

City of High Point

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 19, 2011

4:45:00 PM

Council Chambers

*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: Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Moore, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Henley, Council Member Whitley and Council Member 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 Council Member Moore 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 Council Member Sims 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, December 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the votes were taken on several matters. His absence will be duly noted under each respective, individual matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the votes were taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Alexander, Chair
Committee Members: Whitley, Smothers and Corey**

(all were present)

Contract - Bid No. 52-11611 - Hartley Drive Extension**110253**

Award of contract for Bid No. 52-11611 for the Hartley Drive Extension (North Main Street to Westover Drive at Shadow Valley Road). Purchasing and Engineering Services recommends that contract be awarded to Vecellio & Grogan in the amount of \$9,160,375.38 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Approved contract with Vecellio & Grogan in the amount of \$9,160,375.38 which is

the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

Contract - Bid No. 1829-102611 - PLC Data Highway Upgrade for Ward Water Treatment Plant

110254 Award of contract awarding Bid No. 1829-102611 for the PLC Data Highway Upgrade for the Ward Water Treatment Plant. Purchasing and the Public Services Department recommends that contract be awarded to Fortech, Inc. in the amount of \$112,000.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Awarded contract to Fortech, Inc. in the amount of \$112,000.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

Utilities Receivable Write-off for FY 2007-2008

110255 Council is requested to approve the write-off uncollected utility accounts in the amount of \$492,965.82 for FY 2007-2008.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

Approved the write-off uncollected utility accounts in the amount of \$492,965.82 for FY 2007-2008.

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

Contract - CIGNA 2012-2013 Employee Health & Dental Insurance Renewal

110256 Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute contract with CIGNA for the employee health and dental insurance for the contract period of April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

The Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a

favorable recommendation.

Authorized the city manager to execute contract with CIGNA for the employee health and dental insurance for the contract period of April 1, 2012-March 31, 2013.

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

City of High Point Annual Audit - July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

110257

Council is requested to confirm receipt of the City of High Point Annual Audit for the period of July 1, 2010 - June 20, 2011 as presented by the City Manager and Director of Finance.

The audit findings were presented and discussed at a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

Confirmed receipt of the City of High Point Annual Audit for the period of July 1, 2010-June 20, 2011 as presented by the City Manager and Director of Finance.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be presented before council. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council
Member Bernita Sims, Chair**

Committee Members: Alexander, Douglas and Corey

(all were present)

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 903 E. Lexington Avenue

110258

Adoption of ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 903 E. Lexington Avenue belonging to Roy C. Simmons (deceased).

Chairwoman Sims reported that the owner did not appear for the hearing and the title search indicated that the owner was deceased and there are no apparent heirs to the property. No permits have been issued and no repairs have been made to the structure.

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

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 903 E. Lexington Avenue.

Ordinance No. 6888/11-69

Introduced 12/19/2011

Adopted 12/19/2011

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 69

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

Ordinance - Concealed Handguns in City Parks

110267

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance to comply with new state legislation related to concealed handguns in city parks.

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the vote was taken on this matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the vote was taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

Chairwoman Sims reported this was a result of some recently enacted legislation that was put forth with the assistance of Representative John Faircloth, a former City Council Member in High Point and several other members of the Legislature along with Parks & Recreation professionals across the state. She noted this allows an opportunity for the city to adopt or amend its ordinance to allow that handguns cannot be carried or concealed weapons in a recreational facility with a list of those facilities incorporated as part of the ordinance.

Allen Oliver, Director of Parks & Recreation, was present to address any questions.

Dwight McDowell, a concealed handgun instructor with the Department of Justice for the past 17 years who resides in Trinity, addressed Council. He pointed out that in North Carolina, there are almost 400,000 people with legal, concealed handgun permits and out of those numbers, it is almost impossible for the state to determine how few crimes are committed by the folks who actually have permits. He felt whatever ordinances that are passed are only as good as the paper they're written on because the honorable folks that do have permits will support the ordinance set forth and the other criminal elements could care less, so the laws and ordinances have no effect on the criminal element. He pointed out the laws are merely for the people who honor them, not for the folks who routinely break them. He felt it is a good program that seems to be working in North Carolina and he wasn't sure why the state was as specific as they were about not wanting these ordinances passed.

Council Member Corey asked Mr. McDowell if he felt comfortable with student at the universities carrying concealed weapons on campus and into classes. Mr. McDowell responded by saying that he had concerns about it at first until some FBI agents explained that he was looking at it from the wrong aspect because the earliest somebody could stop an individual desiring to cause harm to others the better off the situation would be. He urged folks carrying concealed handguns to keep them out of sight and not announce to people that you have a concealed handgun--let it be a surprise to if a criminal decides to attack. He also encouraged everyone to have a concealed handgun permit whether they like firearms or not.

There being no further discussion, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Ordinance to comply with new state legislation related to concealed handguns in city parks.

Ordinance No. 6889/11-70

Introduced 12/19/2011

Adopted 12/19/2011

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 70

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

Conveyance of Property to Unity Builders

110268

Staff requests Council to authorize the City Attorney's office to take action as necessary for the conveyance of property located at 804 George Place, 806 George Place, 700 Vail Avenue, 702 Vail Avenue, 610 Vail Avenue, 608 Vail Avenue, and 602 Vail Avenue to Unity Builders, Inc. for the construction of affordable housing in Southside.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's Agenda, a motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Moore to suspend the rules relative to placing it on tonight's Agenda for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Authorized the City Attorney's office to take action as necessary for the conveyance of property located at 804 George Place, 806 George Place, 700 Vail Avenue, 702 Vail Avenue, 610 Vail Avenue, 608 Vail Avenue and 602 Vail Avenue to Unity Builders, Inc.

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

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair

Committee Members: Sims, Henley and Moore

(all were present)

Resolution of Intent - Annexation 11-05 - City of High Point

110259

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the annexation of City owned property of approximately 6.8 acres. The area to be annexed is lying west of the Guilford/Davidson County line, north of the Westover Park subdivision, west of Shadow Valley Road and south of Westover Drive. The property is also known as Davison County Tax Parcels 0100800000002B, 01008A00000001 and 01008A00000003.

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the vote was

taken on this matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the vote was taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

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

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the annexation of approximately 6.8 acres of city owned property located west of the Guilford/Davidson County line, north of the Westover Park subdivision, west of Shadow Valley Road and south of Westover Drive.

Resolution No. 1697/11-48 Introduced 12/19/2011
Adopted 12/19/2011
Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 48

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

Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 11-08 - Sherwood Place

110260

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an unimproved portion of Sherwood Place located between N. Centennial Street and Willoubar Terrace.

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the vote was taken on this matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the vote was taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

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

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an unimproved portion of Sherwood Place located between N. Centennial Street and Willoubar Terrace.

Resolution No. 1698/11-49 Introduced 12/19/2011
Adopted 12/19/2011
Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 49

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

City of High Point- Land Use Plan 11-04

110261

A request by the City of High Point Planning and Development Department to amend the Land Use Plan for two Core City neighborhoods predominately from higher intensity to lower intensity designations in accordance with the recommendations of the Core City Plan. (Also see Legislative File #110239)

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the vote was taken on this matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the vote was taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

Chairman Whitley reported that this matter was discussed during a Planning, Economic Development & Information Technology Committee meeting two weeks ago and the Committee reviewed the map for Washington Terrace/Five Points neighborhood and the Washington Street neighborhood at that time. He noted there was a suggestion that came out of the Committee to leave a section that was proposed to be residential as office and the Committee is forwarding the Land Use Plan amendments for the Washington Terrace and the Five Points neighborhood to the City Council without recommendation.

Resolution No. 1699/11-50

Introduced 11/21/2011

Adopted 12/19/2011

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 50

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Member Moore, that this matter be adopted. Chairman Whitley moved to place the Land Use Plan amendment maps for the Washington Terrace/Five Points neighborhood and the Washington Street neighborhood on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation with the suggested change to leave a section of the property proposed for residential as office. Council Member Moore made a second to the motion which carried by the following 5-4 vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Mayor Smothers, Council Member Moore, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Henley and Council Member Whitley

Nay: Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Corey

Pending Items**Resolution - Street Abandonment 11-07 - City of High Point - Gaylord Court****110234**

A request by the Technical Review Committee to abandon a partially improved street right-of-way, known as Gaylord Court, located along the north side of Washington Street approximately 900 feet west of Eccles Place.

This matter has been pending since November 21, 2011 and was referred to the Planning, Economic Development & Information Technology Committee at that time.

Land Use Plan Amendment Case 11-04 - City of High Point - Core City Plan

110239

A request by the City of High Point Planning and Development Department to amend the Land Use Plan for eight Core City neighborhoods predominately from higher intensity to lower intensity designations in accordance with the recommendations of the Core City Plan. (See also Legislative File # 110261 for Land Use Amendments adopted at the 12/19/11 meeting)

*This matter has been pending since being initially introduced on November 21, 2011. At the time this matter was introduced, it originally contained an amendment to the Land Use Plan for eight Core City neighborhoods. However the Land Use Plan amendment for two of those neighborhoods (Washington Terrace/Five Points neighborhood and the Washington Street neighborhood- **Legislative Matter 110261**) was adopted on December 19, 2011. The remaining six neighborhoods (**Legislative Matter 110239**) have been referred to the Planning, Economic Development & Information Technology Committee.*

MISCELLANEOUS**Reappointment- ABC Board - Elizabeth Koonce****110265**

Council is requested to confirm the reappointment of Elizabeth Koonce to the City of High Point Board of Alcoholic Control. Reappointment to be effective immediately and will expire November 15, 2014.

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the vote was taken on this matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the vote was taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

Approved the reappointment of Elizabeth Koonce to the High Point Board of Alcoholic Control.

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

Election of Mayor Pro Tem**110266**

Consideration of the election of Mayor Pro Tem. Term to be effective immediately and will expire at the time a new Mayor Pro Tem is elected at the organizational meeting to be held in December after the November 2012 municipal election.

Note: Council Member Pugh left the meeting without being properly excused by the Council and was not physically present in the Council Chambers when the vote was taken on this matter. Per N.C. General Statute 160A-75, although he wasn't physically present when the vote was taken, it will be recorded as an affirmative vote.

Council Member Henley submitted the name of Council Member Whitley to be considered for appointment as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Smothers asked if there were

any additional nominations. There being none, she called for a vote.

Approved the appointment of Council Member Whitley as Mayor Pro Tem, effective immediately and will expire at the time a new Mayor Pro Tem is elected at the organizational meeting to be held in December after the November 2012 municipal election.

A motion was made by Council Member Henley, seconded by Member Moore, that this matter be approved. Council Member Henley moved the appointment of Council Member Whitley as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Moore made a second to the motion which carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment - High Point Housing Authority Board

110269

Council is requested to confirm the appointment of William Dan Reynolds to the Housing Authority Board. Appointment to be effective December 22, 2011 and will expire on December 22, 2016. Replacing Matt Witmeyer who does not wish to be reappointed.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's Agenda, a motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Moore to suspend the rules relative to placing it on tonight's Agenda for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved the appointment of William Dan Reynolds to the High Point Housing Authority Board effective December 22, 2011 and will expire on December 22, 2016.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS 5:30 p.m.

Planning , EDC & Information Technology Committee

Ordinance - Annexation 11-06 - T.W. Hollingsworth, Jr.

110262

A request by T.W. Hollingsworth, Jr. to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 0.48 acres located in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The area to be annexed is lying approximately 175 feet south of E. Kivett Drive and S. Scientific Street, and consists of the southern portion of Guilford County Tax Parcel 0185909.

The public hearing for this matter and related matter 110263 Ordinance- Rezoning Case 11-13- 321 Eastchester Drive was held as duly advertised on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon of Planning and Development provided 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, Chairman Whitley opened the public

hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment either for or against this annexation request. It was noted that the petitioner was present, but would comment during the associated rezoning case (Rezoning Case 11-13).

There were no comments received on this annexation request.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Ordinance annexing 0.48 acres located in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction lying approximately 175 feet south of E. Kivett Drive and S. Scientific Street.

Ordinance No. 6891/11-72

Introduced 12/19/2011

Adopted 12/19/2011

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 72

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

Ordinance - Rezoning Case 11-13 - 321 Eastchester Drive

110263

A request by 321 Eastchester, LLC to rezone approximately 8.2 acres from a Conditional Use Highway Business (CU-HB) and the Residential Single Family-12 (RS-12) Districts to a Conditional Zoning Highway Business (CZ-HB) District. The site is lying along the north side of Eastchester Drive, between Chester Ridge Drive and Futrelle Drive.

Prior to the public hearing on this matter, Council Member Henley asked to be recused due to a potential conflict of interest. **Council Member Whitley motioned to recuse Council Member Henley. Council Member Pugh made a second to the motion which carried unanimously.**

The public hearing for this matter and related matter **110262 Ordinance- Annexation 11-06- T. W. Hollingsworth, Jr.** was held on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon of Planning & Development gave an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked about the proposed upgrade to one-half of Futrelle and if there would be any allowance for tractor trailers to load/unload on the property. Mark McDonald, Director of Transportation, explained that the right-of-way would be from the centerline and all loading/unloading would be done on-site.

At this time, Chairman Whitley asked the petitioner to come forward to make remarks.

Rich Glover with Jamestown Engineering Group, 117 E. Main Street in Jamestown addressed Council on the property owner's behalf in support of the rezoning. He stated he would be more than happy to answer any questions anyone may have concerning this project.

Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak for or against this rezoning request.

Debbie Darby, 448 Landsdown Place in Winston Salem addressed Council on behalf of her Dad, William Beaver, who is an adjoining property owner. She explained that she came to the last rezoning hearing when Vann York wanted to expand and wanted assurance that everything put into place then would still apply for this rezoning. Herb Shannon explained that the main issue that came up last time was how close the development would be to the abutting single family dwelling and under this zoning proposal, the applicant has offered a condition that buildings would be set back a minimum of 150 feet from that property and since there is a stream running through the property, there would be a required 50-foot buffer on both sides of the stream. Ms. Darby asked about the tractor trailers. Mr. Glover explained they are planning to put another entrance on Futrelle and hopefully will have two existing accesses on Eastchester to allow them to load and unload on site so the plan for this development is to allow the flow pattern through the GM site where vehicles can be loaded and unloaded on that site.

Chairman Whitley asked if anyone else would like to come forward to make any remarks in support of or in opposition to this request. There being none, the public hearing was declared closed.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map rezoning this property from a Conditional Use Highway Business (CU-HB) and the Residential Single Family-12 (RS-12) Districts to a Conditional Zoning Highway Business (CZ-HB) District based on the findings as outlined in the staff report and based on consistency with the City's adopted plans, consistency with the purposes, goals, objectives and policies of relevant comprehensive land use or area plans. Additionally, the City Council finds this rezoning request to be reasonable and in the public interest because: 1) The requested CZ-HB District, as conditioned, is consistent with adopted plans; 2) the site is adjacent to similar commercial uses (motor vehicle sales) to the south and southeast, and the applicant has offered a condition to restrict use of the site to motor vehicle sales use; and 3) the request does not introduce a new use into this area, rather, it will permit expansion of the existing motor vehicles sales use.

Ordinance No. 6892/11-73

Introduced 12/19/2011

Adopted 12/19/2011

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 73

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Moore, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Whitley and Council Member Corey
Recused: Council Member Henley

Ordinance - Rezoning Case 11-16 - City of High Point

110264 A request by the City of High Point City Council to rezone approximately 91.5 acres from the Public & Institutional (PI) District to the Residential Multifamily-8 (RM-8) District. The zoning site consists of four parcels adjacent to and west of the I-74 (US 311) interchange with Greensboro Road, with two parcels lying north of Greensboro Road and two parcels south of Greensboro Road.

The public hearing regarding this matter was held as duly advertised on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Note: Because this request is being forwarded to the City Council with an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Development Ordinance requires a 2/3 favorable vote by the City Council (6 members) for approval of this request. Additionally due to receipt of a protest petition from Guilford County regarding this rezoning, a 3/4 favorable vote is required of the City Council (7 members) for approval of this request.

Chairman Whitley asked that repetitive comments be kept to a minimum because of the number of residents desiring to speak and that each person desiring to speak would be allotted 3 minutes to do so.

At this time, Herb Shannon of Planning and Development gave an overview of the staff report for this rezoning case which is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Mayor Smothers asked if there was discussion at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting about zoning opportunities within the zoning designation. Mr. Shannon replied that one of the questions that arose was what type of uses could be developed in the RM-8 District and it was noted that RM-8 would allow a variety of residential uses and the proposed zoning would not preclude the opportunity for other developers to come in to further expand the mixed use concept proposed by the Land Use Plan.

At this time, Chairman Whitley asked if the property owners would like to come forward and make some remarks regarding the rezoning request.

Mark Payne, the Guilford County Attorney, approached the podium to address Council on behalf of Guilford County in opposition to the rezoning. He reminded Council that the County did submit a valid protest petition and pointed out the

County's concerns were limited to the two Guilford County tracts and felt the best way to move forward was to split this into two different considerations with one set of considerations applying to the property that's located across the road from Guilford County and then another set of consideration that would be appropriate for the Guilford County property. He explained that the County felt it was necessary to file the protest petition because they did not want the County to be in a position where they might have potentially lost an opportunity to do something of this importance for Guilford County that would bring in 185 jobs to High Point and Guilford County. Additionally, the potential sale of this property provides an opportunity for Guilford County and High Point to potentially increase their tax base by millions of dollars. He also pointed out that Guilford County is interested in getting the \$3.1 million being offered for this property and felt they would be poor stewards of the tax payer's money if Guilford County did not follow through with the sale. Mr. Payne noted the County was of the opinion that the development of this property as a hospital could be used as an impetus to other development in that area including the property across the street. He argued that RM-8 is not consistent with the current comprehensive use plan which has the property designated as institutional and felt the proposed mixed use for the property is not compatible with the proposed use. He also raised another concern involving possible entanglements with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and pointed out case law is fairly straight forward as to the fact that zoning decisions if they are deemed to be motivated for a purpose to prevent a use which is protected under the ADA and argued that a psychological hospital is a use that would be protected under the ADA, thus could constitute a violation of the ADA. He further explained that the time table for this proposed zoning which didn't occur until after the proposed buyer was in place and has gone on a very accelerated schedule after that, could be taken as some kind of evidence that the motivation is something that falls within the ADA.

At this point, Mr. Payne stated he would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Whitley asked if there is a signed contract between Guilford County and the buyer of the property and if the property has already been transferred to the new buyer. Mr. Payne replied that the County does have a contract for the sale of the property, but was required to advertised for upset bids which was done ten days ago and he wasn't aware of any proposed upset bids received. Chairman Whitley pointed out the contract was a public record of which the City's staff has continuously requested a copy, but has not yet received it. Mr. Payne stated he would make sure that the City received a copy first thing in the morning. Chairman Whitley also asked if the change in zoning to RM-8 would preclude any potential buyer for the County to come in and request a rezoning of the property. Mr. Payne advised that although it would not, it could make it more difficult, but argued that during the two years the property has been on the market, they have had only one viable offer (meaning the price was in the neighborhood of the proposal). Mayor Smothers

Chairman Whitley questioned the validity of the protest petition received and asked Mr. Payne if the protest petition was issued prior to an actual vote being taken. Mr. Payne explained that it was his opinion that the protest petition was valid and noted the Guilford County Board of Commissioners very clearly voted on October 20, 2011

and instructed staff to move forward with the sale by taking all necessary measures to effect the sale. Council Member Henley questioned why Mr. Payne went through the process of having a meeting to poll the commissioners if he felt the County already had the authority to do so. Mr. Payne explained that only after the petition was filed, there was some question raised by the City Attorney as to whether or not it was permitted and deemed a valid petition.

Council Member Pugh asked about of advertisement the County used for the sale of the property. Mr. Payne pointed out the statute requires publication in a media of general circulation and was confident that it ran in the News & Record, the Rhino and the Enterprise, but he had not seen the ads. Council Member Pugh also pointed out that the rezoning of the property didn't just happen overnight because the zoning was actually put into place several years back with the adoption of the Core City Plan and it was the implied intent that this was the city's intentions for this property all along. The Mayor mentioned that she didn't know anything about the sale of this property until she read the minutes of the October 20, 2011 Guilford County Commissioners meeting and as a matter of clarification, she pointed out that on October 5th the proposed land use changes were placed on the city's website with retail ads running on October 5, 12 and 19th with the Planning & Zoning Commission holding a public hearing on October 25th at which time they did adopt the land use amendments that were adopted earlier by the City Council.

She questioned if this was the first offer the County received from Geo Care and how many offers were received. Mr. Payne replied that this was not the first offer they received and with some hesitation stated he could not share this information because it was confidential in nature. Mayor Smothers replied that the County actually received three offers and Mr. Payne clarified that they actually only received one viable offer. The Mayor asked Mr. Payne if the 185 jobs were not that important until the County got the amount of money they wanted for the property. Mr. Payne explained that anyone would be a poor steward of the County's money or the City's money for that matter if they took the first offer that came along. Council Member Pugh expressed concerns that this was supposed to be a land use matter and when it came before the Planning & Zoning Commission, it ended up being all about Geo Care.

Council Member Douglas also questioned Mr. Payne's motive's in taking the matter back to the County Commissioners to "make sure" that the approval was authorized. Mr. Payne replied that he was confident he had the authorization, but wanted to make sure the record and everyone else was confident that he had the authorization. Council Member Henley expressed concerns that the County never thought it was important to communicate or give High Point a heads up about what was going on when the County Commissioners gave Mr. Payne the authority on October 20th to sell the property. Mr. Payne pointed out that before the specifics could be nailed down, the sale had already been the subject of about three or four articles where High Point Council Members had commented on the sale before the County even completed the sales agreement. Mayor Smothers noted this would not have happened unless there was a lobbying attempt by the person that wanted to buy the property. She pointed out that the City Council initiated the rezoning request at the first meeting in November

and the very next day, Assistant City Manager Randy McCaslin called the County Manager to let her know. She felt there has been a total lack of sharing information due to the fact that the City wasn't aware of what the plans were for the property until Geo Care started contacting people to solicit their support.

Chairman Whitley asked Mr. Payne if there were any other representatives from the County who wanted to make any remarks. Mr. Payne stated that Les Eger with the Guilford County Planning Department was present only to provide him support.

At this time, Chairman Whitley asked the property owners of the old Presbyterian Home to come forward.

Tom Terrell, the attorney representing Geo Care, intervened and asked if he would be given an opportunity to speak on his client's behalf since it has already been established that Geo Care is under contract to purchase the property so they would have an opportunity to explain their presence at this meeting. Mayor Smothers assured Mr. Terrell that he could comment after the property owners were heard.

David Griffin, Jr., 5395 River Road, Jamestown, President of D. H. Griffin Company and one of the owners of the Presbyterian Home across the street, addressed Council in support of the rezoning. He expressed concerns of the impact if the Geo Care site is allowed to be build and the impact it would have on the entire community.

David Couch, CEO of the Blue Ridge Companies headquartered in High Point at the Palladium, the other owner of the Presbyterian Home, also addressed Council in support of the rezoning. He explained that Blue Ridge Companies along with D. H. Griffin Company purchased the Presbyterian Home site in April of 2011 and initial discussions with the High Point Planning Department commenced almost a year before that. He noted that they purchased the property with the intent on developing it and the proximity of this site to the new interstate is what drew them to this site. Points woven within his comments were: encouragement, jobs and opportunity, incentives and profitability and most importantly transparency. He stated they would like to bring the same opportunities such as those at the Palladium to the Five Points community.

He urged Council's support of the rezoning to allow them an opportunity to bring something of this magnitude to the Five Points community. He encouraged Council to listen attentively to all stakeholders involved. He noted that the hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission was supposed to be about land use, but turned into a discussion on Geo Care. He also encouraged the Five Points Community to be patient and to give them the opportunity to share with them their vision for the property while seeking the community's input.

Mr. Couch asked for Council's support in approving the rezoning or allowing additional time for discussions to take place with Geo Care and the community so a decision could be made whether or not this would have a negative impact on future development in the Five Points area and whether High Point needs a forensic correctional facility at this significant intersection or if another location within the city

limits of High Point might be more appropriate. He shared some in depth research regarding Interstate 74 and the great potential for development and noted exponential opportunities abound in areas that have the good fortune to have interstate changes.

He pointed out that Geo Care has been careful not to use the word "forensic" and has chosen to use words such as "care, hospital, climb proof fabric, etc..." and asked that Geo Care explain and address their operations. He asked if they would maybe rethink their statement that they would not come to High Point if not allowed to move forward on this site. He noted that the existing facility would save Geo Care somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3-\$5 million due to them not having to start from scratch with a facility and would also save them some inspections delays in terms of renovating an existing facility versus starting from scratch although they would still be receiving the same income stream for each patient from the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Couch expressed concerns that folks from the community were flown by Florida by Geo Care to see one of Geo Care's facilities which may not even be the same type of facility that's being proposed by Geo Care for High Point. He stated he has no issues with the intention of this use, would love to have the much needed jobs and would like to see it in the High Point community, but at an appropriate location.

He concluded his remarks circling back to encouragement and asked if the City Council would be so inclined as to decline the rezoning, to do so after all the transparency of issues has been stripped away and after all issues have been thoroughly researched and studied. He felt if everyone would be patient and allow the interstate to connect, allow the traffic to come, it would open the door for development opportunities at this interchange.

Council Member Sims thanked Mr. Couch for Blue Ridge Properties investments in High Point, particularly in North High Point. She expressed concerns that Mr. Couch has used words such as "communication," "integrity," "respect," and those types of words, but she has never heard from him about his proposal/plans for the Five Points area. She welcomed him to sit down with the community to share his plans and to ask the community what they see and feel is best for them. Mr. Couch noted that they were committed to that location and committed to having it be something that the Five Points community and the High Point community could be proud of, but felt it was simply premature at this point to be having a discussion at this point due to the Geo Care rezoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked Mr. Couch if he had an opportunity to make an offer on the Evergreens property that the County owns. Mr. Couch replied that anyone had an opportunity to make an offer and they had looked at it and were interested in it, but they felt the main economic driver for development of that property would be when the interstate is connected and they were interested in looking at what types of uses that would come from the market place, but also what types of uses the community feels there's a need for there. He explained it was not about Geo Care and wasn't about real estate development, but was about appropriateness of use, jobs, opportunities, transparency and encouragement for everyone to work together to find the best location for this type of use to get the jobs and input into the economy as well

as an opportunity to make a really dynamic entrance into the City and into the Five Points community with this interstate opportunity.

Council Member Douglas asked about how many employees Mr. Couch and Mr. Griffin have who actually reside in High Point. Mr. Couch noted he didn't have this data readily available, but could have it by the end of the meeting. Council Member Corey asked Mr. Couch whether his proposed development north of Greensboro Road could coexist with the Geo development of the area south of Greensboro Road. Mr. Couch replied that it could, but it was more about opportunity for the Five points community and for the City of High Point in terms of what's the best, most appropriate development to occur at what I feel like is our last opportunity at a front door on an interstate for High Point. Council Member Moore asked Mr. Couch if rezoning to a developer would be a major hurdle or an unexpected thing and he replied that it was not uncommon for a developer to request a rezoning of a property. Council Member Henley noted that although it may not be a uncommon thing, the developer would still be required to present the site plan and have a neighborhood meeting prior to the hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council.

Mr. Couch shared that he did get an e-mail from Tom Terrell who was representing Geo Care about what he knew and when he knew it regarding the rezoning and this was the only communication he has had with them. Council Member Douglas asked Mr. Couch why he had not reached out to Geo Care to share his proposed development plans with them and to let them know their interest in the property. Mr. Couch noted that was pretty much sharing this information at tonight's meeting.

At this time, the Mayor called for a 5 minute recess and asked Mr. Terrell to be ready to address Council when Council reconvenes.

Upon reconvening, Mayor Smothers recognized Barbara Coughlin to address Council and allowed her to speak at this time because she had to leave to go out of town.

Barbara Coughlin, who resides at 908 Forest Hill Drive in High Point, a concerned citizen who cares very deeply about High Point, submitted the following statement in support of the rezoning:

"Thank you to City Council for caring about High Point. I am thankful for forensic care but have real concerns if the proposed facility is located in the High Point City limits. My concerns are: 1) Does this use fit into High Point's long-term plan? 2) Yes, 185 jobs promised but how many higher paying jobs will be lost? 3) Are there security issues? 4) Have we lost property taxes in the long run? 5) Would the new classification not bring more development? I hope that the City Council will rezone the land mixed residential- RM-8."

At this time, Tom Terrell, attorney representing Geo Care, was given an opportunity to address Council on this matter. He noted that Geo Care does have a contract to purchase the Evergreens property and pointed out that it would not be a correctional facility like it has been referred to many times. He recognized Mr. Jorge Dominicus and several other representatives of Geo Care who were present and available for

questions. Mr. Terrell proceeded to give a brief summary of what has happened in the last two months. He noted that Geo Care came to High Point in good faith and relied upon the zoning maps and even met with top City staff who confirmed that zoning could be done and their use could be done as a matter of right on this tract. He pointed out that it was after this meeting that the City took decisive steps to rezone this tract so that Geo Care could not use it. He felt the rezoning application before Council tonight was contrary to the Land Use Plan that existed at that time and contrary to the Core City Plan map that was adopted four or five years ago. Additionally, it was contrary to the corridor plan study that was done about seven years ago and was also contrary to the Land Use Plan amendment that was previously adopted by the City Council earlier on in this meeting. He pointed out all those plans call for regional, commercial at this site, but not a single one of those plans, prior to today's Land Use Plan amendment, calls for commercial--all the rest of the plans calls for this to remain PI.

He explained that since that filing, the following has happened:

- 1) a public demonization of human beings with mental illness.
- 2) the same Planning & Zoning Commission that, in concept, endorsed the Land Use Plan map that came before Council tonight, resoundingly defeated the specific zoning proposal that came before them just a couple of weeks ago on December 13th.
- 3) Many members of the City Council assumed that neighbors in the community, once they heard about the proposal, would show up in large numbers to oppose Geo Care, but in fact the neighbors have listened and learned.
- 4) There was a protest petition filed

Mr. Terrell commented that Council Member Corey contacted them yesterday and asked them to put some of the Geo Care promises into writing which they did. [Copies of the Geo Care Development Affirmations were distributed to Council and will be incorporated as a permanent part of these proceedings]. Mr. Terrell noted that if the zoning was defeated tonight, the statement would go publicly into the record so they could sit down with city staff and put these same points into some form of binding contract (i.e. buffers, signage, gateway appearance, jobs, etc....)

On the land use issue, Mr. Terrell affirmed that Geo Care did fly several people in the community to visit their facility at the South Florida hospital and shared a two-minute video of the facility with Council. He noted the traffic engineers report for the proposed High Point facility would follow the video as well as a statement from Jorge Dominicus.

Chairman Whitley asked if the facility visited in Florida was the same type of facility proposed for High Point. Mr. Terrell noted it was the closest type of facility as far as actual use.

Jorge Dominicus, representing Geo Care, addressed Council. He explained that the South Florida State Hospital has both forensic and civil patients with 80 forensic beds; there are 90 forensic beds proposed for the High Point facility. He explained that the South Florida State Hospital sits on a campus very urban in location with an adjacent

day care, an abutting university, an abutting residential neighborhood, another university two miles away, etc.... He mentioned that he was aware of at least one Council Member who has already contacted a county commissioner at the facility in Texas and thought they heard the community in that location was very pleased with the work they were doing and having a facility in their community. He noted that the county owns that building and has a contract with the State of Texas and Geo Care won the opportunity to operate it so everybody in the building works for Geo Care and they maintain and operate the hospital.

Council Member Pugh interjected and admitted that he was the one who called. He noted that he had made a lot of phone calls to many folks so he did his homework.

Mr. Dominicis reviewed the maps that were previously distributed to the City Council by David Couch and David Griffin regarding facilities owned and operated by Geo Care (South Florida State Hospital, Montgomery County Mental Health Treatment Facility, Columbia Regional Care Center, South Florida Evaluation & Treatment Center, Treasure Coast Forensic Treatment Center and the proposed High Point location). [copies of maps/information is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]. He answered questions and addressed concerns that Council had about various things they had heard about Geo Care and the other facilities owned and operated by them. He shared about the development within each facility and surrounding each facility, population, neighborhoods and other facilities in close proximity.

Richard Adams, a traffic engineer with Kimley Horne Associates, 3001 Weston Parkway in Cary, addressed Council. He mentioned that Geo Care was his client and commented on the traffic situation with the proposed development and the traffic situation with commercial development on the Geo Care property. He pointed out that in the comparison of the trip generation for the two uses, that it would be drastically different with an estimated 500-550 daily trips for the psychiatric hospital and 2,000 daily trips for commercial development on this site. He felt there would be very limited frontage along this parcel on Greensboro Road and in his opinion it would provide a serious limitation on commercial development at this location due to the proximity of it via the I-74 interchange. Additionally, he pointed out that commercial development on this site would also be problematic due to the proximity of Wayside as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked about the type of signage that would be used and what the appearance would be from the roadway. Mr. Dominicis replied that they do not intend to change the signage that is currently on the property that says "Evergreen."

Council Member Corey mentioned some internet research that he did, but did not come across any negative articles about any Geo Care hospital or care facility and it was important that the "correctional" situation had to be separated from a "care" situation. Council Member Pugh replied that he knew about several negative situations.

Mayor Smothers inquired about the number of forensic facilities that Geo Care operates and maintains. Mr. Dominicis replied they maintain/operate The Treasure Coast Forensic Facility, the South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center which is in Florida City, and the Montgomery County Forensic Hospital which is in Conroe, Texas. Council Member Moore asked about the fencing/security measures at these facilities and what was proposed for the High Point location. Mr. Dominicis explained it depends on the various state regulations and pointed out the Dorothea Dix facility doesn't have a double fence. He added that when they had their neighborhood meeting, they heard from the community that safety was a big issue so they would certainly be open to the community's preference.

Chairman Whitley asked if it would preclude any potential buyer, particularly Geo Care from buying the property and rezoning it if the property is rezoned to an RM-8 district. Mr. Dominicis replied that it would and explained that the extra months in trying to get the zoning approved and the uncertainty surrounding the decision would be a major deterrence for them. He added that they need to have a location/building where they were assured they would be able to move forward.

Mr. Dominicis shared that Geo Care did come forward on November 25th to speak to city leaders and at that time, nobody told them there was an imminent rezoning or down zoning. He thanked Council Member Sims for suggesting they hold a neighborhood meeting to explain the project and it was during this meeting that they issued an invitation to members of the community and leaders to come and visit their facility in Florida. Mayor Smothers noted that Geo Care officials did meet with her as well as the city manager on November 25th and asked if they had met with other Council Members prior to that. Mr. Dominicis replied that they did meet with Council Member Sims, but none of the other Council members and pointed out Geo Care signed a contract on November 20th for the property. He explained they were not meeting with Council Members generally because they didn't think there was a need to because they thought the zoning was already in place.

The Mayor noted that when she met with Geo Care officials on November 25th, she expressed concerns about this particular location, but would love to have them locate somewhere else in High Point. Mr. Dominicis shared that at that time, he also asked if this site would be a problem and if there would be a problem with the zoning and was told there would not be a problem.

Mayor Smothers asked Mr. Dominicis when he anticipates getting the state contract for the proposed facility in High Point. Mr. Dominicis explained that the State has to decide to award it first and he anticipates that happening within the next several weeks. He noted that the State would either decide to move forward with Geo Care or not, but a decision was very imminent and he would be less than confident in what they do and the proposal they made and felt they have a very good chance in getting the State contract awarded. He explained that the contract with Guilford County for sale of the property was contingent upon Geo Care being awarded the State contract for this facility. He shared that the work done at this particular site should be transferrable as far as the project goes and there might be another site in High Point that they would consider, but this site was the preferred site and they felt it was the

best site in the State of North Carolina presently.

Council Member Pugh questioned Mr. Dominicis about the officials with Geo Care and specifically mentioned George C. Zoley and asked if there were any outstanding lawsuits. He specifically mentioned a documentary that was done by 60 Minutes on CBS entitled "Locked Inside a Nightmare." He explained that he has heard Wackenhut, Geo Care, Geo Group, etc..... and asked about the composition of the company. At this time, Mr. Dominicis introduced Clarence Anthony, who serves on the Board of Directors at Geo Group.

Clarence Anthony, member of the Board of Directors for Geo Group, a \$1.3 billion publicly traded corporation, addressed Council. He explained that the Geo Group has two subsidiaries (Geo Corrections and Geo Care) and that they do not own any part of Wackenhut.

Regarding the question on possible lawsuits, Mr. Dominicis replied they were a very large company and he was sure there are some lawsuits pending, but he was not familiar with the details of each lawsuit.

Council Member Henley asked Mr. Dominicis to offer a characterization of the type of residents that would be at the facility. Mr. Dominicis explained there would be thirty individuals who are considered maximum security who suffer from mental illness and have committed some kind of violent act that has caused them to be considered for maximum security. He noted there would be people who have been accused of murder there.

At this time, Council Member Sims interjected and felt Council was belaboring the issue. She felt the Council was well aware and has been told on many occasions as to what type of individuals would be housed at the facility. She reiterated the discussion should be centered around the rezoning and it was not about Geo Care and they shouldn't be questioning things that may or may not happen that has nothing to do with what is before Council which is the rezoning. Council Member Henley disagreed and pointed out unfortunately it had become intertwined and that this has to be done exactly right. Council Member Sims expressed concerns that the tone of the meeting was becoming very negative and felt Council Members shouldn't be beating up on Geo Care about whatever their history might be and all the other things being mentioned. She explained that although she has not been a proponent of Geo Care from day one, there was a way that civility should prevail in the Chamber and it wasn't happening.

At this time, Chairman Whitley opened up the floor for comments from the public and asked that comments be kept to a 3-minute time limit and discouraged any repetitive comments.

Ron Tucker, 1500 W. Vandalia Road in Greensboro, addressed Council in opposition to the rezoning. He informed Council that he was present representing the Guilford County Prison Ministry and felt High Point's reputation was at stake with this decision. He expressed concerns that the African-American men who have a history

of doing great work in this city have been left out of the construction business. He concluded his comments with this thought.....and felt the reason High Point has been recognized for the last forty years as being the heroine capital of the State of North Carolina was due to the fact that the people lack vision and opportunity.

Bruce Davis, a Guilford County Commissioner, who resides in High Point and owns a business in High Point near the Geo proposed site, addressed Council in opposition to the rezoning. He noted there were many people who have lost their jobs, lost their homes and this happens to be all about jobs and it should not be debated whether or not to allow a company to develop property that would feed people in High Point. He proceeded to review the city's vision and mission statements.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander asked Mr. Davis how many par

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Henley, that this matter be denied. The motion failed by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Mayor Smothers, Council Member Moore, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Henley and Council Member Whitley
Nay: Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Corey

For Information Only:

Special Recognitions

Susan Fulton, 9-1-1 E-Communications Center Manager, recognized three E-Com employees (Melissa Evans, Kyle Thaggard and Tracey Thomas) for their heroic actions for their assistance in putting an alleged criminal in jail. On November 11th, a man with suspicious behavior was spotted on video in the city's parking lot located off Commerce. After the man broke the window out of a vehicle that happened to belong to Melissa Evans and stole her lap top containing family photos, Kyle Thaggard and Melissa Evans decided to chase him and ended up at Centennial Station where they were met by the police. They were able to identify him as the culprit who broke into the vehicle and the keys to an Acura he had stolen just hours before in Winston Salem were found in his pocket. When the authorities opened the car, they also found two guns in the stolen vehicle. These three employees not only were able to stop a burglary and a larceny, they also helped to recover a stolen car and they kept this man off the street who had two guns.

Mayor Smothers also recognized former Council Member Bill Bencini, who is now representing High Point on the Guilford County Commissioners and Al Campbell, a former Council Member.

2011 AWWA-WEA Award Winners

Chris Thompson, Director of Public Services, recognized Terry Houk, Assistant Director of Public Services for his induction into the American Waterworks Association select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5s). The AWWA presented him with a lapel pin depicting a gold shovel which he is required to wear at all times.

Terry Houk then announced and recognized Wendell Pickett for receiving 1st place in the Best Tasting Water Contest for NC (second 1st place finish in 5 years).

Other personnel that were recognized were: Tim Fitzgerald, Randy Smith and John Hodges, Eastside WWTP (awarded the WWTP Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award for the Central Region of NC) and John Hodges (Safe Water Maintenance Technologist of the Year Excellence Award).

Upcoming Retirees Recognized

City Manager Strib Boynton recognized the following employees for their pending retirements:

Louanne Hedrick, Budget Office, retiring after 37 years of service to the City of High Point. She plans to return and work part-time for the city.

John McCrary, Director of Human Resources, retiring after 35.5 years of total public service (22.5 years with High Point). He, too, plans to return and work part-time for the city.

Henry Moon, Right-of-Way Agent, retiring after 8 years with High Point and 35 years with NCDOT (43 years of total public service)

Introduction of New Right-of-Way Agent

Henry Moon recognized his replacement, Richie Tuttle. Richie has 22 years of experience with right-of-way work.

High Point Parks & Recreation featured in NCRPA News Magazine

Allen Oliver, Director of Parks & Recreation, announced that High Point was featured in the NCRPA News Magazine for this past quarter which features the Miracle League, City Lake Park, etc.... and has a colorful picture of the city's pontoon boat with the leaf tour on the front as well as pictures of the Environmental Education Center and some of the other programs High Point offers. A copy of the magazine was distributed to each Council Member.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk