

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.
CITY LAKE PARK 602
W MAIN STREET JAMESTOWN, NC**

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Cyril Jefferson; Mayor Pro Tem Michael Holmes, Ward 6; Council Member Britt W. Moore, At Large; Council Member Amanda Cook, At Large; Council Member Vickie M. McKiver, Ward 1; Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson, Ward 2 (arrived at 9:20 a.m.); Council Member Monica L. Peters, Ward 3(arrived at 2:02 p.m.); Council Member Patrick H. Harman, Ward 4; and Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5

Staff: Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager; Jeron Hollis, Managing Director; Meghan Maguire, City Attorney, and Sandra Keeney, City Clerk

Special Guest: Nancy Vaughn, Mayor of Greensboro, North Carolina (arrived at 11:58 a.m.)

Facilitators: John Stephens and Lakesia Farmer, North Carolina School of Government

2024-054 City Council Retreat-Strategic Planning Session

City Council will discuss strategic goals for the City of High Point.

Mayor Jefferson called the Special Meeting of the High Point City Council to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He noted the Retreat Objectives which are:

- 1. To identify short-term actions that support priorities.*
- 2. To prioritize current strategic goals as well as add new and/or remove goals.*
- 3. To develop a shared understanding of how the council wants to work together, how to build positive relationships with each other and how to interact with senior staff.*

He then turned the floor over to the Facilitators from the North Carolina School of Government, Ms. Lakesia Farmer and John Stephens.

Ms. Farmer welcomed everyone and asked the group for introductions; spoke to the meetings objectives, and reviewed guidelines for productive meetings.

A thorough discussion took place regarding commitments and feasibility factors as well as a review of current strategic goals and potential new goals, affordable housing, and furniture market.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and resumed at 11:14 a.m.

Mr. Stephens discussed prioritizing goals and assessing goals.

A thorough discussion took place regarding resources needed outside of city government control, city budget, human resources, and current and potential state and federal funding.

Nancy Vaughn, Mayor of Greensboro, spoke to the city of Greensboro's accomplishments and how both cities could collaborate in the future.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 12:53 p.m.

Ms. Farmer asked Council to do a breakout session regarding strategic planning and how those goals might affect the budget.

The meeting recessed at 2:18 p.m. and resumed at 2:30 p.m.

A thorough discussion took place regarding future budgets, future goals, and better communication within the city as well as with citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk