City of High Point

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

Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

James C. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Foster L. Douglas, Jason P. Ewing,
Jeffrey J. Golden, Judith P. Mendenhall,
Britt W. Moore, Rebecca R. Smothers,
Jay W. Wagner

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were present. Mayor Sims offered the invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Present 8 - Mayor Bernita Sims, Council Member Foster Douglas, Council Member Jason Ewing, Council Member Jeffrey Golden, Council Member Judy Mendenhall, Council Member Rebecca Smothers, Council Member Jay Wagner, and Council Member Britt Moore

MISCELLANEOUS

140257 **Proclamation - Hunger Action Month**

A proclamation recognizing September as "Hunger Action Month" will be presented to John Langdon from Helping Hands Ministry.

Attachments: Proclamation - Hunger Action Month

Mayor Sims read the Proclamation into the record declaring the month of September as "Hunger Action Month". John Langdon with Helping Hands Ministry was present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Langdon expressed appreciation for the recognition on behalf of Helping Hands Ministry.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Moore, Chair
Committee Members: Wagner, Davis and Sims
(all were present)

Chairman Moore reported that the Council received an Update from Fred Baggett on the 2014 Legislation during the Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

140258 **Contract - Sole Source Authorization - Remanufacture of Landfill Compactor**

Council is requested to approve an exception to the bid laws under the "sole source qualification" for the refurbishing of a 2005 CMI-Terex 550 Landfill Compactor through Road Machinery Services at the contract price of $345,000.00.

Attachments: Landfill Compactor Remanufacture

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee forwarded this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Approved an exception to the bid laws under the "sole source qualification" for the refurbishing of a 2005 CMI-Terex 550 Landfill Compactor through Road Machinery Serves at the contract price of $345,000.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Contract be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140259 **Budget Ordinance Amendment - Recycling Grant Program**

Adoption of a Budget Ordinance Amendment amending the 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds in the amount of $25,000.00 for the Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program.

Attachments: Budget Ordinance Amendment - Recycling Grant Program

Ordinance No. 1795/14-73
Introduced 9/2/2014; Adopted 9/2/2014
Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 127

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee moved this matter forward to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Ordinance amending the 2014-2015 Budget to appropriate funds in the amount of $25,000.00 for the Community Waste Reduction and Recyling Grant Program.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Budget Ordinance Amendment be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140260 **Municipal Agreement - NCDOT - Replacement of Bridge No. 136**

Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) providing for the replacement of Bridge No. 136 over the US 29-70/I-85 Business on SR 1619 in Randolph County.

Attachments: NCDOT - Bridge Replacement - US29-70-I-85 Business

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee forwarded this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Approved the Municipal Agreement between the City of High Point and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) providing for the replacement of Bridge No. 136 over the US 29-70/I-85 Business on SR 1619 in Randolph County and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute same.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that the Municipal Agreement with NCDOT be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140261 **Resolution - NCDOT - Transit System Section 5303 Planning Grant**

Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the transit system's Section 5303 planning grant.

Attachments: Resolution - Section 5303 Planning Grant - NCDOT

Resolution No. 1403/14-43
Introduced 9/2/2014; Adopted 9/2/2014

Resolution Book, XVIII, Page 125

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee forwarded this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the transit system's Section 5303 planning grant.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140262 **Resolution - Transfer Ownership of Pink Heals Fire Truck**

Adoption of Resolution accepting a transfer of title for a fire truck from the Piedmont Chapter of the Pink Heals Tour to the High Point Fire Department fleet.

Attachments: Resolution - Transfer of Ownership of Pink Heals Fire Truck
Resolution - Transfer of Ownership of Pink Heals Fire Truck - signed

Resolution No. 1404/14-44
Introduced 9/2/2014; Adopted 9/2/2014
Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, Page 126

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution accepting a transfer of title for a fire truck from the Piedmont Chapter of the Pink Heals Tour to the High Point Fire Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140263 **Local Government Resolution - Traffic Safety Contract**

Adoption of a Local Government Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file a grant application with the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program for the Traffic Safety Project to purchase a Crash Date Retrieval System (CDRS) and training for officers who will be utilizing the CDRS.

Attachments: Resolution - Highway Safety Program - Traffic Safety Project

Resolution No. 1405/14-45
Introduced 9/2/2014; Adopted 9/2/2014
Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, Page 127

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee forwarded this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to file a grant application with the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program for the Traffic Safety Project to purchase a Crash Date Retrieval System (CDRS) and training for officers utilizing the CDRS.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140264 **Local Government Resolution - DWI Task Force**

Adoption of a Local Government Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application to continue contract with the Guilford County Multi-Agency DWI Task Force for FY 2014-2015.

Attachments: Resolution - DWI Task Force

Resolution No. 1406/14-46
Introduced 9/2/2014; Adopted 9/2/2014
Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, Page 128

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee forwarded this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to file an application to continue contract with the Guilford County Multi-Agency DWI Task Force for FY 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140265 **Resolution - Sale of K9 Officer - Vadar**

Adoption of Resolution authorizing the retirement and sale of K9 Officer Vadar to his handler.

Attachments: Resolution - Sale of K-9 - Vadar

Resolution No. 1407/14-47
Introduced 9/2/2014; Adopted 9/2/2014
Resolution Book, Volume XVIII, Page 129

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee Meeting held at 4:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the retirement and sale of K9 Officer Vadar to his handler.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Douglas, Chair

Pending Items

140195 **Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 206 E. Ray Avenue**

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 206 E. Ray Avenue belonging to Sammie Chess, Jr. and Sandra Chess. At the July 21st Council Meeting, this item was deferred for 60 days.

Attachments: 206 E Ray Ave - Ordinance To Demolish

Note: This matter has been pending since it was initially introduced on July 17, 2014. At that time, Council deferred this matter for 60 days (matter due back on or before September 15, 2014).

Chairman Douglas made a motion to place this matter in Committee, but withdrew his motion when it was noted that it was actually due to come back to City Council on or before September 15, 2014. This matter will be on the September 15, 2014 for action.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 6:00 P.M.

The following residents addressed Council during the Public Comment Period.

Cynthia Davis, 413 Evergreen Drive, shared the following concerns:

New City Manager Search: She pointed out there is currently no grievance procedure in the City's Charter for those employees under direct supervision of the City Council and felt the process should be clearly outlined.

Internal Auditor Position: She expressed concerns that this person might be working under the Finance Director while auditing the records for that department.

ETJ Representative on the Planning & Zoning Commission: Ms. Davis made Council aware that the ETJ position on the Planning & Zoning Commission has been vacant for over a year and shared that the Planning & Zoning Commission needs an ETJ appointee.

Jackie Hazilip, 607 Washington Street, shared the following concerns: She asked if the city plans to re-open Hobson Street since the Kilby Hotel site has been completely demolished and cleaned up. Interim City Manager Randy McCaslin explained that city staff recommending it stay closed due to the condition of the First Baptist Church and the fact that the church as been condemned. He expressed concerns that the steeple on the church could fall causing the exterior walls to collapse into the street. Council Member Smothers pointed out the church has been considered unsafe for a while without the street being closed and asked Ms. Hazilip if she would share her concerns as to the reason why she would like Hobson Street to be re-opened. Ms. Hazilip explained that it was mainly for the people who might be visiting on Washington Street, especially during special events such as the Fall Festival.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if the city would leave Hobson Street closed permanently and if the city has a plan. Mr. McCaslin reminded Council that action was taken to condemn the First Baptist Church building and at some point, hopefully the church would submit a plan to the city as to what they plan to do regarding the structure. He pointed out something would need to be done with the structure and the city would need to move forward to rectify the situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis also asked about the status of Wrenn Street since it has been closed for the past two to three months. Mr. McCaslin explained that Wrenn Street could be partially opened during the Furniture Market to provide access to the showrooms. Council Member Smothers pointed out trucks are already using Wrenn Street, but with controlled access, but she felt the issue with Hobson Street was different than the situation on Wrenn Street because on Hobson, travelers would be required to wind through neighborhoods.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:15 P.M. (No Public Hearings Scheduled for this Meeting)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCY REPORT

140266 **Reappointment - Parks & Recreation Commission - Judy Jones**

Confirmation of the reappointment of Judy Jones (Ward 3 appointment) to the Parks & Recreation. Reappointment is effective immediately and will expire July 1, 2017.

Council Member Mendenhall pointed out a correction was necessary on this agenda item: the last name should be "Jones," not "Parks" as noted on the agenda.

Approved the reappointment of Judy Jones to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this reappointment be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140268 **Reappointment - HPC - William Anderson**

Confirmation of the reappointment of William Anderson (Ward 3 appointment) to the Historic Preservation Commission. Reappointment to be effective immediately and will expire July 1, 2017.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's Agenda, **motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Council Member Ewing to suspend the rules so it could be considered. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved the reappointment of William Anderson to the Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this reappointment be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140269 **Appointment- Theatre Advisory Board**

Mayor Sims is recommending the appointment of Charity Jackson to serve on the Theatre Advisory Board to fill an unexpired vacancy. Term will be effective immediately and will expire on June 1, 2015.

Attachments: JACKSON Charity Belton 2014

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's Agenda, **motion was made by Council Member Mendenhall, seconded by Council Member Ewing to suspend the rules so it could be considered. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointed Charity Belton Jackson to the Theatre Board to fill a vacant, unexpired term.

A motion was made by Mayor Sims, seconded by Council Member Smothers, that this appointment be approved. The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

140216 **Boards and Commissions - Vacancy Report**

Attached is the current list of vacancies for all Boards and Commissions.

Attachments: Vacancy Report

This information is attached for informational purposes only. No action is required on this item.

Mayor Sims informed Council that the High Point Housing Authority has a vacancy and has requested some very specific skill sets for those serving on the High Point Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: one need would be a developer, and a second would be for an individual in the health care field. She asked Council to bring some names forward for consideration.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

140267 **Minutes to be approved**

High Point City Council Special Meeting: Friday, August 15th @ 12:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, August 18th @ 4:30 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting: Monday, August 18th @ 5:30 p.m.
Comprehensive Planning Committee (ElectriCities Briefing): Tuesday, August 19th @ 4:00 p.m.

Attachments: 1. August 15 2014 Special Meeting

2. August 18 2014 Finance Committee

3. August 18 2014 High Point City Council

4. August 19 2014 Comprehensive Planning (ElectriCities Briefing)

The minutes from the preceding meetings were unanimously approved as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bernita Sims, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk