

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 3, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers - Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street**

ROLL CALL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jefferson called the Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 5:30 PM and stated the following members were present. He called for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Present: Mayor Cyril Jefferson; Mayor Pro Tempore Britt Moore, At Large; Council Member Vickie McKiver, Ward 1; Council Member Tyrone Johnson: Ward 2; Council Member Monica Peters, Ward 3; Council Member Patrick Harman, Ward 4; Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5; Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6.

Absent: Council Member Amanda Cook, At Large

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: Council Member Cook

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2025-051 **Proclamation - Black History Month**
Mayor Jefferson will read a proclamation declaring February 2025 as Black History Month.

Mayor Jefferson read the proclamation and presented it to Dr. Elma Hairston, President of the High Point NCAAP and other members of the organization.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Jefferson spoke on the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway. He clarified the item was not on the agenda and that Council would not be voting on it at the meeting. He emphasized that the proposed project was still in the information gathering stage and no decision had been made to move forward. He encouraged

everyone that wanted to be informed about meetings and future items on the agenda to go to the City of High Point website to sign up for notifications. He emphasized the City Council takes it very seriously when decisions that affect the public are being made. He said he appreciated all the civic engagement and indicated the City Council care about the safety and quality of life of all High Point citizens, and that he thought High Point University did as well. He encouraged everyone to attend the next Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee in March where more discussion over the project would take place.

Christopher Ilderten, 701 S. Main spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Reverend McKennon Shea, 202 Hillcrest Dr. spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Stephen Denny, 229 Edgedale Drive spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Bob Rowan, 1315 Overland Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

William Hayes, 1106 Edinburgh Drive, Jamestown, NC spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Mike Esposito, 1012 Holton Place spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Melody Burnett, 515 W. English Road spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Diane Rowan, 1315 Overland Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Melvin Reece, 1505 Austin Street spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Sam Carr, 108 Monnell Drive spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Juan Murga spoke on the lack of dedicated resources to address organic food waste disposal to mitigate the effects of greenhouse gases. He urged the members of City Council to prioritize organic waste management.

Eileen Roberts, 829 Circle Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

John Conrad, 4136 Coachman's Court spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Sarah Bullard, 1106 Madison Street spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Jamie Blankenship, 1200 Lancaster Place spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Chris Tomosil, 1210 Lancaster Place spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Jordan Green, 301 Woodrow Ave. spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Barry Kitley, High Point University Senior Vice President of University Operations, 4114 Ponce Leon Drive spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Karen Perry, 600 Huntington Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Caitlin Black, 3621 Dairy Point Drive spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Tom Terrell, 529 West Parkway spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Matthew Stafford, 120 James Road spoke about the housing crisis in High Point and how there is not enough affordable housing developments. He spoke on the Planning & Zoning Commission and said they needed to approve more affordable housing development efforts.

Don Webb, 2209 Timberlake Avenue encouraged negotiations on both sides of the Greenway issue and suggested High Point University add extra parking for access to the Greenway.

Dr. Elma Hairston, President of the High Point NAACP spoke about the proposed student walk out at Central High School and how the organization helped to stop the walk out by emphasizing to the students that more impact could be achieved on the inside than outside the school. She talked about the Dream Big program where professionals come to the school to speak to students and encourage them towards career opportunities. She pointed out that over 100 students had attended the last event. She encouraged donations for the drawings offered to the students at the events.

Tiffany Hairston, of the NAACP Housing Committee spoke on the upcoming Housing Fair on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the High Point YWCA from 6-8 p.m. She said the event would target individuals looking to own a home and include professional resources like financial literacy counseling, HUD-approved counseling, and representatives from Pinnacle, Truist, City of High Point, and other organizations.

Cameron Marsden, 818 Quaker Lane spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Ken Kroohs, 700 Sunset Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Terry Killebrew, 412 Rockspring Road spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Sam Lasine, 1244 Sturbridge Avenue spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Matt Poplin, 115 Bridlewood Avenue spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Gaither Terrell, 529 West Parkway Avenue spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Claire Walker, 312 East Farris spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Kirby Heard, 333 East Farris spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Lewis Thibodeaux, 1242 Kensington Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Charles Miracle, 4106 Queens Grant Road spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Grady Sawyer, 1212 Lancaster Place spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Kent Leverich, 124 Heritage Hill, Jamestown spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Ben Niehaus, 813 Farris spoke in favor of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Victor Jones, 2512 Birch Point spoke in opposition to the High Point University

proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Nicole Lindahl, 1804 Marion Street, Greensboro spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Xander Peden, 404 Qubein Avenue spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Gary Roy spoke in support of the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Mayor Jefferson called for a 15-minute recess at 7:30 p.m. and stated that public comment would resume at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

Rev. Frank Thomas, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 753 Washington Street spoke about the annual commemoration event for the 26 High Point high school students who staged a sit-in at Woolworth's during the Civil Rights Movement. He encouraged everyone to attend the event on Tuesday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m. at the 100 block of Wrenn Street.

Robert Gunn (Pete) spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Lindsey Scott, 4250 Pelican Street spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Brandon Hutchins, 430 Amberwood Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Justin Bost, 3102 Quail Run Drive spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Tony LePore, 327 Woodrow Avenue spoke in opposition to the High Point University proposal to reroute the Greenway.

Hearing no more speakers, Mayor Jefferson ended public comment at 7:58.

Mayor Jefferson encouraged everyone who wanted more information about the proposed greenway project to come to the upcoming March 6, 2025, Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee Meeting where staff would provide an update. He said he hoped all Council Members got a chance to walk the current and proposed route. He thanked Barry Kitley, Senior Vice President of Operations at High Point University, for sticking around to hear all the comments from those who opposed and supported the project. He spoke on the community meetings that High Point University had held on

the subject, and hoped HPU would offer more opportunities for the public to weigh in on the project in the future. He talked about the staff member referenced in a public comment and said the staff member did not know of the project due to the fact that the proposed project was still in the infancy stage.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: Council Member Cook

C-1) 2025-027 Consideration of the Revised Public Meeting Live Stream Policy

City Council is requested to consider the revised Public Meeting Live Stream Policy to incorporate updated provisions enabling staff to implement video to record and stream approved meetings for public access. (Recommended by the Transparency, Engagement, and Communication Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2) 2025-029 Consideration of a Capacity Building Award from The Foundation for a Healthy High Point

City Council is requested to consider a Capacity Building Funding Award from The Foundation for a Healthy High Point, approve a Budget Ordinance Amendment, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-3) 2025-030 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Everbridge Emergency Notification System

City Council is requested to consider a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Everbridge Emergency Notification System, approve a Resolution, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-4) 2025-031 Consideration of a Sole Source Contract Renewal with Accruent

City Council is requested to consider a contract renewal with Accruent, a sole source vendor, in the amount of \$68,308.28 for the annual renewal of the computerized management system (CMMS) software and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-5) 2025-032 Consideration of Final Adjusting Change Order #3 to Triangle Grading & Paving, Inc.

City Council is requested to consider Final Adjusting Change Order #3 to Triangle Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$376,488.09 for additional costs associated with the Kersey Valley Road Realignment project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. The new and final contract total will be \$5,312,944.54. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-6) 2025-033 Consideration of a Sole Source Contract with PREDL Inc.

City Council is requested to consider a sole source contract with PREDL Inc. in the amount of \$46,095.29 for sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-7) 2025-034 Consideration of a Contract with Schnabel Engineering South, PC

City Council is requested to consider a contract with Schnabel Engineering South, PC in the amount of \$3,735,000 for design services to support the replacement of Arnold Koonce City Lake Dam, adopt a capital project ordinance amendment, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-8) 2025-035 Consideration of Task Order with Davis-Martin-Powell

City Council is requested to consider a task order with Davis-Martin-Powell in the amount of \$600,200 for professional engineering services to support the widening of SR 1818 Johnson Street and SR 1850 Sandy Ridge Road and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-9)** 2025-036 **Consideration of a Utility Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation**
City Council is requested to consider a Utility Construction Agreement in the estimated amount of \$3,939,465.46 for the roadway widening project U-4758 involving SR 1818 Johnson Street and SR 1850 Sandy Ridge Road, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-10)** 2025-040 **Consideration of a Municipal Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)**
City Council is requested to consider a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT in the amount of \$1,916,217.98 for the Johnson Street/Sandy Ridge Road project (U-4758) and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-11)** 2025-037 **Consideration of a Sole Source Purchase from Mile High Shooting Accessories**
City Council is requested to consider a sole source purchase from Mile High Shooting Accessories (MHSA) in the amount of \$37,703.58 for rifle replacement and repairs and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-12)** 2025-039 **Consideration of a Contract with SIMCON Company, LLC**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with SIMCON Company, LLC in the amount of \$256,339 for the True Lane Roadway Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-13)** 2025-040 **Consideration of a Contract Renewal with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (WFBMC)**
City Council is requested to consider a contract renewal with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in the estimated amount of \$379,086 for on-site health clinic services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-14) 2025-042 Consideration of Sale of City Owned Property – 812 East Russell Avenue

City Council is requested to adopt the resolution accepting the offer of \$14,000.00 and authorizing the sale of 812 East Russell Avenue through the upset bid procedure of N.C.G.S. §160A-269. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-15) 2025-038 Approval of Minutes

City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:
Special Council Retreat Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes – November 21-22, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.
Community Development Committee Minutes – January 7, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee Minutes – January 9, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.
Finance Committee Minutes – January 9, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes – January 13, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes – January 13, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

G-1) 2025-043 National Register Nomination - Elihu, Ann, and Abigail Mendenhall House

Council is requested to provide an opportunity for public comment and provide a recommendation to the North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee that the Elihu, Ann, and Abigail Mendenhall House property located at 1106 Skeet Club Road be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the nomination meets the required criteria.

David Fencl, Senior Planner, spoke about the item. He indicated the City had received a report from the State Historic Preservation Office and pointed out the property had been a Guilford County landmark for about 30 years. He showed pictures and maps of the site and said that the presentation of this item gave the opportunity for the public to provide comments on the nomination and that it fulfilled the agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office. He indicated the High Point Historic Preservation Commission had voted unanimously to move the nomination forward and said the nomination was going to be considered in a week and a half by the State. He spoke about the historic significance of the property and its role in the abolitionist movement.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, Mr. Fencl explained the process and said the state public comment requirement had been fulfilled. He said public comments would be accepted up until the February 13th hearing. He said that no extra restrictions

would be imposed on future projects that could impact the property, but pointed out that some restrictions were already in place due to its status as a Guilford County landmark. He said the National Register designation would provide more eligibility for grant funds.

Mayor Jefferson asked if there was anyone present to speak on the item and indicated there were no speakers.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve Agenda Item # 2025-043.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: Council Member Cook

G-2) 2025-046 Consideration of a Reappointment to the Human Relations Commission

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Stacy Jones to the Human Relations Commission; term effective immediately and expiring on November 1, 2026.

In response to Mayor Jefferson, Sandra Keeney, City Clerk, said the term was not unexpired.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to Approve Agenda Item # 2025-046.

Motion with the following vote:

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

Absent: Council Member Cook

G-3) 2025-047 Consideration of an Appointment to the Human Relations Commission

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Tiffany Southerland to the Human Relations Commission; term effective immediately and expiring on November 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Harman, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve Agenda Item # 2025-047.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: Council Member Cook

G-4) 2025-052 Consideration of an Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Council

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Carl Vierling to the Citizens Advisory Council; term effective immediately and expiring on May 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Peters, to Approve Agenda Item # 2025-053.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: Council Member Cook

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Holmes spoke about the compassion of the community and said he was very proud of the citizens of High Point who showed up to engage in civic commentary.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk