City of High Point

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2008

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall

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

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Smothers called the organizational meeting to order.

Mayor Smothers recognized Outgoing Council Member Ron Wilkins and asked him to share a few remarks. Council Member Wilkins thanked the city staff for all the help he has received through the years. He also reiterated his concerns about the bus service and asked that Council continue to work towards extending the bus service. He shared a copy of a poem he penned for the occasion that sums up his tenure on the City Council called....."The Seat Next to Bill."

PRESENTATIONS
Mayor Smothers read and presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Outgoing Council Members Lisa Stahlmann in recognition of her dedicated service on the High Point City Council since 2005 and to Outgoing Council Member Ronald B. Wilkins for his dedicated service on the High Point City Council since 1997.

At this time, the outgoing Council Members stepped down from the dias and Mayor Smothers announced that the Oaths of Office would be administered by the Honorable Judge Craig of the 18th .....

The Honorable John O. Craig, III, Resident Superior Court Judge, Eighteenth Judicial District, administered the Oaths of Office to:

Mayor Rebecca Smothers;
Council Member Latimer B. Alexander, IV., (At-Large)- Special Fried, Ms. Ida ?????, held the Bible
Council Member Mary Lou Andrews Blakeney (At-Large)- Mother held the Bible
Council Members Bernita Sims (Ward 1)- Grandaughter held the Bible
Council Member Foster Douglas (Ward 2)- Brother, sister, and friend held the Bible
Council Member Mike Pugh (Ward 3)- Daughter, sister and brother held the Bible
Council Member William S. Bencini, Jr. (Ward 4)- Wife held the Bible
Council Member M. Christopher Whitley (Ward 5)- Wife held the Bible
Council Member John Faircloth (Ward 6)- Wife, daughters and son-in-law held the Bible

At this time, Mayor Smothers gave special recognition to the following former Council Members who were present: Lisa Stahlmann, Ron Wilkins, Cy Brooks and David Wall.

She also recognized Commissioner Bruce Davis, and Dot Kearns, and Carlvena Foster.

Council Member Foster Douglas introduced his Aunt Helen McLean and Daughter, Kwana;
Council Member Mike Pugh introduced his sister-in-law, Debra, and brother-in-law, Donnie Davis;
Council Member Sims introduced her granddaughter, Takea Glasgow and very special friends and church members, Larry and wife, Paula, Jerry Camp, Bruce Davis, and Angie;
Council Member Whitley introduced his dad and mother, Melvin and Shirley Whitley, his mom, Shelby Ridge; and Ed Price;
Council Member Bencini introduced his wife, Cathy; good friend, Julian Cochran; and Ed Price;
Council Member Alexander introduced his wife, Robin; Sister-in-Law, Rene Tevepaul; Ms. Ida and Ms. Ida's daughter;
Council Member Faircloth introduced his two daughters, Katherine and Laura and son-in-law, Terry, and his wife, Linda;
Council Member Mary Lou Andrews Blakeney introduced members of Williams Memorial; friend Linda; new school board member Carlvena Foster; Dot Kearns; Fried Jerry; Cousin Gladys; Mother Evelyn Andrews; Adopted brother Kenneth Newlin, his daughter Jamial; and a special young man Zander, who predicted her win; Ms. Ida and Betty; and Merle Green, Director of Health.

Following the introductions, Mayor Smothers invited everyone to partake of the refreshments and announced the new Council would reconvene in 10 minutes to

take care of the organizational business.

080326 Consideration of the election of Council Member Bill Bencini as mayor Pro Tem. Term to be effective immediately and will expire one year from the date of election.

Elected Council Member Bill Bencini to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem for a period of one year.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

080327 Council is requested to confirm the appointments of respective Council Members to serve on the various standing Committees of the City Council for the period of 2008-2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Bencini noted there was one correction to the meeting time of the Planning & Development Committee. He announced that the Planning and Development Committee would also meet on the Tuesday following the 3rd Monday in addition to the Tuesday following the first Monday at 2:30 p.m.

Adopted the Composition of the Committees of City Council (2008-2010) and adopted the meeting schedule for same.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Faircloth, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

080328 Council is requested to confirm the appointments of the respective Council Members to serve as liaisons to the various boards and commissions. Appointments to be effective immediately and liaisons will serve until the next organizational meeting of the Council in 2010, or until further action is taken by Council.

Confirmed the appointment of the Council Liaisons to the various boards and commissions. Effective immediately and will serve for the 2008-2010 term.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bencini, seconded by Council Member Whitley, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

080329 Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Dates and Times for Official Sessions of the High Point City Council. Meeting schedule to be effective December 1, 2008.

Adopted Ordinance Establishing Dates and Times for Official Sessions of the High Point City Council including the City manager's Briefing Sessions. Meeting schedule to be effective upon adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Blakeney, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk