

HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 19, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Municipal Office Building

211 S. Hamilton Street

High Point, NC 27260

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 Amanda Cook, 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, and Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6.

Absent: Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed with following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2025-182 **Proclamation - ALS Awareness Month**

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month.

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2025-183 **Proclamation - Miss High Point and Miss High Point's Teen**

Mayor Jefferson will read Proclamations celebrating Miss High Point and Miss High Point's Teen.

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Miss High Point, Ella Faye Parker, and Miss High Point's Teen, Carrie Mahalie Radar.

2025-188 Proclamation - Public Works Week

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2025 as Public Works Week.

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Robbie Stone, Public Services Director, and staff. He reminded everyone that the coming Wednesday was Public Works Day and invited everyone to attend the celebratory event at the High Point Public Library that day.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Peters made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed with following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

C-1) 2025-169 Consideration of a Change Order to Burford Construction
City Council is requested to consider a Change Order in the amount of \$160,000 to increase the contract amount to \$1,430,000 and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

C-2) 2025-170 Consideration of an Update to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTSAP)
City Council is requested to consider an update to the PTSAP and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

C-3) 2025-171 Consideration of a Contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc.
City Council is requested to consider a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$139,194 for the purchase of thirty (30) mobile radios utilizing North Carolina State Contract – 19144 – 725G, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to

execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-4)** 2025-172 **Consideration of a Contract with Miller Services HVAC, Inc.**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with Miller Services HVAC, Inc. in the amount of \$101,525 for the replacement of five (5) HVAC units at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-5)** 2025-173 **Consideration of a Sole Source Contract with Precision Safe Sidewalks**
City Council is requested to consider a sole source contract with Precision Safe Sidewalks in the amount of \$150,000 for sidewalk repairs and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-6)** 2025-174 **Consideration of a Contract with BAR Construction Company, Inc.**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with BAR Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,164,500 for the expansion of the Ward Water Plant Maintenance Facility Building and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-7)** 2025-176 **Consideration of a Sole Source Contract Renewal with Accela, Inc.**
City Council is requested to consider a Sole Source Contract Renewal with Accela, Inc. in the amount of \$614,667.55 for the two-year renewal of the cloud hosting services contract and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-8)** 2025-177 **Consideration of a Resolution Directing the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the City of High Point**
City Council is requested to consider a Resolution Directing the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds to Caring Services, Inc., 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-9) 2025-186 Consideration of Acquisition of Real Property - 1661 Westchester Drive

City Council is requested to consider the acquisition of real property located at 1661 Westchester Drive in the amount of \$970,000 to support the development of the Commercial Shared-Use Kitchen Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

C-10) 2025-180 Consideration of Approval of Minutes

City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:

Finance Committee Minutes - April 17, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - April 21, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - April 21, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Manager's Briefing Minutes - May 5, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - May 5, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee Minutes - May 8, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Approved by the consent vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

G-1) 2025-187 Public Hearing - Proposed FY 2025-26 City of High Point Annual Budget

City Council is requested to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed City of High Point FY 2025-26 Annual Budget.

Mayor Jefferson opened up the public hearing at 5:48 p.m. and indicated Stephen Hawryluk, Budget & Performance Director, was present to answer any questions.

The following speakers spoke at the public hearing:

Kenneth Orms, 3525 Sainsbury Lane spoke on his dissatisfaction with the proposed budget. He asked about the details of the four proposed civilian traffic investigators and indicated that more sworn police officers could be hired for the same amount. He asked about the additional buyer and other employee additions and why the funds for these positions were not invested in public safety instead. He spoke about pay

increases received by the City Attorney and City Manager.

Dr. Elma Hairston, President of the NAACP explained that she had lived and worked in a lot of cities and praised the City of High Point for being a step above. She emphasized the need to prioritize the water quality concerns of the Southside community in the coming budget and said she hoped the city would partner with organizations like the Southwest Renewal Foundation to find solutions.

Lewis Thibodeux, 1242 Kensington Drive reminded the City Council to remember their Oath of Office to serve all the people of High Point. He emphasized the need to test the water in the Southside community. He said he would like to see the unused funds from the current budget used for incentives for employees to show appreciation for their hard work.

Matt Teal, 1018 Emory Circle emphasized the need to invest in public schools and to support organizations like the High Point Schools Partnership.

There being no more speakers for the public hearing, Mayor Jefferson closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. and noted that City Council would not be voting to approve the budget this evening.

Council Member Cook indicated she was planning to propose funding for High Point schools and eviction assistance through ARPA funds.

Council Member Holmes said that infrastructure includes the people, not just roads and bridges. He spoke on the importance of compensation in retaining great employees to continue to deliver high-level services and said the City competed with other surrounding municipalities for candidates.

In response to Mayor Jefferson, City Manager Tasha Logan Ford indicated the budget includes merit increases for employees. She spoke on the studies conducted to ensure employees receive a fair and competitive wage and said that the city absorbs the cost of employee healthcare.

Mayor Jefferson said they had heard the feedback and concerns of the Southside community and the topic is continuing to be discussed. He mentioned that several members of staff and the council have gone out and visited the community and encouraged community members to reach out to city staff if they are experiencing problems.

In response to Mayor Jefferson, Manager Ford spoke on the legislation mandating civilian positions in the police department, and said the civilian positions would allow sworn officers more time to protect citizens. She emphasized that the city has not reduced the number of sworn positions in the department and said that the numbers in the budget for these positions include the salary, benefits, and equipment. She said a more detailed response would be provided at the upcoming budget work session.

Curtis Cheeks, Chief of Police, spoke on the need to free up sworn officers for policing and community engagement.

Mayor Pro Tempore Moore pointed out that the proposed budget did not include any increase in salary for City Council. He emphasized that the City Council members were very active because they care about the community.

Mayor Jefferson reminded everyone about the upcoming budget work session in the Council Chambers on May 21st.

G-2) 2025-179 Public Hearing - Guilford County Board of Education - Annexation 25-01

City Council is requested to conduct a Public Hearing regarding a request by Guilford County Board of Education to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation for an approximate 8.5+ acre portion of a larger parcel. The parcel is located north of the intersection of E. Springfield Road and Ingram Road (1311 E. Springfield Road). The request pertains to a portion of a 20.49-acre parcel that is also known as Guilford County Tax Parcel 196203.

In response to Mayor Jefferson, Meghan Maguire, City Attorney, said that the public hearing could be conducted for both the Annexation and Zoning Map Amendment item.

Mayor Jefferson opened up the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. and introduced Herb Shannon, Senior Planner.

Mr. Shannon gave an overview of the annexation case and zoning map amendment, stating they were related and combined into one presentation but would have to be voted on separately. He explained the request from Guilford County Board of Education regarding the expansion of Allen Jay Elementary. He indicated the annexation was necessary because the eastern half of the property was in the city limits, but the western half was not. He shared details about the zoning amendment to change the zoning for the property to Conditional Zoning Institutional (CZ-1). He said a traffic study was performed due to the increase in student enrollment and staff determined the increase would not negatively impact the area. He spoke on the enhanced landscaping features that will be added by the applicant.

Amanda Hoodier from the Guilford County Board of Education spoke on behalf of the applicant. She indicated this was an opportunity to improve the existing school. She highlighted the traffic loops on the map and said the new plan would make use of the land and ensure that queuing patterns are more efficient. She pointed out there would be separate entrances for parent drop-off and buses, as well as a separate pull-off area for Pre-K parents to drop off their children. She spoke on the public meeting and said they were relocating the dumpsters based on comments from the meeting. She

spoke on the landscape features memorialized in the zoning and said the development was consistent with the High Point 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Jefferson asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak on the item.

Kenneth Orms, 3525 Sainsbury Lane stated that he opposed the school and spoke about the 2 billion-dollar debt that Guilford County had burdened the taxpayers with.

Mayor Jefferson closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve agenda item 2025-179.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

G-3) 2025-178 Public Hearing - Guilford County Board of Education - Zoning Map Amendment 25-04

City Council is requested to conduct a Public Hearing regarding a request by Guilford County Board of Education to rezone an approximate 20.49-acre parcel from the Residential Single Family - 5 (R-5) District to a Conditional Zoning Institutional (CZ-I) District. The site lies north of the intersection of E. Springfield Road and Ingram Road (1311 E. Springfield Road). Approval of this rezoning application is contingent upon City Council approval of a voluntary annexation request.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Cook, to approve agenda item 2025-178.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

G-4) 2025-181 Bond Order Authorizing Issuance of Series 2025 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds

City Council is requested to approve the attached "Bond Order Authorizing the Sale and Issuance by The City of High Point, North Carolina of Not-To-Exceed \$41,200,000 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents in Connection Therewith."

Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director, presented the item and explained it was the final authorizing Bond Order. He outlined some of the projects involved and next steps in the process.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2025-181.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

G-5) 2025-200 Consideration of an Appointment to the High Point Economic Development Board of Directors

City Council is requested to confirm Mayor Jefferson's recommendation to appoint Jane Liebscher to the High Point Economic Development Board of Directors to fill an unexpired term. The appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, to approve agenda item 2025-200.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

G-6) 2025-201 Consideration of Reappointments to the Board of Adjustment

City Council is requested to confirm Mayor Jefferson's recommendation to reappoint Nho Bue (Alternate Member) and Matt Witmeyer (Member) to the Board of Adjustment. Terms are effective July 1, 2025, and expire on June 30, 2028.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve agenda item 2025-201.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

G-7) 2025-202 Consideration of Reappointments to the Historic Preservation Commission

City Council is requested to confirm the following reappointments to the Historic Preservation Commission, with terms effective July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2028: Council Member Holmes recommends the reappointment of Holly Davis; Council Member Cook recommends the reappointment of John Maze; and Mayor Jefferson recommends the reappointment of Rodney Smith.

A motion was made by Council Member Cook, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve agenda item 2025-202.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

G-8) 2025-203 Consideration of a Reappointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission

City Council is requested to confirm Council Member Harman's recommendation to reappoint Ray Wheately to the Planning &

Zoning Commission; term effective July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2028.

A motion was made by Mayor Harman, seconded by Council Member Peters, to approve agenda item 2025-203.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Andrew

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jefferson recognized comments from City Council.

Council Member Peters commented on the great weekend for the High Point Rockers and indicated she attended the game.

Council Member Cook spoke on the recent Continuum of Care (CoC) Conference she attended in Raleigh. She commented on the amazing presentations from members of our local CoC and said she was happy we had quality people on the front line to help with the unhoused.

Mayor Pro Tempore Moore thanked all the citizens who served on city boards and commissions.

Mayor Jefferson spoke on the NC By Train event on Wednesday, June 4th and encouraged the public to come out and give feedback to NCDOT on bringing more train stops back to High Point. He talked about the bridge grand opening on June 10 at 4:00 p.m. and pointed out it was a nonprofit initiative and not city-sponsored.

Council Member Holmes reminded everyone to attend the Housing and Community Development event the following day.

Council Member Peters thanked Council Member Harman for his participation in the Longest Table event sponsored by Growing High Point. Council Member Harman thanked all of the people for showing up to the event.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Alison Glynn, Deputy City Clerk