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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

January 2, 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
 - A. United Arts Council Economic Impact Study – Presentation by Alan Jackson

Mr. Alan Jackson presented City Council with the United Arts Council’s Economic Impact Study.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of December 19, 2017. **(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. Approval of a Future Annexation Agreement for Ghassan and Rana Alkoutami for Properties Located at 2811, 2815 and 2823 20th Street Lane NE, Hickory. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Approval of an Offer to Purchase 21 Acres of Land Adjacent to Henry Fork River Regional Park in the Amount of \$265,000. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Approve the Purchase of the Town of Hildebran’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System in the Amount of \$500,000. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** D. Acceptance and Award of a Contract to Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the Amount of \$61,900 for the Evaluation and Design of the Lenoir-Rhyne University Area Waterline Improvements Project. **(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.** Approve the Donation of Five Vacation Days to be Awarded as Prizes to City Coworkers who Contribute \$25 or More to the City's Rudy Project Fundraising Effort. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

City Employees and the City's Leadership Academy participants are participating in fundraising efforts with Habitat for Humanity to honor Mayor Rudy Wright. The goal is to raise \$10,000 inside the City organization and the City Council, on behalf of the City, has pledged to match employee contributions. Having a "prize" to offer to those employees who give to the project will greatly increase the participation rate for our fundraising efforts. Staff requests City Council's approval of donation of five vacation days to draw for the Rudy project donors who give \$25 or greater.

- PH** **B.** Call for a Public Hearing for Consideration of Amending Article II, Section 4-26 and 4-29 of Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl of the Hickory City Code of Ordinances. **(Authorize Public Hearing for January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.B.)**

- PH** **C.** Call for a Public Hearing for Consideration of Amending Chapter 24 of the Hickory City Code of Ordinances to Consolidate and Codify Regulations Regarding Solicitors, Peddlers, and Panhandlers into One Chapter. **(Authorize Public Hearing for January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.C.)**

- A** **D.** Approval to Modify the Union Square Parking Design to Better Accommodate Electric Vehicle Parking. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff requests City Council's approval to modify the Union Square parking design to better accommodate electric vehicle parking. Staff are continually looking for ways to improve the parking experience in Downtown Hickory and make best use of the available spaces. An electric vehicle charging station was constructed in the western portion of the Union Square parking lot to be able to accommodate two electric vehicles. Many times non-electric vehicles are parked in the spaces nearest the charging station prohibiting electric vehicles the opportunity to charge. The Traffic Division has analyzed the current layout of the Union Square parking lot and feels that assigning the two adjacent parking spots to the charging station as "Electric Vehicle Parking Only" is appropriate. This will help to accommodate the growing number of electric vehicles and encourage these drivers to visit downtown. The spaces will adhere to the already existing three hour parking limitation within Union Square thus ensuring turnover for more customers. The Traffic Division Sign Shop will make signage changes for these parking areas upon approval. Staff requests City Council's approval to modify the Union Square parking design to better accommodate electric vehicle parking.

- A** **E.** Approval of the Installation of an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of 5th Street NW and 5th Street Drive NW. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

Staff requests the approval of an all-way stop installation at the intersection of 5th Street NW and 5th Street Drive NW as warranted by the Traffic Calming Guidelines. The City received a completed petition for additional traffic calming near the intersection of 5th Street NW and 5th Street Drive NW. This same area went through traffic calming several years ago and the speed limit was reduced to 25 mph. Based on recent speed studies it appears traffic is still speeding through the neighborhood. Following the City's Traffic Calming Guidelines, the recommendation the installation of an all-way stop at this intersection to further reduce speed. The Traffic Division has received all necessary paperwork from residents within the area with regards to the Traffic Calming Guidelines and have found the residents to be in compliance with the guidelines and the petition does qualify for the all-way stop at the intersection listed. Forty-three properties were included in the petition and thirty-five signed the petition creating more than the required seventy-five percent. If approved the changing and installing the signage and markings will be performed by the Traffic Division Signs/Markings Shop. Staff recommends the

installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of 5th Street NW and 5th Street Drive NW as warranted by the Traffic Calming Guidelines.

A1 F. Budget Revision Number 12. (Exhibit VIII.F.)

1. To appropriate \$75,875 of General Fund Balance for unexpected cleanup work due to significant storms during fall 2017. This Revision will provide funds for contract work at the following facilities: Hickory City Park / Rotary-Geitner Park; Hilton Park; West Hickory Park; and Cliff Teague Park.
2. To appropriate \$262,500 of General Fund Balance for the purchase of 21 acres of land adjacent to Henry Fork River Regional Park.
3. To appropriate a combination of local and grant funds to purchase bulletproof vests for the Police Department. This Budget Revision establishes a Grant Project Ordinance by recognizing as revenue a recently-awarded grant from the Bulletproof Vest Grant Program. The grant pays 50% of the cost of new vests, with the remaining 50% covered by a local match. This Revision transfers existing funds (i.e. the local 50% match) from the Police Department's annual operating budget (Uniforms line-item) into the Grant Project Fund for a total project cost of \$10,128.
4. To appropriate \$500,000 from Water and Sewer Fund Balance for the purchase of the Town of Hildebran Sanitary Sewer Collection System.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

- A**
1. Consideration of a Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by Herbert and Brenda Stepp, Located at 1021 25th Avenue Drive NW, containing .652 Acres, PIN 3704-14-34-8492 – Presentation by Planning Manager Cal Overby. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

Herbert and Brenda Stepp have submitted a petition for the voluntary contiguous annexation of 0.652 acres of property located at 1021 25th Avenue Drive NW. The annexation area consists of a lot which contains a single-family residence. The annexation is being requested in order to gain sewer service from the City of Hickory. The subject property is currently located within Hickory's Extra-Territorial Jurisdictional Area (ETJ) area, and zoned Medium Density Residential (R-2). The current tax value of the property is \$317,800. If annexed with its present value, the property would generate approximately \$1,800.34 in additional tax revenues. Upon analysis, staff has determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff finds the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes, and recommends approval of the annexation petition.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on December 22, 2017.

B. Departmental Reports:

- NA**
1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

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

VACANT

Ward 4 (Williams Appoints) VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
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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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms (Appointed by City Council)
Building Trades Profession (Council Appoints) VACANT

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)
(2) Positions VACANT

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints) VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 1 Grover Lineberger
(Eligible for Reappointment)
Position 9 VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Challenger High School Representative VACANT
Homeschool Representative VACANT
St. Stephens High School Representative VACANT

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

Alderman Zagaroli referred to the United Arts Council's Economic Impact Study and commented that he hopes that the Chamber has this information so they could pass it on to perspective

movers and shakers that have come to Hickory. This is phenomenal that a town this size has this much to offer. He thought we have to toot our own horn as much as we can.

Mayor Guess mentioned this past week another coworker with the City of Hickory had passed. Mr. Terry Watts was an engineer for 16 years with the City of Hickory. He worked in storm water in the Public Services Division. He asked for everyone to remember Mr. Watt's family in their thoughts and prayers.

XIV. 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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