# City of High Point

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

# Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, August 4, 2011

**9:00:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

***Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor***
***Latimer B. Alexander, IV, Mayor Pro Tem***
***James Corey, Foster Douglas, A.B. Henley, III,***
***Britt W. Moore, Michael D. Pugh,***
***Bernita Sims, M. Christopher Whitley***

## ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Moore, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Whitley and Council Member Corey
Absent: Council Member Henley

## APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and second by Council Member Corey. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]

Planning, Ec. Development and Information Technology Committee; Thursday, June 9th @ 9:30 a.m.
Finance Committee; Monday, June 20th @ 3:30 p.m.
Combined Meeting; Monday, June 20th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee; Monday, July 18th @ 4:00 p.m.
Combined Meeting; Monday, July 18th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.
Planning, Ec. Development and Information Technology Committee; Tuesday, July 19th @ 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting; Thursday, July 21st @ 9:00 a.m.
Briefing Session; Thursday, July 21st @ 9:30 a.m.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, second by Council Member Sims, all matters on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved and/or adopted as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]**

Action will be reflected throughout these minutes as being made and seconded by the same persons.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Contract - Bid No. 23 - Engineering Services - Eastside Wastewater Solids Handling Improvements

**110158** Consideration of approval of Bid No. 23 for contract for engineering services related to the upgrade of the Eastside WWTP Solids Handling Facilities. Purchasing and Public Services recommend that contract be awarded to Hazen and Sawyer in the amount of $946,310.00 which is the best qualified candidate.

Approved contract with Hazen & Sawyer in the amount of $946,310.00 which is the best qualified candidate.

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

### Purchase of Equipment - 2011 John Deere Wheel Loader

**110159** Consideration of approval of the purchase of a new 2011 John Deere 624K Wheel Loader from James River Equipment Company in the amount of $120,987.82.

Approved the purchase of a new 2011 John Deere 624K Wheel Loader from James River Equipment Company in the amount of $120,987.82.

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

**Contract - Electric Distribution Crews**

**110154** Council is requested to reject bids received for Bid No. 39 for Electric Distribution Crews; and approve the enclosed contract amendment prepared by the City Attorney extending the current contract with Pike Electric Contractors until June 2013.

Rejected bids received for Electric Distribution Crews; and approved the contract amendment with Pike Electric Contractors extending the current contract until June 2013.

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

**Donation of Property - Centex Homes - Deep River Greenway and Lake Buffer**

**110161** Council is requested to authorize the City Attorney's office to execute the necessary documentation to accept a donation of 3.135 acres of land located at the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Deep River Road and Hickswood Road from Centex Homes for the Deep River Greenway connection and lake buffer.

Authorized the city attorney's office to execute the necessary documentation to accept a donation of 3.135 acres of land located at the soutwhest quadrant of the intersection of Deep River Road and Hickswood Road from Centext Homes for the Deep River Greenway connection and lake buffer.

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

**REGULAR MEETING ITEMS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Alexander, Chair**

**Contract - Sole Source Authorization - Equipment for Fleet Services Department**

**110160** City Council is requested to approve an exception to the bid laws under the "sole source qualification" for the purchase of a TEREX Trashmaster for landfill operations; and approve the acquisition of the equipment and related services from Road Machinery, Inc. in the amount of $727,000.00.

At the Monday, August 1, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting, this item was recommended for favorable approval. However, due to one dissenting vote from Council Member Douglas, this item is placed on today's Regular Agenda to allow additional discussion prior to a final vote.

Mayor Smothers noted that staff did e-mail Council photographs of the equipment.

Council Member Douglas reiterated his concerns that this is too much money to be spending on a piece of equipment at this point in time and he would not be able to support it. He also conveyed that he was not convinced that staff got the best price for it. Council Member Pugh pointed out with the downturn in the construction industry, there seems to be a great decrease in the value for heavy equipment and questioned staff as to if they had seen this reflected in the prices of equipment. The city manager felt the city was getting excellent prices on needed equipment and pointed out this particular piece of equipment was necessary for to operate the landfill within the State standards to operate landfills. The Mayor pointed out the money for this equipment would not come out of the General Fund, and Council Member Pugh pointed out these expenses were being paid for by the increases being passed on to the public. Mayor Smothers suggested Council review the landfill tonage fees since they haven't been increased since 1997.

Approved an exception to the bid laws under the "sole source qualification" for the purchase of a TEREX Trashmaster for landfill operations; and approved the acquisition of the equipment and related services from Road Machinery, Inc. in the amount of $727,000.00.

**PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance - Text Amendment 11-07 - Halo Styles, LLC**

**110150** A request by Halo Styles, LLC. to amend Section 9-5-2 (ttt) of the Development Ordinance pertaining to development standards for Market Showrooms in the CB District, to permit a limited amount of exterior product display.

Note: At the July 18th Committee of the Whole Meeting, action was taken to place this matter in Committee for further discussion.

Chairman Whitley explained the committee met on Tuesday, August 2nd to discuss this matter further and the committee made the recommendation to adopt Text Amendment 11-07 with the additional requireme4nt that products shall not be displayed earlier than two weeks prior to the official opening of market and must be removed within two weeks of the official end of market.

Adopted Ordinance amending Section 9-5-2 (ttt) of the Development Ordinance pertaining to development standards for Market Showrooms in the CB District, to permit a limited amount of exterior product display.

**Ordinance No. 6835/11-43** **Introduced 7/18/2011**
**Adopted 08/04/2011**
**Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 43**

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

## For Information Only:

Council Member Moore expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending his first State of the Community last week and noted that when Chairman Alston gave his remarks, he thanked Bruce Davis and John Parks for some of the positive things that came out in High Point, but failed to recognize Commissioner Bill Bencini. He wanted to also publicly thank and express appreciation to Commissioner Bencini for his efforts on behalf of High Point.

## CLOSED SESSION- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PERSONNEL MATTER

**Upon motion by Council Member Whitley and second by Council Member Sims and second by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, Council entered into Closed Session at 9:20 a.m. pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) and (6) for a briefing from staff on a proposed economic development project and personnel issue (annual performance review for the city manager and city clerk). The motion carried unanimously. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]**

Upon reconvening into open session at 11:30 a.m., Mayor Smothers called the meeting back to order and announced that Council would be holding a public hearing in September on a request for economic development incentives. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

## ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk