

City of High Point

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



Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2013

4:45 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

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

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present 9 - Mayor Bernita Sims, Mayor Pro Tem Britt Moore, Council Member James Davis, Council Member Foster Douglas, Council Member Jason Ewing, Council Member Jeffrey Golden, Council Member Judy Mendenhall, Council Member Rebecca Smothers, and Council Member Jay Wagner

Presentations/Awards**High Point Receives Digital Cities Award**

Ken McFarland with Digital Cities presented the Digital Cities award to Steve Lingerfelt on behalf of the City of High Point. High Point is ranked 7th in the nation among its population group for the use of technology in government. Mr. Lingerfelt acknowledged the IT staff and asked them to stand. [applause]

Civic Commendation Certificate

Police Chief Marty Sumner presented a Civic Commendation Certificate to Mr. Doug Langford for his assistance in helping the Police Department by offering his two truck to help several cars get up a hill during the snow/ice on January 18th.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS[130034](#)**Contract - Bid No. 16 - Skeet Club Road Supplies/Materials for Transmission Lines**

Award of contract for Bid No 16 for the purchase of supplies and materials for the transmission lines on Skeet Club Road. Purchasing and the Electric Department recommends that contract be awarded to Shealy Electrical in the amount of \$151,569.50 which is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Bid No 16 - Skeet Club Road Transmission Line Materials](#)

Approved contract with Shealy Electrical in the amount of \$151,569.50 which is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

[130035](#)**Budget Ordinance Amendment - Appropriation of Funds for Repair to Fire Department Vehicle**

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance to appropriate insurance proceeds in the amount of \$9,835.00 received to repair a fire department vehicle damaged in an automobile accident.

Attachments: [Budget Ordinance Amendment - Fire Truck Repairs](#)

Ordinance No. 6970/13092
Introduced 2/4/2013; Adopted 2/4/2013
Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 2

Adopted ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance to appropriate insurance proceeds in the amount of \$9,835.00 received to repair a fire department vehicle damaged in an automobile accident.

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

[130041](#)

Budget Ordinance Amendment - Appropriation of Funds - Ignite High Point/Duany Study Project

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds in the amount of \$420,450.00 to support the Ignite High Point/Duany Study Project.

Attachments: [Budget Ordinance Amendment - Ignite HP - Duany Study Project](#)

Ordinance No. 6971/13-03
Introduced 2/4/2013; Adopted 2/4/2013
Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 3

Council Member Wagner pointed out that all but \$50,000 of this amount was raised privately by the City Project.

Adopted Ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds in the amount of \$420,450.00.

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

[130036](#)

Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1100 Campbell Street

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1100 Campbell Street belonging to Despina Agapion.

Attachments: [Ordinance - Demolition - 1100 Campbell Street](#)

Ordinance No. 6972/13-04
Introduced 2/4/2013; Adopted 2/4/2013
Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 4

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, presented the staff report for this housing case which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. Ms. Bossi reported that according to the city's utility account records, this structure has been vacant since May of 2004. The estimate of repairs exceed 50% of the current tax value of the structure. No permits have been obtained and no repairs have been made to the structure.

The property owner was not present for this hearing, and the property owner did not appear at the hearing held by staff on November 28, 2012.

Several Council Members inquired as to if this property owner owns any other structures in High Point and if so, the condition of those structures. Ms. Bossi replied the property owner does own a couple of other properties in the city and pointed out the city actually demolished the structure at 1807 Johnson Street, but there was no lien placed on the property because the property owner paid the invoice for the demolition.

The property owner was not present at this meeting, nor did anyone offer any comments regarding this matter.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1100 Campbell Street.

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

[130037](#)

Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1112 W. English Road

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the demolition of an dwelling located at 1112 W. English Road belonging to Nancy A. Janney.

Attachments: [Ordinance - Demolition - 1112 W. English Road](#)

Ordinance No. 6973/13-05

Introduced 2/4/2013; Adopted 2/4/2013

Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 5

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, presented the staff report for this housing case which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. Ms. Bossi noted the property owner did not appear in person for the hearing on August 6, 2012, but did contact the inspector by telephone. Ms. Bossi reported that the property owner purchased this property and the property located at 1114 W. English Road with the intentions of making repairs, but could not follow through due to her financial/health condition. The structure has been vacant since January, 2010 and in its present state, the estimate of repairs does exceed 50% of the tax value. There have been no building permits obtained and no repairs have been made.

The property owner was not present at this meeting, nor did anyone offer any comments regarding this matter.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1112 W. English Road.

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

130038**Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1114 W. English Road**

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1114 W. English Road belonging to Nancy A. Janney.

Attachments: [Ordinance - Demolition - 1114 W. English Road](#)

Ordinance No. 6974/13-06

Introduced 2/4/2013; Adopted 2/4/2013

Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 6

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, presented the staff report for this housing case which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. Ms. Bossi noted the property owner did not appear in person for the hearing on August 6, 2012, but did contact the inspector by telephone. Ms. Bossi reported that the property owner purchased this property and the property located at 1112 W. English Road with the intentions of making repairs, but could not follow through due to her financial/health condition. This structure has been vacant since August, 2008 and is currently uninhabitable due to extensive fire damage. In its present state, the estimate of repairs does exceed 50% of the tax value. There have been no building permits obtained, no repairs made, nor has the property owner started demolition.

The property owner was not present at this meeting, nor did anyone offer any comments regarding this matter.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 1114 W. English Road.

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

130039**Yellow First Class Cabs - Change in Ownership/Name**

Monday, February 4, 2013 at 4:45 p.m. is the date and time established for a the second reading to consider a request to approve the addition of Khurshid Ali as an owner of the First Class Taxi Cab Company (deleting Zafar Iqbal); and approve the change in the name of the company to "A Plus Yellow Cab" as a way of reflecting the new ownership. The City Code of Ordinances requires that City Council approve the transfer to or acquisition of certificates made by any person not named in the existing application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Following this reading the ordinance will be adopted providing for the transfer of ownership resulting in reissuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Attachments: [Ordinance - A Plus Yellow Cab](#)

Ordinance No. 6975/13-07

Introduced 1/22/2013; Adopted 2/4/2013

Ordinance Book, Volume XVIII, Page 7

Mayor Sims noted the first reading on this matter was held on January 22, 2013. This is the time and date set aside for the second reading for a change in ownership/name for Yellow First Class Cabs. She asked if there was anyone present who would like to offer comment. No one was present to comment.

Adopted Ordinance authorizing the change in ownership and approving the change in the name of the company to "A Plus Yellow Cab."

A motion was made by Council Member Smothers, seconded by Council Member Wagner, to adopt the Ordinance approving the change in ownership and name for A Plus Yellow Cab (second reading). The motion PASSED by a 9-0 unanimous vote.

[120246](#)

Ordinance - Text Amendment Case 12-02 - The City Project, Inc.

A request by The City Project, Inc. to amend Section 9-2-2 *Definitions*, Table 4-7-1 *Permitted Use Schedule*, and Table 5-6-1 *Off-Street Parking Requirements*, with respect to Video Sweepstakes Establishments.

Attachments: [TA12-02 Staff Report \(01-29-13\)](#)

[Text Amendment 12-02 - The City Project - Sweepstakes](#)

[Adopted Ordinance TA12-02](#)

Mayor Sims announced that Council Member Wagner would lead the discussion regarding this matter that has been on the pending list since it came to Council September 17, 2012. Council Member Wagner explained that both the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council held public hearings and no one voiced any opposition to the text amendment. He noted it essentially creates a definition for sweepstakes operations in the Development Ordinance and it would also restrict sweepstakes operations within the Uptowe, Washington Street, and the Southside areas since these were areas identified by the City Project for family-oriented businesses and tattoo parlors, sweepstakes establishments, pawn shops, etc... did not fit in their vision for this area. He mentioned that according to Davidson County Sheriff David Grice, there were some sweepstakes operations that reopened in Davidson County because these establishments installed new software on their machines and allege their machines now comply with the statutes. They were issued citations by the Sheriff's Department to shut down, so their attorneys immediately filed lawsuits on their behalf. As a result of the court's action, they were awarded a temporary restraining order allowing them to operate pending a hearing today on a permanent injunction although he was not aware of the court's ruling. He pointed out the original text amendment was an attempt for the city to regulate the locations for sweepstakes operations.

Council Member Mendenhall questioned the reasoning behind restricting these

types of businesses to certain areas and asked why they desire them to be only in Ward 3. She pointed out that there has not been any higher crime rates associated with these establishments and that it tends to imply that people who might wish to use these establishments would not want to eat at a restaurant or walk or shop. She noted that there are bars currently located in these areas and bars were certainly not "family-oriented."

Council Member Davis questioned the inclusion of the Southside area and noted he did not recall but two areas originally included: Main Street and Washington Street districts. Bob Robbins of Planning and Development, clarified that the ordinance actually addresses only allowing sweepstakes establishments in the General Business (GB) Districts across town and this accomplished the City Project's concerns about them being located in the Washington Street area, the Main Street District and to a certain extent, the Southside area. He noted there are places in the GB District that are not just in Ward 3. Council Member Mendenhall pointed out the wording used in the information other than North of Eastchester Drive on N. Main Street, identified the following areas: S. Main, south of Business 85 along W. English and W. Kivett and the southern end of Westchester Drive, which are all in Ward 3. Council Member Wagner stated he was not going to argue with the wording, but pointed out there is GB other than in those areas.

Council Member Smothers mentioned the concerns that were voiced by a citizen at the public hearing regarding the cigarette smoke smell wafting through the mechanical system associated with strip centers. Council Member Wagner agreed this does seem to be a problem and pointed out it would pose problems with clothing stores with smoke traveling through the vents ruining their inventory due to the smoky smell.

Council Member Ewing felt from a consistency standpoint, if the city desires to target and narrow in on specific types of businesses, then the city should make it where they cannot locate in the city limits rather than shifting them around to different parts of the city so they are not in key, protected areas. He felt at this point, Council should be happy to get any type of business to locate in the City of High Point. Council Member Wagner pointed out this is the purpose of having zoning and Council Member Mendenhall explained cities should not zone for moral reasons. Council Member Wagner explained this is not a moral question, but pointed out the City Council approved the Core City Plan creating the City Project which included a specific vision for the types of businesses desired in the Core City. He further explained that each time one of the undesirable businesses go in, it creates a missed opportunity for them to recruit a restaurant or a shop or another business that would further the vision they have for that area. Council Member Mendenhall pointed out it was the former City Council that adopted the Core City Plan.

Mayor Sims noted this matter was placed in pending by the previous Council awaiting the outcome of the legislation that had been introduced regarding

these establishments and it goes back to the original question as to if this is something they want to allow in the community--period. She felt there still seems to be some degree of unreadiness by this Council to put it to a vote and make a decision about whether or not to move forward with it. She asked if anyone would like to make a motion to put this matter back in pending to be discussed at a Committee of the Whole Briefing.

Council Member Smothers asked if staff could provide a map identifying the excluded areas and suggested Council discuss taxing these establishments.

Referred Text Amendment 12-02 back to the Committee of the Whole and placed it on the pending list for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Mendenhall, that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and that staff provide a map identifying the excluded areas. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Sims, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Member Davis, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Ewing, Council Member Golden, Council Member Mendenhall, and Council Member Smothers

Nay: 1 - Council Member Wagner

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCY REPORT

130042

Appointment to Library Board of Trustees (McGuinn)

Council Member Mendenhall has submitted an application for Caroline McGuinn for consideration of appointment to the Library Board of Trustees as her Ward 3 appointment. Ms. McGuinn will replace James Armstrong, whose term has expired. Appointment effective immediately and will expire on 10/31/2015.

Attachments: [MCGUINN Caroline 2013](#)

Approved the appointment of Caroline McGuinn to the Library Board of Trustees.

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

130043

Reappointment to Library Board of Trustees (YOUNG)

Mayor Sims is recommending the reappointment of Carol Young as her At-Large museum representative on the Library Board of Trustees. Reappointment effective immediately and will expire 10/31/2015.

Approved the reappointment of Carol Young to the Library Board of Trustees.

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

130044

Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission (Bridges)

Council Member Golden has submitted an application for Phyllis Bridges for

consideration of appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission as his Ward 1 appointment. Appointment effective immediately and will expire 7/1/2015.

Attachments: [BRIDGES Phyllis 2013](#)

Approved the appointment of Phyllis Bridges to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

[130045](#)

Appointment to Citizens Advisory Council (Kak)

Council Member Davis has submitted an application for Thomas Kak for consideration of appointment to the Citizens Advisory Council as his Ward 5 appointment. Mr. Kak will fill the unexpired term of Stephanie Coggins, who has resigned. Appointment effective immediately and will expire 5/31/2014.

Attachments: [KAK Thomas 2012](#)

Approved the appointment of Thomas Kak to the Citizens Advisory Council.

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

[130046](#)

Reappointment to Citizens Advisory Council (Dawson)

Council Member Douglas is recommending the reappointment of Jermaine Dawson as his Ward 2 appointment on the Citizens Advisory Council. Appointment effective immediately and will expire 5/31/2014.

Approved the reappointment of Jermaine Dawson to the Citizens Advisory Council.

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

[130047](#)

Reappointment to Citizens Advisory Council (Short)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore is recommending the reappointment of Yvonne Short to the Citizens Advisory Council as his At-Large appointment. Appointment effective immediately and will expire 5/31/2014

Attachments: [SHORT Yvonne 2012](#)

Approved the reappointment of Yvonne Short to the Citizens Advisory Council.

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

[120229](#)

Boards and Commissions - Vacancies

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

Attachments: [term expirations 2013 \(April 15 2013 agenda\).pdf](#)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS[130040](#)**Approval of the following Minutes:**

High Point City Council Facility Tour (Public Services) held on Saturday, January 19th @ 8:30 a.m.

High Point City Council Special Meeting held on Tuesday, January 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Finance Meeting held Tuesday, January 22nd @ 3:55 p.m.

High Point City Council Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 22nd @ 4:45 p.m.

Attachments: [January 22 2013 Committee of the Whole Finance](#)

[January 22 2013 Special Meeting](#)

[January 19 2013 Facilities Tour \(Public Services\)](#)

[January 22 2013 High Point City Council](#)

Approved the minutes of the preceding minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 P.M.**SANDERS DALLAS, III**

Sanders Dallas, III, a resident of Winston Salem who owns property in Winston Salem and High Point, informed Council that he has been disappointed in some of the decisions that have been made in the City of High Point in recent years and felt that High Point continues to lag significantly behind other larger cities such as Winston, Greensboro, Raleigh and Charlotte in terms of economic development. He referenced a recent article in the Rhino Times and expressed concerns about the Mayor moving to consolidate and reshuffle committees, effectively allowing her to call the shots on every committee because she steers each one. He also mentioned that it was disturbing to him that the City Council is talking about potentially modifying the city's charter to increase their terms without the voting public's involvement on this decision. He cautioned Council Members to tread lightly on some of these changes they are considering and not to unilaterally decide to extend Council terms because this would not bode well with their constituents. He also felt instituting a primary or putting a run-off system into place would be a good idea, but the facts should be shared with the public at-large. He suggested Council put a non-binding resolution on the ballot for the next election to determine the public's support (or lack of) for a change to the City's Charter or relevant ordinance governing municipal elections in the associated terms of office.

Mr. Dallas noted that although he feels Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s efforts to implement social justice and needed reform during the late 1950s and 1960s were exemplary and great, he objected to the potential renaming of Kivett Drive and English Road for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He pointed out there are already signs and portions of Kivett Drive designating the road as Martin Luther

King, Jr. Memorial Drive and felt forcing both residents and businesses to incur the expenses of changing their street name is not wise during this period of economic uncertainty. He referenced Mayor Sims' unsuccessful street renaming efforts over the past fourteen years involving efforts to rename Centennial, College Drive and parts of US 311. He pointed out the street renaming policy requires signatures of at least 2/3 of the property owners of a particular street to sign a petition in order for changes to take place and if there is a petition, it would be informative to produce it for the benefit of the Planning & Zoning Commission and for the public at-large. He informed Council that his final, major objection is personal in nature as far as renaming English Road because The road was named after the family of Ellen Jane Hedgecock English, who was his great, great grandmother.

In closing, Mr. Dallas asked why it seems that politics is injected at every level of potential economic progress in High Point. He encouraged Council to ask the tough questions and sometimes it might ruffle a few feathers, he argued that by doing so and getting reasonable answers, it would help the city move forward slowly, but surely in an effort to restore High Point to a state of economic prominence it so richly deserves.

HERMAN HUNTER, JR.

Herman Hunter, Jr., who is a resident of 1659 W. Lexington Avenue also voiced objections to renaming a street for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He felt the timing was terrible and expressed concerns with the costs associated with such a change. He felt it would be better for Council to spend money and energy to bring businesses to High Point and fill the numerous vacant buildings all throughout the city. He noted it makes more sense to have all residents that will be affected by the renaming of a street to be in approval since they would ultimately have to bear expenses associated with the renaming. He encouraged Council to continue looking into the history of existing street names. He noted that although a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive may be long overdue, he did not think the private citizens should take this upon themselves.

STEPHEN BOGGS

Stephen Boggs, who resides at 1006 N. Hamilton Street, addressed Council regarding driveway entrances associated with the sidewalk project on Hamilton Street coming out of downtown. He expressed concerns that if not corrected, it will result in a dangerous situation making it unsafe to get in and out of driveways. City Manager Strib Boynton referred Mr. Boggs to staff so they could help follow up on it.

PAM STERN

Pam Stern, 508 N. Hamilton Street, addressed Council on the following three issues:

Street Renaming- Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd: She mentioned all the unsuccessful past attempts to rename a street for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

over the years and felt it is a waste and drain on staff's resources and felt Council should be focused instead on bringing in new businesses and creating new jobs. Ms. Stern asked Council to thwart any plans for moving forward with this.

4-year terms: She voiced opposition to changing Council terms to 4-years and felt this tends to make Council Members less accountable to the citizens of High Point.

Televised City Council meetings: Ms. Stern shared a conversation she had with the city manager in Thomasville and noted they have been televising their meetings on Channel 13 for almost 15 years compliments of Timewarner. She also pointed out that Greensboro and Winston Salem televise their meetings as well and she felt High Point is much more important being the Design Center and Furniture Capital of the World. She encouraged Council to save the money needed and apply it to the equipment cost which is between \$60,000 and \$80,000 so the meetings can be televised for the citizens.

JODY KEARNS

Jody Kearns, 581 W. Parkway, addressed Council on street renaming efforts for Martin Luther King, Jr. and changing Council terms for elections. He shared some photographs with Council depicting existing dirt roads in High Point and photographs of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Drive signs. He expressed concerns that the city would be thinking about spending revenues for renaming a street when there are still dirt roads in the city and homeless people who have needs. He suggested possibly landscaping and lighting the six existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial signs since it would be much more cost effective than renaming a street.

ROBERT FOWLER

Robert Fowler, 1211 Overland Drive, also addressed Council and voiced opposition to changing Council terms to two to four years. He pointed out the citizens expressed their opinion several years ago when they passed a referendum changing the terms to two years.

CYNTHIA DAVIS

Cynthia Davis, 413 Evergreen Avenue, addressed Council regarding the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. street renaming. She pointed out that in all the comments that have been made, no one has spoke about what Dr. King would think or how he would feel. She firmly believed that Dr. King would not want a street named after him for several reasons:

1. He was a Baptist minister, sold out and firmly committed to the fullness of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior;
2. Everything that Dr. King stood up for or against as well as achieved

throughout his life was out of his deep faith;

3. He would not want to be idolized for his works because it takes away from the glory of his achievements through Christ Jesus, our Lord and he would have boasted in the Lord which is scriptural.

She suggested consideration of the following possible street names instead: Civil Rights Way, Civil Rights Road and felt this would truly honor Dr. King and those before him as well.

JERMAINE DAWSON

Jermaine Dawson, 511 Southridge Drive, addressed Council regarding an accident his daughter had on November 27th that was investigated by the Police Department involving what he termed as inappropriate conduct unbecoming of an officer and unfair treatment of his wife by the officer. He noted that his wife came before Council on December 6th on this same issue and was told then by the city manager that it would be investigated, but two months have passed since that time and they still have no resolution. He asked Council to consider forming a citizens review board in an effort to take care of these type of situations that keep getting bigger and are not being taken care of. Mr. Boynton explained that he thought somebody at the Police Department had already contacted Mrs. Dawson and offered his apologies for that not happening. Mr. Boynton asked the Dawson's to provide a contact number so he could set up a meeting between them, him and the Police Chief to share the results of the investigation regarding their complaint.

Council Member Douglas asked Mrs. Dawson to share her feelings and asked her about her role in the community. Mrs. Dawson noted that she is a minister, pastor over the youth department at her church, a staffer, helps put aides in the homes for the elderly, feeds the hungry, etc..... and she feels like she as been overlooked in everything that has gone on.

Mayor Sims pointed out that she actually followed up with the city manager to find out where he was in the process of reporting the findings to her that were gathered as a result of her first inquiry to the City Council. She then asked the city manager to make sure he meets with them because it has taken longer than it should have for their concerns to be addressed. Mr. Boynton apologized again and reiterated that he thought the police department had taken care of this. Council Member Douglas agreed with Mr. Dawson and felt the city does need some type of watchdog like a citizen review board for these instances that keep occurring. Mrs. Dawson felt no one with a title is being held accountable for not following through. Mayor Sims informed Mrs. Dawson that because she brought her complaint to the City Council about being mistreated and she still has not been contacted, or given any type of resolution/closure as to the complaint she lodged, this is an issue Council

needs to take up with the city manager.

DAVID BRAUNS

David Brauns, 810 E. Farriss Avenue, also voiced opposition regarding the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. street renaming. As a member of the medical community in High Point, he informed Council that it would cost him and others in the medical community in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to redo licenses, Medicare and Medicaid billables, etc.... and it could take up to six months for any effected pharmacies to get their credentialing back. He asked Council to think about the devastation this could cause.

Mayor Sims asked if there were any additional comments. There being none, she declared the Public Comment Period closed and explained that Council is actually in the preliminary stages around receiving information and discussions on the extension of Council terms as well as the street renaming and that no formal type meetings have been held on these matters. She assured the public that Council would certainly take the comments voiced at this meeting under advisement and would keep the public informed as to the direction and how Council intends to move forward. She thanked the individuals who spoke for their comments and being engaged in the process.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MENDENHALL

Council Member Mendenhall thanked staff for the work/time put in the Parks & Cultural Facilities Tour that took place on Saturday, February 9th. She felt it was very beneficial and commented that High Point has some great facilities that the citizens could be proud of.

EWING

Council Member Ewing expressed appreciation to other council members for getting the appointments/reappointments made to the Citizens Advisory Council as this is a very busy time for them.

DAVIS

Council Member Davis noted he attended the High Point Realtor's Association Board meeting and was asked to give a presentation on the challenges and opportunities in High Point, which will be available on BlueRay, DVD. He also congratulated Allen Oliver, Director of Parks & Recreation, on the birth of his granddaughter this morning. He also encouraged council members to attend the upcoming Arts Council Open House tomorrow night at their new facility.

WAGNER

Council Member Wagner reported that he attended the Davidson County Elected Officials dinner/meeting and reported on the City Project Board Meeting. There are several businesses getting ready to open in High Point: a

new restaurant on the 100 block of E. Kivett Drive (The Penny Path) which is the first new restaurant that has located in downtown in a very long time. He also mentioned plans in the works for bringing new businesses to the old Young Furniture building.

GOLDEN

Council Member Golden announced that Bank of America on Premier Drive will be holding a workshop on February 14th on women who suffer domestic abuse. He noted the workshop is open to the public and encouraged everyone who has an opportunity to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernita Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk