

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260*



Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chamber

Public Safety Committee

*Victor Jones, Chair
Britt Moore
Tyrone Johnson
Chris Williams
Mayor Jay Wagner (Alternate)
Mayor Pro Tem (Alternate)*

CALL TO ORDER

Public Safety Committee - Council Member Jones, Chair

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

[2020-323](#)

Hotel Code Enforcement

Staff will provide information regarding issues of concern and enforcement action relative to the Traveler's Inn on Green Street.

ADJOURNMENT



PROSPERITY & LIVABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chaired by Council Member Hudson

Committee Members: Hudson, Holmes, Peters, and Jefferson

January 8, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

3rd Floor Lobby Conference Room

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Wesley Hudson and Committee Members Michael Holmes, Cyril Jefferson, and Monica Peters

Staff Present:

Greg Demko, City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Loren Hill, President- High Point Economic Development Corporation; Laura Altizer, Senior Budget Analyst, Roslyn McNeil, Budget Analyst; Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation; Mary Brooks, Deputy City Clerk; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

News Media Present:

Pat Kimbrough, *High Point Enterprise*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2020-18

Update-Street Painting Grant

Staff will provide an update on the Street Painting Grant

Laura Altizer, Senior Budget Analyst, reported that the city would be applying for a grant through the Bloomberg Foundation for an asphalt art program. This is an initiative where applications can be made for painting sidewalks and other infrastructure. The cap was set at \$25,000 and the grant was submitted for \$24,593 with some in-kind contribution on top of that. Ms. Altizer explained that the city would be the lead agency and the High Point Arts Council would act as fiscal agents if the city is awarded the grant. The grant awards will be made in March and if the grant is received, the city will have until the end of 2020 to implement the project.

Brian Davis, a local artist, assisted with the application and actually did a walk through the areas and shared some new concepts to be submitted with the grant proposal. The project

focuses on the area between the Library and the proposed Nido & Marianne Qubein Children's Museum. The following goals were set for the project:

- ✓ To create a visually exciting entrance into the downtown area;*
- ✓ To enhance the connections between the children's museum and the library;*
- ✓ To engage children and participants with the art work on the library site and in between the two locations;*
- ✓ To increase participation of children that are within walking distance of the library and other participants by enhancing the outdoor area of the library.*

Ms. Altizer spoke to how early on in the process, they were informed by Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation, that the policy adopted by the City Council in August 2016 deals primarily with residential street painting and permits which requires neighborhood participation (painting and maintenance). Major Thoroughfares are excluded and the policy is limited to those areas that are zoned residential. City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle inquired about the roads/thoroughfares maintained by NCDOT. Mr. McDonald explained the NCDOT controlled roads would require their approval and explained they are not necessarily automatically excluded, but would require state approval.

Committee Member Jefferson asked if the policy expressly prohibits doing any painting in major thoroughfares and Mr. McDonald replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Altizer reported that once it was discovered that the city's policy only covers painting in the residential areas, they started looking more at projects involving vertical structures. She pointed out there are ten vertical structures that were included in the grant (four traffic signal boxes located at major intersections in the area and six electric transformer boxes). In an effort to broaden the project, they conceptually looked at artwork on the sidewalks and painting poles under the Farmer's Market stalls at the library.

Committee Member Jefferson asked staff to clarify if there will be an open solicitation process for opening up opportunities or a contract to more artists. Ms. Carlyle believed it would be necessary for it to be an open process since the city will be the lead agent.

Chairman Hudson did not believe it had to be pushed through the city, but it could go through the Arts Council as well. He explained that he reached out to Brian Davis once he found out that the grant had to be submitted within two weeks in an effort to ensure the deadline for submittal of the grant would be met. He further explained that this in no way prohibits involvement of other artists in the process.

Committee Member Peters asked if it might be possible to revisit the Policy to include streets/thoroughfares in addition to residential streets. She spoke to how the painting could create a slow-down factor and the grant refers to the use of art and community abatement to improve street safety. Chairman Hudson asked if staff could email the current policy out to the committee members to allow additional review/discussion in a future meeting.

Introduction of Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation

At this time, Chairman Hudson took a moment to introduce Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation, to the committee members. He advised that the committee does a lot of

work with Mr. McDonald and spoke to how the livability part involves streets, stop signs, speed humps/bumps, traffic calming measures, etc....

Committee Member Jefferson inquired as to if streetlights would also fall into that category. Chairman Hudson explained it would have to be a large-scale project involving a neighborhood and not just individual complaints like a streetlight shining into a home.

With regards to the speed bumps, Committee Member Jefferson asked for staff to clarify the threshold for the percentages for required signatures and if a homeowner or tenant could sign the petition. Mr. McDonald replied the policy requires a petition containing at least 75% of signatures on the petition. He explained that the policy is primarily written for homeowners, but felt there are some gray areas where there are a number of rental properties, so staff could take that into consideration.

Chairman Hudson pointed out this is something that would come through the committee and if there is a safety issue, then Council could have the discretion on traffic calming measures that could be implemented to improve safety.

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Discussion-Future Committee Presentations

Staff will provide feedback on presentations/discussions for future committee meetings. give presentations on a Future Committee

"Welcome to High Point" Signage on S. Main Street

Committee Member Peters advised that the residents/businesses in South High Point feel there is a separation from South High Point and the rest of the city. She asked about the possibility of erecting a nice, brick "Welcome to High Point" sign with some shrubbery on S. Main Street. She suggested a location on some property owned by NCDOT on S. Main Street in the vicinity of Archdale Road where it comes into the Peters Auto Mall and the Kmart area since this property cannot be developed because of the power lines around it. She felt it was important that the residents/businesses feel like they are a part of High Point.

Request for a Traffic Pattern Change at Walmart on S. Main Street

Committee Member Peters advised that she has had some people in the S. Main Street area ask about the possibility of making the center entrance to Walmart directly off of S. Main Street safer. She spoke to how this is a busy intersection with all the traffic coming into and exiting Walmart and how motorists make unsafe left turns instead of going out where the traffic signal is located. A suggestion was to put some type of median in there which would require right-turns only. Mr. McDonald agreed that this is something staff could certainly look at.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Prosperity & Livability Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk

Wesley Hudson, Chairman

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CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Contract Award: Contract for Access Control and Security Management Software for the New High Point Police Department

From: Tim McKinney, Facility Services

Meeting Date: January 6, 2020

Public Hearing: N/A

Advertising Date: NA

Advertised By:

Attachments: Quote/Proposal - Johnson Controls

PURPOSE:

City Council is asked to award a contract for Access Control and Security Management Software for the New High Point Police Department with Johnson Controls under the Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$291,962.06.

BACKGROUND:

The City of High Point's new Police Department facility will require access controls for security and all of its related essential functions for proper building security. Johnson Controls presently provides building security services for a majority of City Facilities and they are also able to provide such services at nationally bid contract pricing per the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract (#031517-TIS). Per NC State Statute, bidding is not required if exercising option to utilize Cooperative Contract.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funds are available in the 2019-2020 FY Budget.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Facility Maintenance Services Department requests Council approve the contract award to Johnson Controls at the Sourcewell National Cooperative contract price of \$291,962.06



**FORMAL BID RECOMMENDATION
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

DEPARTMENT: **Facility Services**

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: **January 6, 2020**

BID NO.: **NA** CONTRACT NO.: **SCC 031517-TIS** DATE OPENED: **NA**

DESCRIPTION:

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PURPOSE:

City Council is asked to award a contract for Access Control and Security Management Software for the New High Point Police Department with Johnson Controls under the Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$291,962.06.

COMMENTS:

Johnson Controls presently provides building security services for a majority of City Facilities and they are able to provide such services at nationally bid contract pricing per the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract (#031517-TIS).

RECOMMEND AWARD TO: **Johnson Controls** AMOUNT: **\$291,962.06**

JUSTIFICATION:

Per NC State Statute, bidding is not required if exercising option to utilize Cooperative Contract which has already been nationally bid. This amount is far below initial building renovation estimates for this portion of the project.

ACCOUNTING UNIT	ACCOUNT	ACTIVITY	CATEGORY	BUDGETED AMOUNT
411310	533701	411181010505	40201	
TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT				

DEPARTMENT HEAD: DATE:

The Purchasing Division concurs with recommendation submitted by the **Facility Services** and recommends award to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder **Johnson Controls** in the amount of \$ **291,962.06**.

PURCHASING MANAGER: **Erik Conti** Digitally signed by Erik Conti
Date: 2019.12.20 08:14:30 -05'00' DATE: **Dec 20, 2019**

Approved for Submission to Council
FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR: **Bobby Fitzjohn** Digitally signed by Bobby Fitzjohn
Date: 2020.01.02 12:54:09 -05'00' DATE: **Jan 2, 2020**

CITY MANAGER: **Greg Demko** Digitally signed by Greg Demko
Date: 2020.01.02 12:55:57 -05'00' DATE: **Jan 2, 2020**



Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC
Government Technologies



For Billing/Invoice questions - 1-800-428-7124
option 5
For Service/Technical questions - 1-800-428-7124
option 3

City of High Point
1730 Westchester Drive
High Point NC 27262
Sourcewell Member #18103

Sourcewell Schedule Price Quote
CONTRACT #031517-TIS

Contract Modification 11.14.19

Return Purchase Order & Proposal to the
Local Account Manager listed below.
Thank you!

JCSS Program Mgr: Michael Bailey
JCSS Mgr Phone: 571-215-7743
JCSS Mgr Email: michael.1.bailey@jci.com

Local Account Mgr: Nicole Rea
Local Account Mgr Phone: 540-379-7741
Local Account Mgr Email: nicole.rea@jci.com

Proposal Prepared by:
Linda Jones
SLG Sales Support
linda.jones@jci.com

Proposal Date: 12/18/19
Proposal Name: Access Control
Compass Estimate #: 1-4KKUCJ5
Proposal Expires: 03/17/20

Installation Charges:

Sourcewell Schedule Products	\$40,440.44
Sourcewell Installation Labor	\$42,976.64
Sourced or "Open Market" Goods	\$9,397.08

Installation Charge Summary:	\$92,814.16
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SW-MN Project Discount (OVER \$40,000):	-\$928.14
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Less One Time Customer Discount	-\$7,467.47
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Revised Total Installation Charge Summary:	\$84,418.55
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Additional Notes:

Note #1: Rates assume that neither the Davis Bacon Act ("DBA"), nor any other Prevailing Wage Act ("PWR") applies. If this is incorrect, please advise in writing before submittal of a purchase order and provide the applicable prevailing wage determination and we will provide a revised quote.

Note #2: This proposal DOES NOT include any applicable Local, State, or Federal taxes.

Note #3: Customer to provide Power and Telco Communications.

Note #4: Price includes a One Year Warranty on Material and Labor.

Note #5: Any award resulting from this proposal that is over \$10,000 or over 30 days from start to completion will be eligible for progress billing.

Note #6: Please include Sourcewell Contract Number 031517-TIS on your Purchase Order.



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Qty.	Model	Description	Sourcewell Net Price	
			Each	Extended
13	KT-400	Four Door Controller, IP Ready, Accessory Kit, Metal Cabinet w/ Lock	\$1,769.96	\$23,009.48
1	KT-1	ONE KT-1, IP CONTROLLER SINGLE GANG MOUNT	\$517.85	\$517.85
3	KT-MOD-REL8	KT-400 Expansion Module 8-Relay with SPI Cable (KT-MOD-SPI-16).	\$221.78	\$665.34
36	DS160	Request-to-exit sensor, white, sounder	\$84.30	\$3,034.80
38	1076C-N	RECESSED STEEL DOOR CONTACT W/WIRE LEADS 3/4 DIAMETER SPDT WHITE 3/8 GAP SIZE.	\$11.05	\$419.90
2	269R	SWITCH,HOLDUP WITH ARMOR COVER 269R	\$23.29	\$46.58
1	58-9C-S	58" BLACK, STEEL, GOOSENECK PEDESTAL	\$255.71	\$255.71
1	DTK-4LVLPGR	CARD READER SURGE PROTECTION 12V POWER, 24V POWER	\$64.25	\$64.25

SOURCEWELL CONTRACT ITEMS - AFTER WARRANTY - EXEMPT FROM MAINTENANCE:

1	E-GLO-V8-LIC	EP GLOABL EDITION VERSION 8 SERIAL NUMBER	\$2,363.61	\$2,363.61
1	LPS5C12X	3.5A 12VDC LINEAR P/S IN ENCL	\$235.17	\$235.17
4	AL400ULACM-CB	ACCESS PWR SPLY, 12VDC @ 4A / 24VDC @ 3A	\$297.42	\$1,189.68
1	MAXIMAL75	12VDC@10A/24VDC@10A 16 FUSED O	\$935.19	\$935.19
18	477967	BATTERY 12V-7AH SEALED LEAD ACID	\$15.16	\$272.88
5750	454932APR-250	18-6C+18-4C+16-2C+22-4C STR BC FOIL SHDS LSPVC JKT VIO COMP CMP 250' RL	\$1.20	\$6,900.00
500	454644APRL	18-4C STR BC FRPVC FRPVC JKT VIO CMP OR CL3P 75C 500' BOXES	\$0.26	\$130.00
1000	180040	18-6C SOL BC PVC PE JKT DIRECT BURIAL IRRIGATION CABLE 30V 1000' RL	\$0.40	\$400.00

Sourced OR "Open Market" Goods				
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41	FP3511A	FLEXPASS READER 26B BL	\$186.46	\$7,644.86
1	MC-CS-08-E	READER HOUSING	\$177.57	\$177.57



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<u>OPEN MARKET ITEMS - AFTER WARRANTY - EXEMPT FROM MAINTENANCE:</u>				
7	AL168300CB	ALTRONIX POWER SUPPLY	\$209.44	\$1,466.08
1	Misc	Miscellaneous Materials (EMT/Flex,Box Fittings, Box Tampers, ETC.)	\$108.57	\$108.57
SOURCEWELL Installation Labor				
Installation Labor, Programming and Testing				\$42,976.64
	Total		\$92,814.16	



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Proposal Prepared by:
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Proposal Date: 12/18/19
Proposal Name: Video
Compass Estimate #: 1-4KJLJGR
Proposal Expires: 03/17/20

Installation Charges:

Sourcewell Schedule Products	\$204,565.23
Sourcewell Installation Labor	\$30,002.56
Sourced or "Open Market" Goods	\$1,477.14

Installation Charge Summary: \$236,044.93

SW-MN Project Discount (OVER \$40,000): -\$2,360.45

Less One Time Customer Discount -\$26,140.46

Revised Total Installation Charge Summary: \$207,544.02

Additional Notes:

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			Each	Extended
		Sourced OR "Open Market"Goods		
<u>OPEN MARKET ITEMS - AFTER WARRANTY - EXEMPT FROM MAINTENANCE:</u>				
1	LOCAL	LIFT RENTAL	\$1,191.43	\$1,191.43
1	LOCAL	PERMIT FEES	\$285.71	\$285.71
SOURCEWELL Installation Labor				
Installation Labor, Programming and Testing				\$30,002.56
	Total			\$236,044.93

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020- 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

*Upon call of the roll, the following Council Members were **Present (8)**:*

Mayor Jay W. Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Williams (Ward 2); Council Member Britt Moore (At Large), Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson (At Large), Council Member Cyril A. Jefferson (Ward 1), Council Member Monica L. Peters (Ward 3), Council Member S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4), and Council Member Michael A. Holmes

*The following Council Members were **Absent (1)**:*

Council Member Victor A. Jones (Ward 5)

Mayor Wagner called for a Moment of Silence. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2020-1 Proclamation - United Way of Greater High Point Day

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation to representatives from the United Way of Greater High Point proclaiming United Way Day in the City of High Point and also in recognition of their 85 years of service to the High Point community.

Mayor Wagner read a proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, January 28, 2020 as "United Way Day" in the city of High Point in recognition of their 85 years of service to the High Point community and presented it to Matt Thiel, United Way Campaign Chair; Robert Rogers, United Way Board Chair; and Heidi Majors, YWCA of High Point, United Way Board of Directors.

[applause, photo op]

2020-21 Proclamation- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Week

Mayor Wagner will present a proclamation to representatives from the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority proclaiming the week of January 11 to January 18, 2020 as Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Week.

Mayor Wagner read a proclamation into the record and presented it to members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated declaring the week of January 11 to January 18, 2020 as Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Week.

[applause, photo op]

2020-2 Recognition - 2019 Human Relations Commission Humanitarian Award

Mayor Wagner and City Council will recognize the 2019 Human Relations Commission Humanitarian Award recipient.

Jelani Biggs, Human Relations Manager, joined by Human Relations Commission Chair, Willie Davis, presented the 2019 Humanitarian of the Year Award to Jo Williams, who serves as the head of the Triad Food Pantry, which is part of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The Triad Food Pantry provides food services to residents in High Point in addition to food delivery services for seniors. Ms. Williams was nominated by last year's Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient, Carl Vierling.

Mr. Biggs proceeded to read a short portion of an excerpt from the nomination that was submitted by last year's Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient, Carl Vierling.

"The work that Jo is doing is touching people across the community regardless of race, creed, national origin, religion, or economic standing. Jo is one of the most loving and generous people that I've met in the community. She is an advocate for all those in need."

As Ms. Williams approached the front of the dais in her motorized chair to accept the award, she received a standing ovation and made the following remarks.

"Thank you so much for this great honor, but I can't say nothing, but I give all thanks to my creator and my God. He gives me the strength every day to make a difference in so many lives that I can't help but be grateful. Every morning when I say my meditation, I thank God for giving me the strength and the willpower and the knowledge to help his people. That is truly my joy. I see so many beautiful faces and people that I've met over the years that I'm so proud to call High Point, North Carolina home. I couldn't do this without good people. My husband, Henry, of 55 years is here. [applause]

My daughter, Sheryl is here; and my son, Christopher; and my grandson, Josiah. [applause]

Thank you. I don't want to take up a lot of time, but I am so grateful to be able to help people, and God's people. That is unbelievable joy you get when you help people. You go home feeling like you're worth a million bucks and you ain't got but .50 cents in your pocket. Thank you, again, the city of High Point and you know I love y'all. Now, Britt, you know you're my man. [laughter]

Okay, thank you so much. Thank you." [applause]

A photo op followed Ms. Williams' remarks. Joining Ms. Williams in the photograph were: Mayor Wagner; her husband, Henry; Jelani Biggs, Human Relations Manager; Willie Davis, Human Relations Commission Chair; and Jeron Hollis, Director of Communications & Public Engagement.

Following the photo op, Mr. Biggs let everyone know that Jo Williams, the 2019 Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient, would be a guest of honor at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 17, 2020 at 98 Asian Bistro and shared that she would also be participating the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade on Saturday, January 18th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

2020-11

Strategic Plan Update

Council will receive an update on the Strategic Plan from Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair of the Community Development Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Williams, Chair of the Community Development Committee, provided an update on some numbers as they relate to Code Enforcement; he shared numbers for the November and December 2019 activities as follows:

Code Enforcement Activity	Nov. 2019	Dec. 2019
Minimum Housing Complaints	61	12
Active Minimum Housing Cases	308	302
Active Backlog Cases (270 originally)	0	0
City Demolished Houses	8	1
Public Nuisance Complaints	75	22
Active Public Nuisance Cases	157	88
City Abated Public Nuisance Cases	28	8
Zoning Complaints (vehicles, signs, etc..)	22	17
Active Zoning Cases	174	143
Signs Collected	288	41

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, showcased a home located at 637 Wesley Avenue that has been restored and is currently for sale. She also shared some photos of additional public nuisance cases; one involved keeping of horses in the city limits, which is prohibited by ordinance. Another case involved a business with numerous tires being stored on the property which is also in violation. The last photographs she shared involved a property where the property owner has been issued several citations for junk being stored on the property (i.e. furniture, TVs, appliances, etc...). She explained that the inspectors made three inspections (April, August, and November) and each time the property owner was found to be in violation of the Public Nuisance Ordinance. Ms. Loosemore identified a useful tool/resource that the city can now use in the cases involving chronic violators for the same property where three notices of violations have been sent within one year. The statute allows

the city to clean the property and send the property owner a bill without having to go through the public nuisance process again.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2020-12

Public Comment Period

A Public Comment Period will be held on the first Monday of the regular City Council meeting schedule at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible following recognitions, awards and presentations. Our policy states persons may speak on any item not on the agenda.

- o Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed. Others who wish to speak and have not signed in will be taken after those who have registered.
- o Persons addressing City Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- o Citizens will be asked to come to the podium, state their name and address and the subject(s) on which they will comment.
- o If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group while a designated speaker covers the various points. This helps to avoid repetition while giving an opportunity for people present with the same concerns to be recognized.

Thanks to everyone in the audience for respecting the meeting by refraining from speaking from the audience, applauding speakers, or other actions that distract the meeting.

The following people addressed Council during the Public Comment Period:

Martin Amick, a resident at 120 Briggs Place, addressed Council regarding the following concerns:

- ✓ *Street lights (electric waste)*
- ✓ *Attitude and unfair treatment he received from the High Point Police Department involving some personal incidents involving his arrest and dealings with the magistrate in an attempt to take out charges against a trespasser who attacked him while doing drugs on his property inside his fence which was locked.*

Glenda Frazier, a resident at 612 Liberty Road in High Point, NC 27263, addressed Council regarding some issues that follow along in Ward 3. She stressed how the lack of concern for Ward 3 with regards to the southern portion of High Point is disturbing to her. She cited the following issues that have caused her great concern.

- ✓ *Closing of the K & W Cafeteria and other business closures*
- ✓ *Violence*
- ✓ *Criminal activity (drugs, prostitution)*
- ✓ *Parking of tractor trailer rigs during the day and overnight on S. Main Street and the Fairfield Area*

Ms. Frazier pointed out S. Main Street and Ward 3 is an entryway into High Point and it needs to look good and welcoming, but this is not the case.

She spoke to how she posted comments on Facebook which prompted some interesting comments from various people throughout the city. She noted she even had some comments

from former code enforcement and city staff and was told they would not send employees out into these locations because of the danger they face on a daily basis.

Louis Thibodeaux, a resident at 1242 Kensington Drive, thanked the Mayor and City Council for forming a Public Safety Committee in hopes of addressing some of these issues involving violence/criminal activity that were mentioned and being proactive. He mentioned an article that appeared in the High Point Enterprise on December 31st that spoke to the formation of a Public Safety Committee that included quotes from the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Council Member Victor Jones. He was in agreement that everyone affected in the crime-riddled neighborhoods should be involved and part of the solution (i.e. police, fire, neighborhood residents, citizens, High Point Community Against Violence, etc...).

He also mentioned a briefing that the City Council held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting on the crime statistics in High Point and felt if the meetings were held later on in the day more people could attend.

In closing, Mr. Thibodeaux told Mayor Wagner that he hopes things are also going well with the committee that was set up to look at High Point schools.

Larry Diggs, a resident at 1127 Biltmore Avenue, addressed Council regarding consideration of the formation of an advisory committee for the disabled and handicapped issues facing the city. He pointed out most of the cities in the area already have such a committee in place.

Bryan Earl, a resident at 1111 Wynnewood Avenue, addressed Council regarding a recent announcement involving the closing of Barnes & Noble on January 18th. He acknowledged that the building and the land has been purchased by someone else, but because Barnes & Noble is such a profitable store, he felt they should be encouraged to relocate somewhere in the High Point area. He suggested the city put together a task force and make a presentation to the new CEO of Barnes & Noble which could include a deal involving the offer of some property in High Point.

Angela Roberson, a resident at 1452 Cantwell Court, addressed Council on behalf of the High point Commemoration for 400 Years of African-American history and called the following three issues to Council's attention.

1. Redevelopment of Daniel Brooks homes. She asked that the name of Rev. Daniel Brooks be retained on the new redeveloped site.
2. Construction of the new police headquarters and communications center on Westchester Drive. She pointed out in 1997, the city honored Officer O. H. Leake who served on the High Point Police Department for 32 years by naming the police headquarters currently located on Leonard Avenue after him and requested his name remain on the new building as well.
3. Kivett Drive Pedestrian Bridge. She shared that in 1938, under the Federal Works Progress Administration, the Kivett Drive Pedestrian Bridge was built. She noted that although she realizes there are some safety issues involving the structure not being structurally sound, she asked that all the technological and engineering endeavors be put in it so that it will not be demolished.

She then asked for all those present at tonight's meeting in support of the preceding three items to stand. [approximately 25 people stood].

Phyllis Bridges, a resident at 115 Parkview Terrace Lane in Jamestown, piggybacked on Pastor Robinson's comments about these three key landmark areas in High Point that are extremely important, especially to the African-American community. She shared that High Point has lost a lot of history over the last two years and strongly felt efforts to save the history should be taken because history has a huge part in tourism throughout the country. She pointed out the Kivett Drive Pedestrian Bridge is the last bridge in the city of High Point from the Art Deco era and spoke to how this bridge can be used in the future to help with a Heritage Trail that runs from the southside and taken over to the eastside of the city to connect history which will be a huge help with tourism in High Point.

Regarding the Daniel Brooks redevelopment, she pointed out that he was more than just a pastor. She spoke, again, to the importance of retaining this history and shared about his involvement in the Civil War and how there was a lot of history behind the Daniel Brooks name and the family.

James Adams, a resident at 1440 Bailey Drive, High Point, NC 27262, spoke to Council regarding the gun violence in the city of High Point and spoke to how it is imperative that a proactive approach to gun violence is warranted. He mentioned that the residents just lived through the most violent Christmas Eve in the city's history and although High Point Community Against Violence does have a place, it is clear that it is not enough and more efforts are needed. He went on to say that we must respect the efforts of all those who are part of the solution because too much relies on the answers (i.e. housing, employment, food apartheid, education, etc....) and pleaded with Council to consider all the options.

Carlvena Foster, Guilford County Commissioner, also addressed Council regarding the gun violence in the city of High Point, particularly the violence in zip code 27260. She mentioned that she is a resident in this zip code and spoke to how the latest shooting in the Five Points area prompted her to come tonight to speak because this is too close to home for her. She shared the following addage and believed it to be very relevant to the issues that are within the city today.

"When you heal the workplace, you heal the home. When you heal the home, you heal the children. When you heal the children, you heal the schools. When you heal the schools, you heal the community."

Commissioner Foster expressed appreciation for Council's effort in forming an advisory body (Public Safety Committee) that will focus on policy and ordinance. She noted that while policy is good, efforts are needed to address the root causes of violence in the city and deliberate efforts are needed to address the needs of families. She stated she was hopeful that the City Council would take a more holistic and inclusive approach to healing families by creating opportunities for them to experience success which would yield positive outcomes for families in High Point.

She also spoke to support for maintaining the history of African-Americans in High Point, more specifically maintaining the name of O. H. Leake on the new police headquarters and communication center and trying to retain the Kivett Drive Pedestrian Bridge, which is a landmark in High Point.

Commissioner Foster concluded her comments by thanking the Mayor and City Council for their service and stated she looks forward to working with each one to make High Point the "single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America."

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Moore, Chair

Committee Members: Moore, Holmes, Jones, and Peters

2020-3 Contract - Johnson Controls - High Point Police Department

City Council is requested to award a contract to Johnson Controls in the amount of \$291,962.06 for access control and security management software for the new High Point Police Department.

Finance Committee Chairman Moore, asked staff to come forward.

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager, explained that Council approved a guaranteed maximum price in the amount of \$19,299,561 at the December 16, 2019 City Council meeting for the renovations and new construction associated with the new police headquarters. As part of that list, there was a category named "Owner Allowances" and two of the items had to do with security access in the amount of \$14,749 and video surveillance in the amount of \$265,216. He pointed out this item addresses those allowances that were approved in the previous action. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$291,962.06 for access control and security management software for the new police headquarters.

Prior to the vote on this matter, Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin announced that a groundbreaking for the new police headquarters and communication center is scheduled for Friday, January 10th @ 10:00 a.m. and issued an invitation for anyone interested in attending.

Approved award of a contract to Johnson Controls in the amount of \$291,962.06 for access control and security management software for the new police headquarters.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

2020-4 Release of Funds to the High Point Arts Council

City Council is requested to authorize staff to release the third and fourth quarter funds in the predetermined amount of \$22,500 per quarter to the High Point Arts Council.

Chairman Moore recognized Assistant City Manager Eric Olmedo.

Mr. Olmedo explained that when this year's budget was approved, the Arts Council received funding with the stipulation that the third and fourth quarter funding would not be released until approval of an interim financial plan from them. He reported that Council Member Hudson attended the Arts Council's December meeting and has received their financial plan. The plan has been reviewed by staff and appears that staff is satisfied with their current situation and is recommending release of the third and fourth quarter funding stream upon Council's approval.

Council Member Hudson, who serves as the Council liaison to the Arts Council, happily reported that the Arts Council does have a balanced budget and gave them kudos for their hard work in this accomplishment. Mayor Wagner added that they also paid off their mortgage in December.

Finance Committee Chairman Moore spoke to how good it is to see some positive momentum for the Arts Council and encouraged each Council Member to consider participating in some way whether it be in money, physically attending the scheduled events/programs, getting children involved, etc.....

Authorized staff to release the third and fourth quarter funds in the predetermined amount of \$22,500 per quarter to the High Point Arts Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Peters, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

PENDING ITEMS

2018-169 Amendment to License Agreement - Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC (AT&T)

City Council is requested to approve an Amendment to the License Agreement with Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) which allows the location of communication equipment at the City's Ward Water Plant; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Note: This matter was initially heard by City Council on May 21, 2018, at which time action was taken to refer it to the Finance Committee at the suggestion of City Attorney JoAnne Carlyle due to necessary clean-up on the contract in general as the company has changed hands and names.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair

Committee Members: Williams, Hudson, Jefferson, and Johnson

2020-5 Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 1175 Roberts Lane

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of multiple structures located at 1175 Roberts Lane.

Reggie Hucks, Inspections Services Director, advised that staff is requesting an ordinance to demolish several structures located at 1175 Roberts Lane. The projected impact to the budget will be about \$5,000. He reported that following a winter storm roughly this time last year, staff received a complaint about some structures located on the property at 1175 Roberts Lane. One of the structures actually collapsed and caused injuries to some people. Following the collapse, he met with Local Codes Enforcement, Engineering Services, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Services, Erosion Control staff, etc.... around December 19th. At that time, staff discovered several enclosed structures; a bathroom that was plumbed into a barrel using a holding tank; a new frame structure that appeared to be some sort of assembly building. All of these structures were built in the flood plain and built without permits. Staff did meet with the owner, Ms. Brenda Amaya. She was informed that the structures were condemned and would need to be demolished. This was confirmed by correspondence from the Inspections Department staff and the Legal Department.

The property owner was not present. Chairman Williams asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak for or against the order to demolish. No comments were received.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of multiple structures located at 1175 Roberts Lane.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that the demolition ordinance be adopted to demolish multiple structures located at 1175 Roberts Lane. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

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2020-6 Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 315 Woodbury Street

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 315 Woodbury Street belonging to Raquel Ruiz Garcia.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager; reported on the following timeline for the property located at 315 Woodbury Street as follows:

- ✓ **Original inspection:** April 24, 2019
- ✓ **Hearing held:** June 7, 2019 (owner did appear and through an interpreter she advised that they were planning to get permits and begin the work within the next week or so and that they were actively cleaning out the property to make it safe and sanitary. At the hearing, it was determined that the repairs exceeded 65% of the value of the property.
- ✓ **Ordinance to Repair or Demolish issued:** June 7, 2019
- ✓ **Compliance date:** July 8, 2019

Ms. Loosemore reported that no work has been done to the property since this time has passed and no permits have been applied for or issued on the property. She acknowledged that the property owner, Raquel Ruiz Garcia, was present and would be speaking tonight via an interpreter, Arisbett Smith, who is an employee in the Community Development & Housing Department, who would be translating Ms. Garcia's comments.

Ms. Smith advised that the property owner is requesting additional time to remodel the house. The property owner shared that she had purchased two houses and is currently working on the first house, so she would like an extension to also fix this one. She also reported that she did plan on fixing the house up and selling it to her cousin who was also present at the meeting and that he had been helping her with the repairs and cleaning up the house until his father passed away. She noted that he can do the small jobs, but it would be two months before he could start the major repairs on it.

Chairman Williams pointed out with a project of this scale, the property owner would be required to have a general contractor to make the repairs and pull the permits. The property owner replied that if this was the case, they would find a contractor to give them some quotes on the repairs.

Council Member Moore asked Ms. Loosemore if she was familiar with the second property that the property owner has purchased and currently doing the repairs to. Ms. Loosemore stated she was unaware until it was mentioned tonight and inquired about the address for the property. The property owner was uncertain of the exact address, but thought it was on Furlough Avenue.

Council Member Hudson asked Ms. Loosemore if she would be comfortable if the City Council works with them to pull a permit for them to move forward. Ms. Loosemore advised that she just found out about this and noted that nowhere in the inspector's notes did it have a disclosure such as this from the property owner. She suggested putting the matter in pending until the next Council meeting in February to allow her an opportunity to look into it and see what they have done as far as getting inspections, permits done on the other property, then staff would make a decision as to whether to give the property owner additional time or to move forward with the demolition.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this matter be deferred and placed in pending; due back on 2/3/2020. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson
Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and
Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

2020-7 Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 537 Flint Avenue

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 537 Flint Avenue belonging to Amen Patron.

Lori Loosemore, Local Codes Enforcement Manager, advised that staff got a report about people living in the house without utilities which prompted an inspection. The original inspection was done on November 2, 2017; a hearing was held on January 29, 2018. The property owner did appear for the hearing and questioned the need to replace the roof but did agree that the home needed to be repaired. At that time, he advised that he believed he could have the house repaired in about a month. It was determined that the repairs exceed 65% of the estimated value of the property. An Ordinance to Repair or Demolish was issued on December 27, 2018 with a compliance date of January 29, 2019; however, no permits have been pulled. The property owner did begin some work in mid-December and the inspectors decided to work with the property owner, but the property owner has ceased making repairs.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the building inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 537 Flint Avenue.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Holmes, that this ordinance be adopted for the demolition of a dwelling located at 537 Flint Avenue. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson
Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and
Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

**Ordinance No. 7586/20-002
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GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

2020-8 Appointment - Human Relations Commission - Stacy Jones

Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Stacy Jones to the Human Relations Commission as Council Member Michael Holmes Ward 6 appointment. Ms. Jones will fill the unexpired term of Ester Idassi who has resigned. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire November 1, 2020.

Approved the appointment of Stacy Jones to the Human Relations Commission. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire November 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Moore, that this appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson
Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and
Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

2020-9 Appointment - Citizens Advisory Council

Council is requested to confirm the appointment of Warren Boone to the Citizens Advisory Council as Council Member Holmes Ward 6 appointee. Mr. Boone will be filling the unexpired term on the Citizens Advisory Council for Council Member Michael Holmes who recently resigned his position on the CAC after being elected to the High Point City Council. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire May 31, 2020.

Approved the appointment of Warren Boone to the Citizens Advisory Council. Appointment will be effective immediately and will expire May 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that this appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following unanimous 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson
Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and
Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

2020-10 Minutes to be Approved

- ✓ Community Development Committee; Tuesday, December 10th @ 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ Finance Committee; Thursday, December 12th @ 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ Special Meeting of Council; December 16th @ 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ Regular Meeting of Council; December 16th @ 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams, seconded by Council Member Hudson, that the preceding minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following 8-0 vote:

Aye (8): Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Council Member Moore, Council Member Johnson
Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Peters, Council Member Hudson, and
Council Member Holmes

Absent (1): Council Member Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Council Member Jefferson recognized Carlvena Foster, Guilford County Commissioner, who was in the audience and congratulated her on the honor of being named "2019 Citizen of the Year" in High Point.

Mayor Wagner reminded Council of the Special Meeting of City Council that was held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting and recessed at 5:35 p.m. because of the pending Regular Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the need to reenter a Closed Session for further discussion on a personnel matter.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem Williams and seconded by Council Member Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay W. Wagner

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk

**HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
3RD FLOOR LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM**

MINUTES

Present (8):

Mayor Jay Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Williams (Ward 2); Council Member Britt W. Moore (At Large); Council Member Tyrone E. Johnson (At Large); Council Member Cyril A. Jefferson (Ward 1); Council Member Monica L. Peters (Ward 3); Council Member S. Wesley Hudson (Ward 4); and Council Member Michael A. Holmes (Ward 6) [arrived at 4:07 p.m.]

Absent (1):

Council Member Victor A. Jones (Ward 5)

Staff Present:

Greg Demko, City Manager; Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; Greg Ferguson, Assistant City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney; Kenneth Shultz, Chief of Police; Jeron Hollis, Communication and Public Engagement Director; Thomas Reid, Fire Chief; Chris Weir, Fire Marshal; Sandy Dunbeck, Economic Development Corporation Executive Vice President; Reggie Huck, Inspection Services Director; Mary Brooks, Deputy City Clerk, and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

Others Present:

Louis Thibodeaux, Citizen; Martin Omnick, Citizen; Dr. Mike Sind, High Point Veterinary Hospital

News Media Present:

Laura Greene, *High Point Enterprise*; Abby Zeugner, *High Point Enterprise*
Sam Walter, WGHP Fox 8 News

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**2020-13 Presentation-High Point Police Department**

Staff will give a presentation from the High Point Police Department

Kenneth Shultz, Chief of Police, extended greetings; spoke to the history of the High Point Police Department (HPPD), established in 1859; introduced his Executive Staff: Assistant Chief Ken Steele, Field Operations South; Assistant Chief James McNeill, Field Operations North; Assistant Chief Travis Stroud, Major Crimes Deterrence and Prevention; and Brian Beasley, Police Attorney. Chief Shultz continued discussion regarding an overview/breakdown of the 2019 Review (Review) of the HPPD; said it would involve statistics and data from prior years (5-year average) as follows:

- *Calls for Service: 122,073. Up 1% from 2018. Up 3% 5-year average*
- *Response times: Routine .24 vs. 7:12 (5 yr. av.) Priority 5:36 vs. 5:30 (5 yr. av.)*
- *Arrests: 8,583. No change from 2018. Up 6% 5-year average*
- *Charges: 13,826. Down 5% from 2018. Up 1% 5-year average*
- *Crashes: 4,794. Down 4% from 2018. Consistent with 5-year average*
- *Traffic Fatalities: 14. Up 56% from 2018. Up 27% 5-year average*
- *Opioid ODs: 255. Up 17% from 2018. Up 39% 5-year average*
- *Community Engage Hours: 1,761. Up 53% form 2018. 489% up 5-year average*

Chief Shultz said the Review would be posted on the HPPD's website; recommended Council sign up to receive notifications (news releases) through the city's website; follow their social media pages that would provide updates and media releases; mentioned the response to the homicide that took place in January; to providing feedback to the community on what happened; spoke to issues of the homeless camps in the South Main Street area; and said that area was a part of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) territory. Chief Shultz discussed the issues with law enforcement across the country; to the statistics of fallen officers during duty; to the recruiting and retention process for new and or current Police Officers; said the HPPD's Long Term Investment Strategy had a growth of 58%; provided an overview of the High Point's Indexed Violent Crime: Per 100,000 with percentages from 1997 to 2019 (included in handout); said the safest year was in 2014, even with a rise in the population; explained the "Focused Deterrence Initiative"; said it engages those at high risk of being a party to violence and convey clear incentives for avoiding violence and deterrence for engaging in violence; this is a strategy the Department of Justice (DOJ) recommended; spoke to support efforts against violence from the community and agencies; voiced the need to mentoring the youth; provided a breakdown of criminal homicide motives; to the Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) that was created to improve the quality of life for the residents of High Point by reducing violent crimes; said removing illegal guns from the streets is one of the priorities of the HPPD; spoke to ballistics analysis in solving crimes; and gave an overview of comparison with other municipalities indexed violent crimes that included Greensboro, and Winston-Salem.

Council Member Jefferson asked if goals were set in reference to reducing crime. Chief Shultz replied the goal was to do away with crime; spoke to looking at what increased the crime rate; and to working with community organizations, and service providers to assist in lowering crime rates.

Chief Shultz provided handouts discussing tips on reducing trespassing problems, and on reducing aggressive panhandling; said the HPPD has restructured personnel with a strong downtown presence; and spoke to the process of reporting problems with trespassing and aggressive panhandling.

Council Member Moore asked if security videos are allowed in court, or would the owner have to testify in person. Brian Beasley, Police Attorney replied that the owner filing the complaint would have to be present in court to testify.

Chief Shultz spoke to dealing with mental illness and policing; to working with mental health facilities; to aggressive panhandling concerns; to providing facilities/services for the homeless; addressing underlined needs from trained professionals; and said the city of Greensboro had facilities to help deal with mental health.

Council Member Holmes asked if there was a plan for the City of High Point taking innovative steps to link mental health with first responders like the City of Greensboro. Council Member Jefferson inquired on trespassing problems; and how to prevent it. Chief Shultz replied yes; said they would need funding to link mental health with first responders; and spoke to trespassing as being problematic with business owners.

Chief Shultz spoke to the Sheetz store located on South Main Street; said the store hired off duty police officers; spoke to the issues that included trespassing, shoplifting, and drug overdoses; said there were three calls for service for the HPPD since January 2018; two of those were false alarms; and the other one being a medical need.

Council Member Jefferson inquired on reducing the number of illegal firearms. Chief Shultz replied that the HPPD had sworn officers that were part of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); spoke to issues of guns being stolen from citizens leaving weapons unattended in vehicles; said discussion on reducing the number of illegal firearms, and issues with stolen guns could be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Council Member Holmes inquired on pursuing negligent management of firearms for citizens who leave their weapons unattended. Chief Shultz recommended creating an ordinance.

2020-14 Closed Session-Attorney-Client Privilege and Personnel

Council is requested to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) for Attorney-Client privilege, and N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel.

At 4:51 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Hudson, seconded by Council Member Jefferson to enter into a closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve attorney-client privilege, and N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote.

At 5:35 p.m., upon made and duly seconded to recess the Special Meeting in order to attend the Regular Meeting of Council that was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by an 8-0 unanimous vote.

Upon reconvening into Open Session at 6:46 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded, Council reentered closed session to continue discussion regarding the personnel matter.

Council then reconvened into open session at 7:25 p.m. Mayor Wagner announced there would be no action taken as a result of the Closed Sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk



Community Development Committee

Chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Williams

Committee Members: Williams, Hudson, Jefferson, and Johnson

January 7, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Lobby Conference Room

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Chris Williams, Committee Member Wesley Hudson, Committee Member Cyril Jefferson, and Committee Member Tyrone Johnson

Also Present:

Council Member Monica Peters

Staff Present:

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Meghan McGuire, Assistant City Attorney; Michael McNair, Director of Community Development and Housing; Michelle McNair, Community Resource Manager; Lori Loosemore, Code Enforcement Manager; Joel Ferguson, Civil Engineer I; Terry Kuneff, Civil Engineer III; Roslyn McNeill, Budget Analyst; Lisa Vierling, City Clerk; Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

Others Present:

Chris Rivera, Guilford County Workforce Development Board; Patrick Harman, Hayden-Harman Foundation; Sophia Crisp, Housing Consultants Group; Danny Davis, Pinnacle Bank; Anthony Rogers, Guilford County Workforce Development Board; Jerry Mingo, Citizens Advisory Council Board Member; Bernita Sims, Welfare Reform Liaison

Media Present:

Pat Kimbrough, *High Point Enterprise*

Note: The following handouts were distributed during the meeting and are hereby attached as a permanent part of these proceedings.

- Executive Summary/Building Resilience/Needs Assessment
- Cedrow Subdivision Update
- CD&H Departmental Overview

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Update: Resilience Needs Assessment

Patrick Harman, Hayden-Harman Foundation, made a PowerPoint Presentation on the Resilience High Point Community Needs Assessment (Assessment); provided an executive copy of the Assessment; said they were contracted with the Center for Housing and Community Studies, University of Greensboro (UNCG) to conduct the Assessment; mentioned previous discussion on the impact of adverse childhood experiences on families and children; said there was available training to help those experiencing difficult times; provided a list of current members of the Resilience High Point group; read the vision statement (Resilience High Point is an alliance of public, private, and non-profit organizations collaborating to develop integrated infrastructure that empowers all individuals and families to thrive); and spoke to the current focus areas which included:

1. Conducting needs assessment, promote findings, and engage the wider community.
2. Hosting quarterly convenings to foster collaboration.
3. Facilitating trauma-informed training.

Mr. Harman said the Assessment was completed in December of 2019; highlighted some of the results as follows: increase in poverty, violent crimes, and the perception of crime. There were five recommendations after the Assessment was completed as follows:

1. Address Community Violence,
2. Safe affordable housing,
3. Access to food, health care, jobs,
4. Provide childcare,
5. Treat substance use (public health issue)

Chairman Williams inquired if the increase in poverty was due to the increase in the population. Mr. Harman replied yes; said the cost of living was cheaper in High Point; and to collaboration such as job training to help with these issues.

Discussion took place regarding violent crimes across the country; and their impacts on municipalities.

Committee Member Jefferson spoke to his involvement with the resilience screening with the YWCA; said it was an eye opener; spoke to the impacts on the youth with adverse childhood experiences; to setting goals; having a holistic approach to the community; recommended having this discussion on the agenda at the upcoming Council Retreat in February; recognized the Community Development Department, and Bernita Sims, Welfare Reform Liaison, for their support.

Committee Member Hudson spoke to cost comparison of incarceration, drug rehabilitation, and training for a building trade.

Bernita Sims, Welfare Reform Liaison, spoke to focusing on certain areas where communities were impacted; to determining best ways to utilize the funding in those areas; and to making a difference.

Mr. Harman said the Community Development Department had a full report of the Assessment as a part of their five-year plan; the D-UP program would be in the Burns Hill area; the first event would be on January 18, 2020; and that there would be another event in March.

Chairman Williams thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts.

Presentation- Cedrow Housing Project

Michael McNair, Community Development Director said the Cedrow Housing Project began around two years ago; the land was acquired by the City as a tax foreclosure; the site was cleared in 2018; High Point University (HPU) donated 30,000 cubic yards of fill dirt in 2019; seeding of the site was completed; there would be 19 units built upon completion; and discussed the next steps of the Project as follows:

- Site plan submitted to TRC on 12/23/2019 for final approval
- Assign addresses for site in January 2020
- Advertise street construction contract on 2/17/2020
- Contract with CHS & convey properties February 2020
- Start construction of Phase 1 houses (4 units) in March 2020
- Seek Council action for contract award in March-April 2020
- Four month street construction period (weather permitting)
- Begin Phase 2 housing (15 units) after new street constructed

Mr. McNair introduced the Development Team for the Cedrow Project: Zean Brown, Community Housing Solutions; Sophia Crisp, Housing Consultants Group; and Danny Davis, Pinnacle Bank.

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager spoke to stabilizing, and raising the home value of the neighborhood; inquired on keeping up with the character/value of the homes; and asked what the cost would be for the new homes. Mr. McNair replied the homes would sell for around \$140,000.

Danny Davis, Pinnacle Bank said their General Contractor on staff looked at the surrounding neighborhoods for comparisons to match the fabric of the community.

Chairman Jefferson inquired on the communication with neighborhood association in reference to the Project. Mr. McNair replied they communicated with the association in August; provided them with the information; and would keep them updated.

Overview- Community Development Department Operations

Michael McNair, Community Development Director provided an organization chart for the Community Development and Housing Department (CD&H); said the CD&H Department's goal was to strengthen neighborhoods; discussed the Strategies pursuant to council's strategic plan; the Annual Funding Sources; the required Annual Action Plan; current budget with proposed sources and proposed uses.

Chairman Williams asked if the Core City Redevelopment was the same as the Blight Infill Program. Mr. McNair replied yes. Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager replied that the budget would not be cut.

Mr. McNair continued discussion regarding the Consultants and Technical Assistance; referenced an article from the NC School of Government about the CD&H Department on nuisance liens, and their success in collecting money owed; Code Enforcement (added four inspectors in 2016); core City Code Enforcement Activity; Code Enforcement Date (used to define assignment zone); Analyzing Neighborhood Data (broken down into Block Groups); Affordable Housing Activities such as Operation INASMUCH; said this event was done twice a year; the next event would be on April 18, 2020; and in March; spoke to the process of selecting neighborhoods; and the next event would take place at Highland Mills. Mr. McNair said the CD&H Department was partnered with Habitat for Humanity for the Cable Street Project; and spoke to networking with neighborhood associations to bring the project together.

Mr. McCaslin said it took many years to accumulate the property for the project; and to acquire properties; and that some of the properties were tax foreclosures.

Committee Member Jefferson asked what the impediments were for purchase of the said properties. Mr. McCaslin replied that owners did not want to sell for various reasons.

Mr. McNair discussed the Townhomes @ Meredith; said it was in action plan for this year; the developer was scheduled to submit TRC for review; and project is delayed till 2020-2021; mentioned that it would be in next year's action plan; spoke to low income housing tax credit developments; to leveraging resources (Admiral Pointe, Addington Ride, Kirkwood Crossing, Hartley Ridge).

Mr. McCaslin said the city worked with a local developer for the projects for leveraging resources; and would like to have apartment built in the core city.

Committee Member Jefferson inquired on the estimated housing stock for city as the population increased. Mr. McNair replied 4,000 units.

Mr. McNair discussed the Avondale Trace Apartments Project; said it was under construction; and would be completed this summer; discussed the partnership with Pinnacle (formerly Bank of NC); to community and neighborhood development activities; the Citizens Advisory Council that handled funding request form agencies; and provided a list of agencies awarded funding approved by council for the previous year.

Committee Member Jefferson inquired on the funding left over. Mr. McNair replied that it was from the CBI fund; and the public service grant request allocations.

Mr. McNair continued discussion regarding the Neighborhood Leaders Council; spoke to attempting to start a program called Financial Peace University that was unsuccessful due to lack of participation; discussed the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program; spoke to using vacant land for the Community Gardens Programs; and voiced appreciation to having a dedicated team; and thanked city staff for their support and assistance.

Mr. McCaslin advised the committee to give him any issues/concerns that they would like addressed; and he would add it to a future committee meeting agenda.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

Chris Williams, Chairman