City of High Point

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Council Member Alexander and second by Council Member Bencini.

Finance Committee; Monday, November 1st @ 4:00 p.m.
Combined Meeting; Monday, October 18th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

At the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Session, and after all matters were heard by Council, **motion was made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Blakeney to suspend the rules in order to take final action on these matters at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]**

Motion was then made by Council Member Blakeney, seconded by Council Member Alexander that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]

Note: As a result of this action, there is no need for the Thursday morning meeting.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair
Committee Members: Bencini, Douglas and Alexander

(all were present)

Budget Amendment - Lease Purchase for Automated Refuse Collection Program

100317 City Council is being requested to amend the Annual Budget for the current fiscal year to appropriate $243,467.00 for the purchase of the Split Body Refuse Truck to fill a need that has been identified in our refuse collection program.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be forwarded to the full Council by a 3-1 vote of the Committee.

Council Member Douglas felt due to the economic climate, it was not necessary to spend money to purchase another truck at this time at the expense of the taxpayers *without any numbers on what the actual savings would be (i.e. manpower, number of trips, etc...). Council Member Pugh concurred.*

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

Adopted Budget Amendment amending the Annual Budget for the current fiscal year to appropriate $243,467.00 for the purchase of the split body refuse truck.

Ordinance No. 6776/10-124 **Introduced 11/15/2010**
Adopted 11/15/2010
Ordinance Book Volume XVI, 261

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

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

Contract - Bid No. 12 - Split Body Refuse Truck

100315 Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 12 for the purchase of a Split Body Refuse Truck for Environmental Services. Purchasing and Fleet Services recommends that contract be awarded to Amick Equipment Company in the amount of $243,467.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be forwarded to the full Council by a 3-1 vote of the Committee.

Council Member Douglas felt due to the economic climate, it was not necessary to spend money to purchase another truck at this time at the expense of the taxpayers without any numbers on what the actual savings would be (i.e. manpower, number of trips, etc...). Council Member Pugh concurred.

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

Approved the contract for the purchase of a split body refuse truck for Environmental Services to Amick Equipment Company in the amount of $243,467.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

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

Budget Ordinance Amendment - NCMPA1 City Energy Efficiency Programs

100316 Adoption of a Grant Project Ordinance Amendment for NCMPA1 City Energy Efficiency Programs funding in the amount of $155,892.00.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Council Member Sims asked how much money was left in this program for the city to spend. Randy McCaslin, Assistant City Manager, replied about $300,000 and reported that there are two projects currently out for bid with anticipation of completion in late Spring with all the projects. He explained there was $100,000 that would be used for residential grants (energy efficiency measures only). Mayor Smothers asked that staff provide periodic reports to Council on this.

Adopted Grant Project Ordinance Amendment for NCMPA1 City Energy Efficiency Programs funding in the amount of $155,892.00.

Ordinance No. 6777/10-125 **Introduced 11/15/2010**
Adopted 11/15/2010
Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 262

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

Capital Project Ordinance Amendment for Series 2010 Revenue Bond Project - Lindsay Street Widening Project

100318 City Council is requested to adopt a capital project ordinance amendment for the Lindsay Street Widening Utilities Relocation Project for an additional $300,000 which came from the sale of the Series 2010 Revenue Bonds.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Adopted Capital Project Ordinance amendment for the Lindsay Street Widening Utilities Relocation Project for an additional $300,000 to come out of the sale of the Series 2010 Revenue Bonds.

Ordinance No. 6778/10-126 **Introduced 11/15/2010**
Adopted 11/15/2010
Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 263

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley that this matter be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Utilities Receivables Write-off

100319 Council is requested to authorize staff to write-off uncollected utility accounts for fiscal years 1999-2007 as listed in the attached spreadsheet.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Authorized staff to write-off uncollected utility accounts for fiscal years 1999-2007 as listed in the spreadsheet [attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

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

Conveyance of City Property - 218 N. Hoskins Street - Habitat for Humanity

100320 Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to execute appropriate documents conveying the property located at 218 N. Hoskins Street to Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale and Trinity. Habitat will construct an Energy Star compliant home that is affordable to low to moderate-income homebuyers.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Authorized the Mayor to execute appropriate documents conveying the property located at 218 N. Hoskins Street to Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale and Trinity.

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

Duke Energy Easement - Johnson Street Park

100321 Council is requested to authorize staff to grant an additional easement to the Duke Energy transmission easement adjacent to the Johnson Street Frisbee golf course site for the purpose of installing a communication equipment building.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Authorized staff to grant an additional easement to the Duke Energy transmission easement adjacent to the Johnson Street Frisbee golf course site for the purpose of installing a communication equipment building.

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

Contract - Lawson Software Application Support

100322 Council is requested to authorize staff to enter into a five (5) year contract with CIBER to provide support for our software application. Contract is in the amount of $512,854.00 over a five-year period.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Authorized staff to enter into a five (5) year contract in the amount of $512,854.00 with CIBER to provide support for the city's software application.

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

Acknowledge Receipt of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY Ended June 30, 2010

100332 Council is requested to acknowledge receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2010.

Since this matter did not originally appear on the agenda, motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Blakeney to suspend the rules relative to placing this matter on the agenda so it could be considered at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff presented copies of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY ending June 30, 2010 during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. McGladrey & Pullen was present at the meeting to report on the Audit. [please refer to the November 15, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting for discussion regarding this matter].

Acknowledged receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY ending

June 30, 2010.

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

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

(all were present)

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

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

(all were present)

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

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

(all were present)

Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 10-15 - Robert Draughan

100323 Approval of a resolution of intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, December 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an improved portion of an unnamed alley between Pine Street and N. Lindsay Street, north of W. English Road.

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

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, December 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an improved portion of an unnamed alley between Pine Street and N. Lindsay Street, north of W. English Road.

Resolution No. 1647/10-75 **Introduced 1/15/2010**
Adopted 11/15/2010
Resolution Book Volume XVI, Page 289

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Boards and Commissions Appointment: Citizens Advisory Council

100326 Consideration of the appointment of Jason Ewing to the Citizens Advisory Council as submitted by Council Member Faircloth for his Ward 6 appointment. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2012.

Consideration of the appointment of Yvonne Short to the Citizens Advisory Council as recommended by Council Member Blakeney as her At-Large appointment. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on May 31, 2012.

Approved the preceding appointments.

A motion was made by Member Faircloth, seconded by Member Blakeney, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Reappointment- Boards & Commissions- Library Board of Trustees

100327 Consideration of the reappointment of Kolleen Moss to the Library Board of Trustees as recommended by Council Member Faircloth for his Ward 6 appointment. Reappointment to be effective immediately and will expire 10/31/2013.

Consideration of the reappointment of Bruce Laney to the Library Board of Trustees as recommended by Council Member Blakeney as her At-Large appointment. Reappointment to be effective immediately and will expire 10/31/2013.

Approved the preceding re-appointments.

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

Appointment- Firefighter's Relief Fund Board of Trustees- Gerald Zimmerman

100328 Consideration of the appointmnent of Mr. Gerald R. Zimmerman to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees (Pension Fund) to replace Benny Morton, who has resigned. Appointment effective immediately and will expire January 31, 2013.

Since this matter did not originally appear on the agenda, motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Blakeney to suspend the rules relative to placing this matter on the agenda so it could be considered at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved the appointment of Gerald R. Zimmerman to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

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

Reappointment- ABC Board- David Wall

100329 Consideration of the reappointment of David Wall to the ABC Board. Reappointment effective immediately and will expire on 11/15/2013.

Since this matter did not originally appear on the agenda, motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Blakeney to suspend the rules relative to placing this matter on the agenda so it could be considered at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved the reappointment of David Wall to the ABC Board.

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

Acknowledge Receipt of Official Results of Municipal General Election held on November 2, 2010

100331 Council is requested to acknolwedge receipt of the canvassed results of the Municipal General Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 1010 for Mayor, At-Large, and Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The canvassed results for Ward 6 will be conducted separately. A recount for Ward 6 is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m. and will be forwarded upon completion.

Since this matter did not originally appear on the agenda, motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Blakeney to suspend the rules relative to placing this matter on the agenda so it could be considered at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Smothers explained the Guilford County Board of Elections would be conducting a recount for Ward 6 on Tuesday, November 16th @ 2:00 p.m. and those results would be certified at a later date.

Acknowledged receipt of the canvassed results of the Municipal General Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 for Mayor, At-Large, and Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. [a copy of the canvassed results will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

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

Unsealing Closed Session Minutes

100337 The Clerk and Legal staff has reviewed and submitted a list of Closed Session minutes to be unsealed.

Approved the unsealing of the Closed Session Minutes as identified in the attached list which is hereby attached in Legistar and made a permanent part of these proceedings.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Alleged Incident Involving Sexual Molestation and Inadequate Police Response Time

Michael Curtis Miller, 718 South Road, High Point, addressed Council regarding an alleged incident that took place the night before in the parking lot of a local Food Lion shopping store located off Westchester involving a minor girl who was allegedly sexually molested in a public parking lot. He expressed concerns that the police took too long to respond to the incident and felt disciplinary action should be taken for what he referred to as such an "outrageous response." The Mayor asked Mr. Miller to allow staff some time to get information on the 9-1-1- call(s).

Keeping Young Female Teens on the Right Track

Tracy Haney, who resides at 4924 Brompton Drive in Greensboro, made a passionate plea to the City Council and expressed concerns involving the direction that young females are headed in in the Triad (i.e. increasing rate of teen pregnancy, school drop-outs, lack of self-esteem, suicide, etc.....). She felt there was so much emphasis put on the Furniture Market and questioned the way the Furniture Market funds are allotted. The Mayor explained that the funds for the Furniture Market are not designed for any other purpose except to the Furniture Market and pointed out there are a number of programs in High Point that do address young women and these problems.

Council Member Sims asked Ms. Haney what she would like Council to do and Ms. Haney replied that she would love for Council to create some type of institution involving arts, theatre, drama, music, etc.....or something similar to the Weaver Academy in Greensboro.

Mayor Smothers commended Ms. Haney for taking a stand and attempting to bring this to the community's attention.

CLOSED SESSION- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At 5:00 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Blakeney to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) for the purpose of a briefing by staff on a proposed economic development project.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council reconvened into open session at 5:15 p.m. with an announcement that Council has directed staff to advertise for a public hearing on for November 29th at 5:00 p.m. at which time the City Council will consider incentives for an unnamed company. Details will be released next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS - 5:30 p.m.

Planning & Development Committee - Council Member Bencini, Chair

Text Amendment 10-07-B - City of High Point - Miscellaneous Amendments to Development Ordinance

100333 A request by the Planning and Development Department for miscellaneous amendments to various sections of the Development Ordinance in regards to general definitions, permitted use schedule, agricultural & single family district dimensional requirements, fencing height, nonconforming uses, development standards for individual uses, planting yard rate chart and street name signage.

This matter was originally part of **100324- Text Amendment 10-07- Miscellaneous Amendments to the Development Ordinance** but was split out. Only Section 1 was adopted and/or approved. Please refer to **Matter 100324 Text Amendment 10-07 A-City of High Point- Miscellaneous Amendments to Development Ordinance** for discussion regarding this matter.

Continued the public hearing to Monday, November 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. for the remaining Secitons 2 through 8.

A motion was made by Council Member Bencini, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be continued for November 29, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Text Amendment 10-07 A - City of High Point - Miscellaneous Amendments to Development Ordinance

100324 A request by the Planning and Development Department for miscellaneous amendments to various sections of the Development Ordinance in regards to general definitions, permitted use schedule, agricultural & single family district dimensional requirements, fencing height, nonconforming uses, development standards for individual uses, planting yard rate chart and street name signage.

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Bencini explained that he had talked with several Council Members who would like to continue the public hearing because they felt more time was needed to review the information that was presented.

Doug Loveland of Planning & Development gave an overview of the staff report which will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

As a matter of clarification, Mr. Loveland explained that Section 8 has been tweaked just a little since the amendment was drafted and referred Council to the wording for the revision on page 58 of the packet. He noted that the city's transportation department staff preferred this language be adopted instead of what was originally proposed that went to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mayor Smothers asked if there would be any consideration from Council to possibly adopt Section 1 which amends two definitions in the Definitions section (Chapter 2) of the Development Ordinance (i.e. disabled motor vehicle, and restaurant (serving mixed alcoholic beverages). She further explained that the amendment dealing with the definition of a restaurant serving mixed alcoholic beverages was due to a request by a coffee shop wanting to serve wine and the percentages used to calculate food purchases. City Attorney Fred Baggett noted that although the coffee shop is in compliance with ABC laws, they are not in compliance with the city's zoning laws.

Chairman Bencini opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding these text amendments. There being no one present to speak at this time, the Committee recommended adoption of Section 1 only at this time (dealing with the definitions as referenced above) and continued the the remaining miscellaneous amendments (Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8) to the Development Ordinance to Monday, November 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Adopted Ordinance amending Section 1, Subsection 9-2-2(g), entitled General Definitions.

Ordinance No. 6779/10-127 **Introduced 11/15/2010**
Adopted 11/15/2010
Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 264

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

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. (This item was discussed in committee on Tuesday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and the committee recommended placement on the March 7th agenda)

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Bob Robbins of Planning and Development gave an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Chairman Bencini asked staff if numbers were available regarding what the city has spent on relocations costs within the last 2 months. Mike McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing replied the city spent approximately $7,000 last year and approximately $14,000 this year.

At this time, Chairman Bencini opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment.

Judy Stalder, on behalf of TREBIC, 114 S. Westgate Drive in Greensboro, thanked Council for moving forward in drafting the ordinance to protect tenants without placing undue hardships on landlords, but asked that Council continue to tweak the ordinance by protecting the landlords from liens that might be a result of tenant violations/abuse. She distributed a copy of suggested wording drafted by TREBIC on tenant obligations and responsibilities, a copy of which will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. She further elaborated on the wording and explained that it addresses how the building inspector making the inspections can look for tenant violations and give tenants notice and in the case that the property is no longer habitable, give the tenants a citation and an opportunity to make the repairs (if they're responsible) before evicting them and if they are evicted, then the landlord would take over to correct the violations. She felt it was important to recognize that there are some cases where the tenants destroy or abuse the homes and TREBIC doesn't feel like the landlords should be penalized by being responsible to make the repairs so the tenant can remain.

Council Member Sims expressed strong concerns and felt TREBIC's suggestion would put the city in a position of having to take on policing responsibility and cautioned Council as they review the process to keep in mind about the unfairness of this to the building inspectors because they shouldn't be responsible for making a determination or judgment call on how damages occur. Ms. Stalder pointed out there are some situation where the landlords really feel like they are losing out with the ordinance and felt it might help for Council to hear some of their stories.

Council Member Alexander felt there was enough historical data that could be reviewed on the individual cases to determine if it was driven by a client or tenant damage (neglect or decay).

At this time, Chairman Bencini asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak regarding this matter.

Amy Hedgecock, 605 Shamrock Road, stressed the point that there are disenfranchised folks in High Point that desperately need help, but there were also a lot of landlords who were hurting because they have to pay their mortgages and taxes and don't want to pay to move people. She shared a story about a personal experience about one of her tenants who knew how to play the system well. She asked Council to protect all the citizens of High Point not just a few.

Dot Elliott with Conrad Realtors addressed Council regarding concerns that landlords are being strapped with more than they can handle. She stated she was also aware of the fact that she is seeing more irresponsible, unhappy people and that stress from their unhappiness is showing up in so many ways. She asked Council to look very severely at this.

Sherry Vaughan, 1515 Wallburg-High Point Road, also addressed Council. She explained she is a property owner and expressed concerns about tenants who abuse the system. She shared a story about a personal experience with one of her tenants who called the inspections department for an inspection which resulted in a list of things that required attention, but about 99% of it was due to tenant damage. She felt the reason the tenant called was so they would not have to pay for the repairs if the city's inspection department made the inspection and they would get money to move. She, too, cautioned Council about adopting something that give tenants an opportunity to learn and abuse the system and felt some kind of control measures were necessary.

Council Member Alexander shared a personal experience he had with a property management company that was managing his property and pointed out many property managers are not fulfilling their responsibilities especially in the area of making annual inspections like they should.

Council Member Sims reiterated her concerns that the city cannot continue to pay to relocate individuals. Council Member Pugh felt it would be prudent to put this to a committee made up of property managers and staff from the inspections department to try to come up with an equitable solution. Council Member Sims expressed concerns about opening up because it would result in a whole group of individuals with many different interests as it relates to the text amendment.

Chairman Bencini asked if there were any additional comments. There being none, the public hearing was declared. Chairman Bencini moved to refer this matter to the Planning & Development Committee for further review/ discussion.

For further discussion, Council Member Faircloth asked Council to be mindful about the reason this was an issue in the first place and the concerns about how to recover taxpayer's money that was being spent to move tenants in these cases and he didn't feel this should evolve into a landlord inspection system. Council Member Pugh suggested there should be an equitable way to do this and it should be done without penalizing a tenant or a responsible landlord.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously to refer this matter to the Planning & Development Committee for further review/discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Bencini, seconded by Council Member Pugh, that this matter be deferred to the Planning, Economic Dev. & Information Technology Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

For Information Only:

Resolution of Appreciation to Outgoing Council Member John Faircloth

Mayor Smothers explained that Council Member Faircloth would not be present at the December 6th Organization meeting and read the resolution into the record recognizing him for his dedicated service on the High Point City Council. [applause-standing ovation]

Note: Council Member Faircloth was elected to the NC House of Representatives, District 61.

Council Member Faircloth explained that his duty in High Point started in 1976 when he received a call and was asked by the Civil Service Board to come to High Point to become Chief of Police. He and his family moved to High Point, fell in love with High Point and have been here since. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity since 2003 to sit on the City Council and serve the citizens of High Point in this capacity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 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