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**A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred,
NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied**

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

April 17, 2018
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Sandi Hood, Director of Community Outreach, Catawba Valley Hospice and Palliative Care
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – Presented to Hickory Police Department Telecommunicators. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**

Mayor Guess read and presented a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to Hickory Police Department Telecommunicators.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Regular Meeting of April 3, 2018. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
- A2** A. Budget Revision Number 18. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.
- A** A. Approval of the Community Relations Council's Recommendation for the Spring 2018 Grant Cycle Funding. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

As part of the Community Relations Council's (CRC) work plan and annual budget process, the Community Relations Council receives funds to disperse during the fiscal year through the CRC grant process. Non-profit agencies working with diverse populations in Hickory are eligible for grant funding. The grant proposal must show how the program under consideration fits into the CRC goals and mission and how the program will serve to improve human relations in the Hickory area. For the Spring 2018 grant cycle, the CRC received eight grant applications for projects totaling \$9,025 and is recommending approval of six of the grants totaling \$6,450. The following applicants were recommended for funding: Greater Hickory Tennis Association - \$750; Hickory Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. - \$1,500; Hickory Soup Kitchen - \$1,000; Historical Association of Catawba County - \$500; Catawba Regional Hospice - \$1,200;

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Special Olympics North Carolina \$1,500. Funds are available in the CRC budget for the recommended grant approvals. The Community Relations Council recommends funding of the six grants totaling \$6,450.

- A B.** Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) and Committing to a Twenty Percent Match of the Funding. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

The City has submitted three Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable grant applications to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization: Book Walk, from City Walk to the Ridgeview Library - \$2,500,000 (\$2,000,000 federal funding and \$500,000 local match); Book Walk South, from the Ridgeview Library to the Walmart Neighborhood Grocery Store at US 70 - \$4,000,000 (\$3,200,000 federal funding and \$800,000 local match). There is a proposed crosswalk connecting Book Walk South to the Walmart Neighborhood Grocery Store; Riverwalk, from Old Lenoir Road to the end of Rosales Bridge - \$2,000,000 (partial funding). Book Walk, Book Walk South and Riverwalk are part of a much larger multi-use path system being developed by the City of Hickory. Book Walk will create a better connection for the citizens of the Ridgeview Community and other adjacent neighborhoods in southwest Hickory to the downtown area and other parts of the City. Book Walk South will continue the connection of Book Walk for the citizens of the Ridgeview Community and other adjacent neighborhoods in southwest Hickory to the downtown area and with the existing grocery store on US 70. Riverwalk connects with other multi-use projects that will tie together proposed development around the lake with the downtown area and Lenoir Rhyne University as well as connecting numerous neighborhoods along the way. Staff requests Council's approval of the Resolution supporting the grant applications and committing to the 20 percent match.

- A C.** Approval of the Sponsorship Agreements for the Presenting, and Premiere Sponsors for the Friday Night Sails Original Music Series in May, June, and September of 2018. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

The Sails Original Music Series is a music event that is held every Friday in May, June, and September at the Sails on the Square in downtown Hickory. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The event brings in musicians from all over the United States and some international musicians and is attracting people from the local community, as well as regionally. The Office of Communications has been able to secure sponsorships from local business partners that want to be branded with the event and are willing to provide support to offset some of the costs to produce the event. We have a presenting sponsor and two premiere sponsors for May and September. Lowes Foods has agreed to take the presenting sponsorship at \$6,000. The Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau has agreed to the premiere sponsor level in the amount of \$1,800 for four events in May and The Hickory Wine Shoppe has agreed to the premiere sponsor level in the amount of \$1,800 for four events in September. Staff recommends approval of the sponsorship agreements which include Lowes Foods, The Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, and The Hickory Wine Shoppe.

- A1 D.** Approval to Modify the Traffic Ordinance to Increase the Speed Limit from 35 mph to 45 mph along Startown Road within the City Limits and to Increase the Speed Limit from 45 mph to 50 mph along McDonald Parkway within the City Limits. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff request Council's approval to modify the Traffic Ordinance to increase the speed limit from 35 mph to 45 mph along Startown Road within the City limits and to increase the speed limit from 45 mph to 50 mph along McDonald Parkway within the City limits. In an effort to make the speed limit consistent along Startown Road, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting the speed limit ordinance be changed to allow 45 mph within the City limits. Also, after numerous citizen concerns, NCDOT evaluated the speed limit along McDonald Parkway and determined it can be raised to 50 mph. Public Services Traffic Division has worked with NCDOT regarding the new ordinances and agree to the speed limits adjustments along Startown Road (45

mph) and McDonald Parkway (50 mph). The Traffic Division is prepared to change speed limit signage along these roadways reflecting the new speed limits. Reimbursement per the Municipal Maintenance Agreement will apply from NCDOT for the sign installation. Staff recommends Council's approval to modify the Traffic Ordinance to increase the speed limit from 35 mph to 45 mph along Startown Road within the City limits and to increase the speed limit from 45 mph to 50 mph along McDonald Parkway within the City limits.

PH E. Call for a Public Hearing – Consideration of Text Amendment 18-01, to Update the Hickory Land Development Code. **(Authorize Public Hearing for May 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.E.)**

A/PH F. Call for a Public Hearing for Consideration of a Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by Graystone Enterprises, LLC, located at 2412 Century Place SE, Hickory, containing 3.603 Acres, PIN 3722-05-18-0333. **(Authorize Public Hearing for May 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.F.)**

A1 G. Budget Revision Number 19. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

1. *To transfer \$31,500 from the Water/Sewer Fund into the General Fund to cover one-half of the purchase price of property located at 961 15th Street NE, per Council approval on April 3, 2018. Purchase price is \$60,000 plus a \$3,000 allowance for closing costs. The General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund are each contributing half of the required funds, with the General Fund's portion being handled through a separate Budget Transfer.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Item E was removed from the Consent Agenda. Council discussed the need for a workshop prior to the public hearing. Council called for the Public Hearing to be set on May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building.

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports:

NA 1. Third Quarter Financial Report – Presentation by Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller

A 2. Acceptance of a 2017 Tree City USA Award – Presentation by Landscape Services Manager Jonathan Hogan. **(Exhibit XI.B.2)**

The Tree City USA program was created to provide direction, assistance and national recognition for our community. It is the framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program in the City of Hickory. The award is granted to cities who meet the four criteria of the program that display the community's commitment in celebrating its urban tree canopy and improving the care of its vital city trees. The criteria for eligibility are to have a tree board or department, tree care ordinance, annual community forestry budget of at least \$2.00 per capita and to observe Arbor Day through a proclamation. In acceptance of the award, Landscape Services will coordinate with the Traffic Division to update our Tree City signage on US Highway 321 leading into Hickory as well as on US Highway 70. The City will celebrate and observe Arbor Day on April 21, 2018 in conjunction with Earth Day at our annual event. At this event Landscape

Services will distribute free bare root saplings and planting and tree care information to people in attendance. A tree will also be planted on the lawn area of the Salt Block in celebration. This is the 13th consecutive year the City of Hickory has received this award. Staff recommends Council's acceptance of the 2017 Tree City USA award.

- A** 3. Update on Trivium Corporate Center (Formerly Known As Park 1764) – Presentation by Public Services Director Kevin Greer. **(Exhibit XI.B.3.)**

The City of Hickory identified an area in southeast Hickory that is large enough and conducive to development of a business park, convenient to major roadways and adjacent to significant utility infrastructure. The City of Hickory, Catawba County and the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) have worked on development of this area as a business park for several years and the City and County have agreed to split the cost of development. Trivium Corporate Center is the business park identified for bond proceeds for the bond referendum that was passed by the City of Hickory. The City and EDC have worked on development of the project to a condition that is receptive to marketing. One of the main infrastructure improvements that is necessary for development is to install gravity sanitary sewer to the lowest point on the property. The project advertised for bids on March 29, 2018 and due to insufficient bidders the project had to be re-advertised for receipt of bids on April 9, 2018. Bids were received as follows: Hickory Sand Company, Inc. - \$347,625 and Neill Grading & Construction, Inc. - \$359,907. Bid documents have been reviewed and found to be in proper order. Staff recommends Council's acceptance and award of proposal with Hickory Sand Company, Inc. in the amount of \$347,625 for the construction and installation of the off-site sanitary sewer extension for Trivium Corporate Center.

- A** 3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BOND IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 2-1; 3 Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Alderman Ward 2 Appoints

Jennifer Beane expires 2-1-18 eligible for reappointment
 Kay Schmucker expires 2-1-18 eligible for reappointment

(Note: The representatives for Ward 2 will continue serving until such time as the Ward 2 Alderwoman appoints or reappoints these positions.)

***Ex-Officio Members to Bond Implementation Commission
 (Appointed by Boards and Commissions)***

Catawba County Chamber of Commerce Appointed Virginia Wright

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2 Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 At-Large (Council Appoints)
 (Dana Chambers Resigned 4-3-18)

VACANT

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Ward 2 (C. Williams Appoints)

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Other Minority (Council Appoints)
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HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
(Appointed by City Council)
Burke County (Mayor Appoints)

VACANT

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)
(1) Position

VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large Minority (1) (Council Appoints)
(David Williams no longer eligible)

VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)

VACANT

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 9

VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)

VACANT

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Alderman Lail nominated Mayor Guess as an Alternate Delegate on the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization.

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Challenger High School Representative
Homeschool Representative
St. Stephens High School Representative

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C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

Alderwoman Patton mentioned the Farmer’s Market opens this weekend.

Mayor Guess commented that Arbor Day was going to be hosted by the City of Hickory at the SALT Block on Saturday, April 21st. He was sure there were other events as well this weekend.

Alderwoman Patton commented last weekend was John Ross’ last concert. It was excellent and very well attended.

XIV. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(4) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

1. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of February 20, 2018 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)

2. Discussion of Potential Economic Development – NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4)

XV. Adjournment

***Hickory City Code Section 2-56. Public Address to Council:**

“When conducting public hearings, considering ordinances and otherwise considering matters wherein the public has a right to be heard, when it appears that there are persons present desiring to be heard, the Mayor shall require those opposing and favoring the proposed action to identify themselves. Each side of the matter shall be given equal time. Those opposing the proposed action shall be allowed 15 minutes for presentation, followed by 15 minutes for those favoring the action, with the opponents then to have five minutes for rebuttal and the proponents to then have five minutes for surrebuttal. Those persons on either side shall have the right to divide their allotted time among them as they may choose. The Council, by majority vote, may extend the time for each side equally. On matters in which the person desiring to address the Council does not have a legal right to speak, the Council shall determine whether it will hear the person. The refusal to hear a person desiring to speak may be based upon grounds that the subject matter is confidential, that its public discussion would be illegal, that it is a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Council or for any other cause deemed sufficient by the Council. Any person allowed to speak who shall depart from the subject under discussion or who shall make personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, or who shall become boisterous while addressing the Council shall be declared out of order by the Mayor, or by vote of the Council, and barred from speaking further before the Council unless permission to continue shall be granted by a majority vote of the Council, under such restrictions as the Council may provide.”

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