

# City of High Point

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

**3:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

## **Special Called Meeting**

*Jay W. Wagner, Mayor*

*Monica L. Peters (Ward 3), Mayor Pro Tem*

*Britt W. Moore (At Large), Tyrone Johnson (At Large), Cyril Jefferson (Ward 1),  
Christopher Williams (Ward 2), S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), Victor Jones (Ward 5), and  
Michael Holmes (Ward 6)*

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Jay W. Wagner; Mayor Pro Tem Monica L. Peters, Ward 3 [Arrived at 3:07 p.m.]; Council Member Britt W. Moore, At Large; Council Member Tyrone Johnson, At Large [remote participation.]; Council Member Cyril Jefferson, Ward 1; Council Member Christopher Williams, Ward 2; Wesley Hudson, Ward 4; Council Member Victor Jones, Ward 5; and Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6 [remote participation]

**Staff Present:**

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Meghan Maguire, Assistant City Attorney; Jeron Hollis, Managing Director; Ryan Ferguson, Marketing Manager; Sandy Dunbeck, Economic Development Director; Stephen Hawryluk, Budget Manager; Roslyn McNeill, Budget Analysis; Linda Price, Budget Analysis; Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director; and Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

**Also Present:**

Pat Kimbrough, *High Point Enterprise*; Megan Oglesby [remote participation)

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

**[2022-258](#)****Continued Discussion: Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget**

Staff will be having a continuation of discussion regarding the Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget.

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager spoke to the previous budget work session; discussion took place regarding options on reducing the city's tax rate; advised that there were no additional feedback received from council to staff requesting/recommending any proposed changes to the budget since that time; mentioned that the City of Greensboro would be presenting their budget tonight; and said that the current budget presented was recommended by staff pending any items to be discussed by council.

Council Member Jefferson asked for clarification regarding the walkability planning concepts for Main Street. Ms. Logan Ford replied that a place holder was added to the budget to conduct a walkability study along Main Street; and that the study would not have an impact on the budget.

Council Member Moore inquired on what the impact would be for the city's tax rate due to the Guilford County's 2022 Reappraisal-Reevaluation Year (Evaluation) for home values if it was held constant. Ms. Logan Ford replied that adjustments would have been made to the city's budget.

Council Member Moore spoke to the challenges faced regarding COVID-19; voiced the importance for citizens to understand the city's budget; appreciation for Ms. Logan Ford's individual response to citizens' feedback/questions regarding the budget; and spoke to the impact Guilford County's Evaluation would have on the city.

Ms. Logan Ford said that staff would create examples on the city's website showing how the city's budget functions.

Mayor Wagner spoke to the impact and the challenges faced due to the county's Evaluation assessments; and asked about the fuel budget impact. Stephen Hawryluk,, Budget Manager replied that the current fuel budget increased by 75%, and was estimated at \$3.8 million; said that the Fleet Services Department fuel inventory was around \$2 million, where the remainder of the budget was in other departments.

Council Member Moore spoke to the impact investors made on the Evaluation assessment period; to communicating with the county regarding this concern for home values; and requested information on the results from the City of Greensboro's budget presentation.

Ms. Logan Ford said that staff would provide information regarding Greensboro's budget outcome before the June 6, 2022, meeting of council.

It was the consensus of council to allow staff to move forward in the preparation of the 22/23 Proposed Budget for the final vote at the June 6, 2022, meeting of

council.

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**Closed Session-Economic Development**

Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) for Economic Development.

**Council Member Williams moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) for Economic Development; seconded by Council Member Jefferson the motion passed by an 6-0 unanimous vote.**

Aye (6): Mayor Wagner, Council Member Moore, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Williams, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Jones.

Absent (3): Mayor Pro Tem Peters, Council Member Johnson, and Council Member Holmes.

*Note: The following members of council had not yet arrived when the vote was taken to go into Closed Session: Mayor Pro Tem Peters, Council Member Holmes, and Council Member Johnson.*

Upon reconvening into Open Session at 4:31 p.m., Mayor Wagner announced there would be no action taken as a result of the Closed Sessions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. upon motion duly made by Council Member Jefferson and second by Council Member Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

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Mary S. Brooks, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk