

City of High Point

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 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

Upon call of the roll, Mayor Rebecca R. Smothers; Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Whitley; and Council Members Latimer B. Alexander, IV, William S. "Bill" Bencini, Jr., Mary Lou Blakeney; Foster Douglas; John Faircloth; Michael D. Pugh; and Bernita Sims were present.

The invocation was given by Mayor Smothers 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 by Council Member Alexander and second by Council Member Blakeney.

Finance Committee; Monday, January 19th @ 4:00 p.m.

Combined Meeting; Monday, January 19th @ 4:45/5:30 p.m.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN

At the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Session, and after all matters were heard by Council, **motion was made by Council Member Bencini and 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. [9-0 vote]**

Motion was then made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Bencini 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****Contract - Bid No. 20 - General Water & Sewer Improvements****100017**

Council is requested to approve contract awarding Bid No. 20 for General Water & Sewer Improvements. Purchasing and Engineering Services recommends that the contact be awarded to Breece Enterprises in the amount of \$626,679.50 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Faircloth to approve the contract for General Water & Sewer Improvements to Breece Enterprises in the amount of \$626,679.50, which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications. Motion passed unanimously (9-0 Vote)

Approved the contract for General Water & Sewer Improvements to Breece Enterprises in the amount of \$626,679.50, which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

Municipal Agreement - NCDOT - Airport Area Roadway Network Project

100018

Council is requested to authorize staff to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the funding and design of the Airport Area Roadway Network Project in Guilford County.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Faircloth to authorize staff to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the funding and design of the Airport Area Roadway Project in Guilford County. Motion passed unanimously (9-0 Vote)

Authorized staff to execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the funding and design of the Airport Area Roadway Project in Guilford County.

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

Contract Amendment - Westside WWTP - Phase 3 Design

100020

Council is requested to approve Amendment No. 7 to the Hazen & Sawyer contract for Professional Services for Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,327,300.00.

This matter was discussed during a Finance Committee meeting held at 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley, seconded by Council Member Faircloth to approve Amendment 7 to the Hazen & Sawyer contract for Professional Services for Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,028,300.00. Motion passed unanimously. (9-0 Vote)

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Member Faircloth, 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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - Council Member Sims, Chair

Update on Snow Removal

Richard McMillan, Assistant Director of Public Services gave a report on the progress of snow removal on the roads from the winter storm which occurred over the weekend.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -Council Member Bencini, Chair

MISCELLANEOUS

High Point Alliance for Workforce Preparedness - Request for Funding

100021 Council is requested to consider a request from the High Point Alliance for Workforce Preparedness for continued funding.

Council Member Bencini made a motion, seconded by Council Member Whitley, to suspend the rules in order to take action on this item. Motion passed unanimously. (Vote 9-0)

Council Member Bencini had a question regarding the City contributing additional funds at this point for the purpose of paying of a loan. Mr. Baggett advised that if they get so close to the use of the City funds immediately to payoff somebody else's debt that is a problem. The City can contribute to the mission of the Board. Mr. Baggett expressed a concern if the money would be used explicitly and clearly to payoff someone's note at the bank.

Council Member Whitley asked if there would be a concern in the language "to reimburse the expenses incurred from October to present not to exceed \$14,000.00".

Mr. Baggett advised that language would be better.

Council Member Whitley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bencini, to reimburse the expenses incurred by High Point Alliance for Workforce Preparedness which incurred between October 2009 to present not to exceed the amount of \$14,000.00, and end the City's financial obligation for future funding of the program.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Sims, seconded by Council Member Douglas to reimburse the expenses incurred by High Point Alliance for Workforce Preparedness which incurred between October 2009 to present not to exceed the amount of \$21,000.00, and end the City's financial obligation or future funding of the program. Motion passed on a vote of 5-4.

Council discussed the uncertainty of the amount of expenses to date.

Council instructed the Assistant City Manager to get a list of the expenses from Workforce Development.

Council Member Alexander expressed concern of where well meaning business people in the community go out and borrow money to do a very worthy function but then the City ends up making them whole.

Council Member Pugh stated that helping kids get an education and keeping them out of prison with a program such as this is well worth the money.

Council Member Whitley felt that there was no effort by Workforce Development to obtain funding from the community, and that getting a line of credit from a bank is not the same as obtaining funding.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 p.m.

There was no one present who wished to speak during the Public Comment Period.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS - 5:30 p.m.

Annexation Agreement - City of High Point and City of Thomasville

100016

Consideration of a new annexation agreement between the City of Thomasville and the City of High Point.

Staff advised that this is actually a renewal of the existing agreement and there were no changes in the new agreement. Council had no questions regarding the agreement.

There was no one present to speak in favor or opposition to the agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Bencini, seconded by Council Alexander to approve the new annexation agreement between the City of Thomasville and the City of High Point. The motion passed unanimously. (Vote 9-0)

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Heather Richardson was recognized by Council and presented with a letter from the Governor's office congratulating her for being a member of the 2010 United States Winter Olympic Team for Speed Skating.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Dawn J. Sparks, CMC
Deputy City Clerk