

HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 18, 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 p.m. 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 Patrick Harman, Ward 4, Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5, and Council Member Michael Holmes, Ward 6

Absent: Council Member Monica Peters, Ward 3

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Jefferson indicated there was a need to amend the agenda to add an item regarding financing for the Coltrane House.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2025-355 **Proclamation - Extraordinary Educators 2025**
Mayor Jefferson will present a proclamation recognizing the 2025 Extraordinary Educators and their contribution to Guilford County Schools.

Mayor Jefferson presented the proclamation to some of the 2025 Extraordinary Educators and recognized Dawn Spencer and Dr. Joe Blosser from High Point Schools Partnership.

2025-356 Recognition of Inspections Staff - Award Winners

Mayor Jefferson will recognize Inspections Department staff members for winning the North Carolina Building Inspectors' Association Barry Gupton Award.

Mayor Jefferson recognized City of High Point Inspections staff members who were deployed to Western Carolina after Hurricane Helene for winning the North Carolina Building Inspectors' Association Barry Gupton Award.

2025-353 Proclamation - Black Business Month

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring August 2025 as Black Business Month.

Mayor Jefferson presented the Proclamation to Meyakka Sturdivant of MS consulting and other black-owned business and non-profit owners and founders.

2025-354 Proclamation - 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act

Mayor Jefferson will read a Proclamation declaring August 6, 2025, as the 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

Mayor Jefferson presented the proclamation to Dr. Sherrel Fuller and other members of the High Point NAACP chapter.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

C-1) 2025-343 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Motorola APX6000 Radios to High Point University

City Council is requested to consider a resolution authorizing the sale of fifty (50) surplus Motorola APX6000 radios to High Point University for the total amount of \$12,500 and to authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-2)** 2025-344 **Consideration of a Contract with SHI International Corporation - Check Point Software**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with SHI International Corporation for the annual renewal of Check Point software licensing and support in the total amount of \$143,469.56, and to authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-3)** 2025-345 **Consideration of a Contract with SHI International Corporation - Mimecast**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with SHI International Corporation in the amount of \$115,470.79 for the renewal of a subscription-based service for cybersecurity and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-4)** 2025-346 **Consideration of a Change Order with Axon Enterprises, Inc.**
City Council is requested to consider a change order with Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$691,159.78 for fiscal year 2025–2026. This change order will support the expansion of the existing body-worn and fleet camera services, and will include the addition of services for the interview rooms located at Police Headquarters and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-5)** 2025-347 **Consideration of a Contract with Asplundh**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with Asplundh in the amount of \$2,550,000 for tree trimming services and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-6)** 2025-348 **Consideration of a Contract with McGill Environmental Systems**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with McGill

Environmental Systems in the amount not to exceed \$105,000 for temporary hauling and disposal of biosolids and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-7)** 2025-349 **Consideration of a Contract with Breece Enterprises, Inc.**
City Council is requested to consider a contract with Breece Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$9,496,575.00 for the Market District Infrastructure Improvements Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-8)** 2025-350 **Consideration of a Task Order with Volkert, Inc.**
City Council is requested to consider a task order with Volkert, Inc. in the amount of \$372,761.82 for construction inspection services for the Market District Infrastructure Improvements Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-9)** 2025-351 **Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of City Owned Property and the Agreement of Purchase and Sale**
City Council is requested to consider a Resolution authorizing the conveyance of City-owned property and the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

Approved by the consent vote.

- C-10)** 2025-352 **Consideration of Approval of Minutes**
City Council is requested to approve the following minutes:

Finance Committee Minutes - July 31, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Special Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - August 4, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the High Point City Council Minutes - August 4, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.
Community Development Committee Minutes - August 5, 2025

@ 4:00 p.m.

Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee Minutes - August 7, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Approved by the consent vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

G-1) 2025-339 Public Hearing Regarding an Ordinance to Demolish a Dwelling at 115 Briggs Place

City Council is requested to conduct a public hearing, adopt an Ordinance to Demolish a dwelling located at 115 Briggs Place, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents. (Recommended by the Community Development Committee)

Mayor Jefferson opened the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Kaylie Parrish, Code Enforcement Manager, presented the item and noted one of the presentation bullet point slides was not correct on the screen and that the information regarding sale to a new owner was omitted from the slide. She indicated she had met with the owner and had given him time to correct the problems with the property.

In response to Mayor Jefferson, she said that the Council should go ahead and approve the item. She said if the owner made the necessary repairs to the property, demolition would not be needed.

In response to Council Member Andrew, Ms. Parrish indicated that the owner was not in compliance at the time this item was presented at the Community Development Committee meeting, but has since come forward and promised to make the necessary repairs.

Andrew Vasquez, the owner of the property, indicated he was the new owner of the property and did not know of the demolition order prior to the purchase. He noted that he was present at the meeting to show the City that he was working to bring the property up to the necessary standards.

Mayor Pro Tempore Moore emphasized that the Council would rather see the property fixed than demolished.

Seeing no more speakers on the item, Mayor Jefferson closed the public hearing at 5:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to Approve Agenda Item 2025-339.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

G-2) 2025-357 Consideration of an Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Dallas Clark to the Parks & Recreation Commission; term effective immediately and expiring on July 1, 2028.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to Approve Agenda Item 2025-357.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

G-3) 2025-358 Consideration of an Appointment to the High Point Theatre Advisory Commission

City Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Holly Davis to the High Point Theatre Advisory Commission, with a term effective immediately and expiring on June 1, 2028.

A motion was made by Council Member Cook, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to Approve Agenda Item 2025-358.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

G-4) 2025-359 Consideration of Reappointments to the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority

City Council is requested to confirm the reappointments of John Bencini and John Thomas to the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority. Each term will begin on October 1, 2025, and expire on September 30, 2028.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member McKiver, to Approve Agenda Item 2025-359.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

G-5) 2025-361 Added Agenda Item - Consideration of Funding for the Coltrane House

The City of High Point commits \$200,000 in funding for the rehabilitation of the John Coltrane House, contingent upon completion of a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to identify an entity to operate and program the space, and the securing of at least \$200,000 in matching private funds towards the final construction costs necessary to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

Mayor Jefferson presented the added agenda item regarding funding for the Coltrane House and introduced the motion committing City funding for the rehabilitation of the John Coltrane House, contingent upon completion of a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to identify an entity to operate and program the space, and the securing of at least \$200,000 in matching private funds towards the final construction costs necessary to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. He opened up the floor for discussion.

Council Member Andrew spoke on the recent \$250,000 grant from the state, the funding that would be committed by the City, and private funding, and said it seemed to be a lot of money for just one home. Mayor Jefferson emphasized that the house was built almost 100 years ago and had seen many owners, a fire, and other problems throughout that time that necessitated extensive repairs and remodeling. He said that the public had expressed concern about the state of the historically significant property before the City acquired the property in 2005. He then gave a brief history of the property, including citizen-led efforts, and state funding. He said the historic nature of the renovation and the cultural significance of the property affected the cost of the restoration process.

In response to Council Member Holmes, Mayor Jefferson signified that, from his understanding by talking with staff, the \$400,000 was a not-to-exceed amount and the \$200,000 private money, along with a satisfactory RFP process, would be what would trigger the \$200,000 from the City. He emphasized that the project would not happen anytime soon, but that approval from the Council was needed so the private funding process could get underway. He pointed out that if the private funds exceeded \$200,000, that would lessen the amount of the city commitment.

In response to Council Member Cook, Mayor Jefferson said the RFP process would provide ownership details and determine whether the City would still own the property. He emphasized there had not been any arguments against the city owing the property, but said it should not be up to the taxpayers to pay for the maintenance. He explained that the RFP would have provisions for property maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Moore spoke about properties in New York and Philadelphia associated with John Coltrane and the vision plan for the High Point property. Mayor Jefferson talked about past community input on the future of the property as well as looking at the existing properties in other states for best practices. He said that staff could incorporate a variety of those ideas into the RFP and emphasized that, if the RFP was not satisfactory, the Council could vote to rescind the \$200,000 commitment or request another RFP to be drafted. He emphasized that the vote tonight illustrated the commitment of the Council to move forward and explore options for restoration of the property.

Council Member Harman said he was in support of the idea, but expressed concerns about the process.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mayor Jefferson said they had partners who had agreed to help raise private funds, including the High Point Preservation Society.

A discussion ensued on the process of getting the Certificate of Occupancy, the previous design process, the fund raising process, and the return on investment of the project. Mayor Jefferson spoke on the tourism impact of John Coltrane on High Point and pointed to the success of the yearly John Coltrane Jazz Festival and the unveiling of the historical marker.

Council Member McKiver explained that the historical landmark designation of the property came with more stringent requirements for renovation.

A discussion ensued regarding the appetite of the Council to move forward with the process.

A motion was made by Mayor Jefferson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve The City of High Point's commitment of \$200,000 in funding for the rehabilitation of the John Coltrane House, contingent upon completion of a

Request for Proposals (RFP) process to identify an entity to operate and program the space, and the securing of at least \$200,000 in matching private funds towards the final construction costs necessary to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Harman spoke on the upcoming Coltrane Jazz Festival and encouraged everyone to come out to enjoy the festival. He shared the story of a citizen who was helped by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro eviction program and thanked Council Member Cook for her advocacy to get the project funded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Moore spoke on the energy created by the High Point University (HPU) students and families in town for the beginning of the semester and pointed out that the City was fortunate to have the university. He said he was proud of the success of HPU.

Council Member Holmes spoke on the success of the recent Savor High Point International Food Festival and pointed out that High Point was quickly becoming a festival destination that drew people from all around the world to the City. He spoke about the Coltrane Festival and the Snarky Puppy performance and the accompanying master class at the High Point Theatre.

Council Member Cook spoke about the upcoming Every Baby Guilford September 23rd input and planning session and said she was proud to be a part of the working group. She emphasized the need for representation of all voices in the community.

Mayor Jefferson announced that the next Council Meeting would not be until September 22nd due to the Labor Day holiday and shared the number to reach out with any concerns between now and then. He spoke on the United Way food drive happening until the beginning of September and encouraged citizens to contribute to the drive.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Alison Glynn, City Clerk