City of High Point

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2011

4:45:00 PM

Council Chambers

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor
Latimer B. Alexander, IV, Mayor Pro Tem
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 Whitley and Council Member Corey
Absent: Council Member Henley

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved as submitted upon motion by Council Member Whitley and second by Council Member Douglas.

Finance Committee; Monday, March 7th @ 3:30 p.m.
Combined Meeting; Monday, March 7th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.
Planning, Economic Dev. & Info. Technology Committee; Tuesday, March 8th @ 9:00 a.m.
Public Safety & Community Development Committee (Briefing- HPPD); Thursday, March 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Council Member Whitley to suspend the rules in order to take final action on these matters at tonight's meeting. The motion carried unanimously. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]**

Motion was then made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Council Member Whitley that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously.
[8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]

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

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

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

Contract - Auditing Services - Martin Starnes and Associates

110033 City Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to execute a formal contract for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2011 through June 30, 2014 for financial and compliance audit of the City's financial operations.

This matter was thoroughly discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting and by a vote of 3-1 in the Committee, this matter is being forwarded to the full Council with a favorable recommendation for a contract approval with McGladrey & Pullen, LLC at a cost of $62,000. Committee Member Alexander cast the dissenting vote.

Note: It was staff's recommendation to approve a contract for audit services with Martin Starnes & Associates at a cost of $60,000.

Motion by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Corey to place this matter on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation for approval of the contract for audit services for FY ending June 30, 2011-2014 with McGladrey & Pullen, LLC at a cost of $62,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander offered a substitute motion that this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation for approval of the contract for audit services FY ending June 30, 2011-2014 with Dixon Hughes. Council Member Douglas made a second to the substitute motion.

Mayor Smothers then called for a vote on the substitute motion [Dixon Hughes] which resulted in a tied vote (4-4) as follows:

Votes: Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, Council Members Douglas, Pugh and Sims
Nay: Mayor Smothers; and Council Members Corey, Whitley, Moore
Absent: Council Member Henley

Mayor Smothers then called for a vote on the original motion [McGladrey & Pullen, LLC] which also resulted in a tied vote (4-4) as follows:

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

Following the tied votes on the substitute motion and the original motion, Council Member Moore suggested that the matter be deferred so it could be discussed further. Council Member Sims asked Council Member Moore his reasoning behind this request and he explained due to the difference in the price, he would like additional time to think it through. Mayor Smothers noted that neither the substitute motion, nor the original motion reflected staff's recommendation which was very detailed and documented.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander then moved to defer this matter and place it on the next Council agenda for further discussion/action. **Council Member Moore made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]**

Resolution - Authorizing Upset Bid Process - HPU

110035 City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution authorizing upset bid process for the sale of city owned property located at 600 Woodrow Avenue. the city has received an offer to purchase from High Point University in the amount of $15,000.00. If no upset bids are received, city staff is authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property to High Point University.

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

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

Adopted Resolution authorizing upset bid process for the sale of city owned property located at 600 Woodrow Avenue.

Resolution No. 1654/11-05 **Introduced 3/21/2011**
Adopted 3/21/2011
Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 5

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

Contract - Bid No. 21 - Firefighting Protective Jackets and Trousers

110046 Award of contract for Bid No. 21 for the purchase of Firefighting Protective Jackets and Trousers (turnout gear) for the Fire Department. Purchasing and the Fire Department recommends that contract be awarded to Piedmont Fire in the amount of $158,812.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

This matter was briefly 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 contract with Piedmont Fire in the amount of $158,812.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

Change Order - Vecellio & Grogan, Inc. - Roadway Improvements - Deep River Road/Burton Avenue/Clinard Farms Road

110047 City Council is requested to approve a final adjusting change order to the Vecellio & Grogan, Inc. contract for roadway improvements for Deep River Road, Burton Avenue and Clinard Farms Road (ARRA funded) in the amount of $92,619.70.

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 final adjusting change order to the Vecellio & Grogan, Inc. contract for roadway improvements for Deep River Road, Burton Avenue and Clinard Farms Road (ARRA funded) in the amount of $92,619.70.

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

Contract Renewal - The Ferguson Group

110048 Council is requested to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year extension (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012) with the Ferguson Group to assist in securing federal funds and related legislative matters of interest to the City. No increase in current fees of $10,000 per month.

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

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

Approved a one-year extension (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012) with the Ferguson Group for $10,000 per month to assist in securing federal funds and related legislative matters of interest to the City and authorized the city manager to execute the contract extension.

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

High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau FY 09-10 Annual Audit

110049 Council is requested to acknowledge receipt of the Audit for the High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau's FY 09-10.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Finance Committee acknowledged receipt of the audit and recommended it be forwarded to the full Council.

Acknowledged receipt of the FY 2009-2010 Audit for the High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Sims, Chair
Committee Members: Alexander, Douglas and Corey

(all were present)

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Structure - 2405 Waverly Court

110042 Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 2405 Waverly Court belonging to John A. Braica.

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, gave an overview of the staff report regarding this housing case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

The property owner was not present to offer any comments. There have been no permits issued and repairs have not started.

Following the presentation of the report and update by staff, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 2405 Waverly Court.

Ordinance No. 6805/11-13 **Introduced 3/21/2011**
Adopted 3/21/2011
Ordinance Book, Volume XVII, Page 13

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

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Structure - 507 Denny Street

110043 Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 507 Denny Street belonging to Kenneth Wayne Lassiter.

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, gave an overview of the staff report regarding this housing case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in

Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

She reported that the structure is still occupied and the property owner has started the process today to make the necessary repairs.

Following the presentation of the report and update by staff, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 507 Denny Street.

Ordinance No. 6806/11-14 **Introduced 3/21/2011**
Adopted 3/21/2011
Ordinance Book, Volume XVII, Page 14

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

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Structure - 920 Marlboro Street

110044 Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 920 Marlboro Street belonging to Bertha N. Perry.

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, gave an overview of the staff report regarding this housing case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

The property owner was not present to offer any comments. There have been no permits issued and repairs have not started. The owner did request an extension on 2-24-2011, but the request was not approved since there has been no attempt to make repairs.

Following the presentation of the report and update by staff, the Committee recommended this matter be placed on Thursday's Agenda with a favorable recommendation.

Adopted ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 920 Marlboro Street.

Ordinance No. 6807/11-15 **Introduced 3/21/2011**
Adopted 3/21/2011
Ordinance Book, Volume XVII, Page 15

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

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Structure - 800 E. Commerce Street

110045 Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a structure located at 800 E. Commerce Street belonging to Nathaniel E & Margaret G. Bolds.

Scott Wall, Inspector, gave an overview of the staff report regarding this housing case. [a copy of the staff report is hereby attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

The property owner, Nathaniel Bolds, was present and addressed Council regarding this housing case. He explained that he didn't realize the structure had termite damage and he made some mistakes while making some of the repairs so he had to redo some things. He felt confident that he could be finished with all the major repairs by Saturday.

Council Member Pugh asked about the tenants and Mr. Bolds explained he has reached an agreement with the tenant to allow them to temporarily move out while he finishes the repairs that need to be made. Several Council Members inquired as to whether or not the tenants would qualify or be eligible for the relocation assistance. Council Member Sims asked what would happen should Council adopt the ordinance to vacate/close and the implications it might have on the tenant. Staff briefly explained the relocation process. She stated she was inclined to grant the property owner a 30-day extension as has been requested, but wanted to make sure as the time draws nearer for the repairs to be made it wouldn't infringe on the tenant.

A motion was made by Council Member Sims, seconded by Council Member Douglas, that this matter be deferred to the Public Safety & Community Development Committee, due back on April 18, 2011 Council Member Sims moved to allow the property owner a 30-day extension to finish making the repairs. Council Member Douglas made a second to the motion which carried unanimously. [8-0 vote] [Council Member Henley was absent]

Note: This matter will remain on the pending list on the agenda until the 30 days have expired. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING, EDC & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair
Committee Members: Sims, Henley and Moore

(Henley was absent)

Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 11-01 - High Point University

110036 Approval of a resolution of intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an improved portion of Willoubar Terrace between Montlieu Avenue and North Avenue, an improved portion of Woodrow Avenue between N. Centennial Street and Willoubar Terrace, and an unimproved 10-foot alley between Willoubar Terrace and N. Centennial Street.

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

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an improved portion of Willoubar Terrace between Montlieu Avenue and North Avenue, an improved portion of Woodrow Avenue between N. Centennial Street and Willoubar Terrace, and an unimproved 10-foot alley between Willoubar Terrace and N. Centennial Street.

Resolution No. 1655/11-06 Introduced 3/21/2011
Adopted 3/21/2011
Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 6

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 11-02 - High Point University

110037 Approval of a resolution of intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, April 18, 2011at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an improved portion of Fifth Street between Zenith Lane (private) and North Avenue.

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 Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon an improved portion of Fifth Street between Zenith Lane (private) and North Avenue.

Resolution No. 1656/11-07 Introduced 3/21/2011
Adopted 3/21/2011
Resolution Book, Volume XVII, Page 7

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

Part 150 Assessment Report

110038 Consideration of a report from the Planning and Development Department that assesses the PTIA Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Study including a recommendation to amend the Airport Overlay District.

Note: Council Member Pugh left the Council Chambers prior to the vote being taken on this issue. Since he did not ask to be excused, his absence will be counted as a

"Yes" vote pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75.

Mayor Smothers asked if it would be possible to place this matter in Committee so that a presentation could be done due to Council Member Henley's absence and for the benefit of the new Council Members. Council Member Alexander stated he would like to hear an update on any reported noise issues.

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Sims, that this matter be referred to the Planning, Economic Dev. & Information Technology Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Pending Items

City of High Point Incentives Policies

110032 Council is requested to receive the following Incentives Policy Review Committee recommendations:
1) City of High Point Industrial Incentives Policy (revised)
2) City of High Point Job Creation Incentives Policy (new)
3) City of High Point Incentives Map (revised)
4) City of High Point Retail Incentives Policy (new)
(A special meeting of Planning, Economic Development and Information Technology Committee will be held on Thursday, March 17th at 9:00 to discuss this item)

Note: Council Member Pugh left the Council Chambers prior to the vote being taken on this issue. Since he did not ask to be excused, his absence will be counted as a "Yes" vote pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-75.

Note: Policies 2 and 4 were split out and will remain on the pending list. The new Legislative Matter number is 110053 for Policies 2 and 4.

This matter was discussed during a Planning, Economic Development & Information Technology Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. At that time, action was taken by the Committee to forward Policies 1 and 3 to Council with a favorable recommendation

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS

Prior to the public hearings being held, those persons desiring to speak on the quasi-judicial matters (Special Use Permit 11-01 and Special Use Permit 11-02) were duly sworn.

Planning , Economic Development & Information Technology Committee

Special Use Permit 11-01 - The Red Lion's Lair, LLC

110039 A request by The Red Lion's Lair, LLC for a Special Use Permit to allow a bar, with a capacity over 100 persons, in the Main Street (MS) District (Sub Area - A). The site is lying along the west side of N. Main Street, approximately 110 feet north of W. Dayton Avenue (1813 N. Main Street).

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Following the presentation of the staff report, Mayor Smothers questioned staff regarding the concerns that were expressed at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting regarding on-site parking. Mr. Shannon replied concerns were voiced about this issue, but pointed out that the site plan does meet the minimum provisions set forth in the Development Ordinance. Chairman Whitley asked what measures would be put into place to make sure the second floor to the building is secure. Ed Brown, Local Codes Enforcement Manager?????, suggested they put up a locking door at the top of the stairs and further explained that the configuration of the first floor was rather unique in that it has two sets of stairs that actually feed one set of stairs going up to the second floor. He pointed out that this would not be decided until they actually get to the construction stage.

Council Member Alexander asked if the building was sprinkled and staff replied that it was not at this time, but this would be a requirement they would have to meet after the initial preliminary code is reviewed. Mr. Brown informed Council that the applicant, Mr. Redd, received a letter in November when a preliminary review was conducted which contained items that would have to be addressed including sprinklers, bathroom improvements, doors, etc....

Council Member Alexander inquired about outside activities that might involve erection of tents and if anything like this would be allowed and expressed concerns about the parking lot being tight. Staff pointed out that the Development Ordinance regulations may prohibit something like this because the regulations do not allow them to take any required parking. Council Member Pugh asked staff if there was any way the building could be used for an adult entertainment establishment and staff replied that sexually oriented businesses are not allowed in this zoning district.

Mayor Smothers inquired as to the ownership of the property.

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

Jay Wagner an attorney with the Law Firm of Wagner, Fisher, Clinard and Cornwell, 101 W. Lexington Avenue, Suite 104, representing the applicant, addressed Council in support of the request. He explained that the property is owned by an L.L.C. and Mr. Redd is actually leasing the property and he is fully aware of and has agreed to all the regulations required under the Main Street zoning district including the required off street parking that was listed as a minor issue in the staff report. Mr. Wagner also pointed out that his client's proposal meets several of the goals of the Core City Plan and the community growth vision statement and this business would also promote diversity of business uses in that area and further the growth of Uptowne as an alternative to downtown. He also pointed out there was no one attending the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting who spoke in opposition to the request and Mr. Redd has never had any problems or trouble at his other establishment.

Council Member Alexander asked for clarification of the location of the building entrance and Mr. Wagner explained it was a requirement of the Main Street Zoning District to have the entrance in front of the building on Main Street and the reasoning behind this was to foster on-street activity. Council Member Alexander expressed concerns regarding the narrowness of the driveway and questioned the safety of the patrons. Mr. Wagner pointed out it was wide enough for a car and people walking.

Mayor Smothers asked about the hours of operation for the bar and Mr. Wagner noted Mr. Redd plans to close at 1:00 a.m. although he's allowed to stay open until 2:00 a.m. Chairman Whitley asked about security measures that might be in place since the parking lot was located to the rear of the building and Mr. Wagner pointed out there is some lighting in the immediate area. Mr. Redd pointed out that so far he has not had any problems, but would have two security guards posted outside.

Chairman Whitley asked if there were any other citizens present who would like to offer any comments regarding this special use permit request. There being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

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

Approved Special Use Permit 11-01 based on the findings of fact as outlined in the staff report and general consistency with the surrounding zoning and development in this area and compliance with the goals and objectives of the Land Use Plan.

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

Ordinance - Text Amendment 11-02 - City of High Point - Off Site Directional Signs

110040 A request by the City of High Point (City Manager's Office) to amend Note #4 of Table 5-16-2 of the Development Ordinance, regarding the length of time that an approved off-site directional sign may be permitted.

The public hearing for this matter was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Following the presentation of the staff report, Mayor Smothers shared the history and background of the request and explained it came about as a result of concerns by an adjacent property owner in the general area of Cornerstone Healthcare Facility located at 1814 Westchester Drive who reported that patrons have been turning into the parking lot and cutting through to enter the Cornerstone facility. Currently there is no signage for the relatively new facility and since it sits back off the street, it creates a dangerous situation for motorists when people realize they miss their turn into the entrance for the facility.

Council Member Alexander expressed concerns and felt adoption of the text amendment might open up additional opportunities for lots of signage. Mr. Loveland pointed out these directional signs are only allowed in two commercial and industrial districts and are not allowed in residential districts.

Chairman Whitley opened up the public hearing for comments. Mr. Duncan Chapman of 1814 Westchester Drive, Building and Grounds Director for Cornerstone Healthcare, was present in the audience and offered to answer any questions Council may have.

There being no one to offer comments, 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 for adoption.

Adopted Text Amendment 11-02 amending Note #4 of Table 5-16-2 of the Development Ordinance, regarding the length of time that an approved off-site directional sign may be permitted based on consistency with the City's Land Use Plan and the findings of fact as outlined in the staff report. Additionally, the City Council finds this action to be reasonable and in the public interest because: 1) the amendment would make it more feasible for an off-site directional sign to be placed for a period of more than two years.

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

Special Use Permit 11-02 - CHC Realty, LLC

110041 A request by CHC Realty, LLC for a Special Use Permit to allow an off-site directional sign at 1744 Westchester Drive. The sign is to be located at 1744 Westchester Drive, an approximately 1.2 acre parcel lying at the northwest corner of Westchester Drive and Whittier Avenue.

The public hearing for this matter and related matter was held on Monday, March 21, 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.

Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding this matter. Mr. Duncan Chapman of 1814 Westchester Drive, Building and Grounds Director for Cornerstone Healthcare, was present in the audience and offered to answer any questions Council may have.

There was no one that offered any comments. 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 for approval.

Approved Special Use Permit 11-02 to allow an off-site directional sign at 1744 Westchester Drive based on the findings as outlined in the staff report.

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

For Information Only:

Mayor Smothers recognized the following students who were present at the meeting:

Jake Austin from Boy Scout Troop #2 who was working on his Citizenship in the Community badge.

Gas Tax Resolution

Council Member Alexander asked if Council wanted to address the proposed resolution that Mayor Smothers presented during the Finance Committee that was held at 3:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. The Mayor suggested possibly leaving it pending for a while and asked the city attorney his opinion. Mr. Baggett suggested additional time before adopting the resolution. Mayor Smothers felt it was appropriate for local government to take a position on the gas tax and asked if any of the Council would have a problem if she conveyed to the MPO that Council has been briefed on it and may well take action at the next meeting. Council concurred.

Visit the Furniture Market

Mayor Smothers encouraged Council Members to visit the market and let the visitors know High Point is glad they are here.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk