

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 21, 2025 - 4:30 PM
Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jefferson called the Special Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 4:30 PM and stated the following members were present:

Present: Mayor Jefferson, At Large Council Member Amanda Cook, At Large, Council Member Vickie McKiver, Ward 1, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Ward 2 (arrived during the Closed Session), Council Member Monica Peters, Ward 3, Council Member Patrick Harman, Ward 4, Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5, Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6 (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Britt Moore, At Large

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Andrew made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cook, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, Council Member Andrew

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Holmes

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2025-150 **Fair Housing Update**

Staff will provide an update on the City of High Point Fair Housing program.

Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, provided an update on the City of High Point Fair Housing program and recognized Rase McCray, Human Relations Manager. Mr. Hollis shared some of the year-to-date fair housing activities and said that there had been 91 landlord and tenant issues addressed in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 thus far. He indicated there were seven fair housing complaints sent to the North Carolina Human Relations Commission (NCHRC) and said the City was on pace to have a busier year. He went over the timeline of the Fair Housing program and said that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offered the City a three-year interim Federal

Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) certification beginning in January of 2025. He explained that HUD provided startup funds to new FHAPs and said the Finance Department was in direct contact with them regarding the funds. He spoke about the new Fair Housing Investigator who joined the Human Relations division on April 21st and indicated the final certification steps would allow the City to begin the onboarding process. He explained that staffing issues with HUD had created delays but said that they were still on pace and hoped to continue with standard partnerships and other initiatives.

Mr. Hollis spoke about the next steps in the process, including working with HUD to identify training resources. He said that once the staff are trained, he anticipated fair housing complaints under the local ordinance by Fall of 2025. He shared that community fair housing training would also take place by Fall of 2025.

In response to Council Member Andrew, Mr. McCray said that training is conducted with realtors, landlords, and residents. He spoke about an upcoming training session at the Latino Family Center in High Point and said they would have other training events as well as a housing summit later this year. Mr. McCray said he would update Council Member Andrew on future training events.

In response to Council Member Andrew, Mr. Hollis said that the Fair Housing Investigator position was added as a new position to the Human Relations Department.

In response to Council Member Holmes, Mr. McCray said complaints are tracked by where they are sent for assistance and types of complaints, including minimum housing complaints, disputes about rent, utility issues, as well as possible evictions. He indicated he would provide a breakdown for Council Members Holmes and Peters on the different categories of complaints.

Mayor Jefferson thanked Mr. Hollis and Mr. McCray for the presentation and said Council would like an update once the investigator is fully onboarded and the program is up and running.

In response to Mayor Jefferson, Mr. Hollis said that with the interim certification and investigator training, they would continue with what they are doing now but with the capacity to do more.

In response to Council Member Cook, Mr. Hollis said he did not have any updates regarding funding changes instigated by the current administration but said he would let Council know of any changes or updates. He said he appreciated the support from the City Council and management team.

2025-149 **Closed Session- Personnel**

City Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel.

Council Member Holmes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) for Personnel.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, Council Member Johnson

Closed Session began at 4:44 p.m.

Council Member Peters made a motion, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to end the Closed Session and Resume Regular Session.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Jefferson, Council Member Cook, Council Member McKiver, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Harman, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Holmes

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Moore

Regular Session resumed at 5:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk