

HIGH POINT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 29, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Municipal Office Building

211 S. Hamilton Street

High Point, NC 27260

Finance Committee - Council Member Britt W. Moore, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated all members were present except for Council Member Peters.

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

Absent: Council Member Monica Peters

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2026-11

Consideration of a Sole Source Purchase from Border States

City Council is requested to consider a sole source purchase from Border States in the amount of \$1,664,804.68 for AMI Electric Meters and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Tyler Barrier, Electric Utilities Director, presented a request for approval of a sole source purchase of Advanced Metering Infrastructure electric meters. Mr. Barrier explained that the City has embarked on deployment of the AMI system and that all meter purchases must go through the system vendor, Tantalus, utilizing Itron meters. The request was for warehouse stock to support new neighborhoods, future development, and the meter change out program over the next year.

Committee members asked for an update on the progress of the meter change out program, including the approximate percentage completed. Mr. Barrier responded that the City was nearing completion and estimated that approximately 36,000 meters had been changed out of a total of about 45,000, with completion anticipated around March or April. A question was also asked regarding when the project originally began. Mr. Barrier stated that the City initiated the RFQ process prior to COVID, paused during the pandemic, and resumed deployment in early 2025.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve agenda item 2026-11.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Aye: Chair Moore, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Andrew
Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-14

Consideration of a Contract with A&A Security

City Council is requested to consider a contract with A&A Security in the amount of \$253,843.20 for after-hours security services at the Municipal Operations Center and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to authorize all necessary documents.

Tyler Berrier, Electric Utilities Director, stated this is a request related to a contract with A & A Security for services at the Municipal Operations Center located at 816 East Green Drive. He explained that this item had previously been presented to City Council in September 2024 and was intended to be a three-year contract, but had been adopted as a single term. The current request was to formally approve the remaining two terms. Mr. Barrier noted that the security services benefit multiple departments, including Electric Utilities, the warehouse, Safety and Health, Water and Sewer, Streets, and Stormwater.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve agenda item 2026-14.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-20

Consideration of a Change Order with Axon Enterprises, Inc.

City Council is requested to consider a Goods and Services Purchase Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,541,811 over the five-year term to develop a Drone as First Responder (DFR) Program and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Curtis Cheeks, Police Chief, presented a request for approval of a goods and services agreement with Axon Enterprises to expand the Real Time Crime Center with a Drone as First Responder program. Chief Cheeks explained that the program would enhance efficiency in responding to priority incidents citywide and would also support Fire Department operations during large scale events, search and rescue efforts, and post-storm infrastructure assessments. He stated that equitable sharing funds would be used for the first year, with subsequent years funded through the General Fund.

Committee members asked whether the City was purchasing equipment or only services. Chief Cheeks clarified that the agreement included equipment, services, and training, and that the City would own the equipment. He further confirmed that the program would provide operational coverage for the entire city.

Additional questions were raised regarding how video and information collected through the technology would be handled and released to the public, particularly given the current climate of heightened sensitivity and social media exposure. Chief Cheeks explained that the Police Department has a Public Information Officer who manages information sharing, works with the media, and follows an established crisis communication plan that varies based on the severity of the situation.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve agenda item 2026-20.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-12

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Retired K-9 Kira

City Council is requested to consider a Resolution to retire Police K-9 Kira and declare as surplus property and authorize the purchase of Kira by Lieutenant Zachary Wilkins who will assume all liability and responsibility for the animal's care for the remainder of its life.

Police Chief Cheeks presented a resolution authorizing the sale of retired police canine Kira to her handler. He explained that Kira had reached the end of her service life and that her handler had agreed to assume care, custody, and control upon retirement. Chief Cheeks noted that Kira had been deployed to western North Carolina, underwent major surgery while deployed, recovered, returned to service for an additional year, and had now completed her service.

Committee members asked questions regarding the typical service length for police canines. Chief Cheeks explained that service years vary depending on the age of the dog at purchase and the injuries or conditions encountered during service, noting that Kira had been purchased in 2019 and had experienced several health issues.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve agenda item 2026-12.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-15 **Consideration of a Contract with J. Cumby Construction, Inc.**

City Council is requested to consider a contract with J. Cumby Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,037,000 for the installation of a new generator system at the Oak Hollow Raw Water Pump Station and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Derrick Boone, Assistant Public Services Director, presented a construction project for installation of a backup emergency power system at the Oak Hollow Raw Water Pump Station. He explained that City Council had approved the pre-purchase of the generator and transfer switches in May 2024 and that the equipment was now ready. The Oak Hollow facility serves as a backup raw water source, and the project would improve reliability in advance of the upcoming dam replacement at City Lake and in response to regulatory requirements related to emerging contaminants.

Mr. Boone stated that three bids were received and that J. Cumby Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder, with a recommended award amount of \$1,037,000.

A question was asked regarding anticipated start and completion timelines. Mr. Boone responded that work would begin immediately and that although the contract period was 270 days, staff anticipated completion in less time.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve agenda item 2026-15.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-16 **Consideration of a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Alta Engineering SE, PLLC for High Point on the RISE**

City Council is requested to consider a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Alta Engineering SE, PLLC, in the amount of \$308,609.38 for additional engineering and design services related to the High Point on the

RISE project and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Greg Venable, Transportation Director, presented a second amendment to a professional services agreement with Alta Engineering. He explained that the amendment included additional landscape design, lighting design, and property appraisal services. Mr. Venable noted that a first amendment approved in 2024 addressed alternative design work in case negotiations with the railroad failed. Since negotiations had been successful, the current amendment focused on finalizing design and appraising railroad properties for right of way acquisition. Mr. Venable stated that the services would be provided for a lump sum fee of \$308,609.38.

Committee members asked about the railroad's level of cooperation. Mr. Venable stated that the railroad had been cooperative and that negotiations had gone better than anticipated. A question was also asked regarding the design phase milestones. Mr. Venable responded that the project was at or slightly beyond the ninety percent design stage and that staff anticipated moving into the right of way phase soon.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve agenda item 2026-16.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-18 **Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement for Reimbursement of Transit Providers for Stored Value Fare Media**

City Council is requested to consider a resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement for Reimbursement of Transit Providers for Stored Value Fare Media among the City of High Point, the City of Greensboro, the City of Winston-Salem, the City of Burlington, and PART and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Greg Venable, Transportation Director, presented a resolution approving an interlocal agreement for reimbursement among transit providers for stored value fare media. He explained that the agreement would allow riders to use a single fare card across multiple transit systems in the Triad, including High Point Transit, Greensboro Transit Authority, and others, eliminating the need for separate cards and balances.

Mr. Venable noted that High Point was among the first agencies to bring the item forward and that each participating jurisdiction would need City Council approval. Funds were included in the current budget, and implementation would proceed once all agencies approved the agreement.

Council Member Andrew stated that he serves on the PART Board and thanked staff for advancing the initiative and noted the benefit to public transit users.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve agenda item 2026-18.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-19 **Consideration of a Purchase from Cunningham Recreation**
City Council is requested to consider a purchase from Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$121,896.68 for the purchase of playground equipment, approve a budget ordinance amendment, and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Lee Tillery, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a request for purchase of playground equipment for North Overlook Park, adjacent to Festival Park. He explained that the project involved the replacement of an existing playground that was approximately seventeen to eighteen years old. The new playground would be relocated within the park, consistent with the adopted Festival Park Site Master Plan from 2024.

Mr. Tillery also explained that the Deckland Donahue Foundation was contributing to the project, marking its third and final playground partnership with the City. He noted that the foundation has contributed a substantial amount of funding for three projects citywide. The associated budget ordinance amendment reflected the foundation's contribution of approximately half the project cost.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to approve agenda item 2026-19.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

2026-21

Consideration of a First Amendment to Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the David and Helen Congdon Family Foundation

City Council is requested to consider a First Amendment to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Congdon Family Foundation and authorize the appropriate City Official(s) to execute all necessary documents.

Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager, presented a request to extend the inspection period for a purchase and sales agreement between the City and the David and Helen Congdon Family Foundation. He explained that the original agreement dated August 19, 2025, and that additional time was needed to obtain approval through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Brownfields Program, as the property is within the stadium area Brownfields site. Staff recommended extending the inspection period through July 16, 2026.

A motion was made by Chair Moore, seconded by Council Member Andrew, to approve agenda item 2026-21.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Peters

ADJOURNMENT

The committee discussed anticipated winter weather and expressed appreciation for the care shown by residents toward one another, particularly vulnerable populations. Members also recognized City crews for their diligent work in maintaining road safety during freeze and refreeze conditions and noted the positive results of those efforts throughout the city.

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britt Moore, Chairman

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk

