

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
Monday, February 17, 2025 - 4:00 PM
Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Jefferson called the Special Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 4:30 PM and stated all members were present with the exception of Council Member Johnson.

Present: Mayor Cyril Jefferson, Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, At-Large, Council Member Amanda Cook, At-Large, Council Member Vickie McKiver, Ward 1, Council Member Monica Peters, Ward 3, Council Member Patrick Harman, Ward 4, Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5, and Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6.

Absent: Council Member Johnson, Ward 2

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Peters, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, Council Member Andrew

Absent: Council Member Johnson

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2025-62 **Consideration of the City of High Point's 2025-2026
Legislative Priorities**

City Council is requested to approve the 2025-2026 Legislative Session Priorities.

Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, presented the item and noted that every year the City meets with state elected officials to communicate legislative priorities for the community and align those with the priorities of the state legislature. He noted the upcoming meeting with the Guilford County legislators and said this would be an opportunity to speak on the priorities of the City of High Point. He acknowledged the presence of state lobbyist, Fred Baggett. He spoke about the collaborative functions that the legislature was already doing and how the city will focus on projects that align with these efforts. He gave a rundown of City of High Points' projects and emphasized that the City would bolster some projects already underway and stressed the

importance of funding for infrastructure initiatives that align with the growth of High Point.

He provided an overview of City of High Point projects and the dollar amounts associated with each project, including: Water Mains & Sewer Mains Utility Infrastructure, \$2 million; Shared Use Kitchen, \$2 million; and The Center for Active Adults, \$750,000.

He spoke about some of the collaborative projects with Business High Point, including the High Point Housing Impact Fund; small-scale manufacturing at 300 Oak Street; Thrive Shops on Washington Street; and the athletic field complex.

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, spoke about the 2 million dollar figure attached to the City of High Point projects and emphasized that they identified projects that already had some level of community impact and engagement. She noted that additional funding from the legislature for some of the collaborative projects would be able to help move the projects along significantly and take some to completion. She said the upcoming legislative agenda meeting would provide a great opportunity to have dialogue and get some feedback.

Mr. Hollis spoke about the recent downzoning legislation and said there would be ongoing discussions on the effect on the City and said they would stay in touch with the delegation in hopes of a favorable outcome.

City Manager Logan Ford said there is an option for legislation specific to High Point, but that was not the route they want to take and that a statewide fix would be the preference.

A discussion ensued regarding the legislative priorities and the impact of the downzoning legislation on City projects.

Mr. Hollis introduced lobbyist, Fred Baggett, who gave an overview of the legislative process and climate regarding City priorities. He said he was looking forward to the meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025 with the local delegation.

A discussion ensued regarding the legislative process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk