

City Manager's Briefing
March 18, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room – Municipal Building
211 S. Hamilton Street

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jefferson called the City Manager's Briefing to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated all City Council Members were present except for Council Member Tyrone Johnson.

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 Monica L. Peters, Ward 3; Council Member Dr. Patrick H. Harman, Ward 4; and Council Member Tim Andrew, Ward 5

Absent: Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson, Ward 2

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2024-108 Capital Financing Update

Staff from Davenport & Company, LLC, Financial Advisor for the City of High Point, will provide an update on General Obligation and Revenue Bond strategies.

Bobby Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director; introduced Ted Cole, Senior Vice President, and Manager of Public Finance with Davenport.

Mr. Cole provided a PowerPoint Presentation, spoke to tax supported debt; city bond ratings and how they compare with other North Carolina cities; and the methodology used to for the bond ratings.

A discussion took place regarding the correlation of bond ratings as it relates to city size.

Mr. Cole explained existing tax supported debt and provided an overview of future finance assumptions and results. He provided an overview of the Local Government Commission.

A thorough discussion took place regarding how much debt is too much debt, the new city hall and transportation bonds.

Mr. Cole spoke to utility debt; provided a credit rating overview of the water and sewer revenue bonds; spoke to the rating agencies observations noting strong levels of management.

A discussion took place regarding capital projects and past decisions of the City Council.

Mr. Cole continued his discussion regarding existing water and sewer supported debt and provided a revenue bond overview. He spoke about the historical and projected financial

profile of the City; history of the water and sewer system; and provided a comparative chart of water and sewer rates throughout North Carolina.

Mr. Cole summarized with the following observations:

- The City enjoys high investment grade credit ratings for both its General Obligation and Utility Revenue Bonds allowing for ready access to the capital markets.*
- Historically, the City has managed very thorough capital planning process for the tax supported and utility-related capital improvements plans.*
- Both the General Fund and Utility Fund have significant capital needs in their future and debt issuances will be required to fund some of those projects.*
- As part of the ongoing capital planning efforts, potential rate impacts (tax rates and user rates) will need to be considered in order to maintain sound financial models and financial performance.*
- Maintaining a strong financial and debt profile will be important in effectively managing the City's capital plans, bond rating levels and continued compliance with financial policies and covenants.*

Mayor Jefferson thanked Mr. Cole for his presentation.

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Parks and Recreational Departmental Overview

Staff will provide an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Lee Tillery, Parks and Recreation Director; introduced Tracy Pegram, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; and provided a PowerPoint presentation. He thanked the City Manager and City Council for their support; provided an overview for the Parks and Recreation facilities; reviewed the different divisions of the Parks and Recreation Department; personnel; volunteers, budget, comprehensive master plan and greenways and trails.

Mr. Tillery highlighted programs, special events, and the High Point City Lake renovation project.

A thorough discussion ensued regarding the incredible work of the Parks and Recreation staff and possible future pickle ball courts and cricket fields.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Tillery and his department for the presentation and their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk