

# City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building  
211 South Hamilton Street  
High Point, NC 27261*



## Minutes

**Monday, June 4, 2012**

**4:45:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

## **Committee of the Whole**

*Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor  
M. Christopher Whitley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Latimer B. Alexander, IV, James Corey,  
Foster Douglas, A.B. Henley, III,  
Britt W. Moore, Michael D. Pugh,  
Bernita Sims, M. Christopher Whitley*

**ROLL CALL, PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Present** 9 - Christopher Whitley, Rebecca Smothers, Latimer Alexander, Britt Moore, Bernita Sims, Foster Douglas, Michael Pugh, A.B. Henley, and James Corey

**FINAL ACTION TAKEN AT THIS MEETING**

At the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Session, and after all matters were heard by Council, **motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley to suspend the rules in order to take final action on these matters at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]**

**Motion was then made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]**

**This action cancels the meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m.; however, the second public hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 budget will be held during that time.**

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS****FINANCE COMMITTEE- Chaired by Council Member Alexander**  
**Committee Members: Whitley, Smothers and Corey****[all were present]**

Chairman Alexander explained the Finance Committee met earlier today and reviewed all eleven items under the Finance Committee agenda, moving all matters forward to the Council with a favorable recommendation. He asked if there were any items that Council would like to pull for further discussion.

At this time, **Council Member Henley moved to pull 120145 Resolution- Condemnation- 3880 Brian Jordan Place- Penny Road Transmission Line for the purpose of further discussion on this matter. Council Member Moore made a second to the motion which carried unanimously.**

**Note: 120137 Resolution- Issuance of General Obligation Bonds- Downtown Improvements; 120139 Capital Project Ordinance- Downtown Improvement Bonds; 120140 Lease Purchasing Agreement- 2012 Fire Trucks- JP Morgan Chase Equipment Finance will also be considered and voted on separately.**

**120137**

Council is requested to adopt a resolution for the issuance of \$5,785,000 Downtown Improvement bonds and up to \$30,00,000 GO Refunding Bonds.





to participate in a regional radio system.

**Attachments:** [5. Contract - Motorola - Radio System Upgrade.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved contract with Motorola in the amount of \$1,624,596 and authorized staff to execute the contract.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

### [120143](#)

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 68 for additional submersible switchgear for the Montlieu Avenue and the Lindsay Street projects. Purchasing and the Electric Department recommends that contract be awarded to Trayer Engineering in the amount of \$226,115.00 which is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications.

**Attachments:** [Bid No. 68 - Additional Submersible Switchgear.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved contract with Trayer Engineering in the amount of \$226,115.00 which is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

### [120144](#)

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 81 for Traffic Signal Installation. Purchasing and the Engineering Department recommends that contract be awarded to ALS of North Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000.00 which is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications.

**Attachments:** [Bid No. 81 - Traffic Signal Installation.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorite recommendation.

Approved contract with ALS of North Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000.00 which is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

[120145](#)

Council is requested to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation proceedings on property located at 3880 Brian Jordan Place belonging to Wendeck, LLC. The property is needed for the Penny Road transmission line.

**Attachments:** [condemnation - 3880 Brian Jordan Place - Penny Road Transmission Line.pc](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

At that time, the Committee recommended this matter be forwarded to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.

However, during the City Council meeting, Council Member Henley explained that he had personally communicated with the property owner and the property owner would like for this matter to be placed on a later agenda (June 18th).

At this time, **motion was made by Council Member Henley, seconded by Council Member Moore to postpone consideration of this matter until June 18th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Moore and carried unanimously.**

[120146](#)

Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the HNTB North Carolina, PC for the I-74/US 311 & NC 68 (Eastchester Drive) Interchange Replacement Study.

**Attachments:** [HNTB North Carolina - Supplemental Agreement 1.pdf](#)

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The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the HNTB North Carolina, PC for the I-74/US 311 & NC 68 (Eastchester Drive) Interchange Replacement Study.

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

[120153](#)

Council is requested to approve a Supplemental Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that extends the completion date of the N. Main Street and Lexington Avenue intersection improvement project until June 30, 2014. This extension is requested by the City to accommodate scheduling for the burial of overhead utilities along the N. Main Street corridor.

**Attachments:** [NCDOT Supplemental Agreement - N Main & Lexington Avenue Intersection](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

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**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

[120147](#)

Council is requested to authorize the City Attorney's office to proceed with the advertising for upset bids on the sale of the surplus city property located at 517 Montlieu Avenue to High Point University and if no bids are received execute documents to sell this property to the University in the amount of \$12,600.00.

**Attachments:**     [Sale of Surplus Property - 517 Montlieu Avenue.pdf](#)

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the city attorney's office to proceed with the advertising for upset bids on the sale of the surplus property located at 517 Montlieu Avenue to High Point University and if no upset bids are received the appropriate city officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property to High Point University for \$12,600.00.

**Resolution No. 1238/12-39**

**Introduced 6/4/2012**

**Adopted 6/4/2012**

**Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 89**

**A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE- Chaired by Council Member Sims**

**Committee Members: Alexander, Douglas and Corey**

**[all were present]**

[120148](#)

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 917 Charlotte Avenue belonging to Apple Tree of High Point, NC.

**Attachments:**     [1. 917 Charlotte Ave - Vacate Close Request.pdf](#)

Chairwoman Sims pointed out there were a number of violations for this property; 3 major and 7 minor. The owner did not appear for the hearing that was scheduled for

inspections and the dwelling was occupied at the time of the inspection. She asked staff to report on the status of the dwelling.

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, shared that they did go out and do an inspection on the dwelling this morning and it appears to still be occupied and utilities are still active, so staff is waiting on the next step of the process the owner is taking with the tenant.

Council Member Douglas asked if better pictures of the property might be available. Ms. Bossi shared a picture that was taken this morning of the property that showed damage to the foundation underneath the porch and explained the poor quality of the other pictures was due to the darkness in the basement.

Chairwoman Sims asked if there was anyone present at tonight's meeting to speak regarding this housing case. There being none present, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 917 Charlotte Avenue.

**Ordinance No. 6924/12-41                      Introduced 6/4/2012**  
**Adopted 6/4/2012**  
**Ordinance Book, Volume XVII, Page 115**

**A motion was made by Council Member Sims, seconded by Council Member Alexander, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.**

[120149](#)

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 900 Meredith Street belonging to SHJ Capital, LLC.

**Attachments:**     [2. 900 Meredith St - Ordinance Request.pdf](#)

Chairwoman Sims reported there were a number of violations associated with this housing case: 5 major and 18 minor violations. The owner did not appear for the hearing held by the Inspections Department. She noted that this structure is located in the Burnshill area and the city has been trying to work with the neighborhood association to clean up this area. She asked if there was anyone present who would like to address Council regarding this housing case.

David Barleycamp, an employee of J & S Rentals out of Asheboro, came forward. He informed Council that they had just purchased this house in the past four weeks and it has recently been brought to their attention this week that the structure is under a demolition order. He noted they have been purchasing and renovating houses for a while and shared some pictures of houses they are renovating. He felt they could bring the house at 900 Meredith up to code if Council would give him another 90 days to do it. When asked if he works directly for Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Barleycamp replied he does, but has a general contractor renovating the houses under him.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitley asked Mr. Barleycamp if he had a schedule of repairs for

this structure and when it would be completed. Mr. Barleycamp explained that they are currently working on two houses and are halfway done with another one. He felt they could start on the structure in six or seven weeks and could be done within 10-12 weeks.

Several Council Members expressed frustration about the condition of other properties owned by Mr. Schwarz and the lack of his response to maintaining them. Mr. Barleycamp explained in the last few weeks, they have made some changes in management in an attempt to be more proactive and shared some success stories as a result of Mr. Schwarz's presence in High Point. Council Member Douglas agreed these are great stories, but pointed out the Council has had to force Mr. Schwarz to bring structures up to code in High Point making it unfair to the neighborhoods where these structures are located.

Mr. Barleycamp assured Council that he would personally oversee these renovations and would stay on top of things to make sure the renovations get done in a timely manner.

Chairwoman Sims asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There being none, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation to adopt a 60-day order to demolish this dwelling. Ms. Sims explained this would essentially give the property owner ninety days to bring the structure up to code.

Adopted a 60-day Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 900 Meredith Street belonging to SHJ Capital, LLC.

**A motion was made by Council Member Sims, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, that this matter be adopted (60-day Ordinance to demolish ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 900 Meredith Street). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Christopher Whitley, Rebecca Smothers, Latimer Alexander, Britt Moore, Bernita Sims, Michael Pugh, A.B. Henley, and James Corey

**Nay:** 1 - Foster Douglas

### 120156

Consideration of the revocation of certificate of public convenience and necessity for Golden Leo Enterprise to operate a Taxicab Company in the City of High Point.

**Attachments:** [3. Revocation of Certificate for Golden Cab.pdf](#)

Chairwoman Sims explained that Golden Leo Enterprise has continuously been unable to have seven vehicles pass inspection at any given point in time. She asked if there was anyone representing Golden Leo Enterprise present that would like to address Council. There being no one present, she asked Officer Tad Kramp to come forward and share some additional information regarding when Golden would be eligible to come back and reapply for his license should Council make a decision to revoke his certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Officer Kramp explained according to the ordinance, he would be eligible to come back and apply during the month of November and the process would start with an application obtained through the city manager's office. The application would then go to the taxi inspector at the Police Department with a thorough background/criminal check done and a report back to the city manager's office. He noted it could possibly come back before Council in the February of March session in the following year.

Officer Kramp stated he suggested to Mr. Ibeawuchi that he could operate one or two taxi cabs under another taxi cab companies license as an owner/operator requiring him to maintain and keep two vehicles up to code, and he strongly encouraged him to put his resources into getting those one or two vehicles up to code and just work under somebody elses license. Officer Kramp noted Mr. Ibeawuchi was not receptive to this and was adamantly opposed to it.

He confirmed that it seems to be extremely difficult for him to have the required number of vehicles to pass inspection and noted he only operates two or three throughout the year anyway. Officer Kramp informed Council that Mr. Ibeawuchi has retained counsel, who has submitted a letter on his behalf stating he has 9 operable cabs, but he only has 8 cabs that are currently register under his name with a valid license and the first cab he tried to inspect this morning still has unsafe tires on it that failed the vehicle inspection last time.

Council Member Moore asked Officer Kramp if the other two cab companies are in agreement with his suggestion to allow Mr. Ibeawuchi an opportunity to work under them. Officer Kramp replied that Zubair Ali from First Class Cab would gladly take him on as a driver, but Mr. Ibeawuchi refuses.

Chairwoman Sims asked if there were any additional comments/questions. There being none, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved the revocation of Certificate of Golden Leo Enterprise to Operate a Taxicab Company in the City of High Point.

**A motion was made by Council Member Sims, seconded by Council Member Alexander, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **Pending Items**

### **[120032](#)**

#### **Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1315 Vernon Place**

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1315 Vernon Place belonging to David L and Minnie L. Terry.

**Attachments:**     [Demolition Ordinance - 1315 Vernon Place.pdf](#)

Chairwoman Sims updated Council regarding this pending matter. According to a report from staff, the property owner is about 90% complete with the items not requiring permits and should be pulling permits in the near future for work on the rest of the items.

**PLANNING, EDC & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE-**  
**Chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley**

**Committee Members: Sims, Henley and Moore**

**[all were present]**

[120150](#)

A request by MCImetro to encroach within the east side of N. Rotary Dr., the north and east side of Hillcrest Dr., the east side of Elm St., south side of W. Kivett Dr., and the west side of Hayden Pl. to install/bury a 2.375-inch conduit and data cable from their existing aerial network at W. Lexington Av. and N. Rotary Dr to their existing office at 104 Hayden Pl.

**Attachments:**     [1. ROW Encroachment 12-02 - MCImetro Access Transmission Svcs.pdf](#)

Mark Schroeder of Planning and Development gave an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. Following the presentation of the staff report, Mayor Pro Tem Whitley asked if the purpose of this project is to basically separate the two lines they currently have on Main Street. Mr. Schroeder replied in the affirmative and added it is to achieve diversity assuring the system has options in case their service goes down. Mayor Smothers asked if staff notified the property owners about the project and Mr. Schroeder replied that this process does not require notification of property owners. He explained the process should take approximately two weeks and due to the length and urban nature of the encroachment, the Public Services Department has requested a city inspector be present during the installation process. The conditions outlined in the encroachment agreement and the plans provided for TRC review do provide sufficient information for TRC to support the encroachment and based on that determination, staff also supports the requested encroachment.

A brief discussion followed regarding a city inspector being present during the process and if the city would be reimbursed for any of those man hours. Pat Pate, Assistant City Manager, explained that the city typically has inspectors on various public service projects, but he does not know what that cost would be.

Council Member Henley asked if they plan to reseed, sod, etc.....once the project is complete. Mr. Schroeder explained the plans do call for the restoration of the grass. Council Member Moore asked what happens with any future maintenance and staff explained they would be required to notify the city of any work they plan to do in the right-of-way.

Chairman Whitley asked the petitioner to come forward. Larry Stalcup, who works for Golden Field Services, the engineering contract for MCImetro, explained the boring process and noted the machine is set up to bore 400-500 feet and then it would require digging it up and tying the conduit together and putting it back into the ground. He noted there would be five or six concrete boxes along this segment (about 1,500

feet apart) and they would be placed mainly at intersections for ease of access.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak regarding this matter. There being no further comments, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved Right-of-Way Encroachment 12-02 as requested by MCImetro to encroach within the east side of N. Rotary Drive, the north and east side of Hillcrest Drive, the eastside of Elm Street, south side of W. Kivett Drive, and the west side of Hayden Place to install/bury a 2.375-inch conduit and data cable from their existing aerial network at W. Lexington Avenue and N. Rotary Drive to their existing office at 104 Hayden Place.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Pugh, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

[120151](#)

A request by AT&T North Carolina to encroach within the Piedmont Parkway and Sheraton Court right-of-ways to install/bury a 1-inch communication line and to encroach within the Regency Drive right-of-way to install a data cabinet with a concrete pad.

**Attachments:** [2. ROW Encroachment 12-03 - AT & T NC.pdf](#)

Mark Schroeder of Planning and Development gave an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. Staff noted representatives for AT&T North Carolina were present to address any questions/concerns that Council may have regarding this matter.

Chairman Whitley asked if there were any questions. There being none, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved a request by AT&T North Carolina to encroach within the Piedmont Parkway and Sheraton Court right-of-ways to install/bury a one-inch communication line and to encroach within the Regency Drive right-of-way to install a data cabinet with a concrete pad.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

[120152](#)

A request by the Whitestone Homeowners' Association to encroach within the Core Avenue right-of-way for an existing segmental block retaining wall.

**Attachments:** [3. ROW Encroachment 12-04 - Whitestone Homeowners Assoc.pdf](#)  
[Whitestone ROW Encroachment \(signed\).pdf](#)

Mark Schroeder of Planning and Development gave a brief overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

He explained staff recorded a subdivision plat and the city was assured at that time that there were not any encroachments into this right-of-way, questioned whether the small retaining wall was in the right-of-way and were assured that it was not. However, during the acceptance process for the street for city maintenance, it was confirmed that the retaining wall was in the right-of-way. Keith Pugh of Engineering Services has worked with the homeowners' association and they have already signed the agreement pending Council approval.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak regarding this matter. There being no one present to comment, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Approved the request by the Whitestone Homeowners' Association to encroach within the Core Avenue right-of-way for an existing segmental block retaining wall.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Corey, that this matter be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 P.M.**

Mayor Smothers noted this completes the regular agenda items and invited anyone to come forward who would like to speak about a matter that is not on the agenda.

#### **House Gardens Greening Project- Request for Compost (dirt)**

Pastor Jeff Moran, representing Ward Street Mission United Methodist Church, distributed information to Council regarding the House Gardens Greening Project. He shared success stories and identified the 45 streets they have gardens on in High Point. He also publicly thanked the following entities that help them make the garden deliveries possible: High Point University students, Youth from First Methodist, First Presbyterian, the Guilford County Success Program, Winston Salem State University, Naaman Recovery Village, High Point Rotarians and many other churches, organizations and individuals that donate their time and vehicles for this service to help them deliver the gardens. He reported they are presently at a 25% paid ratio to 75% scholarship gardens. He noted this is a sustainability experience and they are able to do it at the cost they do it because of the city's donation of dirt. Pastor Moran asked for Council's consideration again this year for more dirt.

The Mayor informed Pastor Moran that the city is presently out of dirt until sometime in July. Pat Pate, Assistant City Manager confirmed this and added that the city is currently in the process of making more product right now. The Mayor mentioned some other issues that have occurred in the past and noted there has been some difficulty in determining that the individuals picking up the dirt are actually representing the ministry. Pastor Moran explained this is partly due to the passing of an employee who worked there who was familiar with those responsible for getting the dirt and he was in agreement to come up with some type of system for identification purposes.

Council Member Pugh asked if Council could possibly increase their allotment which is currently \$1,000. City Manager Strib Boynton explained a simple motion to increase it by another \$1,000 could accomplish this. Since this matter did not appear on the agenda, Mayor Smothers suggested that it be handled during budget deliberations; Council Member Pugh concurred.

Mayor Smothers asked if there was anyone else present that would like to address Council during the Public Comment Period on a matter not on the agenda. There were none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS - 5:30 P.M.****Finance Committee - Council Member Alexander, Chair**[120154](#)

Monday, June 4th 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m. are the dates and times established to receive public comments on the City of High Point proposed 2012-2013 Annual Budget.

**Attachments:** [outside agency funding history and requests 2012.pdf](#)  
[Shakespeare Festival financials june 30 2011.pdf](#)  
[Shakespeare Festival 2012-2013 Information Sheet.pdf](#)  
[sign-in sheet public hearing on budget june 7 2012.pdf](#)  
[cynthia davis comments budget june 4 2012](#)

This is the date and time set for the first public hearing on the 2012-2013 Proposed Annual Budget. Chairman Alexander gave special recognition to the budget staff: Louanne Hedrick, Glenda Barnes and Laura Altizer, who worked very hard to bring the budget forward.

He opened the floor for comments and asked those desiring to speak to come forward and state their name and address for the record before making comments.

Wesley McCracken, 612 Woodridge Lane, reported that he has observed someone driving a city car (white, four door sedan) with children in the back seat, speeding on Eastchester. He informed Council that he has issues with city employees driving city vehicles home and back to work every day. He also made the following suggestions regarding employee salaries:

Reduce salaries of those employees making over \$100,000 by 10%;  
Reduce salaries of those employees making \$60,000-\$90,000 by 5%;  
Give a raise to those employees making under \$60,000

Cynthia Davis, 413 Evergreen Avenue, addressed Council. She questioned several line items contained in the proposed budget and distributed a list of them to Council. [the detailed list will be incorporated in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]. Ms. Davis expressed concerns about the following increases and line items in the proposed budget:

Cellular Allowances  
Radio Equipment Service/Expense  
Consulting & Professional Fees  
Legal Services  
Legal Services-Workers Comp  
Cleaning & Janitorial Contracts

Regarding the employee salary increases, Ms. Davis stated she was not opposed to a

1.5% increase for employees because she felt most employees are giving 100% in their services and doing a great job. She expressed concerns with the reduction in training for employees and felt this is not a good place to cut costs because of the city having to do more with less employees. She also suggested rotating funding for outside agencies and possibly going every other year in an effort to encourage some sustainability within those organizations/groups.

Ms. Davis also asked Council to consider curbing their spending and approval of bonds that don't require voter approval and felt the two preferred methods should be voter approved general obligation bonds and the capital investment debt-free, pay-as-we-go capital financing.

Martin Amick, 120 Briggs Place, mentioned an incident that occurred in 2008 when an officer arrested him. He alleged that he suffered injuries as a result of the officers speeding when he was placed in the patrol car and no one would listen to his complaint. He felt the officer should be fired because of his actions and he still expects a court date for him to tell his side of the story and for the officer to be charged. Mr. Amick also mentioned that he went to prison in 1992 for assault, was given a year to six months, but was out in 14 days. He asked if sentences are handed down all the time where people don't serve/complete their sentence and if the Sheriff's Department is collecting the funding for it.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Amick for sharing his disappointing experiences and hoped things would improve from him.

### **For Information Only:**

#### **Proclamation- National Home Ownership Month**

Mayor Smothers read a proclamation into the record declaring the month of June as "National Home Ownership Month" in High Point and presented it to Steve Key. Mr. Key introduced Susan Wood, representing Habitat for Humanity, who shared some recent Habitat Success stories. They built and dedicated a house for the family of a Lost Boy of the Sudan this past Saturday and have started building a house for a young lady in a domestic abuse situation. Mayor Smothers thanked Ms. Wood for her enthusiasm and thanked Habitat for building homes and building a community.

#### **Employee Recognitions- Awards**

City Manager Strib Boynton presented awards to the following employees. Yvette Carey of Human Resources assisted in the process.

**ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD**

Recipients of this award will have their names read into the record, will receive a \$500 cash reward, their names will be engraved onto a permanent plaque for display in the lobby of city hall, and they will receive an honors shirt.

Tracey Thomas, Kyle Thaggard & Melissa Evans (Telecommunicators/Information Technologies)

Chris McGee (Fire Equipment Operator)

Sunny Fenskey (Park Ranger)

**EXTRA MILE AWARD**

Recipients of this award will have their names read into the record, receive a plaque honoring their service, will receive a \$100 cash award, and will receive an honors shirt.

Freddy Goad (Sign & Signal Shop)

Jill Simons (Safety & Health)

Eileen Frazer & Patrick Servey (Telecommunicators/Info. Technologies)

**WORKING TOGETHER AWARD**

Recipients of this award will have their names read into the record and will receive a certificate of merit as well as an honors shirt.

Tracy Davis (Public Services)

Ismael Rosario (Fleet Services)

Mike Suggs (Public Services)

Chris Little (Environmental Services)

Corey Southerland, Eric Snider, Michael Wishon, Carols Mouzon, Billy Warson,

Jeremy Clodfelter, Michael Laster, Brad Siler (WS Mains)

Austin Garner (Streets)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa B. Vierling, MMC  
City Clerk