

City of High Point

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Finance Committee; Monday, February 15th @ 3:30 p.m.
Combined Meeting; Monday, February 15th @ 4:45/5:30 p.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 Council Member Alexander 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. [7-0 vote] [Council Members Douglas and Whitley were absent]**

Motion was then made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Council Member Pugh that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously. [7-0 vote] [Council Member Douglas and Mayor Pro Tem Whitley were absent]

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

Chairman Whitley and Committee Member Douglas were absent.

In the absense of Chairman Whitley, Committee Member Alexander chaired this portion of the meeting.

Contract - Bid No 21 - Chemicals for Water & Wastewater Treatment Plants**100041**

Consideration of award of contract for Bid No. 21 for the purchase of Chemicals for use by the water and wastewater treatment plants. Purchasing and Public Service recommends that contract be awarded as follows: Aluminum Sulfate to Alchem, Inc. in the amount of \$459,705.00; Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite to Univar in the amount of \$117,250.00; and Sodium Hydroxide to JCI Jones Chemical in the amount of \$138,375.00. These were the lowest responsible and responsive bidders meeting specifications. Total contract amount: \$715,330.00.

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 contracts with Alchem, Inc. in the amount of \$459,705.00; Univar in the amount of \$117,250.00; and JCI Jones Chemical in the amount of \$138,375,000 which are the lowest responsible and responsive bidders meeting specifications. Total contract award: \$7125,330.00.

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

Condemnation Proceedings - 300 & 302 Old Winston Road - Old Winston Road Improvement Project

100042

Council is requested to authorize the City Attorney to begin condemnation proceedings on property located at 300 & 302 Old Winston Road. This property is part of the Old Winston Road improvement 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 to begin condemnation proceedings on property located at 300 and 302 Old Winston Road as part of the Old Winston Road Improvement project.

Resolution No. 1590/10-18

Introduced 3/1/2010

Adopted 3/1/2010

Resolution Book Volume XVI, Page 232

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

Resolution - Section 5303 Planning Grant Agreement with NCDOT

100049

Council is requested to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for funds in the amount of \$36,450 which is the Federal and State share of HiTran's Section 5303 planning grant.

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 adoption.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for funds in the amount of \$36,450 which is the Federal and State share of HiTran's Section 5303

planning grant.

Resolution No. 1589/10-17

Introduced 3/1/2010

Adopted 3/1/2010

Resolution Book Volume XVI, Page 231

A motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Bencini, that this matter be adopted. 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.

Note: This matter has been pending since March 5, 2009.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council Member Faircloth, Chair

Committee Members: Douglas, Pugh and Alexander

Committee Member Douglas was absent.

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Dwelling - 1511 Valley Ridge Drive

100045

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 1511 Valley Ridge Drive belonging to New Frontier Investments - Chad Meredith.

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

Chairman Faircloth asked if the property owner or anyone else was present who would like to speak regarding this housing case. There was no one present to offer any comments.

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

Adopted Ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 1511 Valley Ridge Drive belonging to New Frontier Investments.

Ordinance No. 6677/10-25

Introduced 3/1/2010

Adopted 3/1/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 162

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

Ordinance - Demolition of Dwelling - 327 Pickett Place

100046

Council is requested to adopt an ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 327 Pickett Place belonging to Jeffery P. Burcher.

Katherine Bossi, Local Codes Enforcement Supervisor, gave an overview of the staff report for this housing case.

No one was present to speak on behalf of the property owner.

Council Member Blakeney asked if the property owner had requested any extensions. Ms. Bossi noted the property owner was working with the inspector, but never made any repairs and no permits were issued either. Council Member Sims pointed out the tax value of the structure was \$1,000 and asked about the cost for demolition. Ms. Bossi estimated it would be around \$3,000-\$4,000. Council Member Sims suggested the property owner might want to consider giving the property to the city and the city maybe could do something with it as part of the neighborhood revitalization program.

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

Adopted Ordinance ordering the housing inspector to effectuate the demolition of a dwelling located at 327 Pickett Place.

Ordinance No. 6678/10-26

Introduced 3/1/2010

Adopted 3/1/2010

Ordinance Book Volume XVI, Page 163

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

Amendment - High Point Code of Ordinances - Transportation & Traffic - Chapter 10

100048

Consideration of approval of amendment to the High Point Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 - Transportation and Traffic, Sections 10-1-1 and 10-1-156.

Pat Pate, Assistant City Manager, informed Council that staff recommended this matter be placed in Committee for further discussion and clarification of the language contained in the amendment.

Chairman Faircloth asked if there was anyone present to offer comments on the proposed amendment.

Wayne Quigley, 2109 Foggy Lane, asked Council to consider not approving the amendment and explained that it would cause a hardship on him as well as many others in the city who have no place to park. He felt the city wasn't do a good job in

enforcing existing parking laws.

There being no further discussion, this matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion and clarification.

A motion was made by Member Faircloth, seconded by Member Blakeney, that this matter be referred to the Public Safety Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - Council Member Sims, Chair

Committee Members: Blakeney, Faircloth, Whitley and Alexander

Committee Member Whitley was absent.

There were no matters appearing on tonight's Agenda for consideration by the Public Services Committee.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member Bencini, Chair

Committee Members: Blakeney, Pugh, Sims and Faircloth

(all were present)

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Boards & Commissions - Appointments/Reappointments

100043

Consideration of the following appointments/reappointments to boards and commissions:

ABC Board

Reappointment of Veronica Armstrong - effective immediately and expires 2/8/2013

Appointment of Linwood (Chip) Harris - effective immediately and expires 2/8/2013 (replacing Leah Price)

Guilford County/City Insurance Advisory Committee

Reappointment of John Causey - effective immediately and expires 12/21/2012

Appointment of Skip Queen to complete the unexpired term of Woodroe Haywood (deceased). Appointment effective immediately and will expire 12/21/2013.

Library Board of Trustees

Appointment of Carol Young representing the Historical Society - effective immediately and expiring 10/21/2012.

Housing Authority

Reappointment of Kevin Peguese to the Housing Authority. Appointment effective immediately and will expire 12/22/2014.

Approved the preceding appointments.

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

Change in City Council Meeting Schedule

100047 Council is requested to reschedule the Monday, March 15, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting to a Combined Meeting of Council on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. as several members of council will be attending the NLC Conference in Washington, DC from March 14 - 17, 2010.

Rescheduled the Monday, March 15, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting to a Combined Meeting of Council on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Suggested Legislative Agendas- 2010 Legislative & 2011 Washington Agenda

100044 Council is requested to adopt legislative priorities for the City of High Point for the short session of the General Assembly beginning May 12, 2010.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's Agenda, **motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims to suspend the rules relative to placing it on tonight's Agenda for consideration. The motion carried unanimously. [7-0 vote] [Council Member Pugh and Mayor Pro Tem Whitley were absent]**

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 both the 2010 Legislative Agenda as recommended and compiled by City Attorney Fred Baggett and the 2011 Washington Agenda compiled by Jennifer Imo of The Ferguson Group and City Manager Strib Boynton.

[copies of the legislative agendas will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]

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

CLOSED SESSION- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At 5:05 p.m., **motion was duly made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Sims to enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4) for the purpose of discussion of two proposed economic development projects in the city.**

At 5:35 p.m. Council reconvened into open session with an announcement that there

would be no action taken at this time as a result of the Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 P.M.

There were no citizens present to address Council during the Public Comment period.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS - 5:30 P.M.

(There were no public hearings scheduled to be heard at this time)

For Information Only:

Abandoned Vehicle on Kenilworth

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Council Member Pugh reported an abandoned vehicle in the vicinity of 210 Kenilworth with no tag that has been in the ditch for over a month. Council Member Sims asked about the time frame and process to take care of abandoned vehicles throughout the city. Police Chief Jim Fealy explained the process was regulated by State Statute and police officers attempt to notify the owner of the vehicle within a 3 day timer period and if unsuccessful, then the vehicle can be towed and auctioned.

Meeting Reminders:

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Chairman Faircloth reminded Council of the Public Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and urged all Council Members to attend because the Committee would be concluding discussion on the proposed guidelines for the appointment process for boards and commissions.

Planning & Development Committee Meeting

Chairman Bencini announced there would be a Planning & Development Committee Meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Briefing Session

It was also announced that there would be a Briefing Session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, at 5:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at which time the High Point City Council and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners will tour the facilities of the High Point Public Library with a joint meeting between the two boards to commence in the Morgan Room at the High Point Public Library at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk