

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 South Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27261*



Minutes

Monday, September 17, 2012

4:45 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

*Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor
M. Christopher Whitley, Mayor Pro Tem
Latimer B. Alexander, IV, James Corey,
Foster Douglas, A.B. Henley, III,
Britt W. Moore, Michael D. Pugh,
Bernita Sims, M. Christopher Whitley*

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Present** 8 - Mayor Rebecca Smothers, Council Member Latimer Alexander, Council Member Bernita Sims, Council Member Foster Douglas, Council Member Michael Pugh, Council Member A.B. Henley, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Whitley, and Council Member James Corey
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Britt Moore

FINAL ACTION TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

Note: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although Council Member Pugh was not physically present when this vote was taken, and did not ask to be excused from the meeting, he will be recorded as a "Yes" vote.

At the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Session, and after all matters were heard by Council, motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley to suspend the rules in order to take final action on these matters at tonight's meeting. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote with Mayor Smothers dissenting. [Council Member Moore was absent]

Motion was then made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Moore was absent]

This action cancels the meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Chaired by Council Member Alexander.
Committee Members Whitley, Smothers, Corey****[all were present]**

Chairman Alexander explained these matters were discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting and he would make one motion approving all matters barring any objections.

Council Member Douglas made a motion to pull the **120235 Contract- Lenco Armored Vehicles- Armored Rescue/Response Vehicle** so it could be further discussed. Council Member Corey made a second to the motion which carried by a 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent]

[120233](#)**Contract - Bid No. 57 - Model Farm Road Bridge Replacement**

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 57 for the design contract for the engineering design of the Model Farm Road Bridge Replacement. Purchasing and the Public Services Department recommends that contract be awarded to Wetherill Engineering in the amount of \$134,882.12 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Contract - Bid No. 57 - Model Farm Road Bridge Replacement.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved contract with Wetherill Engineering in the amount of \$134,882.12 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120234](#)**Contract - Piedmont Truck Center - New Truck with Hooklift System**

Council is requested to award contract for the purchase of a 2012 Ford F750 truck with a hooklift system. Purchasing and the Fleet Services department recommends that contract be awarded to Piedmont Truck Center in the amount of \$108,194 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Purchase of Truck with Hooklift System.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved contract with Piedmont Truck Center for the purchase of a 2012 Ford F750 truck with a hooklift system in the amount of \$108,194.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120235](#)**Contract - Lenco Armored Vehicles - Armored Rescue/Response Vehicle**

Council is requested to award contract for the purchase of a Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue/Response Vehicle for use by the Police Department. Purchasing and the Police Department recommends that contract be awarded to Lenco Armored Vehicles in the amount of \$241,865.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Armored Vehicle Purchase - Police Department.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

Council Member Douglas asked why staff could not find a used vehicle that pretty much meets the specs versus purchasing a brand new vehicle. Police Chief Marty Sumner explained each one of these vehicles are built specifically for the specs requested of the department and he has never seen a used one of these vehicles for sale. Council Member Henley mentioned that he actually called four different police departments in North Carolina to validate that these types of vehicles are necessary in their line of work and was told they are. He also pointed out that none of the four departments he called purchased their vehicles new. Chief Sumner noted they looked at getting used armor cars the banks could donate, but those would have to be retrofitted, so they looked at other options. He explained the police department has waited for more than 20 years to replace the vehicle they currently are using and it was difficult to find a vehicle of this type with the specs they wanted. Council Member Sims asked Chief Sumner if Council does not spend this money on this proposed vehicle, if there might be other needs within the police department that would qualify for these seized funds in the future. Chief Sumner replied there is no other real immediate need and reiterated the purchase of this vehicle has been delayed for years. Council Member Pugh expressed concerns about the lack of protection of these armored vehicles and pointed out there were some weapons that could be purchased by any citizen that could penetrate the vehicle. Chief Sumner explained there is an upgrade that could be purchased. He was not sure if it was included in the specs, but stated he would definitely find out before finalizing the order.

Mayor Smothers asked if there were any additional questions or discussion. There being none, she called for a motion.

Approved contract with Lenco Armored Vehicles for the purchase of a Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue/Response vehicle in the amount of \$241,865.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following 6-2 vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Pugh, Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, and Council Member Corey

Nay: 2 - Council Member Douglas, and Council Member Henley

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

[120236](#)

Contract - RoviSys - Seaboard Group

Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with RoviSys in the

amount of \$108,310.00 for remediation work at the former Seaboard site and old Riverdale Road landfill.

Attachments: [Seaboard Group - RoviSys Contract.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved contract with RoviSys in the amount of \$108,310.00 for remediation work at the former Seaboard site and Old Riverdale landfill and authorized the Mayor to execute the same.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

120254

Contract - Sidewalk & Intersection Contract

Council is requested to award contract for Sidewalk and Intersection Improvements to Yates Construction Company in the amount of \$770,613.40 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bid meeting specifications.

Attachments: [Sidewalk and Intersection Improvements.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved contract with Yates Construction Company for sidewalk and intersection improvements in the amount of \$770,613.40 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bid meeting specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120237](#)**Resolution - Condemnation Proceedings - 2726 NC 68 South - Penny Road Transmission Line Project**

Council is requested to authorize the City Attorney's office to proceed with condemnations proceedings on property located at 2726 NC 68 South belonging to the HH Jordan Revocable Trust. This property is needed for the Penny Road transmission line project.

Attachments: [Condemnation - 2725 NC 68 South - HH Jordan Revocable Trust.pdf](#)

Resolution No. 1253/12-54

Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 103

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted resolution authorizing the City Attorney's office to proceed with condemnation proceedings on property located at 2726 NC 68 South belonging to the HH Jordan Revocable Trust.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent]

[120250](#)**Support of Carolina Field of Honor**

Approval to join the City of Greensboro and the City of Winston Salem in supporting the Carolina Field of Honor project being planned for Triad Park on a per-capita basis. The City of High Point's share of the \$250,000 will be \$43,231.00.

Attachments: [Carolina Field of Honor Project.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved joining the City of Greensboro and the City of Winston Salem in support of the Carolina Field of Honor project being planned for Triad Park on a per-capita basis with High Point's share being approximately \$43,231.00 of the total \$250,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

120252**Ordinance - Budget Amendment - Support of Carolina Field of Honor Project**

Council is requested to adopt a Budget Ordinance amending the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds in the amount of \$43,231.00 in support of the Carolina Field of Honor project.

Attachments: [Field of Honor Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Removed matter from the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be removed from the agenda. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

120264**Consideration of Appraisal for Guilford County Schools Property- School Park Road**

Council to give direction to staff to get an appraisal of Guilford County School Property located at the intersection of Shadybrook and School Park Road.

Note: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although Council Member Pugh was not physically present when this vote was taken, and did not ask to be excused from the meeting, he will be recorded as a "Yes" vote.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's agenda, motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Whitley to suspend the rules so it could be considered. The motion to suspend the rules carried by a 7-0 vote with Mayor Smothers dissenting. [Council Member Moore was absent]

A motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Whitley, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Pugh, Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, and Council Member Corey

Nay: 3 - Mayor Smothers, Council Member Douglas, and Council Member Henley

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Chaired
by Council Member Sims
Committee Members Alexander, Douglas, Corey

[all were present]

Pending Items

[120032](#)**Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1315 Vernon Place**

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1315 Vernon Place belonging to David L and Minnie L. Terry.

Attachments: [Demolition Ordinance - 1315 Vernon Place.pdf](#)

Chairwoman Sims explained the property is now in compliance with the Minimum Housing Code and Inspection Services has requested this matter be removed from the agenda as there is no further action necessary at this time.

Removed matter from the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Sims, seconded by Council Member Henley, that this matter be removed from the agenda; the property is now in compliance with the Minimum Housing Code. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE - Chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley
Committee Members Sims, Henley, Moore

[Moore was absent][120238](#)**Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 12-08 - CHP**

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon a portion of an unnamed public alley located from the north of the rear property line of a parcel identified as 108 Garner Place, northward to the terminus of the alley.

Attachments: [ROI SA12-08.pdf](#)

Resolution No. 1254/12-55
Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12
Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 104

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon a portion of an unnamed public alley located from the north of the rear property line of a parcel identified as 108 Garner Place, northward to the terminus of the alley.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this Resolution be adopted . The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120239](#)**Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 12-09 - CHP**

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an unnamed public alley located north of Richardson Avenue, being further described as the public alley east and abutting property indentified as 600 N. Main Street.

Attachments: [ROI SA12-09.pdf](#)

Resolution No. 1255/12-56

Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12

Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 105

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon a portion of an unnamed public alley located north of Richardson Avenue, being further described as the public alley east and abutting property identified as 600 N. Main Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this Resolution be adopted . The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120240](#)**Uptown Suburbs National Register Historic District**

Consideration by the City Council and reception of public comment regarding the nomination application for the Uptown Suburbs National Register Historic District, which includes the neighborhoods of Emerywood, Sheraton Hill, The Parkway and Roland Park, and a portion of North Main Street and Johnson Place.

Attachments: [Uptown Historic District.pdf](#)

Bob Robbins of Planning and Development provided an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Following the presentation of the staff report, Council Member Corey asked about the possible effect of this designation on construction sales and modifications within this particular area. Mr. Robbins explained that the National Register designation is honorary and carries no regulatory measures and there are some potential tax incentives that were available to property owners should they choose to take advantage, but this was strictly optional on their part. Council Member Sims asked if this designation would be helpful for any future structures or residences if they want further historic designation. Mr. Robbins noted it would definitely be of benefit due to the completed inventory that has already been completed and would definitely help lessen the workload for the study needed to do a local district. Council Member Alexander asked if

there would be a marker of any kind to inform people that the neighborhood/area falls within the registry. Mr. Robbins explained that neither the State, nor the National Registry provide markers of this type, but this would not keep the community from erecting a marker if they desire to.

Chairman Whitley mentioned designated historical property on Skeet Club road which turned out to be problematic to the State when they widened the road and asked staff if there would be any similar issues that might arise with this area as well. Mr. Robbins noted that nothing stands out to him as far as these particular neighborhoods. Mayor Smothers asked if the residents and citizens are aware of the possible ramifications of being in the historic district. Mr. Robbins explained that staff did try to make all of the information available to them and had a kick off meeting at the beginning of the project as well as one last week in which about 30-40 people attended.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone present who would like to offer any comments regarding this matter. Seeing none, he asked Council if they were prepared to move forward with the request or review it in the Committee. Council Member Henley asked that it be referred to Committee for further review and the Mayor agreed because she was aware of some of the problems that could occur.

Referred this matter to the Planning, Economic Development & Information Technology Committee for further review.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Information Technology Committee. The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120241](#)

Stanley Furniture - Right of Way Encroachment Case 12-05

A request by Stanley Furniture to allow an existing and proposed wall, and existing landscaping to encroach up to 4 feet into the eastern limits of the N. Hamilton Street right-of-way.

Attachments: [Staff Report RE12-05.pdf](#)

Doug Loveland of Planning & Development provided an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Following the presentation of the staff report, Council Member Alexander asked about the width of the sidewalk at its narrowest point with the wall. Mr. Loveland believed it would be about five and a half feet. Council Member Pugh asked about the width of the maximum encroachment and Mr. Loveland noted the engineer could provide this information.

Eddie Maccledowney with Davis Martin Powell and Associates noted it is actually about 4 foot 8 inches into the right-of-way.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment regarding this matter. There being none, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander, that this matter be approved . The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent]

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 P.M.

Statement Issued by the Human Relations Commission

Mayor Smothers recognized Al Heggins, Director of the Human Relations Department, Human Relations Commissioners and a large crowd attending tonight's meeting. Ms. Heggins explained in light of the recent killings that have taken place across the globe, the Commission has written a statement.

Dr. Michelle Matthews, Vice-Chair for the Human Relations Commission, read the following statement into the record:

"The City of High Point is home to many people from nations across the globe and from varied backgrounds encompassing different beliefs, religions, and practices.

In the shadow of religious intolerance and the loss of lives, the human relations department and commission commend and uplift the peaceful state of our great city.

We encourage everyone to continue to stand constant and strong in your conviction to live in peace and harmony with one another.

May peace continue to reign."

Proclamation- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Mayor Smothers read a proclamation into the record declaring the month of September 2012 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month. Accepting the proclamation was Commissioner Michelle Matthews and Commissioner Jason Yates. [applause]

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS - 5:30 P.M.

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley **Committee Members Sims, Henley, Moore**

[Moore was absent]

[120242](#)**Ordinance - Deep River Church of Christ - Annexation Case ANX12-04**

A request by Deep River Church of Christ to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 12.43 acres. The area to be annexed is lying approximately 180 feet east of Eastchester Drive and south of Deep River Road. The property is also known as Guilford County Tax Parcels 0195737, 0217201 and 0195736 (eastern portion of parcel).

Attachments: [ANX 12-04 Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ordinance No. 6947/12-63

Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12

Ordinance Book, Volume XVII, page 137

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m

Herb Shannon of Planning and Development presented the staff report for Annexation Case 12-04.

Chairman Whitley asked staff if the road would come inside the city limits. Mr. Shannon explained that most of Deep River Road is already within the city, but this annexation is not included in any of the adjacent road right-of-way. Mayor Smothers noted it was rather unusual to have an annexation without some type of an accompanying land use change, and noted some of this property has been for sale a good while. Mr. Shannon explained the area is in High Point's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction so it already has zoning and the current zoning would allow proposed uses that the applicant is considering in the future, but it does not require any zoning change.

Chairman Whitley asked if the petitioner would like to come forward to address Council. The petitioner was present and asked if there were any questions.

At this time, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there were any comments in support of or in opposition to this annexation request. There being none, the public hearing was declared closed.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120243](#)**Resolution - High Point University - Street Abandonment Case 12-07**

A request by High Point University to abandon a portion of North Avenue located from N. Centennial Street east to Willoubar Terrace, and the remaining portion of Willoubar Terrace, located north of North Avenue.

Attachments: [Staff Report SA12-07.pdf](#)

Resolution No. 1256/12-57

Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12

Resolution Book, Volume XVII, page 106

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Doug Loveland of Planning and Development provided an overview of the staff report.

Following the presentation of the staff report, Chairman Whitley asked if the petitioner would like to come forward to address Council regarding this street abandonment request.

Ron Guerra, representing High Point University, 833 Montlieu Avenue, spoke in favor of this request and explained the university would like to privatize North Avenue and Willoubar and reported that they now own all those properties. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions. There being none, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment in support of or in opposition to this street abandonment request as submitted by High Point University. There being no one present to comment, the public hearing was closed.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted resolution providing for the abandonment of a portion of North Avenue located from N. Centennial Street east to Willoubar Terrace, and the remaining portion of Willoubar Terrace, located north of North Avenue with the retention of the following utility easements: 1) a 30-foot sanitary sewer easement centered on the existing 8-inch outfall; 2) a 30-foot water line easement centered on the existing 16-inch waterline; and 3) a 30-foot electric utility easement centered on the existing lines based on the findings in the staff report that the abandonment is not contrary to the public interest, and that no property in the vicinity of the street abandonment would be deprived of reasonable means of ingress or egress.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this Resolution be adopted . The motion PASSED by an

8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent].

[120244](#)

Land Use Plan Amendment Case 12-04 - BSC Holdings, Inc.

A request by BSC Holdings, Inc. to change the Land Use Map classification for approximately 5.4 acres from Restricted Industrial to Medium Density Residential. The site is lying along the west side of Piedmont Parkway and north of Platinum Drive. In addition, the Planning & Development Department is recommending the Land Use Map classification for an additional 10.3 acres, lying west of the applicant's request and east of Tarrant Road, be changed from Restricted Industrial to Medium Density Residential.

Attachments: [LUPA12-04 & Z12-08 Staff Report.pdf](#)

[Resolution Land Use Plan Amendment 12-04 \(signed copy\) \(2\)](#)

Resolution No. 1257/12-58

Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12

Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 107

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter **120245 Rezoning Case 12-08- BSC Holdings, Inc.** was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

*Note: For specific comments regarding this matter, please refer to **120245 Rezoning Case 12-08- BSC Holdings, Inc.***

Heidi Galanti of Planning and Development provided an overview of the staff report for Land Use Plan Amendment Case 12-04.

Council Member Sims questioned staff's addition of property to the applicant's request. Ms. Galanti explained that staff is asking that the additional property be included simply because the Granite Ridge apartments is medium density residential and since it is an existing development, staff is asking that the plan be amended acknowledging that.

Following the presentation of the staff report and the conclusion of the public hearing regarding Land Use Plan Amendment case 12-04, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Staff Recommends Approval:

Staff recommends approval of the request to change the future land use designation for approximately 15.7 acres to the Medium Density Residential land use classification. The request meets the goals and objectives of the Land Use Plan and will be in harmony with the land use pattern of the surrounding area.

Adopted resolution authorizing the changes to the future land use designation for approximately 15.7 acres to the Medium Density Residential land use classification based on the findings outlined in the staff report that the request

meets the goals and objectives of the Land Use Plan and will be in harmony with the land use pattern of the surrounding area.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this Amendment be approved . The motion PASSED by an 8-0 unanimous vote. [Council Member Moore was absent]

120245

Ordinance - Rezoning Case 12-08 - BSC Holdings, Inc.

A request by BSC Holdings, Inc to rezone approximately 6.7 acres from the Conditional Use Light Industrial (CU-LI) District to a Planned Unit Development-Limited (PDL) District. The site is lying along the west side of Piedmont Parkway and north of Platinum Drive.

Attachments: [LUPA12-04 & Z12-08 Staff Report.pdf](#)
[Z12-08 Ordinance of adoption 09-17-12 .pdf](#)

**Ordinance No. 6847/12-64
Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12
Ordinance Book, Volume XVII Page 138**

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter **120245 Land Use Plan Amendment Case 12-04- BSC Holdings, Inc.** was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon of Planning and Development provided an overview of the staff report for Rezoning Case 12-08.

Council Member Alexander asked about two issues: rock quarry/blasting and airport overlay. Mr. Shannon explained that this property is outside the Airport Overlay District.

Chairman Whitley asked the petitioner to come forward at this time.

Mr. Barry Segal, President of BSC Holdings, spoke in favor of the request. He explained that he and his partner, Willard Tucker, developed a great deal of acreage many years ago in this particular area and worked with the city as well as NCDOT for the construction of Piedmont Parkway. He developed the Granite Ridge apartment complex which contains 248 apartment units and his desire now is to go ahead and extend the Granite Ridge complex in an effort to introduce a concept that they have done twice in Winston Salem involving the development of single family homes in a Planned Unit Development strictly for rent. For illustrative purposes, he shared some pictures of the two developments in Winston Salem: Villas of Robinhood and Villas at Peacehaven and noted these were both one-story and two-story homes ranging from about 1,000 square feet to over 1,600 square feet that generally rent for \$925 to \$1,600. He shared that there is a very strong demand for these types of houses right now and they would operate/maintain them and they would be on one lot of record.

In response to Council Member Alexander's inquiry regarding the rock quarry, Mr. Segal explained that this has not been an issue for them over the last ten years. Council Member Alexander was surprised by this and stated he did not understand why everybody seems to want to cluster around an existing rock quarry or an existing asphalt plant with housing. Council Member Corey asked about the garage doors for the houses and if it would be one large door or two separate doors. Mr. Segal explained that it would depend on the particular unit--some will have one door while some will have two doors, but it would be one garage.

Council Member Sims asked if an affordable housing component was included in the development plans and Mr. Segal replied there was not. She applauded him for thinking outside the box to bring this type of development to our community, but was concerned about the rental rates and asked Mr. Segal to consider incorporating some affordable housing standards in any future development plans.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak in support of or in opposition to this rezoning request. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Douglas, that this Ordinance be adopted . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

[120247](#)

Resolution - Land Use Plan Amendment Case 12-06 - MAMI, LLC

A request by MAMI, LLC to change the Land Use Map classification for approximately 0.65 acres from Low Density Residential to Local/Convenience Commercial. The site is lying at the southeast corner of W. Lexington Avenue and Kentucky Street.

Attachments: [LUPA12-06 & Z12-10 Staff Report.pdf](#)

[Resolution Land Use Plan Amendment 12-06 \(signed copy\)](#)

**Resolution No. 1258/12-59
Introduced 9/17/12; Adopted 9/17/12
Ordinance Book, Volume XVII, Page 108**

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter **120248 Rezoning Case 12-10- MAMI, LLC** was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Note: For comments on the Land Use Plan Amendment 12-06, please refer to

120248 Rezoning Case 12-10- MAMI, LLC.

Andy Piper of Planning and Development presented the staff report for the Land Use Plan Amendment 12-06.

Following the presentation of the staff report and conclusion of the joint public hearing, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted resolution changing the Land Use Map classification for approximately 0.65 acres from Low Density Residential to Local/Convenience Commercial based on the staff's recommendations outlined in the staff report that the request meets the goals, objectives, and policies of the Land Use Plan, including development guidelines for commercial areas adjacent to residential neighborhoods, through conditions offered as part of the proposed Conditional Zoning request.

A motion was made by Whitley, seconded by Alexander, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Henley, Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, and Council Member Corey

Nay: 1 - Council Member Pugh

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

[120248](#)**Ordinance - Rezoning Case 12-10 - MAMI, LLC**

A request by MAMI, LLC to rezone approximately 1.5 acres from the Limited Business (LB) District and Residential Single Family-9 (RS-9) District to a Conditional Zoning Limited Business (CZ-LB) District. The site is lying along the south side of W. Lexington Avenue, between Westchester Drive and Kentucky Street.

Attachments: [LUPA12-06 & Z12-10 Staff Report.pdf](#)

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter 120247 Land Use Plan Amendment Case 12-06- MAMI, LLC was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon of Planning and Development presented the staff report for Rezoning Case 12-10 which is hereby attached to Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Council Member Alexander inquired about the planting yard along Kentucky and along the adjacent residential property. Staff explained that the applicant has offered a condition for a Type C planting yard which has a width of 20 feet and to the south, the Development Ordinance requires a Type A planting yard

that has to have an average width of 50 feet or 40 feet with a fence; however, the applicant is proposing a 40-foot wide planting yard. He noted the applicant has also offered higher landscaping conditions by proposing understory trees to be a minimum height of 6 feet with a 1/2 inch caliber at the time of planting for the shrubs to reach a minimum height of 30 inches with a spread of 30 inches within three years. Staff estimates the trees to be approximately 20 feet in ten years and additional conditions offered by the applicant would include a combination of deciduous and evergreens in the planting yards.

Council Member Pugh expressed concerns about noise abatement since this would be a 24/7 operation and noted he would like to see measures taken to tone the noise down as much as possible. He was mostly referring to loud music from vehicles and felt it would help if the city would enforce its own Noise Ordinance that has been adopted. Judy Stalder pointed out a lot of noise is already coming from Tipzy's Tavern. Council Member Pugh shared concerns about what happens the rest of the night on Friday and Saturday nights after Tipzy's closes. Mayor Smothers noted one of the questions phrased by a Planning & Zoning Commission member related to music as it's piped outside and asked if they ever turn the music off. Ms. Stalder noted they could control the music, but this could be further addressed by Sheetz.

Mayor Smothers shared an observation about land use and pointed out several attempts over the years have made to rezone this property and there could have been an office use on the other side of Kentucky had it been approved. Council Member Corey reported the main concerns he has heard deal with noise and light issues. Judy Stalder pointed out that there would be noise because of it being at a business intersection.

At this time, Chairman Whitley asked if the petitioner would like to come forward to address Council.

Judy Stalder, 1400 Eastchester Drive, representing the petitioner/property owners at the corner, spoke in favor of the request. She explained that this corner has historically been developed with a convenience store or a gas station or both and the current zoning, Limited Business, allows a convenience store to be located on the property. The petitioner is asking for additional limited business zoning to allow adequate landscaping, parking and circulation for the activities of the business. She felt a logical place to draw a boundary line between business and residential uses would be Kentucky Street because of the sloping property. She shared that this rezoning request has been conditioned with extensive landscaping along Kentucky (more than would be required by the ordinance). She noted that Sheetz has also offered the following conditions in an effort to make it compatible with the neighborhood, including fencing adjacent to the residential property:

Higher landscaping standards
fence adjacent to any residential properties for additional screening

brick screening around the dumpster with pick up times restricted between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 8:00 p.m.

any mechanical equipment on the roof will be screened

will not have a freestanding sign on Kentucky, restricted the freestanding sign on Lexington on the Westchester side

Requesting a wall sign to the west (staff is not recommending this). She pointed out Limited Business zoning allows a wall sign of 7.5% of the square foot wall area and Sheetz largest wall sign would only be 3.8% of that wall area.

Ms. Stalder noted the lighting underneath the canopy meets the new design standards and shared some photographs of what the canopy and light will look like. The photographs did not show any light spillage onto adjacent residential properties. She explained they would install a sidewalk on Lexington Avenue and the stormwater would be captured and controlled. Ms. Stalder stated that Davenport Transportation did perform a Traffic Impact Analysis and they incorporated all recommendations into the plan which includes an improved intersection and added lanes on Lexington and Westchester.

Ms. Stalder explained that they had a neighborhood meeting and most of the people that attended seemed to be fine with their plan. They also met with the Northwood school officials and the PTA, provided them with a traffic assessment on school traffic issues and pledged to work with them.

She noted that should this request be improved, visible changes would include: two driveways on the corner instead of seven driveway points; a brick building instead of the hodge podge there now and the liberties that people take with parking trucks on the lot; improved intersection; sidewalk; and 35-40 new jobs. She informed Council that they have done everything to create a compatible neighborhood Sheetz store at this corner and requested Council's approval of the rezoning request as submitted and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission with the wall sign on the west side.

Council Member Sims asked about walkers to the school and Ms. Stalder noted they do have a few walkers and the school is planning on making some simple improvements that should enhance safety.

At this time, Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak on behalf of the petitioner.

Tom Terrell, 529 West Parkway Avenue, High Point, legal counsel to Sheetz, addressed Council on usage, signage and sound. He noted he grew up two and a half blocks from this site and this intersection has always been commercial in nature and has always consistently been used for a gas station/convenience store and could still be used for those purposes today by right. He explained Sheetz is trying to create a development with conditions that are compatible to the adjacent neighborhoods and have a top notch

convenience store, part restaurant and a development that would be very well controlled. Regarding the signage, he explained that Sheetz has talked/worked with staff and compromised on this issue and the sign would not exceed 4% and would only identify the name of the business. Regarding the sound, he noted the canopies are designed so that music is heard while standing directly underneath so the sound would not drift into the neighborhood, but the neighbors would hear sounds from motorcycles, trucks, and cars on Westchester as they do now.

Council Member Alexander asked if there would be any vacuums, air pumps on the premises. Tom Terrell noted Anthony Foderaro with Sheetz could answer his question.

Anthony Foderaro, 5700 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA, a real estate employee with Sheetz, addressed Council. He shared some additional information on Sheetz as a company and noted they are a family-owned convenience store chain based in Altoona, founded in 1952. He noted the Sheetz mission is to provide total customer focus, to provide their customers with fast, friendly service, quality products at clean and convenient locations. This will be the second Sheetz located in High Point and if the development is approved, they would hire 40 full and part-time employees with made-to-order benefits (dental, medical, vision, life insurance, 401 K retirement program, employee stock ownership program, college tuition reimbursement program, etc...). He explained Sheetz also gives back to the local community by raising money throughout the year through several fundraisers during the Christmas holiday season to provide toys, clothes and basic needs to kids in the community. Additionally, Sheetz is very involved in the summer games of the Special Olympics; sponsor 30 Make-a-Wish family trips to Walt Disney World; involved in the United Way Day of Caring; the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; YMCA; Big Joe's Scholarship; and also offer free coffee to all customers while traveling on New Year's or Christmas day.

Regarding the question on air pumps/vacuums, Mr. Foderaro replied they would have an air pump located on the corner at Westchester, but there would not be a vacuum station. He confirmed that Sheetz would be open 24/7 and they could control the music as well.

Steve Webb, with CPT Engineering, 4400 Tynning Street, High Point, addressed Council regarding the stormwater management on the site and entertained questions on stormwater concerns. He pointed out right now the plan shows a sand filter, but it may be a bio retention cell that may be used in conjunction with an underground detention system. He explained they would be handling stormwater both from a quality standpoint and from a quantity standpoint so the run-off that leaves the property would not be any greater than the run-off that's currently on the site, but they would have to extend the city's stormwater system.

John Davenport, Davenport Transportation, 305 W. Fourth Street, Winston Salem, traffic engineer for Sheetz, addressed Council regarding the Traffic Impact Analysis as well as the transportation assessment for Northwood Elementary School. He explained part of the problem is the school does not have enough room to stack the traffic, so one of the things they looked at is how to improve the pick-up and drop-off piece and they would also look at possibly routing the traffic to the back, as well as make other improvements to make it a little more effective like improving pedestrian crosswalks and getting a guard that can actually stop traffic and let people out. He noted the assessment was conducted while school was in session and all the traffic was included in their analysis including the school and apartment traffic. They modeled the effect of the changes at the school and the most profound effect would be to get the traffic looping around the back.

At this time, Chairman Whitley opened the floor for comments from the audience and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in favor of the request.

Chris Edwards, representing Shores Fine Dry Cleaners and JT Properties, 2019 Eastchester Drive, High Point, spoke in favor of the request. He explained the only two issues he had was with the fence and the sideyard planting and noted they are against having an opaque fence between two pieces of commercial property because it would block visibility and did not believe the 20-foot sideyard planting between the two properties was needed. Mr. Terrell noted that the petitioner has agreed to reduce the sideyard planting at Shores request, but does not support the signage amendment and have not offered that as a condition.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone else present that would like to offer comments in support of the request. There being none, he opened the floor to those who would like to speak in opposition.

Don Carter, 407 Clover Drive, spoke in opposition to the request and felt the real issue is the water run-off. He felt the water issues in the area need more attention that the city is giving it. Chairman Whitley pointed out the petitioner would be required to have an approved design plan for the stormwater.

Jim McGee, 1321 Florida Street, also spoke in opposition. He informed Council that he has lived at this residence for over 30 years and asked if they would like to have this service station in their neighborhoods. He also cited major water issues and pointed out the stormwater system currently in place will not handle the water. He noted that while he feels that Sheetz is an honorable company, he questioned the location of Sheetz abutting a residential area.

Hazel Gilbreath, 1320 Florida Street, spoke in opposition to the request. She cited the same concerns voiced by Mr. McGee and also felt Sheetz is just not a

good fit at this particular location. She stated Sheetz would not enhance the neighborhood and asked Council to be very careful with their decision because of mixing business with residential. She shared some photographs taken from the packets that were given to the residents at the Planning meeting. She agreed that the corner is unsightly, but would welcome a neighborhood store, a bank, an office building or anything that fits, but the Sheetz just does not belong in her neighborhood. She also voiced concerns regarding the potential loud music and lights at night since it would be open 24/7. Ms. Gilbreth questioned the effectiveness of the development in maintaining neighborhood compatibility and the impact the development would have on the residential neighborhood.

Chairman Whitley asked if there were any additional comments or questions before closing the public hearing.

Council Member Corey pointed out that this facility would provide 40 full and part-time jobs while paying a decent wage and providing very good benefits and he felt in today's economy, this is something that could not be ignored. Mayor Smothers felt the issue raised regarding the stormwater control is problematic to her and noted she would like to hear some comment on the inadequacy of the system that is already in place. Mr. Terrell pointed out the engineer offered testimony that the runoff would not be any greater than it currently is.

Chairman Whitley stated he was inclined to place this matter in committee for further discussion and asked the city attorney if it would be better to leave the public hearing open or to close it. Council Member Sims questioned the purpose of placing it in committee and Chairman Whitley explained that it would allow staff to do the analysis that the Mayor has asked for regarding the stormwater. Council Member Sims stated she realizes the neighbors view this particular intersection as a gateway to their residential community, but it is commercial and would be problematic to anyone trying to develop the property. She had no problem placing it in committee. Chairman Whitley agreed and felt any developer would look at the highest and best use for the property. Council Member Alexander pointed out the water issues that the residents are concerned with is an issue that currently exists and felt the water issues on Florida Street should not be tied into this development. Mr. McGee disagreed and took exception to this.

Sam Smith, 106 Woodrow Avenue in Winston Salem, who works with Sheetz, offered a clarification. He explained the additional impervious surface being put on this property would be managed and released at a pre-development rate and reiterated that the water run-off would not be any worse than it currently is and they would be required to meet all the ordinances and codes by any governing body for stormwater control.

Chairman Whitley then asked if there are enough members of Council

interested in proceeding with a vote on this request. Council Member Henley replied he would be willing to make a motion to move forward with a vote on this matter tonight.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Adopted ordinance rezoning approximately 1.5 acres from the Limited Business (LB) District and Residential Single Family-9 (RS-9) District to a Conditional Zoning Limited Business (CZ-LB) District based on consistency with the city's adopted plans. Additionally, the Council finds this action to be reasonable and in the public interest based on the statements in the staff analysis section of the staff report.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander to approve Rezoning Case 12-10 without staff's recommendation (Part II D 3) regarding the request for the small sign, but including the condition proposed by the applicant to reduce the landscaping standards to not require a fence in the planting yard next to Shores Cleaners. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Henley, Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, and Council Member Corey

Nay: 1 - Council Member Pugh

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

[120246](#)

Ordinance - Text Amendment Case 12-02 - The City Project, Inc.

A request by The City Project, Inc. to amend Section 9-2-2 *Definitions*, Table 4-7-1 *Permitted Use Schedule*, and Table 5-6-1 *Off-Street Parking Requirements*, with respect to Video Sweepstakes Establishments.

Attachments: [TA12-02 Staff Report.pdf](#)

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Prior to the start of the public hearing, Chairman Whitley announced that he

plans to place this matter in Committee for further discussion.

Bob Robbins of Planning and Development provided an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Following the presentation of the staff report, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to offer any remarks.

Jay Wagner, 229 Edgedale Drive, High Point, speaking on behalf of the Uptowne High Point Association and the City Project, spoke in favor of the request. They endorse and fully support the staff's report and recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Alexander questioned the reasoning and justification behind banning this particular type of business and asked Mr. Wagner if there have been any substantiated reports of negative activity involving the police or if they just don't like these types of businesses. Mr. Wagner replied that he could not answer this question and it needed to be posed to the police department. He pointed out that currently the city's code does not have any treatment for this type of business, nor does it even have a definition in the Development Ordinance to even define what the business is. He explained that these businesses just don't fit the vision expressed for the Uptowne or Washington Street areas which includes attracting businesses that are pedestrian and family friendly. He further explained they view these types of businesses as a lost opportunity because they are taking up spaces where they could attract other businesses that are more fitting in the vision and plans that have been expressed for these areas.

Council Member Sims mentioned a situation a few years ago where one of these establishments was on N. Main Street across from Walmart and ran a restaurant with a thriving business off because of the patronage it attracted, smoking, and she believes there is an element that requests these places that could be harmful to other businesses if it were not carefully controlled.

Mayor Smothers noted that she and Council Member Henley tried to advance this discussion during a budget review session in an attempt to put some regulatory control on these businesses but no one else supported it at that time. Chairman Whitley felt these types of businesses should be regulated in general, not just in a few locations.

At this time, Mason Garner, 3612 Oak Chase, High Point informed Council that one of her business partners at the Paper & Party Place in the 1600 block of Main Street has been dealing with problems resulting from one of these establishments being located beside her business and the smoke did permeate through the walls. She noted that this establishment just upped and vacated in

the middle of the night and felt these businesses would be appropriate in a business district, but not in a retail/walking district.

Chairman Whitley asked if there were any additional comments. There being none, the public hearing was closed and this matter was referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Information Technology Committee for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this Amendment be Referred to Committee to the Planning, Economic Development and Information Technology Committee. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

120249

Appointment - Boards & Commissions - Parks & Recreation Commission

Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of James Davis to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Reappointment to be effective immediately and will expire July 1, 2015.

Note: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although Council Member Pugh was not physically present when this vote was taken, and did not ask to be excused from the meeting, he will be recorded as a "Yes" vote.

A motion was made by Whitley, seconded by Sims, that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole,. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Henley, Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, and Council Member Corey

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moore

120251

Appointment - Boards & Commissions - Guilford County/City Insurance Advisory Committee

Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Rudy Hinnant to the Guilford County City Insurance Advisory Committee. Appointment to be effective immediately and will expire December 21, 2014.

Note: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although Council Member Pugh was not physically present when this vote was taken, and did not ask to be excused from the meeting, he will be recorded as a "Yes" vote.

Approved the reappointment of Rudy Hinnant to the Guilford County/City Insurance Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this Miscellaneous Item be approved . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS[120253](#)**Approval of the following minutes:**

Finance Committee meeting held August 20th @ 4:00 p.m.

Combined Council meeting held August 20th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.

Attachments: [August 20 2012 Finance Committee](#)
[august 20 2012 high point city council](#)

Note: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although Council Member Pugh was not physically present when this vote was taken, and did not ask to be excused from the meeting, he will be recorded as a "Yes" vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this Miscellaneous Item be approved . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

For Information Only:**Proclamation- "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" 2012**

Mayor Smothers read the proclamation into the record adopting the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign in honor of women who battle cancer and encouraged everyone to display an image of hope, courage, love, and awareness by wearing pink shirts in support of those battling cancer on October 25th, 26th, and 27th.

Accepting the proclamation was Fire Chief Rick McIntyre and Danny Baughman. Chief McIntyre thanked Council for supporting the fire department in the "Pink Heals" program and asked Mr. Baughman to share information on an upcoming event in recognition of this campaign.

Mr. Baughman also thanked Council and the Fire Department for supporting the "Pink Heals" mission for another year and encouraged everyone to come out to Festival Park on Saturday, September 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to participate in the celebration and support of women and families affected by cancer in our community. He explained that in 2010, High Point was the first city in the country to adopt the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" resolution and since that time, they have donated over \$80,000 to the community to assist those less fortunate cancer patients. The High Point Fire Department along with the High Point Regional Hospital is co-hosting this year's event. Mayor Smothers added that while the "Pink Heals" tour would not be coming through High Point this year, Mr. Baughman had the honor of riding with them and asked him to share about his experience. Mr. Baughman explained it is firefighters dressed in pink turnout gear, driving pink trucks in honor or support of women who battle cancer. The tour begins in July and ends in October with visits to different cities every day for this three-month period. Since the tour would not be coming to the east coast this year, he flew out to the west coast and spent 23 days on tour driving their pink fire trucks across the country. He shared this was truly one of the most inspirational, honorable things that he has

ever done in his life.

The Mayor thanked him and noted that while Mr. Baughman is the face of the cause for many, he has certainly given the men and women in the Fire Department credit for the strong support that has been exhibited and observed.

Update on Meredith Street Apartments

Council Member Douglas asked staff to update Council on the status of the Meredith Street apartments. JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney, informed Council that everything is in order and Council could move forward with the Ordinance to demolish should they choose to do so. She noted it would be up to Council to consider the cost involved and identify which buildings should be demolished. Chairwoman Sims suggested staff be prepared to update Council at the Public Safety Committee meeting which has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th at the High Point Fire Department Technical Services Facility, 213 Fisher Avenue. Ms. Carlyle explained she review the steps/procedures at the Public Safety Committee meeting. Mayor Smothers agreed that it does need to be on the October agenda for consideration. Chairwoman Sims asked that Council get the necessary information before hand so it could be discussed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VACANCY REPORT

[120229](#)

Boards and Commissions - Vacancies

Attached is the current list of vacancies for all Boards and Commissions.

Attachments: [term expirations 2013 \(January 22 2013 agenda\)](#)

This information is being provided to Council for update purposes only.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk