

City of High Point

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



Minutes - Final

Thursday, December 15, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Finance Committee

Britt Moore, Chair

Committee Members:

Monica Peters, Mayor Pro Tem

Michael Holmes

Victor Jones

Jay Wagner, Mayor (Alternate)

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Britt W. Moore, Chair

Present 3 - Chair Britt Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Monica Peters, and Michael Holmes

Absent 1 - Victor Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**[2022-585](#)****Tube Settlers for the Ward WRP - Brentwood Industries**

City Council is requested to approve the purchase of tube settler for the Super Pulsator at the Ward Water Treatment Plant.

Attachments: [Council Agenda Item-Tube Settlers- Ward WTP](#)
[Recommendation Form - FORMAL - Council Approval- Tube Settlers](#)
[Bid Tabulation Bid 23-120122 TubeSettlers](#)
[SIGNED Recommendation Form - FORMAL - Council Approval- Tube Se](#)

Chairman Moore considered agenda item 2022-585 first.

Robby Stone, Public Services Director, provided the staff report for this item. He stated the super pulsator is an upflow clarifier that was installed as part of the 1996 upgrade at the Ward Waste Water Treatment Plant. The super pulsator removes sediment and bacteria from the lake water that is pumped from our reservoirs. The tube settlers in the super pulsator are currently 26 years old and have exceeded their useful life. He noted that Public Services will hire a contractor to install the new tube settlers and there are funds in the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget to accommodate this request.

Chairman Moore made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Peters, to forward this item with a favorable recommendation to the City Council meeting on December 19, 2022. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Peters, and Holmes

Absent: 1 - Jones

[2022-588](#)**Contract - WESCO Distribution, Inc. - 40 Residential Voltage (120/240V) Transformers (50 & 75kVA)**

City Council is requested to award a contract to WESCO Distribution, Inc. in the amount of \$383,180.00 for a pressing need purchase of 40 transformers (20 - 50kVA and 20 - 75kVA) to be installed around the city electric footprint on various projects.

Attachments: [1. Contract – WESCO Distribution, Inc. – 40 Residential Voltage \(120-240V\)](#)
[SIGNED Recommendation Form - 50 and 75kVa Pad Mount Transforms](#)

Tyler Berrier, Electric Utilities Director, provided the staff report for this item. He stated this item is for the purchase 40 transformers to be installed around the city electric footprint on various projects.

A motion was made by Chairman Moore, seconded by Committee Member Holmes, to forward this item with a favorable recommendation to the City Council Meeting on December 19, 2022. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Peters, and Holmes

Absent: 1 - Jones

[2022-589](#)

Electric Utilities Rate Change-Rate 41, 43, 45 - Duke Energy Match Rates

City Council is requested to adopt updated Electric Rate 41- General Service, 43- Industrial Service and 45- Time of Day; Industrial, to reflect the most recent Duke Energy rates in territorial areas that are considered to be “customer choice areas”.

Attachments: [3. Electric Utilities Rate Change-Rate 41, 43, 45 – Duke Energy Match Rates](#)

Tyler Berrier, Electric Utilities Director, provided the staff report for this item. He stated this item is updating electric rate 41, 43, and 45. He explained in the attached map there is a large portion of the city where Duke and the City both provide electric service. He stated these areas are called customer choice areas. He stated if a vacant plot of land is purchased and both utility companies are available the customer chooses which service provider they would like. Once the utility choice is made, it is final and cannot be changed. He said it is the Electric Department recommendation to adopt the updated rates to reflect the most recent Duke Energy changes.

In response to Committee Member Holmes, Mr. Berrier stated these rates are for customers currently utilizing the system.

A motion was made by Chairman Moore, seconded by Committee Member Peters, to forward this item with a favorable recommendation to the City Council meeting on December 19, 2022. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Peters, and Holmes

Absent: 1 - Jones

[2022-590](#)

One High Point Commission - Budget Ordinance and Date Extension Request

Staff requests that City Council approve:

1. Budget Ordinance amendment in the amount of \$45,000.
2. Request for an extension of the date for the presentation of recommendations to Council from the current June 2, 2023 deadline to January 17, 2024.

Attachments: [Budget Ordinance – One High Point Commission – Date Extension Request](#)
[One High Point Commission Research Categories](#)

Jeron Hollis, Managing Director, provided the staff report for this item. He stated there are two request with this item. The first request is for a budget amendment

in the amount of \$45,000. He stated the budget included up to \$20,000 for subject matter experts in areas including history and socioeconomics, a project manager who will report to staff and work to manage information, updates and deadlines as it relates to the Commission's work and final report, a request for \$5,000 for community outreach and event resources in order to ensure community awareness feedback on recommendations. He stated in addition, the Commission is seeking to extend the date for the presentation of the recommendations to Council from the current June 2, 2023 deadline to Tuesday, January 17, 2024. He noted this is due to resent roster changes on the Commission and a clarification of the group's focus on policy recommendations.

In response to Chairman Moore, Mr. Hollis stated if the extension is approved it would in fact be presented to a new City Council.

Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Holmes expressed their support of this item. They noted systematic policy changes regarding economics, transportation, health care, and public safety could help disperse the concentration of poverty stricken areas.

Chairman Moore stated he would like the entire City Council to discuss this and made a motion that Agenda Item 2022-590 not be on the Consent Agenda.

Committee Member Peters seconded the motion of the item not being placed on the Consent Agenda but would like to it to be with a favorable recommendation from Finance.

Megan Macquire, Deputy City Attorney, clarified the rules of procedures noting the motion that was made by Chairman Moore was for the item to go forward with out a recommendation so the item would not be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Committee Member Peters stated she would like the item to be recommended with a favorable recommendation and withdrew her second.

Chairman Moore's motion failed for lack of second.

Committee Member Holmes made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Peters to forward Agenda Item 2022-590 with a favorable recommendation to the City Council Meeting on December 19, 2022. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Peters, and Holmes

Nay: 1 - Chair Moore

Absent: 1 - Jones

[2022-596](#)

Professional Service Agreement - Mercer Group Associates

City Council is requested to approve an agreement for Executive Search Services for a City

Attorney for the base fee amount of \$19,500.

Attachments: [Proposal for Executive Search Services](#)
[Professional Services Agreement](#)
[Signed and Attested Professional Agreement City of High Point Mercer Group](#)

Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, provided the staff report for this item. She stated this agreement is for the base amount of \$19,500 and explained the search process for hiring a new City Attorney should take about 90 days. She stated the consultants are prepared to begin once the agreement is approved.

Chairman Moore made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Peters, to forward this item with a favorable recommendation to the City Council meeting on December 19, 2022. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Peters, and Holmes

Absent: 1 - Jones

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Chairman Moore, seconded by Committee Member Holmes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.