

City of High Point

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

4:45:00 PM

Council Chambers

*Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor
M. Christopher Whitley, Mayor Pro Tem
Latimer B. Alexander, IV, 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: Council Member Whitley, Mayor Smothers, Council Member Alexander, Council Member Moore, Council Member Sims, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Pugh, Council Member Henley and Council Member Corey

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Finance Committee; Monday, December 5th @ 4:00 p.m.

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

Planning, Economic Dev. & IT Committee; Tuesday, December 6th @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Planning, Economic Dev. & IT Committee; Tuesday, December 20th @ 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 Council Member Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem 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 Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley that all Committee recommendations stand as final action regarding these matters. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]

This action cancels the meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

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

(all were present)

Contract - Bid No. 61 - Wire

120000

Approval of contract awarding Bid No. 61 for the purchase of wire to replenish the warehouse stock. Purchasing and the Electric Department recommends that contract be awarded to the Stuart Irby Company in the amount of \$332,200.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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 award of contract to Stuart Irby Company in the amount of \$332,200.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

Contract - Bid No 60 - High Point Athletic Complex Phase II

120001

Approval of contract awarding contract for Bid No. 60 for the High Point Athletic Complex Phase II. Purchasing and Parks and Recreation recommend that contract be awarded to Dunbar & Smith in the amount of \$1,618,450.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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 award of the contract to Dunbar & Smith in the amount of \$1,618,450.00 which is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications.

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

Budget Ordinance Amendment - City Project Grant Award - High Point Community Foundation

120002

Adoption of a Budget Ordinance amending the 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds for the City Project for a grant award from the High Point Community Foundation in the amount of \$21,000.00 to be used for Washington Street home repairs.

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 Budget Ordinance amending the 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds for the City Project for a grant award from the High Point Community Foundation in the amount of \$21,000.00 to be used for Washing Street home repairs.

Ordinance No. 6893/12-01

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 74

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

**Home Furnishings Market Grant Agreement with NCDOT and Budget Ordinance
Amendment Appropriating Funds****120003**

Council is requested to 1) approve a resolution to accept a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for Furniture Market transportation needs for the FY2011-2012 and to accept the terms and conditions and rights and obligations for the existing transportation services contract between PART, McLaurin Transportation and High Point Market Authority; 2) adopt a Budget Ordinance amending the 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance to recognize the grant funding from NC Department of Transportation for market transportation in the amount of \$928,000.00; and 3) approve the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") concerning administration of Transportation Services to the High Point Furniture Market ("Market").

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.

Adopted Resolution accepting a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for Furniture Market transportation needs for FY 2011-2012 and to accept the terms, conditions, rights and obligations for the existing transportation services contract between PART, McLaurin Transportation and High Point Market Authority; and

Resolution No. 1704/12-05 Introduced 1/17/2012
Adopted 1/17/2012
Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 55

Adopted a Budget Ordinance amending the 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance to recognize the grant funding from the NC Department of Transportation for market transportation in the amount of \$928,000.00; and

Ordinance No. 6894/12-02 Introduced 1/17/2012
Adopted 1/17/2012
Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 75

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between PART, High Point Market Authority and the City of High Point concerning administration of transportation services to the High Point Furniture Market.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Council Member
Bernita Sims, Chair**

Committee Members: Alexander, Douglas and Corey

(all were present)

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Dwelling - 208 Vail Avenue

120004

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 208 Vail Avenue belonging to Darrell D. Wallace and Valerie R. Wallace.

The property owner was not present for this hearing.

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

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 208 Vail Avenue.

Ordinance No. 6895/12-03

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/12/2012

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 76

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

Ordinance - Vacate/Close Dwelling - 1117 Young Place

120005

Adoption of an ordinance ordering the Inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 1117 Young Place belonging to Terina Potts.

The property owner was not present at this hearing.

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

Adopted Ordinance ordering the inspector to effectuate the vacating and closing of a dwelling located at 1117 Young Place belonging to Terina Potts.

Ordinance No. 6896/12-04

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 77

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

**PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair**

Committee Members: Sims, Henley and Moore

(all were present)

Resolution of Intent - Street Abandonment 12-01 - Ardmore Circle

120007

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, February 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon a portion of Ardmore Circle abutting the south boundary of a property addressed as 209 Edgedale Drive.

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

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, February 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request to abandon a portion of Ardmore Circle abutting the south boundary of a property addressed as 209 Edgedale Drive.

Resolution No. 1700/12-01

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 51

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

Resolution of Intent - Annexation 12-01 - S. Scientific Street

120008

Approval of a Resolution of Intent that establishes a public hearing date of Monday, February 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 0.48 acres. The area to be annexed is lying approximately 300 feet east of S. Scientific Street and approximately 175 feet south of E. Kivett Drive. The property is also known as a portion of Guilford County Tax Parcel 0185907.

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

Adopted Resolution of Intent establishing a public hearing date of Monday, February 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 0.48 acres, lying approximately 300 feet east of S. Scientific Street and approximately 175 feet south of E. Kivett Drive.

Resolution No. 1701/12-02

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 52

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

Land Use Plan Amendment Case 11-04 - City of High Point - Core City Plan

110239

A request by the City of High Point Planning and Development Department to amend the Land Use Plan for eight Core City neighborhoods predominately from higher intensity to lower intensity designations in accordance with the recommendations of the Core City Plan. (See also Legislative File # 110261 for Land Use Amendments adopted at the 12/19/11 meeting)

Chairman Whitley explained the Committee met on December 20th to discuss the remaining six neighborhoods, but due to the lack of a quorum at the committee meeting, a decision was made to proceed and bring the remaining maps forward to Council for consideration.

He asked if there were any comments from Council Members. There being none, he proceeded to make a motion to approve the remaining maps without further review.

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

Adopted Resolution amending the Land Use Plan for the remaining six Core City neighborhoods predominately from higher intensity to lower intensity designations in accordance with the recommendations of the Core City Plan.

Resolution No. 1702/12-03

Introduced 11/21/2011

Adopted 1/17/2012

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 53

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

Resolution Correcting New Ward Boundaries

120017

Staff is requesting adoption of a Resolution Correcting New Ward Boundaries and approval of the Modified Horizontal Plan- Version 2 (D) Corrected map due to discovery of a minor problem with the boundary line between Wards 2 and 3 that did not conform to the statistical information previously submitted.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's agenda, **a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander to suspend the rules relative to placing this matter on tonight's agenda for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Smothers explained that it was brought to the city's attention that there was an issue in conforming the statistical data with the actual lines on the map that was submitted to the Department of Justice and this affected twenty seven people in that particular area. Staff reexamined the boundary lines between Ward 2 and Ward 3 and have brought forward the corrected maps and a resolution for consideration. Both Council Members Douglas and Pugh were consulted since it involved Ward 2 and Ward 3 and both concurred with the changes.

Adopted resolution amending the map to reflect these changes.

Resolution No. 1703/12-04

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 53

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

**Reinstatement/Replacement of Commission Members - Planning & Zoning Commission,
Board of Adjustment & Historic Preservation Commission**

120009

Consideration of the reinstatement or replacement of members that lost voting status on the Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission due to noncompliance with the city's attendance requirement.

Council Member Sims pointed out there might have been a conflict for Mary Knight due to the day the Historic Preservation Commission holds its meetings and noted she has just rotated off the Housing Authority who also meets on Wednesdays. She stated she didn't have a problem replacing Ms. Knight, but wanted Council to know that Wednesday evenings are problematic in the African-American community because people go to Bible Study on Wednesdays.

Regarding Keith McInnis' absences, Council Member Douglas suggested he be left on the Planning & Zoning Commission for the time being since he missed most of the meetings due to work conflicts. Mayor Smothers suggested Council Member Douglas contact Mr. McInnis since he resides in Ward 2 and see if the absences might be of a temporary nature, or if he expects to have continued conflicts because of his responsibilities as assistant athletic director. Council Member Douglas agreed to contact Mr. McInnis to see how his schedule is and any anticipated future conflicts.

There being no further discussion, the Committee recommended the removal of Mary Knight on the Historic Preservation Commission; the reinstatement of Greg Adzima and Peter Freeman on the Historic Preservation Commission; and to defer any action on Keith McInnis' term on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Approved the preceding reinstatements, removal and deferred action.

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

Proposed Property Swap and Annexation Agreement with City of Archdale

120018

Council is requested to authorize staff to proceed with negotiations on the property swam and the annexation agreement with the City of Archdale.

Since this matter did not originally appear on tonight's agenda, **a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander to suspend the rules relative to placing this matter on tonight's agenda for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.**

Authorized staff to proceed with negotiations on the proposed property swap and the annexation agreement with the City of Archdale.

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

Pending Items

Resolution - Street Abandonment 11-07 - City of High Point - Gaylord Court

110234

A request by the Technical Review Committee to abandon a partially improved street right-of-way, known as Gaylord Court, located along the north side of Washington Street approximately 900 feet west of Eccles Place.

Staff is recommending this matter be withdrawn from the agenda at this time. Lee Burnette, Director of Planning & Development, explained a question came up at the public hearing regarding use of the right-of-way and staff determined that the right-of-way could possibly be used as an alley access.

Removed matter from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 5:15 P.M.

Cynthia Davis

Cynthia Davis, who resides at 413 Evergreen Avenue in High Point, addressed Council regarding concerns with how the Police Department handled a recent breaking and entering at her neighbors house. She expressed disappointment that her neighbor was told by the Police Department to gather information because it wasn't the police's responsibility to go knock on doors. She felt this behavior was very unprofessional. She also reported on another incident involving a bon-fire behind her residence on Saturday which she also called the Police Department. She noted they did send an officer out, but he never got out of his vehicle.

Mayor Smothers asked Ms. Davis if her neighborhood has started a neighborhood watch. Ms. Davis replied they've had one for six years now and she did make them aware of the incident

Jimmy Morgan

Jimmy Morgan, who resides at 8625 Bull Road in Colfax, informed Council that he would like to make some comments regarding the last agenda item (120016 Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05- City of High Point), but would be leaving because he had to attend a meeting in Greensboro at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Morgan submitted his written comments to the City Clerk to include as part of the record in the case that he had to leave before the matter was discussed. [Mr. Morgan's written comments will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings].

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

Resolution - Expenditures for Economic Development Purposes - Solstas Lab Partners

120006

Tuesday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m. is the date and time to receive public comments concerning the authorization of economic development incentives for the proposed expansion of Solstas Lab Partners, an existing High Point company.

- Incentives would not exceed \$846,500 and would be pursuant to an incentive agreement containing benchmarks and a schedule for payment.
- The company would create 500 additional jobs in High Point over a five-year period.
- The average wage of those new jobs would be \$45,560.
- The company would add \$11.6 million to the city's tax base.

The public hearing for this matter was duly held as advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Loren Hill, President of the High Point Economic Development Corporation, provided an overview of the incentives request from Solstas Lab Partners, who is a medical and diagnostic laboratories co-headquartered in High Point. Solstas Labs is one of the largest full-service laboratories in the nation and the company currently has 721 full-time equivalent employees in High Point. For this project, High Point is competing with locations in Knoxville, Tennessee and Roanoke, Virginia (cities where they already have a significant presence). Should Solstas Lab Partners choose High Point for this major expansion:

500 additional jobs would be created over a five-year period;
the average wage of those 500 new jobs would be \$45,560;
the company would add \$11.6 million to the local tax base;
the project will accommodate the expansion of the company's information technology, human resources, and other office/lab functions.

Mr. Hill reported that of the current High Point based employees, 52% are white; 43% are African-American; and the remaining 5% are Native American, Hispanic, or Asian. He also pointed out that Solstas Lab Partners is very active in the community. The company and its employees have contributed to various local charitable groups

such as the United Way of Greater High Point, The Foundation for High Point Regional Health System; The Special Olympics; The American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and American Cancer Society, etc....

The company has asked High Point to consider authorizing incentives for the project. If the City Council authorizes incentives, the monies would be paid out over a 4-year period (subject to an incentive agreement containing benchmarks the company would have to meet). Mr. Hill informed Council that the Guilford County Commissioners would also hold a public hearing on Thursday for \$500,000 in incentives for this major project and the State of North Carolina and state community college system are considering participation as well.

Mr. Hill noted the incentive under consideration from High Point could have been as much as \$846,500, depending on where the company would locate their expansion. Should Solstas Lab Partners choose High Point, it would expand in buildings in the city limits of High Point that are adjacent to or very near its existing Piedmont Centre buildings. The High Point incentive would not exceed \$500,000--that's \$1,000 per job (using the city's job creation incentive policy for the first time).

Solstas is aware of High Point's incentives policy and has agreed to use one of its High Point buildings' address or a High Point post office box as its official address and Solstas is also aware that it needs to call itself a High Point company. To hire the 500 new employees, following High Point's incentive policy, Solstas would hold a job fair in central High Point and has met with officials from the Guilford County Workforce Development Board and the local office of the NC Employment Security Commission and will be working closely with them on the job fair and hiring needs.

Mr. Hill pointed out Solstas plans to make its decision within a few weeks after the city and county public hearings are held and the company anticipates to begin this new expansion project by the middle of this year.

Following the overview Dr. Michael Hanbury, Clinical Pathologist and Chief Operating Officer for Solstas Lab Partners, addressed Council in support of the incentives request. Dr. Hanbury provided a brief history on the company which was founded in 1977 by founding members: High Point Regional, Moses Cone and Forsyth health care systems. He noted they are very much a patient centric organization, a physician centric organization and they really to focus efforts on providing the best quality of care in laboratory services possible for the institutions they support, the patients and the physicians around them.

He shared that the company has enjoyed growth throughout the 2000 decade and was sold in 2009 to a private equity group at which point the company changed management. He noted David Weevil, the Chief Executive Officer and President, recreated the company and built a new management process around it and embarked on a growth process to carry the company in a growth program throughout the southeast. He noted that although the acquisition opportunities are uncertain and carry risk, they are moving forward to embark on a program to build a world class national laboratory and he very much looks forward to the opportunity of doing that in

High Point.

At this time, Chairman Whitley asked if there were any questions of Dr. Hanbury. Council Member Sims asked if the company plans to spread out across all locations in High Point with this expansion. Dr. Hanbury replied that in terms of physical locations, there would be likely density growth in multiple buildings, but there would be predominant buildings. Council Member Pugh asked if any of the expansion would go into South High Point. Dr. Hanbury explained this would be a possibility; however, just because of geographic proximity and facility of operations being proximate to each other--most business relations within the company require proximity or at least are facilitated by proximity.

Council Member Corey inquired about the 500 jobs that are proposed over a five-year period and asked how many of these positions might be filled by High Point residents. Dr. Hanbury stated he could not give him a specific answer and the intent would be to post the jobs and actively create market incentives while conducting job fairs within High Point to specifically fill those open positions. He asked Pam Randleman, Director of Human Resources for the company, to elaborate.

Ms. Randleman explained they have met with the Workforce Development group and with GTCC and would be going through a process to determine what skills would be needed and what training opportunities there would be for the people in the community. She pointed out Solstas has added 300 jobs in the last two years, but not all of those came from High Point specifically. She explained that they look at the entire market to find people with the skills they need, but would certainly be open to providing opportunities wherever there are people who have those skill sets in conjunction with GTCC for training programs. Loren Hill added that Lillian Plummer and the Guilford County Workforce folks are aware of the City Council's desire to give High Point residents the opportunity. Mayor Smothers felt the opportunity for training would be something High Point would be anxious to offer its citizens because health services is the growth industry.

Council Member Henley thanked Dr. Hanbury for the honesty of his response and expressed appreciation to him for taking that approach. He asked Dr. Hanbury if an affirmative vote from the City Council and from the Guilford County Commissioners would put this decision in a very favorable light and Dr. Hanbury replied that it would. Council Member Alexander thanked Solstas for the 721 full-time equivalent jobs already in High Point.

At this time, Chairman Whitley opened the floor to the public for comments and asked those desiring to speak either in support of or in opposition to this request to please come forward.

Bobby Smith, President of the United Way of Greater High Point, who resides at 3827 Lilly Street in High Point, addressed Council in support of the request. He pointed out that the company is a good corporate citizen who has a strong condition of supporting the community. He shared that Solstas Lab Partners currently raise approximately \$40,000 for the United Way of Greater High Point as well as offers support for other

non-profits.

Tom Dayvault, President of the High Point Chamber of Commerce, who resides at 124 Willoughby Park Drive, also spoke in support and encouraged Council to support the incentives request. He referred to the company as a "grand slam home run" because of the proposed 500 jobs and being a wonderful corporate citizen.

David Willett, who resides at 1501 Delk Drive in High Point, addressed Council in opposition to the incentives request. As Mr. Willett pulled a light bulb from a brown paper bag, he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that the money for incentives comes from the Electric Fund, so not everybody contributes to these incentives. City Manager Strib Boynton explained incentives are now funded by both the Electric Fund and the General Fund which is the property and sales tax part of the city's budget. Mr. Willett suggested all incentives come out of the General Fund so everyone could contribute and felt taking it out of the Electric Fund was unfair to the small consumer and shifting the burden to the homeowners.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak. There being no further comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, Chairman Whitley entertained additional comments from Council. Council Member Corey noted that while he is not an advocate for giving public tax dollars for a private business for economic development as a general rule, this company would be providing 500 jobs at a very decent salary and more importantly would be providing a service that will not be out sourced to some other countries overseas. Additionally, the company would be making an investment in High Point and adding to the tax base and the company has shown it has a tremendous interest in being a participant in the local community by working with other non-profits. He felt in this particular case, these incentives would be a definite plus for High Point.

Council Member Pugh noted that while he typically is not a proponent of corporate incentives, since this is a premium company with a large amount of jobs that are desperately needed, although he would have loved to have seen some go into south High Point. He offered his support of these incentives, but asked Council to look at the other end of the spectrum to those in need who continue to struggle to meet their utility bills. He noted there are non-profit agencies in the city that distribute money and provide assistance to those that can't pay the bills and he would make a proposal in the near future that the city contribute \$100,000 for this.

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

Adopted the Resolution concerning expenditures by the City of High Point for Economic Development purposes authorizing up to \$500,000 in incentives to Solstas Lab Partners.

Resolution No. 1705/12-06

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 56

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

**PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE - Council Member Whitley, Chair**

Resolution - Street Abandonment 11-08 - High Point University

120010

A request by High Point University to abandon an unimproved portion of Sherwood Place located between N. Centennial Street and Willoubar Terrace.

The public hearing for this matter was held as duly advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Bob Robbins of Planning & Development gave an overview of the staff report which is hereby attached as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Council Member Sims expressed concerns that the only ingress and egress would be through North Avenue. Mr. Robbins explained that the right-of-way on Sherwood Place was full of vegetation and fully unimproved so it was not passable at all. Lee Burnette, Director of Planning & Development, pointed out there's never been any connectivity between Willoubar over to Fifth Street and motorists have always had to come out that way.

Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked the petitioner to come forward.

Don Scarborough, 1108 Ferndale, Vice President of Community Relations at High Point University, addressed Council in support of the request. He pointed out the Sherwood property is within the university's area plan as accepted by the city and the university owns all properties adjacent to this property. High Point University is asking that the property be turned over to them for further development of the university plan.

Chairman Whitley asked if there were any additional comments. There being none, 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.

Adopted Resolution authorizing the abandonment of an unimproved portion of Sherwood Place located between N. Centennial Street and Willoubar Terrace.

Resolution No. 1206/12-07

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Resolution Book Volume XVII, Page 57

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

Ordinance - Annexation 11-05 - City of High Point

120011

A request by the City of High Point (Transportation Department) to consider a voluntary contiguous annexation of approximately 7 acres. The area to be annexed is lying west of the Guilford/Davidson County line, north of the Westover Park subdivision, west of Shadow Valley Road and south of Westover Drive. The property is also known as Davison County Tax Parcels 0100800000002B, 01008A0000001 and 01008A0000003.

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter 120012 Ordinance-Rezoning Case 11-12- City of High Point was held as duly advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Following the conclusion of the staff report, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing for comments. There being no one present to offer comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

Adopted Ordinance providing for the annexation of this property. Annexation to be effective upon adoption.

Ordinance No. 6897/12-05

Introduced 1/17/2012

Adopted 1/17/2012

Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 78

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

Ordinance - Rezoning Case 11-12 - City of High Point

120012

A request by the City of High Point to rezone approximately 7 acres from the Rural Agricultural-3 (RA-3) District, within Davidson County's zoning jurisdiction, to the Residential Multifamily-8 (RM-8) and Residential Multifamily-12 (RM-12) Districts. The site is located west of the Guilford/Davidson County line, north of the Westover Park subdivision, west of Shadow Valley Road and south of Westover Drive. Approval of this rezoning request is contingent upon City Council approval of a voluntary annexation request.

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matter 120011 Ordinance-Annexation 11-05- City of High Point was duly held as advertised on Tuesday,

January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Herb Shannon of Planning and Development gave an overview of the staff report which is hereby incorporated as a permanent part of these proceedings.

Following the conclusion of the staff report, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing for comments. There being no one present to offer comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

Adopted Ordinance amending the official zoning map providing for the rezoning of this property from the Rural Agricultural-3 (RA-3) District within Davidson County's zoning jurisdiction, to the Residential Multifamily-8 (RM-8) and Residential Multifamily-12 (RM-12) Districts based on the city's adopted plans. Additionally, the Council finds this action to be reasonable and in the public interest because: 1) the request is consistent with the adopted plans; 2) the requested RM-8 and RM-12 Districts are the same as existing multifamily zoning to the north and south of the zoning site; and 3) the request will promote an orderly urban growth pattern as the zoning site is surrounded on three sides by the city's corporate limits and facilitates the construction of a citizens approved street extension.

Ordinance No. 6898/12-06 Introduced 1/17/2012
Adopted 1/17/2012
Ordinance Book Volume XVII, Page 79

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

Ordinance - Rezoning Case 11-14 - Cambridge Oaks LLC

120013

A request by Cambridge Oaks LLC to rezone approximately 4.2 acres from the Conditional Use Residential Multifamily-5 (CU RM-5) District to a Conditional Zoning Residential Multifamily-8 (CZ RM-8) District. The site is lying southwest of Chestnut Drive and Cambridge Oaks Drive.

The public hearing for this matter was duly held as advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Council Member Sims questioned staff's statement that the development would be either twinhomes, townhomes or single family. Mr. Shannon explained that the intent is that it be either all single family or all townhome/twinhomes to ensure compatibility.

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

Judy Stalder, 1814 Eastchester Drive, representing the petitioner, Cambridge Oaks, LLC, addressed Council in support of the rezoning request. She explained that there are currently single family and townhomes in this development and the single family homes tend to be selling faster than the townhomes, so they were asking that Council allow them the flexibility to build for the market. She noted the conditional zoning applications does reflect their intent to keep the development built with the same design standards originally proposed. Ms. Stalder also reported they met with the other residents and property owners of the subdivision and they voiced no objection to this change.

Council Member Sims asked followed up on a question she previously asked staff regarding how the single family, townhome, twinhomes orientation would work. Ms. Stalder felt if they could do both, they would have to look at it as well as other prototypes on the market to see what could be marketed and what would make it work, but as far as being held to one or the other, they were fine with that and their intention is to build single family.

Chairman Whitley asked if there were any additional questions. There being none, he opened the public hearing for comments in support of or in opposition to this request. There being no one present 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.

Adopted Ordinance amending the official zoning map authorizing the rezoning of this property from the Conditional Use Residential Multifamily-5 (CU RM-5) District to a Conditional Zoning Residential Multifamily-8 (CA RM-8) District based on consistency with the city's adopted plans. Additionally, Council finds this action to be reasonable and in the public interest because conditions offered by the applicant address objectives of the Land Use Plan and will ensure development of the zoning site would be compatible with adjacent uses.

Ordinance No. 6899/12-07

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

Ordinance - Rezoning Case 11-15 - City of High Point

120014

A request by the City of High Point City Council to amend the Airport Overlay District based on information provided in the Piedmont Triad International Airport FAR Part 150 Study. The Airport Overlay District boundaries are recommended to change in two areas. One is the Western Area, which is west of Sandy Ridge Road/Kendale Road; the other is the Eastern Area, which is generally east of NC 68.

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matters **120015 Text Amendment 11-10 and 120016 Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05** as duly advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Note: The presentation of **120016 Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05** will be heard separately with Heidi Galanti of Planning & Development providing an overview of the staff report for this matter.

Doug Loveland of Planning & Development provided an overview of the staff report for this matter (Rezoning Case 11-15) and related matter 120015 Text Amendment 11-10. [the staff report will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings]. Staff is recommending in favor of the map and text amendment as it adjusts the boundary of the districts to more accurately fit the anticipated nighttime aircraft noise level which helped the intended purpose of the district. He noted the statement of consistency incorporated in the staff reports reflects this recommendation and pointed out the Planning & Zoning Commission is forwarding these matters to Council without recommendation due to a 4-4 split vote.

Council Member Alexander questioned staff's use of "anticipated nighttime noise" in the staff report because FedEx is not yet operating at their peak. Mr. Loveland explained the PART 150 made an assumption of peak operations in 2014 and used the number of 126 total arrivals and departures and according to a briefing the Council had in September, the airport indicated that FedEx is no where near that level presently and the general assumption is as the economy improves, the flight levels will increase. He pointed out the noise contours in the PART 150 are based on anticipated levels, not based on the present levels.

Council Member Alexander asked staff if any complaints had been received about noise. Mr. Loveland noted that he was not aware of any complaints that the airport might have received, but staff had received some calls from residents saying they have noticed aircraft over flights, noise, and even some complaints about rattling windows while some residents thought the noise was loud, others said it didn't bother them so much.

At this time, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there were any comments.

Jimmy Morgan, 8625 Bull Road in Colfax, addressed Council. He shared a conversation he had with his brother who works for Fed Ex and he asked him if the flights were picking up since the new runway was operational. He noted his brother told him that FedEx might have one extra flight per day and for the most part, the FedEx planes do not currently use the new runway because the distance to access it is farther which increases their fuel costs.

Steve Showers, 3703 Waterwheel Court, addressed Council in opposition. He expressed concerns that his property value would go down making his house difficult to sell because of the requirement to disclose the overlay district to prospective buyers. He asked Council not to adopt this and recommended Council revisit it

possibly in the future when the noise level is at the anticipated level.

Linda Simmons Mansfield, 1121 Skeet Club Road, addressed Council in opposition to this request. She informed Council that her property is located in Zone 4 and she did not receive a notice of a public hearing. She, too, expressed concerns regarding her property value decreasing and the effect this would have on trying to sell her house. She asked Council to wait until there was really a noise problem so they wouldn't have to disclose this when trying to sell property.

Marilyn Duraj, 3703 Waterwheel Court, addressed Council in opposition. She informed Council that she didn't get notice of the public hearing because her property is just beyond the 300 feet radius where notices were sent out. She asked Council to consider gathering additional information before approving the rezoning and felt it would be better to wait and see what the noise levels will be.

Nancy Ellis, 3618 Grandway, also addressed Council in opposition. She stated that her property is in Ward 4 and she, too, did not receive notification of the public hearing. She expressed concerns about her property value going down and agreed with the comments already made. She felt it would be better for Council to wait to see what the noise would be like before taking any action.

Steven Bovenkerk, 4512 Wayland Court, also addressed Council in opposition. He explained that he is a 14-year FAA certified aircraft mechanic and aircraft quality control inspector and felt this action was premature and should be delayed until ???????

Mr. Bovenkerk informed Council that he has read and PART 150 study approved by the FAA and understands its contents and the purpose of the PART 150 study was to determine the impact noise affecting nighttime aircraft activity to be used to support the FedEx hub. He noted there are some frequently asked questions such as why the Airport Overlay District zones are changing and these changes are being proposed in response to noise mitigation measures recommended by the PTIA FAR PART 150 study, a noise compatibility study that contains a number of noise mitigation measures for aircraft operations to reduce noise impacts on land uses in the northern part of the High Point planning area from flights operating at PTIA. He pointed out the PART 150 study must be performed every five years with the next one anticipated to being in 2012. He noted the plan is now to have noise monitoring equipment installed and operational by the Spring of 2012 and in his opinion, the boundary or zone changes proposed today shouldn't take place until noise measuring equipment is installed and operational to ensure more accurate measurements, then the noise cones could be reestablished and the boundaries/zones drawn out.

Council Member Alexander pointed out that the city would not be changing the PART 150 study and the zoning has nothing to do with the airport's PART 150 study. Mr. Bovenkerk noted in a round-about way it did because if the zones are changed and submitted to the FAA, it doesn't have to be reevaluate for another five years. Lee Burnette, Director of Planning & Development, stated this was not correct and explained that the zoning is separate from the PART 150 study.

Council Member Corey asked if any of the zoning was done based on noise measurements on the ground. Mr. Bovenkerk replied that it was his understanding that when the Wyle Report was done which was part of the PART 150, there was measuring equipment being used and accepted and everything that he has read and learned up to that point has not been based on noise equipment because the airport doesn't have noise equipment installed now. Council Member Alexander explained he went out with the Wyle group when they were doing their testing for the Wyle study and monitoring equipment was being used although it was not permanently mounted.

Mr. Bovenkerk agreed that some changes would have to be made and suggested that more educated decisions on the noise cones and how the rezoning would be impacted could be made once PTIA installs and evaluates their equipment.

Mayor Smothers asked staff to elaborate on the terms of the timing for this action. Mr. Burnette explained staff is using the best information available, the PART 150 study that the Airport Authority is utilizing and to wait for the noise to get to a level where people complain is basically too late. He pointed out there are a number of folks that will be making property decisions uninformed of the impact if nothing is done.

Council Member Henley felt it would be good to get some advice from the High Point Board of Realtors on the disclosure issue and felt it would be incumbent upon all realtors to disclose this information regardless of whether or not the city requires it. He asked Judy Stalder if she could respond. Ms. Stalder noted the North Carolina Real Estate Commission changed their residential property and disclosure which is required from the sale of all residential property (with a few exceptions) so there is something already in place for residential properties near airports that experience that noise. She explained that realtors do not fill out the document, they are only required to provide it to the seller for them to complete and the seller has the option of answering the question that asks is your property near an airport and does it experience airport noise.

Mr. Burnette informed Council that staff does identify residential property that is subject to the NC Property Disclosure Act and it does create an opportunity for potential buyers who don't receive this information to take legal action. Mayor Smothers expressed concerns about the number of people who are saying they didn't get any notice and questioned if the seller could be held accountable if the city was sending out disclosure directives that were not getting to the people. Mr. Burnette noted notices were sent out only to the residents in the two areas subject to the change and it only applied to city provide. He added that staff does provide public notification based upon the tax logs so there could be situations where people have got on the tax listing after the last closing and staff may not have had that information. He noted a lot of the notifications that were sent out were returned as undeliverable.

Council Member Sims asked the city attorney if there would be any liability issues should those areas not be included knowing that there is a PART 150 study that identifies these areas that can be potentially impacted by noise. City Attorney Fred

Baggett stated that possibility does exist and noted there are currently airport noise cases that have just been initiated in Charlotte against the City of Charlotte as a result of their airport. He noted he couldn't say from a legal standpoint that it would be best for the city to do that and he couldn't say that it would insulate the city from liability.

Council Member Alexander asked if any hard data might be available indicating the proximity of an airport or an overlay district impacts property values. Mr. Burnette replied that staff hasn't seen any data, but has not seen any difference in development patterns or housing.

Wanda Stewart, 4402 Garden Club Street, addressed Council in opposition. She noted her property is located in Zone 4 and stated she has no problem if the overlay has to be set in place because of the noise. She expressed concerns about her property values declining again after already being hit with the economy issues and the first overlay. She informed Council that she recently refinanced her mortgage and there was a \$16,500 disparity between the assessed tax value and the appraisal. She asked if the assessed property values would be revisited and adjusted should the overlay be put in place.

Mayor Smothers thought it would be interesting to find out what the county has established as part of the revaluation process. Council Member Alexander pointed out that the city has not control over assessing the property values, this is done by Guilford County. Ms. Stewart stated she understood, but wanted to point out that the impact of the noise does have a negative effect on property value. She stated she would like to see a study done on the noise with additional information on the potential impact the noise could have on residents that live in these areas before anything is actually put into place.

Council Member Moore asked Ms. Stewart if she was ever told or had anything in writing to the fact that her property value decreased due to the overlay and felt it would be more appraisal, economy, foreclosure driven than the overlay that had been put into place. Ms. Stewart explained that her home was built in 1999 prior to the standards being in place for upgraded windows, doors, and insulation to reduce the noise levels inside the homes and for this reason, in order for her to sell her home, there would be extra costs involved that would negatively impact the value.

At this time, Chairman Whitley closed the public hearing and moved that the Rezoning Case 11-15 and Text Amendment 11-10 be placed in committee. Council Member Moore made a second to the motion.

For further discussion, Council Member Sims explained that according to the text amendment, there was no requirement in Zone 4 for any type of mitigation to be done in terms of interior noise. She stated while she has no problem putting this in committee, she felt some of the questions raised tonight should be addressed as soon as possible. She noted the objection from most of the individuals she has spoken to has been regarding the disclosure requirement. She pointed out that she doesn't live anywhere near the airport, but noisy planes routinely fly over her house during the wee hours of the morning.

Council Member Henley agreed it was an issue of disclosure versus non-disclosure and reiterated that as long as the overlay district exists, it should be an issue that is disclosed.

Mayor Smothers offered support for placing it in committee, but asked that the first order of business would be to discuss what additional information the Council desires and the questions that have been raised tonight.

The Mayor asked if there were any additional comments. There being none, she called for a vote on the motion to place the Rezoning Case 11-15 and the Text Amendment 11-10 in committee. The motion carried unanimously. [9-0 vote]

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

Ordinance - Text Amendment 11-10 - City of High Point

120015

A request by the City of High Point Planning & Development Department to amend Section 9-4-4(d) of the Development Ordinance, entitled Airport Overlay Districts; primarily being an amendment to reference the FAR Part 150 Study for Piedmont Triad International Airport as the basis for the four overlay zones.

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matters **120014 Rezoning Case 11-15 and 120016 Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05** as duly advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Note: The presentation of **120016 Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05** will be heard separately with Heidi Galanti of Planning & Development providing an overview of the staff report for this matter.

Please refer to **120014 Rezoning Case 11-15** for specific comments made at the public hearing for this matter since it was a joint public hearing.

Following the conclusion of the public hearing on this matter, motion was made by Chairman Whitley, seconded by Council Member Moore to place this matter in committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Whitley, seconded by Council Member Alexander, that this matter be referred to the Planning, Economic Dev. & Information Technology Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05 - City of High Point

120016

A request by the City of High Point City Council to change the land use designation for approximately 120 acres from Medium Density Residential to Restricted Industrial and to change the future land use designation for approximately 79 acres from Low Density Residential to Future Growth Area. The property lies between two branches of the West Fork of the Deep River on either side of Bunker Hill Road adjacent to and south of I-40.

The joint public hearing for this matter and related matters **120014 Ordinance-Rezoning Case 11-15- City of High Point and 120015 Text Amendment 11-05** was held as duly advertised on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Heidi Galanti of Planning & Development gave an overview of the staff report for Land Use Plan Amendment 11-05. [the staff report is hereby incorporated as a permanent part of these proceedings].

Mayor Smothers asked if the city would disclose the proposed runway expansion for those interested in that particular area. Ms. Galanti noted staff has not ever been presented with disclosing that there is a third parallel runway. Lee Burnette, Director of Planning & Development, explained it would be like any plan for any other jurisdictions. The Mayor felt it would be unfair for the city to require other folks to make disclosures if the city doesn't.

Chairman Whitley asked Ms. Galanti about staff's preference between the original proposal and the proposal from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Galanti replied that staff's preference would be what was originally proposed by staff and reiterated that future growth just isn't sending any message except the city doesn't want growth in that area right now.

At this time, Chairman Whitley opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak.

Jimmy Morgan, 8625 Bull Road in Colfax, addressed Council. [He previously submitted written comments which will be incorporated as a permanent part of these proceedings]. He expressed concern that the City of High Point is overstepping its authority in setting land use plan designations for areas outside the city limits. He felt these changes were sending messages to the city and county residents that maybe High Point does not want farms any more and maybe High Point does not want them to pass their farm land on to their kids so their kids can build a house on the property. Mr. Morgan pointed out a lot of changes have taken place that have affected this area--changes that were never brought to them. He expressed concerns that this is where High Point gets its drinking water and the changes that are being allowed could taint the water system. He felt this was not proper planning vision because people that live in High Point would be drinking the water and believed opening this area up to

future growth would be sending the wrong message to county residents because the only way the growth would happen is for the developer to come in and have to petition for annexation into the city. He called this a shadowy attempt to stake a claim on property and coax residents into doing something they do not want to do.

Marianne Royle, 1502 Kenmare Court, addressed Council in opposition to the Land Use Plan Amendment. She also submitted written comments that will be attached in Legistar as a permanent part of these proceedings. In her opinion, these changes, and the infliction of FS-0707B, which would impose a four-lane divided highway over a quiet country road, and two bridges over farms and wetlands are sides of the same coin: that of pushing High Point's city limits far beyond the desires of residents in the area covered. She expressed concerns that High Point feels it must promulgate land use plans for Guilford County and highway plans for the State of North Carolina and felt this was unfair because the residents in these areas do not have the right to vote for or against High Point City Council members.

Chairman Whitley asked if there was anyone else in the audience that would like to come forward. There being none, the public hearing was declared closed and he asked for any additional comments/questions by Council.

Council Member Pugh stated he was more of a proponent in looking inward than outward and as he looks at the condition of the southeast quadrant of High Point, he sees so much potential there that the city could utilize more because it already has streets, infrastructure, etc..... Mayor Smothers stated that while she also shares Mr. Morgan's concern about the protection of the city's headwaters/watershed, she was not comfortable that the other jurisdictions feel the same way. She pointed out that this is part of the growth issue that the city has committed to through annexation agreements with the Town of Kernersville and the City of Greensboro and the city has already made considerable investments in that area.

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

Adopted Resolution changing the land use designation for approximately 120 acres from Medium Density Residential to Restricted Industrial and changing the future land use designation for approximately 79 acres from Low Density Residential to Future Growth Area based on consistency with the city's Land Use Plan goals, objectives and policies to promote an urban growth pattern that occurs in an orderly fashion and conserves the land resources of the city and its planning area and relevance of the Area Plans by promoting efficient, environmentally friendly development through maintaining the Future Growth Area land use designation the continuation of High Point's water and sewer extension policy.

Resolution No. 1707/12-08

Introduced 1/17/2012

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

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

For Information Only:

Recognition of Boy Scouts

Mayor Smothers recognized Caleb & Jason Bryson, members of Boy Scout Troop #57 from Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Thomasville.

Concealed Handguns in City Parks Revisited

Council Member Moore announced that he may have voted differently on the this matter when it came before Council on December 19th because in hindsight, he realizes that crimes are being committed and he now looks at this as possibly taking away an individual's right to carry a weapon for protection. He asked that the Public Safety & Community Development Committee monitor the implementation of this part of the ordinance as it goes forward to see what the results or implications are.

Council Member Pugh added that he, too, is a proponent of concealed carry permits by lawful citizens who have gone through the screening process and has one himself. He pointed out that people with concealed carry permits don't generally commit crimes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca R. Smothers, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City Clerk