-year agreement with Fred Baggett, P.A. in the amount of \$42,204. annually through FY 2023/2024 for representation and promoting the City's interest concerning legislation in the North Carolina Assembly.

Attachments: [10. Contract Attorney Agreement - Fred Baggett, P.A.](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve the contract with Fred Baggett in the amount of \$42,204.00 annually through FY 2023/2024 for representation and promoting the city's interest concerning legislation in the North Carolina Assembly. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-403](#)

Contract - CIGNA Renewal - Employee Health/Dental Care

City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12) month contract with CIGNA Healthcare for health and dental care coverage for City employees effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.

Attachments: [11. Contract CIGNA - Employee Health & Dental Coverage](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this contract be approved to authorize the city manager to execute a twelve-month contract with CIGNA Healthcare for health and dental care coverage for city employees effective January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-404](#)

Resolution - Support of State Building Reuse Grant - Mickey Truck Bodies

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution in support of a State of North Carolina Building Reuse Grant for Mickey Truck Bodies Expansion in High Point NC.

Attachments: [12. Resolution of Support Mickey Truck Bodies - Building Reuse Grant](#)
[Resolution Mickey Truck Bodies](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this resolution be adopted in support of a State of North Carolina Building Reuse Grant for Mickey Truck Bodies expansion in High Point. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council

Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Resolution No. 2001/21-46

Resolution Book, Volume XXI, Page 46

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-405

Sponsorship of GOFAR Fall Event

City Council is requested to approve City sponsorship in the amount of \$4,800 for the Fall 2021 GO FAR 5K event for in kind services related to Police staffing and traffic control to provide a safe race environment.

Attachments: [13. InKindRequest](#) [GOFAR Fall Event](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that the city sponsorship in the amount of \$4,800 for in-kind services relative to the Fall 2021 GO FAR 5K race even be approved which will include police staffing and traffic control. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-422

Temporary Reduction in Parking Rates

City Council is requested to approve the temporary reduction in parking rates at the City's (3) three parking decks from \$35.00 to \$25.00 for the time period of July through December, 2021.

Attachments: [14. Temporary Reduction in Parking Rates](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that a temporary reduction in parking rates be approved at the city's three parking decks from \$35.00 to \$25.00 for the time period of July through December 2021. Following a roll call vote by Mayor Wagner, the motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

PROSPERITY & LIVABILITY COMMITTEE - Council Member Hudson, Chair

[2021-423](#)

Consideration of a Request from the NAACP- Commission on Reparations

Attachments: [A Call to Action and Resolution for Creation of Reparations Commission.pdf](#)
[NAACP PowerPoint Presentation.pdf](#)

Transcript_____

James Adams: Mr. Mayor, City Council and all of you here with us this evening, good evening. I'm James Adams, President of the High Point Branch of the NAACP. I thank you for being here with us this evening. It's been two years, plus, that our branch has been working on the subject of a reparations commission. It is Ms. Dories Patrick who brought this committee together and helped us get this conversation started. Two plus years, and here we stand. If not the most exciting and historical opportunities for our community, with that I will like to.....how does my phone go off right when I'm standing here.

Two plus years we stand here at one of if not the most exciting historical opportunities in our community. With that, I'd like to have our chair of the High Point NAACP Reparations Commission Committee, Attorney James Mayes. Assisting Mr. Mayes this evening with questions you might have are Rev. Dr. Brad Lilley, Bernita Sims, and Ms. Elma Hairston. Thank you all for being here this evening.

James Mayes: Mayor, City Council, and distinguished guests here with us tonight, I will be brief. I just want to emphasize four points. We are asking for a commission. We're not asking for a check to be mailed next week. I saw some nice houses on the west side, we're not asking for those. We're asking for a commission to continue the discussion. Second point, based upon contemporary events, we see that an opportunity has emerged. The convergence of these events has allowed us to focus in on what seems to be intractable problems or challenges I should say. But it is the distinct and unique feature of our society, of our form of government, that we can periodically have these moments where we move forward. Where we can repair. Where we can remedy. Where we can heal. Where we can become, as one of our members said, that One High Point, that One Community. We have the opportunity. I ask you tonight to consider this commission as an opportunity to begin a very important discussion. If you have any questions, as the president said, we have three of our members here who are ready to answer any questions you might have. Thank you.

Council Member Hudson: Any questions for Mr. Mayes? If not, the P & L Committee voted to make a recommendation to create a commission that the NAACP has recommended and to endorse the resolution that you all have a copy of, minus the last section of that resolution that lists a \$100,000 monetary. That's not in the resolution. So, I will **make that recommendation as a motion.**

Mayor Wagner: Okay, there's a motion to approve the resolution that was submitted in

our packet with the exception of the last section, Section 8, being removed. Is there a second?

Jefferson: Second.

Mayor Wagner: Okay, so there's a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on this item?

Council Member Holmes: Recently in P & L, Dr. Patrick Harman came forward and he introduced some information to us that, frankly, I've been grappling with since I heard it. And forgive me, a study done by High Point University said that someone in our city who lives in the 27260 zip code versus someone who lives in 27265 would experience 17.5 years less life expectancy in our city, ten to twelve miles apart. Our citizens are being robbed of nearly two decades of life because of systems that exist. I don't see how anyone that says they care for their fellow man, can abide that. I can't. I'm not one to get emotional, but that brought me pain and I have felt that pain since I heard that information. So, if there's anything that we can do that can alleviate that kind of struggle and suffering, to improve the quality of lives for our fellow man, we should take every conceivable effort to do so. Thank you.

Mayor Wagner: Councilman Moore, I believe you have something you'd like to say.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore: Wesley, the recommendation of the makeup of this board is what?

Council Member Hudson: It said it in the resolution. It has that.

Mayor Wagner: It's in Section 4. You're looking at the PowerPoint. It's in the actual resolution.

Chairman Hudson: In the resolution itself?

Mayor Wagner: Yes. It's two members by the mayor, three members by council, and eight members from outside of council.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore: Does anyone here representing some answers from the NAACP see any conflict potentials from elected officials that come and go being part of the council and what is the advantage or disadvantage to that not being part of the council, I mean part of the commission?

Bernita Sims: Can you restate that Councilman?

Mayor Pro Tem Moore: Yeah, thank you, Ms. Sims. Having five members, you're looking for a total of 13, is that correct?

Mayor Wagner: It would be five appointed by Council, not members of Council. That's right. Two appointed by the mayor, three appointed by the Council, and eight from outside.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore: Thank you. I appreciate it.

Mayor Wagner: Are there any other comments or clarifications on this folks? Anyone else like to speak?

Council Member Williams: And forgive me if I didn't.....I was looking to see, this commission, I know it has a sunrise, does it have a sunset on this? So, this is a continued commission through maybe this body?

Bernita Sims: The way the resolution is written, it does not have a sunset in it; however, it does not preclude this Council from setting a sunset saying if the life of the commission is twelve months-it's whatever you establish it to be or until the work is done. So, I would bet it cannot carry over to another Council, I think, to actually address or work with what comes out of the Commission. We can't make that be a requirement, but at the same time, as we move forward with this, you do have the ability to say this commission will be established for 12 months or however the work plan is decided upon by the commission.

Mayor Wagner: It says that the commission will submit to City Council within one year it's report and that the commission then terminates no later than 90 days after the submission of the report. So, it would be a year, plus 90 days.

Council Member Williams: Forgive me because I did not see that. Anyone else with any comments?

Mayor Wagner: Anyone else with any comments?

Council Member Peters: I've got some comments. So, first of all, I would absolutely be ready tonight to vote in favor of a commission, but I do want to say a couple of things. We already had to change on the resolution regarding the \$100,000 at the bottom. I think that there's a few more items that need to be tightened up. I've talked, I've made it very clear with several folks about some of the things. You know, maybe using One High Point instead of reparations because a lot of people have called me, and they do associate reparations with money. So, I just want it to build a bridge and not tear apart. But there's also in this resolution where it talks about distribution of wealth and I think that if we use a lot of that national verbiage that's tearing our country apart, it's going to tear our community apart. I want a commission. And maybe we can look at how we appoint the people. What skill sets do we want them to have? Are they going to be business owners, or are they going to be, you know? So, I think that we need to tighten up the resolution a little bit. I hope that's not offending anyone. But other than that, I'm ready to approve a commission.

Bernita Sims: I'm sorry that I act like an Eveready bunny, but when questions are asked I feel compelled to respond to that. Number one, this resolution is a resolution that was adopted by the local branch of the High Point NAACP. That's number one. So, it is the resolution in its entirety except for the portion that you all said you needed to pull out regarding the dollars and the funding, it is the resolution. Now, in the course of appointing that commission, the commission and those involved decide that we feel it needs to be addressed in a different way. That should be the work of the commission. So, if you all are going to cherry pick what portions of it you want to support, that's not fair for the work of the commission. It has already been established that there would be

work done, research done, a lot of things done in the course of doing this work. So, I think that, at this point it is incumbent upon this body to say, yes, we will support the commission and the formation of it, with the exception of the dollars. And then let the commission do its work and report back to you what their thoughts are, what their recommendations are, and how they think we should move forward. But if you start moving all this stuff around, it no longer has the same meaning and the same workflow that we're telling you needs to happen in our community. I understand that reparations are scary, but we deal with scary stuff every day. So, at the end of the day what we need to do is look at this on its face and we've already got several definitions of what reparations mean. So, it doesn't necessarily.....now, we know that this body does not have the wherewithal to give money to any citizen in High Point out of the budget that you all manage. We understand this, but what we're asking is that let's have a conversation about how we make better communities, how we make better people who live in our communities, and the redistribution of the wealth is not about changing money around. It's about you all looking at your budgets and your workplans and saying how can we uplift these communities that are in trauma. We have communities in our city that are traumatized. We have to work through that process and that's the purpose of this commission. So, I would ask you all, really ask you, not to start looking at pulling this resolution apart, but let's look at voting for it on its face and then let's move forward with getting the work done. And we hope at the end of all this that everybody in here is going to rise up as a result of it. And this Council can do something really cutting edge, really exciting, and they can come out of this saying, look what we did "creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America." That's what we want.

Council Member Peters: Can I ask a question?

Mayor Wagner: Yes.

Council Member Peters: I'm going to follow up with another question. Thank you so much, Ms. Sims, for saying that. This question is for the NAACP and our staff too, because one thing that I can see as a huge value, we've got lots of grants available through federal monies. Most of those grants ask for a component of equity and disparities. Does the commission, as the NAACP sees it, see where they can help the city position ourselves so that we can receive some of those and does staff see that as a help, so that we can position ourselves to get more of that federal funding? Is that a fair question?

Brad Lilley: Mr. Mayor and Council Members and those in this chamber, my name is Brad Lilley. I pastor Shekinah Glory Church International, and I am a member of the High Point NAACP. When we talk about the establishment of a commission, we already know that its purpose is brought forward because it's going to take more study. But the motivation and justification for some kind of direct action is clear. That's why we ask for the creation of a city commission to explore community reparations for African-American citizens of High Point. Does High Point owe a moral debt to African-American citizens? Two hundred and fifty years of slavery; 99 years of Jim Crow; 60 years of separate, but equal; 35 years of racist housing policy. Until we can reckon with our compounding moral debts, this city will never be whole and that's what we are seeking. Injustices are still built into the structure of our society today, denying opportunity, financial prejudice, policing and imprisoning, vastly disproportionate, and refusing to rectify wrongs. It has went on for a long time. If we want the city that our

slogan boasts of, the first word in your slogan is "creating." We want to create a commission that we can look at past wrongs and we all know that they exist. And figure out ways to rectify, make things right. Some of the questions that you may have are questions actually that the commission will work on and come back with something that is morally right for all of us. When you talk about the redistribution of wealth, we're not talking about we're going to go into your accounts, take from you what you have. We're talking about a level playing field. We're talking about admitting, yes, things were done wrong in the past. You weren't a slave master and I was not a slave, but if you go back far enough you'll find some kind of connection and you'll find where the African-American was held down while people of another color had privileges that we were denied. So, I know that we didn't choose to be born in a prejudice society and it's affected all of us. Subconsciously, it affects all of us and we see it every day. We face it every day. And what we want to do is to be able to look at you at the end of this journey and say, thank you. You've helped, you've recognized the need, you faced this challenge, and voted yes. We don't know what's on the other side of this journey, but it has to start. The first word of the city's slogan is "creating" and that's what we came and asked of you. Create a commission. Vote yes. I thank you.

Mayor Wagner: Ms. Peters, do you need someone from staff to address what your question was?

Council Member Peters: I'm not even sure that they could answer it, but if they could.

Mayor Wagner: Could you restate it?

Council Member Peters: Yeah, I was just wondering if with all the different grant opportunities that we have coming in federally, can you see where this commission could help us position ourselves to qualify for some of those?

City Manager Tasha Logan Ford: This is Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager for the City of High Point. I think that whenever we're thinking about disparities in our community, there are grant opportunities that typically are targeted toward addressing specific issues. Anytime that you have research that points to those disparities where you can identify groups that have been harmed, I think that it can help you better design programs to meet those needs. I don't know what those grant opportunities are. You know, they're typically changing. A lot of them come through Housing and Urban Development or other entities. They may even be energy related, or about infrastructure around water and sewer. They are just very broad, but I think anytime that you have more information that tells you what the needs are, you can always use that information in preparing and helping to tell the story in your community to try to identify funding. So, if you're asking me for a specific program that I can list tonight, to answer that question, I can't do that. But always having the information that tells you where the needs are in your community can help you position and prepare for grant applications as they come down.

Council Member Williams: I've got another question. This is Councilman Chris Williams, Ward 2. Either Mayor Sims or Brad Lilley, I'm not sure which one, I've just got a quick question. I'll tell you that..... of course I support it. I support it because I think that it's going to do more than just show some opportunities we can go fix, but it also shows some of the work that's already been done with the diversity, equity,

inclusion department created here; the Operation Inasmuch projects that have gone out and there was no cost to people getting their homes fixed. I mean there's a lot of things that's been done. I think that this actually may even put a spotlight on some of those to show people where they can actually go and receive some of the services and the opportunities that we've already presented here. My thing has always been kind of an understanding of housekeeping. So, I'm not trying to change anything; I just want to get an understanding. The eight outside members, that will be.....hopefully I'm reading this.....it says that eight members shall be selected from the African-American Civil Rights and civic organizations that have historically championed the cause of the City of High Point for justice. Those people will be selected by whom? Like is it going to be from the initial five that's created from the commission? And that's just a question.

Brad Lilley: Just as the proposal, the request says, to be selected from organizations, communities, private individuals, we feel can best represent the African-American community. NAACP, Ministers' Conference, and other groups like that. Each group would actually, once identified, would actually meet and select their own representative to sit on the commission.

Council Member Williams: Thank you.

Mayor Wagner: Is there anyone else who would like to speak on this topic?

Council Member Johnson: I would like to make a comment. Tyrone Johnson. That, number one, I do support it 100%, the formation, the creating of this commission. And you are correct, you have to start somewhere, okay. Anytime you create or you're forming something, we're looking for results, okay. And I think forming this, as a matter of fact I know forming this commission, we will get some results. And in order to do that, you've got to start it. So, I think it was.....I read it thoroughly. Excellent job in this resolution. Thank you.

Mayor Wagner: Anyone else that would like to be heard on this?

Mayor Pro Tem Moore: I would like to. This is Councilman Moore. I just want to... Mr. Robert Winslow shared his story briefly and I appreciate that and I appreciate what he said. I'll share mine real quick. I was born in this town in 1963, so I probably didn't know I was alive until '69, '71. I was just being a kid right on the heels of the Civil Rights movement. I certainly was taught my history from family and public school teachers at Northeast and Andrews and on into College. But I have been the great beneficiary I guess you would say, of growing up in a time when I did because I know of all the things with which Mr. Lilley spoke, but I didn't have to live them and am very fortunate that that happened. But I also benefited from the folks like former Councilwoman Mary Lou Blakeney and all of those who stepped out when things were wrong in an effort to wondering if they would ever see them get right or better. And I did see them get better. Andrews High School was the first school in the State of North Carolina to be created for the distinct purpose of bringing the black community and the white community together. Prior to that, you had Penn Griffin and you had High Point High School. I had parents who taught me not to see anybody as color, but for what they are. So, I have seen and realize everything that was said whether it be from banking, whether it be to discrimination, whether it be those things. But, I've seen the flipside too and at 58 years old, I had many friends that chose to marry interracial. Many of color that started their

own businesses that have become very successful and have raised wonderful, law-abiding great children that are assets to our community. My concern is from my story, all the progress that we have seen that we do not get sidetracked into a history, however unfair it may have been. But, I know through my history that lots of whites fought and died to help move us away from slavery too. And lots of whites hooked arms and marched with Martin Luther King and many others through Alabama and other places as well. So, our history is marked with unfortunate circumstances because our history is made up of people like me that are fallible human beings.

So, I have mixed emotions on this because while I don't want any wrong-doing going unpunished, I have seen great progress in my life and I see it in my 27 and 26-year-old children as they are living out their lives in a corporate world, in a city, and in a country that is becoming more and more diverse with all kinds of issues, and color just being one of them. So, the intentions, I believe, are well-founded. With due respect to someone I admire quite a bit, our first female mayor of color in High Point, and she's always been very persuasive and smart. I do have concerns that if it's not tightened up a little bit that it leaves a lot of room for things to get off the track. And I wouldn't want that to happen. This Council...I'm going to tell you that I've been fortunate to have served this city that I love several times, and that's meant a lot. And it's one of the most....I've had the opportunity to travel quite a bit. It's one of the most caring communities anywhere. You can see it in the new \$4.185 million that we're trying to raise. You can see it in many of the policies that this Council has passed. So, if we're going to go down this road, whether it's because Asheville did it or somebody else did it or whatever, then I want us to be very careful because once I'm gone from this dais, I wouldn't want it to be something that takes us backwards instead of forwards. Thanks.

Mayor Wagner: Anyone else like to speak?

Council Member Jones: Just a point of clarification. I guess in some ways, you know, I was kind of not sure about what the purpose was. So, I called Councilman Holmes and I've spoken to Councilman Jefferson about it. It seems to me that, and it was very informative, like I'm a smarter person after having that conversation. All the facts that Council Member Holmes was able to enlighten me on. The things that were mind-blowing. I just wouldn't have believed him had he not told me, but it really seems like what this commission is doing is getting us, us as in the Council, getting us data, facts, figures from studies that have been done like the High Point one you mentioned or whatever. So, I liked Monica's idea about possibly a different name that it called it what it would be, which, in my opinion, would be more like a racial, economic impact commission. Something that studies can give us, the Council, because we need to know this information. Whether it's African-American community, whether it's Hispanic, whoever. Any minority group in High Point is at a disadvantage and if there is anything that we can do to cure it, that would be my only suggestion. I've spoken to a couple of members of the Council, I won't name everybody, that seemed to be okay with that. If the city's going to create the commission and we're going to title the commission, I think the title of the commission would be more in tune with what the actual goal of the commission would be if it were under the umbrella of racial, economic impact commission.

Mayor Wagner: I have a question for Councilman Hudson. Just to be clear, your motion to approve this resolution as written minus Section 8, correct?

Council Member Hudson: That is the motion from the P & L Committee, yes.

Mayor Wagner: So, this, in effect, creates the commission. It's not then up to us to, as Councilman Jones said, to then turn around and create a commission and give them directions on what to do. It's all included in here.

Council Member Hudson: It is included in the resolution, yes.

Mayor Wagner: Alright. I'll just give you my feelings on it. I think this Council, since we got elected in 2019, and I've been on Council since 2012. But, I've lived in High Point all of my whole life and I tried to keep track of local politics and what was going on and I remember coming to council meetings when I was a kid, you know, and seeing Bob Wells and Roy Culler and those folks back in the '70s. Honestly, I think that this Council has done more for the cause of equal opportunity and a commitment to justice than any Council I've ever seen. I think there's a lot of folks that are in the city who maybe don't know what this Council has done. So, I'd like to point out some of those things. On May 4, 2020, and I give you that date because that was during a period prior to our current, great national discussion on race began. May the 4th was before Memorial Day weekend in May 2020 and I think we all know what happened Memorial Day weekend in May 2020.

- So, before that happened, this Council committed to revising our Personnel Resolution to make our hiring process more transparent and fair for everybody.
- We initiated staff leadership training and development to allow folks within the city staff to receive the training they need to move up and be able to pursue their careers, have better training for that.
- We approved mandatory diversity training.
- We approved more outreach to minority job candidates and to minority-owned businesses and contracting for the city.
- We approved a diversity, equity, and inclusion specialist position. This is the first one our city has ever had.
- Throughout the time that we have been on Council, we have given lots of support to eliminating food deserts in High Point, which is something that disproportionately affects the minority community.
- One of our Strategic Plan prongs is our blight reduction strategy and as Councilman Williams spoke earlier, this Council and our past Council in the last five years have done more to reduce blight in the City of High Point than any Council in decades. And, again, that is an issue that disproportionately affects the minority community in High Point.
- Not only that, this Council, during our Strategic Planning last year, went a step further and said we're going to try to focus and concentrate our efforts in a more holistic way in a certain neighborhood and we're working to establish which neighborhood that's going to be and try to really look holistically and not just at housing, but what does that neighborhood look like in terms of city services, what do the curbs look like, what does the sidewalk look like, what does the road look like. Are we making that area safe for investment.
- We have supported and invested millions of dollars in new affordable housing in High Point, including the bonds for the redevelopment for Daniel Brooks which is underway right now.

- We've also increased police support to provide and promote anti violence and safer neighborhoods. That is a thing that disproportionately affects minority citizens as well. And if you want more investment in poor neighborhoods, the number one thing you've got to do is you've got to make them safe because people will not invest money in neighborhoods that are not safe.
- We also have a long history of support for High Point Community Against Violence to redirect and retrain offenders. That's been a big success story, noted all over the country.

So, this is a Council that I think understands the situation and understands the why. And I want everybody here to understand that I understand the why. I understand the history. I'm a student of history. I do a lot of reading on my own about the injustices of slavery and Jim Crow. These are things that I do on my own because I'm interested in that history. So, I get the why and I understand that there are disparities. The issue that I have with the current proposal is more about the how. I respect your reasoning. I understand why you want the commission. I get it.

Unfortunately, one of the by-products of going to law school and becoming a lawyer, and our city attorney, Ms. Carlyle, will probably echo this, but they tell you when you go to law school that you'll never think like you did before, you'll think like a lawyer from then on. So, unfortunately, I'm cursed with that, so I think like a lawyer. And the city is, and I believe that the city attorney made a presentation to the P & L Committee about this, about how legally restricted we are as a city in terms of what we can do that might be considered reparations or might be considered as some sort of monetary system of repairing our communities based on this issue. We're extremely legally restricted in what we can do.

That's the main thing that concerns me about this proposal. I don't want to create a commission that is not going to understand, perhaps, the parameters that the city has to operate within because I don't want you to spend a year studying and studying and coming back and bringing us things only for us to say, well, we're either already doing that, because we're already doing a lot, a lot more than Councils in the past have done. Or, we're not legally able to do that. So, my fear is that without creating some parameters ahead of time for what this commission is and what it's to do and kind of what's expected on the back end, that we may end up with that commission having a lack of focus. Well, I wouldn't call it a lack of focus, but coming back and bringing us things that end up that we can't do.

There's a lot of things in the wording here that philosophically I don't agree with and I won't get into that because I don't want to keep you here forever, but this seems to me to be the sort of thing where you have to pass it to find out what's in it and I don't like that. I'm the type of person that I like to see exactly what I'm agreeing to. Even with this wording here it seems like there's a whole lot of stuff that's just out there undecided. So, for me, it's going to be really hard for me to support this. I understand the why. Don't misunderstand what I'm saying. I understand the why and I understand why you want to do this. I really do.

My problem is really with the how. We.....and there's one philosophical thing that I have too and maybe Councilman Moore alluded to it, but I really have serious questions over whether the problems that we have in America surrounding race and dealing with race and the injustices and the outright reprehensible behavior in the past can ever be fixed

by government. I just don't know that they can. I think, ultimately, any government, not the city government, the state government, the federal government, I don't know that it can be fixed by a government. I think that, ultimately what's going to fix the problem is by changing the hearts of people and who you deal with and how you deal with them. Government, by its nature, is coercive. We take money from people and we spend it and we force people to do things they don't want to do. That's what government does. And when you do that, you're always creating resentment in somebody. It's like, Rev. Thomas you'll know, when you give the gift, the person who gives the gift gets more than the person who receives the gift, you know, but government doesn't give gifts, government takes from somebody to give to somebody else and often, the person that was taken from has resentment for that. But, at the same time we do have an obligation as a government to stand up and say that this is the right thing to do and to set an example for what we feel like is the right way to live and the right ideals and principles that we want people to live by and I respect that. Trust me, I think that's somewhere where I think we can get, I'm just not convinced that this commission, as presented, is the way to do it. I tend to agree with Ms. Peters, I feel like we can get there. I think this needs a little bit more study and a little bit more fleshing out to be able to determine some parameters that it needs to operate within so that when you come back in a year, we're going to get things that the city is legally able to do and not outside of that.

So, as it's presented, I can't support it as it's presented. I understand the why, I just don't agree with the how. My preference would be to take a little more time to delay and study this and get something back to Council that is a little more tight and is a little bit easier to understand. So, that's my position.

Council Member Jefferson: Mr. Mayor, if you will allow me.

Mayor Wagner: Yes.

Council Member Jefferson: I'm grateful for this opportunity. I do not, for one second, take for granted this chance that we have to have discourse and to deliberate and to discuss about something that's very important. Our city is catalyzing itself. We have, for the past several years, been doing what some would have considered to be the impossible. And as I came into government, what was often said to me was that this sort of revitalization that is an economic tide. And my point to everyone I spoke to is that economic tide

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the creation of a One High Point Commission and that the city manager work with the NAACP in the next four weeks to work out the details and parameters taking into consideration the spirit of the resolution that was presented by the NAACP. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Williams, Chair

[2021-406](#)**Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 908 Richardson Ave**

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 908 Richardson Avenue belonging to Clarence Izzard.

Attachments: [908 Richardson Council Packet](#)
[Clarence Izzard Handout 908 Richardson.pdf](#)
[Ordinance Demo 908 Richardson Ave](#)

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager, reported that: inspectors originally inspected this property on October 8, 2019; a hearing was held on December 5, 2019; an Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on January 3, 2020 with a compliance date of February 3, 2020; no one appeared for the hearing. The inspector found contact information and called Mr. Izzard on 1/5/2021. The inspector verified that Mr. Izzard was aware of the violations and he stated that he was just finishing repairs on 910 Richardson Avenue. He stated he had some delays due to Covid affecting his crew, but plans were to rehab 906, 908 and 910 Richardson (all houses on one lot). The inspector advised that due to the hole in the roof of this house there is some urgency in the need to repair over the other two houses. Mr. Izzard stated he understood and would be working as quickly as possible. Ms. Loosemore stated that she returned a call to Mr. Izzard on 8/19/2021 and then spoke with him on 8/24/2021. Mr. Izzard again stated he was having a difficult time with contractors due to Covid. Ms. Loosemore advised him that she would be taking this case to City Council on 9/20/2021. If between these dates he is able to obtain permits and start repairs, she would work with him. Ms. Loosemore reviewed with him that the permit for the gas package at 906 Richardson was not completed (it was inspected and completed after we spoke on 8/27/2021) and that the permit for 910 Richardson Avenue hadn't been completed yet (he made original application 2/26/2021). Ms. Loosemore's said that her decision was to move forward with the case to council was based on his plans and statements for repairing, but no repairs had been started or completed. He asked if he could appeal to someone. Ms. Loosemore stat that she let him know that he would be notified and would be able to speak at the City Council meeting. He asked if he could submit something to me in writing asking for additional time. Ms. Loosemore advised Mr. Izzard that she didn't plan to change her recommendation to council and provided him he contact information. A Lis Pendens was recorded on 10/8/2020. Mr. Izzard purchased the property on 11/17/2020.

Council Member Williams asked was there any one to speak on this item.

Clarence Izzard; 1347 LeBonte Dr., Florida; gave a brief personal history; said he was born in Greensboro, NC; he is a part-time realtor/developer, his mission and passion in life is to build quality, safer affordable housing; he purchased properties located on Richardson Avenue on November 20th; started renovations in December; provided council and staff a handout of work that was being currently done at one of his properties; said he received a stop work order from the city; that he was advised that he need to apply for work permits; and that only professional contractors could work on his home. Mr. Izzard stated that he was unsuccessful in hiring professional contractors due to the challenges faced due to COVID-19; and that he received a phone call from Ms. Loosemore stating that she was going to move forward with demolition.

Council Member Holmes inquired on the property located at 906 Richardson Ave in the

handout provided by Mr. Izzard and asked how much money was invested in said property; and inquired on the delayed renovations for 908 Richardson Ave. Mr. Izzard replied that he had invested \$20,000 for 906 Richardson Ave.; the property at 908 Richardson Ave. was delayed due to financial resources and time needed, which he did not have.

Committee Member Holmes inquired on the legality regarding giving Mr. Izzard more time to complete the renovations for his properties. JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney replied that Council could allow more time to be given to Mr. Izzard; and suggested Council to listen to Ms. Loosemore regarding her recommendations first.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore inquired about the subcontractors that renovated the property at 906 Richardson Ave., if they were professionals; and if he could use the same contractors for his other properties. Mr. Izzard replied that the contractors did not have a license; spoke to reaching out for assistance to the Housing Authority; and that he lives in Florida but was staying at his condo located in Archdale for the past six months.

Mayor Wagner asked how long the roof had been caved in at 908 Richardson Avenue. Ms. Loosemore replied since October 8, 2019; said that there were certain repairs that could not be completed by landlords; that the Fire Department had place a red 'X' on the property warning that if the property would catch on fire that the firemen would not be entering the property; and that she was willing to meet with owner again for further discussion.

Mayor Wagner said that he was going to approve the ordinance; and that Mr. Izzard would have 30 days to begin repairs.

Ms. Loosemore noted that obtaining permits does not stop the demolition process.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of the dwelling located at 908 Richardson Avenue belonging to Clarence Izzard. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Ordinance No. 7744/21-61

Ordinance Book, Volume XXII, Page 61

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-407](#)

Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1004 Prospect St

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1004 Prospect Street belonging to Mohammad Z. Bhatti.

Attachments: [1004 Prospect Council Packet2](#)
[Ordinance Demo 1004 Prospect St](#)

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager, reported that: inspectors originally inspected this property on April 30, 2019; a hearing was held on June 3, 2019; an Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on June 3, 2019 with a compliance date of July 3, 2019; no one appeared for the hearing. A Lis Pendens was recorded on 6/13/2019. The property was sold by the original owners, Allen and Tammy Davis on 10/23/2019 to JH Commercial Properties LLC, who then in turned sold it on 4/22/2020 to the current owner, Mohammad Z. Bhatti. A Stop Work Order was issued by building inspections on 5/19/2020. The owner applied for a permit on 6/19/2020, it was issued on 7/24/2020 but did not include any work for trades electrical, plumbing or HVAC). The permit noted that licensed contractors need to be added to the permit prior to any of that work commencing. On 10/9/2020 the inspector spoke with Mr. Bhatti who stated he planned to repair the house at 1004 Prospect first, then move to 1000 Prospect. He also stated he recently fired his contractor. On 1/7/2021 the inspector spoke to Mr. Bhatti who stated he was working on another project inside the City and would be finishing it up in the next few weeks and would move to the 4 properties he owns on Prospect and that he intends to rent them. On 3/31/2021 an inspector called Mr. Bhatti, he told the inspector he is having a hard time finding workers due to Covid. As of 9/7/2021 no inspections have been requested on permit RC-20-0446. An inspector with building inspections did meet Mr. Bhatti at the property on 7/7/2020 to review the work to be done and that he will need to add contractors to the permit.

Council Member Williams asked was there any one to speak on this item.
Note: no one came forward to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Jefferson, to adopt this ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of the dwelling located at 1004 Prospect Street belonging to Mohammad Z. Bhatti. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

**Ordinance No. 7745/21-62
Ordinance Book, Volume XXII, Page 62**

A motion was made by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Jefferson, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-408

Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1615 Long St

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1615 Long Street belonging to DK Investments 1 LLC.

Attachments: [1615 Long Council Packet](#)
[Ordinance Demo 1615 Long St](#)

Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager, reported that: inspectors originally inspected this property on June 3, 2019; a hearing was held on June 17, 2019; an Order to Repair or Demolish was issued on June 17, 2019 with a compliance date of July 17, 2019; no one appeared for the hearing. The original owner at the time of the inspection, Felix Mendez transferred the property into the name of Flip This Property LLC on 12/31/2019, which Mr. Mendez is listed as a member and Awan K. Muhammad is listed as the registered agent. The inspector spoke to Mr. Mendez on 3/24/2020 and advised we were looking into taking this property to City Council. Mr. Mendez stated they would start cleaning the property up on the outside and get the proper permits for repairs and would start making repairs the first week in April. On 8/5/2021, the property was transferred into the name of DK Investments 1 LLC, which Mr. Awan K. Muhammad is listed as the registered agent as well. A Lis pendens was recorded on 4/7/2020. As of 9/7/2021, no permits have been applied to repair the property; however, the owners did come in today and applied for permits to do demolition work.

Council Member Williams asked was there any one to speak on this item.

Note: no one came forward to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to adopt this ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of the dwelling located at 1615 Long Street belonging to DK Investments 1 LLC. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Ordinance No. 7746/21-63
Ordinance Book, Volume XXII, Page 63

A motion was made by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - Mayor Jay W. Wagner

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2021-409

Wesleyan Education Center - Minor Amendment to site plan for Special Use 16-02

A request by the Wesleyan Education Center to amend the site plan for Special Use Case 16-02. The site is approximately 68.7 acres and located at the southwest corner of Johnson Street and Sandy Ridge Road.

Attachments: [Minor Amendment Staff Report \(SU-16-02\)](#)

Herb Shannon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department reported that the request by the Wesleyan Education Center was to amend the site plan for Special Use Case 16-02. The site obtained special use approval in 2013, which included development conditions. This special use and its site plan were amended in 2016 when additional land was added to the project. As they prepare for construction of educational structures, three minor amendments were requested as followed:

- 1) To adjust the location of their proposed outdoor amphitheatre. Initially depicted on their site plan along the north side of the Johnson Street entrance driveway, next to the educational structure, it is proposed to be relocated south of this entrance driveway in an area previously proposed for parking.
- 2) To add an outdoor physical fitness area (rope course) next to the proposed location of the outdoor amphitheater. This area is currently depicted as parking on the current plan.
- 3) To add a barn/teaching facility (barn with stalls and classroom spaces) at the western side of the site, south of the baseball fields and next to the maintenance facility. This area is currently depicted as vehicular circulation area, bus parking and open space on the current plan.

The Planning and Development Department is recommending approval of the requested minor amendment to the site plan for Special Use Case 16-02. The applicant is in attendance incase there are any questions. All improvements have efficient separated from abutting neighborhoods.

Luke Dickey, Partner/Project Manager, Stimmel & Associates, 601 N. Trade St. Suite 200, Winston-Salem; explained how the barn/teaching facility operated; and entertained any questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, to amend the site plan for Special Use Case 16-02. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council

Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,

Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

2021-410

Request to Initiate Zoning Map Amendments - Airport Overlay (ARO) Initiation

A request by the Planning and Development Department to initiate zoning map amendments for properties within the Airport Overlay zoning district, as recommended by the recent PTIA Part 150 Assessment.

Attachments: [Airport Overlay Initiation](#)

Chris Andrews, Interim Planning and Development Director reported that the request was to initiate zoning map amendments for properties with the Airport Overlay zoning district, proposed as recommendations through the City's recent Piedmont Triad International Airport Part 150 Assessment. Staff provided a presentation on the Findings for the Part 150 Airport Overlay Study at the July 19, 2021 Special Meeting of City Council and noted the findings are attached as part of the agenda. Staff will begin assessment of public notification and public meetings to inform and engage landowners affected and will come back before Council for further information on approvals.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Jefferson, to initiate zoning map amendments for properties within the Airport Overlay zoning district, as recommended by the recent PTIA Part 150 Assessment. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,

Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Jefferson, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-411](#)**Resolution of Intent - Annexation 21-05**

Approval of a Resolution of Intent to establish a public hearing date of November 1, 2021, to consider a voluntary noncontiguous annexation of approximately 74 acres located along the north and south sides of Cox Avenue and west of Jackson Lake Road. The property is known as Guilford County Tax Parcels 161559 and 157930.

Attachments: [Resolution of Intent AN-21-05](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, to adopt a Resolution of Intent to establish a public hearing date of November 1, 2021, to consider a voluntary noncontiguous annexation of property located along the north and south sides of Cox Avenue and west of Jackson Lake Road. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Resolution No. 2002/21-47

Resolution Book, Volume XXI, Page 47

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-412](#)**Resolution of Intent - Annexation 21-06**

Approval of a Resolution of Intent to establish a public hearing date of November 1, 2021, to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 27 acres located at the southeast corner of W. Wendover Avenue and Penny Road. The property site is also known as Guilford County Tax Parcels 196671, 196672, 170002, 170004, 170005 and 170006.

Attachments: [Resolution of Intent AN-21-06](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt a Resolution of Intent to establish a public hearing date of November 1, 2021, to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of property located at the southeast corner of W. Wendover Avenue and Penny Road. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Resolution No. 2003/21-48

Resolution Book, Volume XXI, Page 48

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2021-413

Fitesa High Point Inc. - Street Abandonment 21-01

A request by Fitesa High Point Inc. to abandon all of a 60-foot wide unimproved right-of-way lying along the northeastern property line of 200 S. West Point Avenue (Guilford County Tax Parcel 172345). This unimproved right-of-way runs generally in an east-west direction between the Redding Drive/Ennis Street rights-of-way and 925 Millis Street (Guilford County Tax Parcel 172337).

Attachments: [Staff Report SA-21-01](#)
[Resolution Street Abandonment 21-01](#)
[Resolution Street Abandonment 21-01](#)

The joint public hearing for this matter, Street Abandonment 21-01, was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. as duly advertised.

Chris Andrews, Interim Planning and Development Director reported that a request by Fitesa High Point Inc. to abandon all of a 60-foot-wide unimproved right-of-way lying along the northeastern property line of 200 S. West Point Avenue (Guilford County Tax Parcel 172345). This unimproved right-of-way runs generally in an east-west direction between the Redding Drive/Ennis Street rights-of-way and 925 Millis Street. Utilities Service providers did request that two Easements were requested to remain in place. The Planning & Zoning commission recommended approval as recommended by staff.

Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing and asked if anyone else would like to speak for or against this matter. Hearing none, the public hearing was declared closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Mayor Wagner, to adopt a Resolution approving Street Abandonment 21-01 to abandon all of a 60-foot-wide unimproved right-of-way lying along the northeastern property line of 200 S. West Point Avenue. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member

Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Resolution No. 1999/21-44

Resolution Book, Volume XXI, Page 44

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, seconded by Mayor Wagner, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-414](#)

4250 Furniture Avenue LLC - Zoning Map Amendment 21-15

A request by 4250 Furniture Avenue LLC to rezone approximately 4.8 acres from a Conditional Use General Business (CU-GB) District and a Conditional Use Light Industrial (CU-LI) District to a Conditional Zoning General Business (CZ-GB) District. The site is lying along the north side of Furniture Avenue, approximately 1,250 feet east of Riverdale Drive.

Attachments: [Staff Report ZA-21-15](#)

[Ordinance ZMA 21-15](#)

The public hearing for this matter, Zoning Map Amendment 21-15, was held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. as duly advertised.

Mr. Herb Shannon, Senior Planner with the Planning and Development Department, provided an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

This is a request by 4250 Furniture Avenue LLC to rezone approximately 4.8 acres from a Conditional Use General Business (CU-GB) District and a Conditional Use Light Industrial (CU-LI) District to a Conditional Zoning General Business (CZ-GB) District to alleviate code violation issues. The site is lying along the north side of Furniture Avenue, approximately 1,250 feet east of Riverdale Drive. The Applicant was cited by the city's code enforcement, and for zoning violations. The outdoor statue garden display would not negatively affect adjacent property owners. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this request at their August 24, 2021 public hearing. There were no public comments received in regard to the request. The Planning and Zoning Commission is recommending approval of this request, as recommended; based on the Consistency and Reasonableness Statements; and noted that there were no speakers in opposition.

Following the presentation of the staff report, Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing.

Mayor Wagner asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this item.

George Eouse, Manager-IMS, 4250 Furniture Ave., Jamestown, said that he had been an active member of High Point for 35 years; provided a brief personal history; spoke to property he had owned on the corner of Hamilton St, and Kivett Dr. that he was not able to complete his project; he reinvested on Furniture Avenue; gave an overview of what

his company does; explained the code violations; voiced appreciation to staff and the city for their assistance; and thanked council for their support.

Mayor Wagner asked if anyone else was present to speak for or against this item. Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 21-15 to rezone approximately 4.8 acres from a Conditional Use General Business (CU-GB) District and a Conditional Use Light Industrial (CU-LI) District to a Conditional Zoning General Business (CZ-GB) District and adopted the following Consistency and Reasonableness Statements:

Consistency and Reasonableness Statements

That Zoning Map Amendment 21-16 for the requested CZ-GB zoning, is supported by the Community Regional Commercial land use classification of the adopted Land Use Plan. Furthermore, because development activity will be oriented toward Furniture Avenue and watershed standards will limit the intensity of built-upon area, it would be reasonable to permit some limited outdoor retail display activity at this location.

The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,

Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Ordinance No. 7742/21-59

Ordinance Book, Volume XXII, Page 59

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Williams, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-415](#)

City of High Point - Zoning Map Amendment 21-16

A request by the High Point City Council to rezone 108 properties, totaling approximately 63.7 acres, as part of the Comprehensive Zoning Map Amendment project.

- a) To rezone 97 properties, totaling approximately 55.6 acres, from the Residential Multifamily - 16 (RM-16) District to the Residential Single Family - 5 (R-5) District. The properties lie east of Baker Road, along both sides of Nance Avenue, Gain Avenue, and Knightdale Avenue (private drive).

b) To rezone 10 properties, totaling approximately 1.07 acres, from a Conditional Use Residential Multifamily - 16 (CU RM-16 District) to the Residential Multifamily - 16 (RM-16 District). The properties lie north of the intersection of Belmont Drive and Belmont Court.

To rezone a 7-acre parcel from a Conditional Zoning Institutional (CZ-I) District to the Residential Multifamily - 16 (RM-16) District. The property is located along the east side of Allen Jay Road, approximately 200 feet north of E. Fairfield Road (2759 Allen Jay Road).

Attachments: [Staff Report ZA-21-16](#)

[Ordinance ZMA 21-16](#)

The public hearing for this matter, Zoning Map Amendment 21-16, was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. as duly advertised.

Mr. Herb Shannon, Senior Planner with the Planning and Development Department, provided an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

This is a request by the High Point City Council to rezone 108 properties, totaling approximately 63.7 acres, as part of the Comprehensive Zoning Map Amendment Project. This request focuses on evaluating various residential subdivisions in the southeast portion of the City along Baker Road and E. Fairfield Road. The rezoning area for Map 2 is a small portion of the Belmont Condominium development that lies along the north side of Belmont Drive, between N. Hall Street and Belmont Court. This project had developed in several phases with a mixture of multifamily and townhome dwellings. All of the Belmont Condominium development was governed by the RM-16 District regulations, but only Phase III had a CU zoning, which was established in 1998. The primary purpose of this rezoning was to remove the CU designation as the use condition in this permit, to only allow a condominium type multifamily structures, was met upon the completion of that structure in Phase III. Staff is recommending approval to rezone land associated with Phase III of the Belmont Condominium development, from the CU RM-16 District to the RM-16 District.

Following the staff's presentation, Mayor Wagner opened the public hearing and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this item. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt an Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment 21-16 to rezone 108 properties, totaling approximately 63.7 acres, as part of the Comprehensive Zoning Map Amendment project, and adopted the following Consistency and Reasonableness Statements:

Consistency and Reasonableness Statements

That Zoning Map Amendment 21-16 is consistent with the City's adopted policy guidance because the zoning map amendments for these residential neighborhoods and institutional uses are supported by Goal #1 of the Land Use Plan, which speaks to encouraging development that enhances and preserve

established neighborhoods. Furthermore, the amendments are needed to match the manner in which these neighborhoods have developed and to remove unneeded restrictions on the properties.

The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Ordinance No. 7743/21-60

Ordinance Book, Volume XXII, Page 60

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2021-416

Resolution - Support of Re-Election of Randy E. McCaslin - ElectriCities Board of Directors

City Council is requested to adopt a resolution in support of the re-election of Randy E. McCaslin to the ElectriCities Board of Directors to serve a second three (3) year term as one of the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency One's six (6) directors on the ElectriCities Board of Directors.

Attachments: [FINAL RESOLUTION - Support of Randy McCaslin - ElectriCities Board of Resolution Randy E. McCaslin Electricities BOD](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, to adopt the Resolution in Support of the re-election of Randy E. McCaslin to the ElectriCities Board of Directors. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Resolution No. 2004/21-49

Resolution Book, Volume XXI, Page 49

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

[2021-421](#)

Minutes To Be Approved

August 11, 2021 Finance Committee @ 4:30 p.m.

August 16, 2021 Manager's Briefing @ 4:30 p.m.

August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting of City Council @ 5:30 p.m.

August 18, 2021 Public Safety Committee @ 4:00 p.m.

Attachments: [1. August 11 2021 Finance Committee Minutes.pdf](#)
[2. August 16 2021 Manager's Briefing Minutes.pdf](#)
[3. August 16 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[4. August 18 2021 Public Safety Committee Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve the preceding minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member Jones, and Council Member Holmes

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Williams, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jones, and Council Member Hudson

PENDING ITEMS

[2021-352](#)

Primary Banking Services Provider 2021-2022

Council is requested to award the contract for Primary Banking Services to Bank of America for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026 and authorize the appropriate city officials to execute all necessary documents.

Attachments: 4. Primary Banking Services Provider-Bank of America
Letter from Mark Walsh (re 2021 352 Primary Banking Services Provider).pd
[FINAL__Banking Services-Bank of America](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member

Holmes, to bring this matter, a request Primary Banking Services Provider 2021-2022 out of pending. The motion carried by the following 9-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (9): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Williams, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson,
Council Member
Jones, and Council Member Holmes

Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director extended greetings; said that this item was postponed from the August 16, 2021 council meeting; spoke to the requirements to periodically solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) from financial institutions every five years; an RFP was sent out to 13 financial institutes; seven responses were received; the top two banks, Bank of America (BOA), and Pinnacle Bank, conducted a demonstration of their online banking capabilities; BOA scored the highest in the evaluation; and that staff is recommending to continue business with BOA. City staff had been pleased with the current banking services relationship with BOA; and the service provided for the past 17 years. The BOA's proposal included no analysis fees for the first year of the contract along with a credit for an additional courier service as well. BOA had enhanced their services over the life of the partnership; and have additional improvements on the horizon. The estimated cost difference over a five-year agreement with Pinnacle Bank and BOA was \$10,000 a year. To transition to a new bank the city would be looking at a 4-6-month transition timeframe; recommended to keep the BOA account open until June 2022 due to allowing city partners time to update their information; and to assure no issues when the remainder of the ARP funding is deposited. Mr. Fitzjohn gave an overview of the conversion cost which would include a total of 1259 staff hours to complete project; 260 staff hours of design and deliver phase with just the IT staff; spoke to the cost of transition for direct cost of consultants/vendors; and spoke to other banking relationships approved by city council that the city has with other financial institutes through the RFP process.

Council Member Holmes inquired about the design and delivery phase cost. Mr. Fitzjohn replied that it was direct cost and staff time.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked about obstacles regarding the transition process with other banks in the past. Mr. Fitzjohn replied that the city did incur obstacles in the phase; and said that overtime that systems had become more complicated; and that third parties for IT services are more expensive as well.

Council Member Holmes inquired on the calculations regarding the evaluation criteria for the RFPs. Mr. Fitzjohn replied that the process included a list of requirements on the RFP for vendors to check off; that he had spoken with Pinnacle Bank regarding their assessment compared to BOA; and to having discussions with BOA as well regarding the status of the contract.

A motion was made by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve the contract with Bank of America for banking services.

For further discussion, Council Member Jones spoke to forming relationships with local banks; to opportunities for Pinnacle Bank to make adjustments and accommodations; and spoke to all that Pinnacle Bank had done for the city.

A substitute motion was then made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, to approve a contract with Pinnacle Bank and to authorize the appropriate city officials to execute all necessary documents. The motion carried by the following 6-3 vote:

Aye (6): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson,
Council Member Peters, and Council Member Jones,

Nay (3): Council Member Williams, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Holmes

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore, that the contract with Pinnacle Bank be approved . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Mayor Wagner, Council Member Peters, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Jones

Nay: 3 - Council Member Williams, Council Member Holmes, and Council Member Hudson

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Wagner asked if there were any objections to adjourn the meeting. There being none, at 8:33 p.m. the meeting was adjourned

R e s p e c t f u l l y
Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner,
Mayor

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

