

## **PROSPERITY, LIVABILITY, & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*Chaired by Council Member Monica Peters*

*Committee Members: Council Member Monica Peters, Council Member Patrick Harman, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, and Council Member Vickie McKiver*

**March 7, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.**

**Council Chambers – Municipal Building**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Acting Chair Committee Member Tyrone Johnson called the Prosperity, Livability, and Safety Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated Chair Monica Peters is absent and all other Committee Members were present.*

**Present:** Council Member Patrick Harman, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, and Council Member Vickie McKiver

**Absent:** Council Member Monica Peters, Chair

### **Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee - Council Member Monica Peters, Chair**

### **PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

#### **2024-092      High Point Schools Partnership Update**

High Point Schools Partnerships will provide an update.

*Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager, introduced Katherine Shumaker, with High Point University AmeriCorps VISTA.*

*Ms. Shumaker introduced Dawn Spencer, Program Coordinator; Raven Jefferson, Community Resource Coordinator; and Heather Bare, Youth Enrichment and Mentorship Coordinator.*

*Ms. Shumaker stated the mission of the High Point Schools Partnership and the "Why" noting that Guilford County School is the 5th largest employer in High Point, High Point Schools make up 27 of the 126 schools in Guilford County, and 18 of those 27 schools are Title I schools.*

*Ms. Spencer spoke about strategic outcomes; programs and initiatives; and signature events.*

*Ms. Jefferson spoke to High Point Schools partnerships; provided a list of partners; and spoke to career exploration and workforce development.*

*Ms. Bare spoke to the Youth Enrichment Provider collaboration and initiatives; Andmore Schools in High Point and noted great communities have great school.*

*Ms. Spencer provided information regarding the OPPORTEENITY Fair scheduled for March 13, 2024.*

*Committee Member Johnson thanked everyone for the presentation.*

**2024-093      High Point Arts Council Update**

The High Point Arts Council will provide an update.

*Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager, introduced Alexandra (Allie) Arpajian, President and Executive Director for High Point Arts Council and Raven Jefferson, Chair of the Board of Director for the High Point Arts Council.*

*Ms. Arpajian spoke to the strategic framework for the Arts Council; provided the mission and vision statement, showed the Arts Council new logo, and provided budget information.*

*Ms. Jefferson spoke to the strategic plan and reviewed the priorities of the Art's Council.*

*Ms. Arpajian spoke to the city's comprehensive plan noting her desire to partner with the city to help the city reach its goals regarding arts and design.*

*Committee Member Johnson thanked Ms. Arpajian and Ms. Jefferson for the presentation.*

**2024-094      High Point Fire Department Annual Report**

High Point Fire Department will provide an update on the Annual report for 2023.

*Deputy Fire Chief Jason Valade, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and noted that Fire Chief Tommy Reid will retire at the end of March with 46 years of service.*

*Deputy Chief Valade spoke to the Fire Department being nationally recognized and accredited; staffing and training requirements, specialty teams noting a future drone program, call volume, incident types, and response times. He provided information regarding inspections and spoke about personnel shortages.*

*Committee Member Johnson thanked Deputy Chief Valade for the presentation and noted his appreciation for the entire Fire Department.*

**2024-095      Discussion Regarding City Sponsored Special Events**

Staff asks the Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee to consider and recommend a list of City Sponsored Special Events to the City Council for approval.

*Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item noting this item was presented at the February 7th Prosperity, Livability, and Safety Committee and staff was requested to bring back additional information related to the two Go Far Races.*

*Mr. Olmedo noted that staff met with Go Far to discuss options for route changes.*

*Officers from the High Point Police Department spoke to reviewing the routes and collaborating with Go Far to determine the safest most effective routes.*

*Mr. Olmedo stated this item would be on the General Agenda for Monday night's meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Monica Peters, Chair

Attest:

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Sandra Keeney, City Clerk