

City of High Point

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2010

4:45:00 PM

Council Chambers

*Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor
M. Christopher Whitley, Mayor Pro Tem
Latimer B. Alexander, IV, William S. Bencini,
Mary Lou Blakeney, Foster Douglas, John Faircloth,
Michael D. Pugh, Bernita Sims*

ROLL CALL, PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Smothers called the meeting to order and offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council Member Whitley, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Bencini, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Faircloth and Council Member Pugh

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley and second by Council Member Sims.

Joint Meeting b/t High Point City Council & Guilford County Commissioners;

Thursday, March 11th @ 5:00 p.m.

Combined Meeting; Thursday, March 18th @ 9:00 a.m.

Briefing Session (ElectriCities update); Thursday, March 18th @ 10:30 a.m.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

Note: Both Council Members Alexander and Bencini left prior to vote being taken for final action. Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75, their votes will count as Yes votes because they were not officially excused by a vote from the City Council.

At the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Session, and after all matters were heard by Council, **motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley and seconded by Council Member Sims 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 Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]

Note: As a result of this action, there is no need for the Thursday morning meeting.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair**

Committee Members: Bencini, Douglas and Alexander

(all were present)

Purchase of Property - 214 Maple Street - Lindsay Street Storm Area Storm Water Project

100075

Council is requested to authorize the City Attorney's office to proceed with the purchase of property located at 214 Maple Street in the amount of \$103,900 which is the tax value for this property. This property is needed for use by the Public Services Department for the Lindsay Street area storm water project.

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 for approval.

Authorized the City Attorney's office to proceed with the purchase of property located at 214 Maple Street in the amount of \$103,900 for the Lindsay Street area storm water project.

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

Quit Claim Deed - Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale and Trinity, Inc.

100076

Consideration of Quit Claim Deed to transfer the city's interests in the property located at 317 Murray Street and 220 N. Hoskins Street to Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale and Trinity, Inc.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting and returned without a recommendation in anticipation of additional information that was requested.

Council Member Faircloth asked how the city came to acquire this property. Mike McNair, Director of Community Development & Housing explained the city obtained this property as part of the city's infill program with the purpose of developing it and noted the end result would still be the same.

Approved Quit Claim Deed to transfer the city's interests in the property located at 317 Murray Street and 220 N. Hoskins Street to Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale and Trinity, Inc.

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

Purchase of Citrix XenApp Computer System

100077

Consideration of approval for the purchase of a Citrix XenApp computer system to include design, implementation, software and hardware at a cost of \$243,435.54.

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 for approval.

Approved the purchase of a Citrix XenApp computer system to include design, implementation, software and hardware at a cost of \$243,435.54.

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

Resolution - 2/3 and Refunding Bonds

100078

City Council is requested to approve the attached "Resolution Making Certain Findings and Determinations and Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Local Government Commission in Connection with the Proposed Issuance of Street and Sidewalk Improvement Bonds, Parks and Recreational Facilities Bonds and General Obligation Refunding Bonds by the City of High Point, North Carolina."

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting and was forwarded to Council with a favorable recommendation by a 3-1 vote of the Committee.

City Attorney Fred Baggett clarified that there was one resolution that incorporates both the 2/3 and Refunding bonds in it.

Council Member Sims expressed concerns about putting these types of dollars into the completion of the greenway when there were other transportation projects out there, but would reluctantly offer her support this time. She felt in the future while going through the process, Council should be clear about what the city was doing when the opportunity for 2/3 bonds presents itself and she wasn't sure whether putting \$2 million into the greenway project was in the best interest of the city. Mayor Smothers pointed out these particular items would be identified by Parks & Recreation as well as Transportation streetscapes so the Council was not finalizing projects at this time, but felt Council does need to try to pursue as much as possible to try to gather additional funds particularly for the greenway since staff has indicated there might be some availability of dollars. Council Member Pugh stated he would not offer his support for the motion, nor would he make a substitute motion. Chairman Whitley pointed out that he voted against the motion that came out of the committee meeting and explained this also puts him in a predicament for supporting it because he's not a fan of 2/3 bonds and he likes to save money on the other bonds.

Adopted the Resolution Making Certain Findings and Determinations, Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Local Government Commission in Connection with the Proposed Issuance of Street and Sidewalk Improvement Bonds, Parks and Recreational Facilities Bonds and General Obligation Refunding Bonds by the City of High Point, North Carolina.

Resolution No. 1601/10-29

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adopted 04/05/2010

Resolution Book Volume XVI, Page 243

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

Votes: Aye: Council Member Whitley, Council Member Bencini, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Faircloth
Nay: Council Member Pugh

Sole Source Authorization - Police Department - In Car Camera Equipment

100079 City Council is requested to authorize the exception to the bid laws and approve the purchase of 5 ICOP in-car digital camera systems and a computer server from ICOP Digital Inc.

City Council is requested to approve an exception to the bid laws under the “sole source qualification” for the purchase of equipment by the Police Department.

State statute (G.S. 143.129(f)) requires City Council to specifically authorize “qualified sole source” exceptions to the bid laws prior to awarding the contract. Based on the letter of justification, the Police Department has met the standard for “standardization considerations” as a qualified exemption. Representatives of the Police Department will be present to answer any questions which may arise.

2. City Council is requested to approve the acquisition of the equipment and related services from ICOP Digital Inc. The required funds of \$36,920.00 for the purchase are budgeted in the Special Grants Fund.

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 for approval.

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

Establish Public Hearing Date - FY 2011 FTA Section 5307 Operating and Capital Grant Application

100080 Council is requested to establish the date of Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comments on the preparing of the FY 2011 FTA Section 5307 operating and capital grant application for Hi tran, Dial-A-Lift, the Thomasville portion of Davidson County Transportation System and the area within High Point served by Guilford County Transportation System.

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 for approval.

Established Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. as the date and time to receive public comments on preparing the FY 2011 FTA Section 5307 operating and capital grant application for Hi tran, Dial-A-Lift, the Thomasville portion of Davidson County

Transportation System and the area within High Point served by Guilford County Transportation System.

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

Pending Items

Revised Economic Incentive Policy

090050 Council is requested to adopt a revised economic incentive policy redirecting incentive dollars to the Core City and south High Point.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council Member Faircloth, Chair

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 913 Grant Street

100069 Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 913 Grant Street, belonging David S. Horne & Mickey K. Horne.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitley asked to be recused from voting on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest. Council Member Alexander moved to recuse Mayor Pro Tem Whitley. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sims which carried unanimously.

Chairman Faircloth explained that Mr. David Horne, the property owner, could not be present at the meeting and submitted a letter that was read into the record. [a copy of Mr. Horne's letter is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. Mr. Horne indicated his intentions to demolish the structure at 913 Grant Street. In his letter, he further explained that he has listed the structures at 1700 and 1706 Brockett Avenue with Conrad Realtors and currently has some interested buyers for the property, but because of the time constraints from this action he was requesting a 90-day extension of the order so the sale can be completed and give the owner enough time to obtain a certificate of occupancy for these properties.

Ed Brown, Inspections Administrator, was present and provided an update to Council on this matter. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings] Staff is in agreement with the demolition of 913 Grant Street.

Adopted an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 913 Grant Street.

Ordinance No. 6684/10-32

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adopted 04/05/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 169

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

Votes: Aye: Council Member Bencini, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Faircloth and Council Member Pugh
Recused: Council Member Whitley

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1700 A & B Brockett Avenue

100070

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1700 A & B Brockett Avenue, belonging David S. Horne.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitley asked to be recused from voting on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest. Council Member Alexander moved to recuse Mayor Pro Tem Whitley. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sims which carried unanimously.

[a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

Ed Brown, Inspections Administrator, explained this dwelling has no plumbing system and an unsafe floor system and that the repair estimates exceed the tax value of \$21,700. Staff questioned the appropriateness of the property owner to rehab this dwelling.

Chairman Faircloth asked for staff to work with Mr. Horne (as appropriate) if he is able to make progress with the demolition of this property.

For additional comments made regarding this matter, please refer to **100071**

Ordinance- Demolition of Structure- 1706 A & B Brockett Avenue.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1700 A & B Brockett Avenue.

Ordinance No. 6685/10-33

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adopted 04/05/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 170

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

Votes: Aye: Council Member Bencini, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Faircloth and Council Member Pugh
Recused: Council Member Whitley

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 1706 A & B Brockett Avenue

100071

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1706 A & B Brockett Avenue, belonging David S. Horne.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitley asked to be recused from voting on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest. Council Member Alexander moved to recuse Mayor Pro Tem Whitley. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sims which carried unanimously.

[a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

Ed Brown, Inspections Administrator, explained that some repair permits were issued in 2002 and 2003, but the electrical permits issued were for service change and there have been no permits issued to rewire either side of the dwelling. He pointed out the issues with this property has existed for several years.

Mayor Smothers asked if Mr. Horne had made any reply to the staff as to the reason for the delay in making the repairs. Council Member Alexander asked how long Mr. Horne has owned these properties. Mr. Brown replied prior to 2000 and they have been vacant for at least three to four years. The Mayor expressed concerns that the person interested in buying these properties was not present at tonight's meeting and there might be issues with the process having to start all over again when the property transfers. Council Member Sims stated two of these properties were in her ward and were a blight on the neighborhood so she would not be in favor of any extensions on these properties.

Chairman Faircloth asked for staff to work with Mr. Horne (as appropriate) if he is able to make progress with the demolition of this property.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 1706 A & B Brockett Avenue.

Ordinance No. 6686/10-34

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adopted 04/05/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 171

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

Votes: Aye: Council Member Bencini, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Sims, Council Member Blakeney, Council Member Douglas and Council Member Faircloth
Recused: Council Member Whitley

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 206 W. Springfield Road

100072

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 206 W. Springfield Road, belonging Hazel P. Land.

Ed Brown, Inspections Administrator, provided an update of the staff report on this case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

Mr. Brown explained that he was told that a neighbor of the property owner would be present at tonight's meeting to speak on the property owner's behalf. Mr. Brown pointed out the action taken tonight should also include the accessory structure on the property as well.

Chairman Faircloth asked if there was anyone present representing the property

owner that would like to speak. No one came forward and someone from the audience commented that the person stepped out of the room. Chairman Faircloth proceeded to continue to the next case to allow the individual time to participate in the meeting and offer comments.

The individual never appeared and no comments were made on behalf of the property owner.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 206 W. Springfield Road, including the accessory structure located on the property.

Ordinance No.6687/10-35

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adopted 04/05/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 172

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

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 208 W. Springfield Road

100073

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 208 W. Springfield Road, belonging Ronald M. Mason.

Ed Brown, Inspections Administrator, provided an update on this housing case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

Mr. Brown noted that the property owner has stated his intent to demolish the structure in June of 2009, but has not obtained a demolition permit due to the asbestos that has to be abated. Chairman Faircloth asked if there was anyone present representing the property owner, Ronald M. Mason. There was no one present.

Council Member Sims asked how asbestos would affect the cost of the demolition. Mr. Brown explained the cost would almost be doubled if it is determined that a structure has asbestos.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 208 W. Springfield Road.

Ordinance No. 6688/10-36

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adpted 04/05/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 173

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

Ordinance - Demolition of Structure - 906 Richardson Avenue

100074

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 906 Richardson Street, belonging Garland Ellison.

Ed Brown, Inspections Administrator, provided an update on this housing case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

He reported that the property owner did obtain a repair permit that was issued on March 10th, but the only inspection has been to check the wind bracing installation on March 17th. Other than that nothing else has been done, nor did he attend the hearing on March 16, 2009.

Chairman Faircloth asked if anyone was present who would like to speak regarding this housing case.

Mr. Garland Ellison, 7549 Sunnyvale Drive, the property owner addressed Council. Mr. Ellison explained that he is a licensed general contractor. He indicated that he has primarily been using the property as storage but is interested in keeping the property. He stated that the structural part of the house has been taken care of (wind bracing, collar beams have been placed in the roof to support the sagging rafters). He informed Council that everything has been done according to the original written report by the inspections department, but he does still need to replace the roof on the structure which will be done within a week's time and some minor sheetrock work on the inside. He pointed out this structure is located in a high drug area and he had at least four break-ins within a 24-hour period and this has been an issue for him too. He asked for a 60-day extension to allow him additional time to make the necessary repairs.

Council Member Sims asked Mr. Ellison about his intentions on making the repairs to the electrical service and the heating system. Mr. Ellison replied that the electrical service has been updated. Mr. Ellison was questioned as to if he had obtained a permit for this work and he replied in the affirmative. Staff refuted this and noted that there has been the building permit for the roof repairs and any electrical/plumbing work that's done has to be done by a licensed contractor because of it being a rental property and not owner occupied. Mr. Ellison noted that Bob Sear's did the work and that he is a licensed contractor in the State of North Carolina. He further offered to share the documentation with the city staff. There was still some question as to if a permit had been obtained for the electrical/plumbing.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitley mentioned new legislation effective April 22nd requiring a lead certified EPA contractor for all work and how this would be handled by city staff. Mr. Brown explained that the lead paint/registration and licensing going into effect is not enforced by construction or inspections department. Mayor Pro Tem Whitley also asked how this would affect any demolitions by the city. Mr. Brown

advised he didn't think this would affect the demolitions. Council asked staff to check into the new legislation in an effort to obtain a legal opinion as to if the new legislation would prove to be a liability for the city, if it would apply to city demolitions and how it would affect the city financially.

Mayor Smothers suggested a decision be delayed on this case until more clarification could be obtained as to if the electrical/plumbing repairs have been made by the property owner as the property owner has indicated and to get some clarity on what is actually in place. Council Member Alexander explained that adopting the ordinance would essentially give the property owner 60 days to make the repairs and this would take it out of Council's hands.

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the demolition of a structure located at 906 Richardson Street.

Ordinance No. 6689/10-37

Introduced 04/05/2010

Adopted 04/05/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 174

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

Policy- Appointments to Boards & Commissions

100082

Consideration of a proposed policy on making appointments to boards and commissions.

Adopted the Policy as recommended by the Public Safety Committee for making appointments to Boards & Commissions.

This matter was discussed by the Public Safety Committee on February 3, 2010 and March 3, 2010. The Public Safety Committee is sending the proposed policy forward to the full Council with a favorable recommendation for adoption.

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - Council Member Sims, Chair Committee Members: Blakeney, Faircloth, Whitley and Alexander

There were no matters appearing on tonight's Agenda for consideration by the Planning & Development Committee.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -Council Member Bencini, Chair
Committee Members: Blakeney, Pugh, Sims and Faircloth

There were no matters appearing on tonight's Agenda for consideration by the Planning & Development Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 P.M.

Mayor Smothers asked if anyone was present who would like to address Council during the Public Comment period.

No one was present to offer comments and the Public Comment period was closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair

Public Hearing - Outside Agency Funding Requests

100081 Monday, April 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. is the date and time established to receive public comment for Outside Agency Funding requests for the City of High Point 2010-2011 Annual Budget.

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. as duly advertised.

Chairman Whitley prefaced the public hearing by commenting that funding is very tight and it was his personal opinion that he probably would not support any agencies that did not receive funding last year.

The following representatives from the following outside agencies were recognized and offered comments regarding their agency funding requests. [a transcript of the comments will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

High Point Area Arts Council (Debbie Lumpkins); Rosetta C. Baldwin Museum (Brenda Baker, Terrence Thomas, Julius Clark, Alex Todd); Theatre Art Gallery-TAG (Mark Brown); Piedmont Triad Ambulance and Rescue- PTAR (Gart Evans); Piedmont Triad Film Commission (Rebecca Clark, Jerry McGuire, Ed Simpson); Learning Institute for Fatherhood Empowerment- L.I.F.E. (Greg Stringer)

There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Whitley closed the public hearing and informed the outside agencies present that their latest audits and any other back-up documentation that is required as part of the process to be forwarded to city staff as soon as possible.

Council Member Sims also asked that additional information be given to City Council regarding the make-up of the boards as well as identification of other sources of funding that the outside agencies rely on in addition to the city's funding.

For Information Only:**Tornado Damage**

Mayor Smothers read three of numerous letters received from property owners praising the city in response to the recent tornado that caused a lot of damage in High Point on March 28th (i.e. Harris family who resides in Blairwood; Frank Hensley who is a citizen and attends Green Street Baptist Church; and one from a resident on Crinan Court). City Manager Strib Boynton gave special recognition to the many volunteers who assisted in the response efforts following the 3/28 tornado:

Steve Lingerfelt, Glen Hadtsteadt (E-Com- 9-11 Center)
Warren Larson (Customer Service Call Center staff)
Police Department (Chief Fealy, Jim Tate, Derek Stafford, Steve Myers)
Fire Department (Martha Younts led effort and Don Campbell with Guilford County Emergency Management in organizing the door-to-door assessments)
Chris Thompson, Richard McMillan (Public Services, Organized Clean-Up Efforts)
Garey Edwards (Electric Utilities staff)
Ed Brown (Inspections staff)
Mark McDonald (Transportation)
Jeff Moore (Financial Services)
countless other volunteers

Mayor Smothers asked the department heads to share with all staff in the various departments the gratitude and let them know that their help and work was greatly appreciated.

[applause and stading ovation]

Proclamation- Community Development Week

Mayor Smothers read a resolution into the record proclaiming the week of April 5 through April 10, 2010 as Community Development Week in High Point and presented the Proclamation to Mike McNair, Director of Community Development. Beth Workman with Community Development informed Council and the public of the various activities that will be taking place in recognition of Community Development week. City Manager Strib Boynton also encouraged Council to visit the 2nd floor of City Hall to view the impressive displays.

Proclamation- Fair Housing Month

Mayor Smothers read a resolution into the record proclaiming the month of Aril, 2010 as Fair Housing Month in High Point. Al Heggins, Director of Human Relations was present to accept the Proclamation. Tony Lowe, Human Relations Specialist, shared with Council what staff has been doing and upcoming events for fair housing. Mr. Lowe informed Council that in the near future, the Human Relations Department will be featured on a video that will be shown during the "Happy Homes Tour."

United Way- Spirit of High Point Campaign Award

Jane Liebscher, Campaign Division Director for the United Way of Greater High Point presented the United Way- Spirit of High Point Campaign Award to City

Manager Strib Boynton and the employees and commented that it was truly a reflection of the generosity, commitment, and compassion that the entire city has. This award is given to the campaign that raises the most dollars. The employees broke all records exceeding the goal of \$240,000 by collecting \$300,000 which was made possible under the leadership of City Manager Strib Boynton, Police Lieutenant Steve Myers and Battalion Chief Randy Way. Mr. Boynton gladly accepted the award on behalf of all employees and pointed out they did it by ramping up their contribution amounts to help others in the community and they did it in a year without salary increases.

Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission

Council Member Alexander submitted the application for Colin Douglas Merritt for consideration of appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill an at-large position on the board. It was noted that there were two vacant positions: Ward 2 and Ward 3 that needed to be filled. Mayor Smothers asked if there was a motion to suspend the rules to place this on the addendum for consideration at tonight's meeting. Council Member Alexander moved to suspend the rules and place the appointment of Colin Douglas Merritt on the agenda for consideration of appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion died from lack of a second.

For further discussion, Council Member Sims explained the issue was not who he recommended, but that Council should allow time for the newly adopted Policy on Appointments to Boards & Commissions to work. She noted that the Council Members representing Wards 2 and 3 might be willing to accept Mr. Merritt as a substitute for one of their appointments. Both Council Members Pugh and Douglas declined and stated they have other individuals in mind for these appointments and would be submitting names for consideration. Council Member Alexander pointed out these two slots have been vacant for almost a year and urged them to submit applications so the vacant positions can be filled as soon as possible because the appointments were past due.

Meeting Reminders:

Public Services Committee

Chairwoman Sims announced that the Public Services Committee would meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6th.

Planning & Development Committee

Chairman Bencini announced that the Planning & Development Committee would also meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6th.

Briefing Session

Council was also reminded that there would be a Manager's Briefing on Tuesday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss substandard housing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk