

HIGH POINT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 4:00 PM
Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Finance Committee - Mayor Pro Tempore Britt W. Moore, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated all Committee Members were present.

Present: Chair Britt Moore, Council Member Michael Holmes, Council Member Tim Andrew, Council Member Monica Peters

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2025-391 **Consideration and Ratification of a Nonprofit Organization Agreement with the High Point Arts Council, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider the ratification of a Nonprofit Organization Agreement with the High Point Arts Council, Inc. to lead the private fundraising efforts and the City's acceptance of those private sector donations for the Coltrane Project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager, presented this item and stated this agreement allows the Arts Council to collect funds up to \$200,000 as a match to the City's \$200,000 contribution, contingent upon an RFP being issued to identify an entity to operate and program the space. Mr. Ferguson noted that the agreement was signed ahead of the Gala on August 31, 2025, and the request was to ratify the agreement.

The Committee discussed whether there was a timeframe for the Arts Council's fundraising commitment. Mr. Ferguson stated that no formal timeframe had been established, but adjustments could be made as needed. The agreement includes a termination clause for convenience, allowing the City to withdraw if necessary.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes to approve agenda item 2025-391.

Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Peters

2025-403 **Consideration of a Purchase from Atlantic Emergency Solutions – 2026 Pierce Enforcer Pumper**

City Council is requested to consider a purchase from Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$989,619 for a 2026

Pierce Enforcer Pumper, approve a budget ordinance amendment, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Brian Evans, Fire Chief, presented the request to purchase a 2026 Pierce Enforcer apparatus to replace a 2017 Pierce Enforcer damaged in an accident in July. The damaged equipment was rendered unusable, and replacement is necessary to maintain operational readiness. The purchase price is \$989,619, with funding covered in part by existing appropriations and an amendment to appropriate \$848,412 from the General Fund reserves. The department will utilize the Houston-Galveston Area Council contract for the purchase from Atlantic Emergency Solutions. The expected delivery is between 390 and 480 days.

The Committee inquired about insurance coverage and salvage value. Chief Evans explained that the at-fault driver's insurance had limited coverage, with multiple claimants, and that the city would receive some salvage value once equipment was removed.

Financial Services Director Bobby Fitzjohn, noted that fire apparatuses are not currently covered under a comprehensive policy due to cost, though the policy will be reevaluated.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew to approve agenda item 2025-403.

Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Peters

2025-404 **Consideration of a Purchase from Atlantic Emergency Solutions – 2028 Pierce Enforcer Pumper**

City Council is requested to consider a purchase from Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$1,083,793 for a 2028 Pierce Enforcer Pumper and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Chief Evans presented the next item for the purchase of a 2028 Pierce Enforcer apparatus to replace a 2008 Pierce Arrow XT used at Engine 5 on Johnson Street. The current apparatus has over 150,000 miles and 13,000 pump hours. The replacement is part of the department's 15-year fleet rotation plan. The purchase price is \$1,083,793, funded in the FY2025-26 budget. The order will also be placed through the Houston-Galveston Area Council contract. The expected delivery window is 930 to 1020 days.

The Committee discussed price differences and noted the approximately 9% variance due to the emergency pricing on the previous order. Chief Evans noted that the price for this purchase is locked in.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew to approve agenda item 2025-404.

Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Peters

2025-407 **Consideration of Acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security FY 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER)**

City Council is requested to consider acceptance and for the city to enter into an agreement with the DHS for the federal share of the FY 2024 SAFER Grant, to approve the budget ordinance amendment, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Chief Evans presented this item for the consideration and acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. The City of High Point was awarded \$3,332,597.40 in federal funds to hire 24 additional firefighters. The grant provides a 75% federal share for the first two years, a 35% federal share in the third year, and thereafter the full cost will be the City's responsibility. A local match of approximately \$306,000 is required for uniforms and protective gear.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the grant and discussed the long-term budget impact.

Chief Evans stated that recruiting would take six to eight months, followed by nine months of training. The funds may only be used for salaries and benefits, not equipment.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew to approve agenda item 2025-407.

Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Peters

2025-405 **Consideration of a Purchase from Interstate Transportation Sales & Service, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a purchase from Interstate Transportation Sales & Service, Inc. in the amount of \$511,905.47 for four (4) Coach and Equipment Metal 22-foot light transit vehicles and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Angela Wynes, Transit Manager, presented this item for the purchase of four new 22-foot light transit vehicles to replace aging vehicles with high mileage. The purchase will be made through state contract 54-SG-05062022 from Interstate Transportation Sales and Equipment in the amount of \$511,905.47. The total budget allocation for this purchase was \$820,000, allowing the expenditure to remain within budget.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes to approve agenda item 2025-405.

Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Peters

2025-408 **Consideration of Sale of City Owned Property – 103 Old South Ct.**

City Council is requested to adopt the resolution accepting the offer of \$17,600 and authorizing the sale of the property through the upset bid procedure of N.C.G.S. §160A-269.

Mike Brooks, Real Estate Coordinator, presented an initial offer of \$17,600 to purchase city-owned property located at 103 Old South Court. He requested adoption of a resolution accepting the offer and authorizing the sale through the upset bid procedure in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-269.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew to approve agenda item 2025-408.

Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew, Council Member Peters

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the Finance Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm with announcements about upcoming community events.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britt Moore, Chairman

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk