

City of High Point

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 6, 2010

4:45:00 PM

Council Chambers

*Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor
M. Christopher Whitley, Mayor Pro Tem
Latimer B. Alexander, IV, William S. Bencini,
Mary Lou Blakeney, Foster Douglas, John Faircloth,
Michael D. Pugh, Bernita Sims*

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Note: Earlier this morning, Council Member Bencini was sworn in as a Commissioner on the Guilford County Commission.

Council Member Benini was present and sitting at the dias, however, he did not vote on any matters appearing on the agenda.

Present: Council Member Whitley, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Bencini, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Pugh

Absent: Council Member Faircloth

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair
Committee Members: Bencini, Douglas and Alexander**

(all were present)

Contract Extension - American Process Group - Alum Sludge Dewatering at WWTP**100340**

Council is requested to approve a contract extension to the American Process Group in the amount of \$188,013.00 for alum Sludge Dewatering at the Ward Water Treatment Plant.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation for approval.

This is an extension to the original contract amount of \$307,000 with the American Process Group and this contract extension amount is \$188,013.00.

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

Votes: Aye: Council Member Whitley, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Pugh

Abstain: Council Member Bencini

Absent: Council Member Faircloth

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council Member Faircloth, Chair
Committee Members- Douglas, Pugh, Alexander**

(Chairman Faircloth was absent)

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Dwelling - 341-A Ennis Street**100341**

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 341-A Ennis Street belonging to Justin N. Shaw.

In the absence of Chairman Faircloth, Mayor Smothers chaired this portion of the meeting.

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, gave an overview of the staff report for this housing case. [a copy of the staff report will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

Neither the property owners, nor any representatives were present to address Council regarding this housing case.

Ms. Bossi reported there was one major violation (blockage in the plumbing with raw sewer backing up into crawl space of the dwelling). Staff issued a 48-hour order to repair, but the owner has not made any repairs to the dwelling and it is still occupied. The compliance date was November 22nd. She noted the "B" side of the duplex was vacant as well and staff will be starting a housing case on this unit as well. Along with the 48-hour notice, staff has another regular order to repair or vacate for the additional items in the "A" side.

Council Member Sims questioned allowing the tenants to live in the unit with the existing conditions. The Mayor asked why an emergency order was not issued to vacate/close the dwelling. Staff replied that it would still have to come before Council for adoption of the Ordinance to vacate. City Attorney Fred Baggett stated that staff handled the situation appropriately by following procedures already in place. City Manager Strib Boynton asked staff to look at a possible procedural change to expedite the process in situations such as this and noted the Council could have a special meeting if it was necessary.

There being no further discussion, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation for adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be recommended for adoption, consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Council Member Whitley, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Pugh
Abstain: Council Member Bencini
Absent: Council Member Faircloth

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - Council Member Sims, Chair
Committee Members- Blakeney, Faircloth, Whitley, and Alexander**

(Faircloth was absent)

There were no matters appearing on tonight's Agenda for consideration by the Public Services Committee.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Bencini, Chair
Committee Members: Blakeney, Pugh, Sims and Faircloth**

(Faircloth was absent)

Pending Items

Text Amendment 10-08- City of High Point - re Development Inspections Regulations**100325**

A request by the City Council to consider a text amendment to Chapter 11, Development Inspection Regulations, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of High Point to include relocation costs paid by the City as cost allowable as a lien against property subject to enforcement action under the minimum housing code.

Mayor Smothers asked about the status of this matter.

City Attorney Fred Baggett noted there were some real questions with the proposal submitted by Judy Stalder and suggested that he and Lee Burnette talk with Judy Stalder, then the Committee could review it. Mayor Smothers asked staff to be ready to report by the 1st meeting in January.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD- 5:15 P.M.

Mayor Smothers opened up the floor for comments from the public at this time. There were no citizens present to address Council at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS

No public hearings were scheduled for this meeting.

Present: Council Member Whitley, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Bencini, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Pugh

Absent: Council Member Faircloth

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, the meeting was recessed to the Organizational Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk