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ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

January 5, 2016
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Rev. Wil Posey, Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Mr. Larry Pope, Ms. Jelissa Stinson, Ms. Melissa Surratt, Mr. Glenn Pinckney, Mr. Dean Amos, Mr. Sydney Myles, Ms. Elaine Johnson, Mr. Blair Gomez, Mr. Raymond Houser, and Mr. David E. Roberts II addressed Council regarding Hickory Public Housing Authority. Ms. Donna Ballinger expressed concerns regarding the Community Ridge Daycare and the financial crisis that they are facing. An unidentified citizen discussed CDBG funding, and she requested some of those funds be spent in her neighborhood on the southeast side of Hickory.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of December 15, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
 - A. B. Special Meeting of December 15, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.B.)**
- 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. Acceptance of the Bid and Award of the Contract with Brushy Mountain Builders, Inc. in the Amount of \$319,189 for the Lakeshore No. 1 Lift Station Replacement Project. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Approval to Purchase Eight All-wheel Drive 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Capital Ford of Raleigh in the Amount of \$213,472. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 13. **(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.
 - A1** A. Approval of the 2015 Loan Agreement with the National Museum of the United States Air Force. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

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The City has taken part in the US Air Force's Static Display Program for many years whereby certain aircraft are on loan to the City for display by the Hickory Aviation Museum. In return, the Hickory Aviation Museum agrees to maintain and ensure the preservation of said aircraft in good condition while furnishing the Air Force with photos and for the aircraft to remain prepared for expedition and periodic inspection. The Hickory Regional Airport currently has on loan two aircraft that fall under this agreement, an F-105B and T-33A. There are no City budgetary requirements under this agreement. Staff recommends approval of the 2015 Loan Agreement.

- A1** **B.** Approval of an Offer to Purchase of Two Properties Located Near the Intersection of 2nd Street NE and Falling Creek Road, PIN 3714-06-38-1685 and PIN 3714-06-38-2817. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff requests approval of an offer to purchase of two properties for the construction of a replacement bridge on Falling Creek Road. Both properties are owned by Patricia Annas Link and Walter Michael Annas and are located near the intersection of Falling Creek Road and 2nd Street NE in Hickory. These purchases are necessary for completion of the Falling Creek Road bridge replacement project. These properties will be rendered unbuildable and unusable by the construction of the project. The right way of way consultant recommends that the City purchase the two parcels for those reasons. The negotiated offer for the properties represents 13 percent and 20 percent above tax value for the lots. The purchases were negotiated for the value of \$12,500 each for a total of \$25,000 in exchange for the properties. These funds are 80:20 and 80 percent of this expenditure in the amount of \$20,000 will be reimbursed to the City by North Carolina Department of Transportation, leaving \$5,000 as the City's portion of the cost. Staff recommends approval of the purchase of the properties owned by Patricia Annas Link and Walter Michael Annas, located near the intersection of 2nd Street NE and Falling Creek Road and described as PIN 3714-06-38-1685 and PIN 3714-06-38-2817, respectively.

- A** **C.** Special Events Activities Application for Hickory Crawdads Home Run Trot 5K, Julie Horan, Race Director, Fleet Feet Sports, LP Frans Stadium, 2500 Clement Blvd NW, May 14, 2016 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

- A1** **D.** Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by the PWG Investments, LP Located at 1022 Main Avenue NW in the amount of \$987.50. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

City Council created the Community Appearance Grant program in 1999 to provide economic incentives for property owners to improve the general appearance of properties located within the City's designated urban revitalization area. The Community Appearance Commission reviews applications for the grant program and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to City Council. The grants are designed as a reimbursement grant in which the City of Hickory will match the applicant on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant amount from the City of Hickory is \$5,000. The applicant, PWG Investments, LP, provided two bids for the installation of metal window coverings and an awning over the exterior doorway. Given the bids provided as part of the application packet, the request qualifies for a \$987.50 grant. On December 14, 2015 at their regular meeting, the Community Appearance Commission voted (9-0) to recommend funding of the requested grant in the amount of \$987.50.

- PH** **E.** Call for a Public Hearing – For Consideration of Amending the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan to Increase the Budget for Public Infrastructure Improvements. **(Authorize Public Hearing for January 19, 2016)** **(Exhibit VIII.E)**

- A** **F.** Approval of Submission of the 2016 Urgent Repair Program Application for Funding to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

The City of Hickory Community Development Department, in complying with the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's guidelines, has prepared an application for funding for the 2016 Urgent Repair Program. The application incorporates program requirements, applicant eligibility standards, and program capabilities. The City of Hickory will apply for \$75,000 through this program in order to assist approximately ten eligible homes with urgently needed repairs in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per housing unit. The City of Hickory will provide \$5,000 in matching funds, available from Rental Rehabilitation Program income. NC Housing Finance Agency requires a \$50 application fee. Staff recommends approval of submission of the 2016 Urgent Repair Program Application for funding to the NC Housing Finance Agency.

A1 G. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 14. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

1. To recognize \$200.00 in revenue received from donations to the Youth Council for their Christmas projects.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

A1 1. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 15-02 for Property Located at 3061 Short Road. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

Gregory Whitley, agent for Cecil and Rachel Munday, has petitioned for the rezoning of 11.396 acres of property located at 3061 Short Road. The petition is to rezone the property from Catawba County R-20 Residential to City of Hickory Planned Development (PD). The subject property was annexed into the City of Hickory on October 31, 2015. Hickory Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider this petition at their December 2, 2015 meeting, and voted 7-2 to recommend City Council's approval of the requested rezoning. Staff finds Rezoning Petition 15-02 to be consistent with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and recommends approval.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on December 25, 2015, and January 1, 2016.

B. Departmental Reports:

A 1. Request from Hickory Downtown Development Association to Amend Main Street Program Boundary. **(Exhibit XI.B.1.)**

The City has received a request from Hickory Downtown Development Association to expand the boundary used in the Main Street Program for Hickory to include the SALT Block area, Sally M. Fox Park/Ivey Arboretum, Transportation Insight and various residential lots in the same area. The NC Main Street Program requires reporting statistics of vacant space, jobs gained and lost, and a variety of other metrics each year. There is no impact on funding as the NC Main Street program does not provide funds to its member cities. The downtown is not in a municipal service district either, therefore the boundaries are simply illustrative of the downtown and do not affect the HDDA budget or private property owners. Several members like the SALT Block entities of the Hickory Art Museum, the Western Piedmont Symphony and others are already members of HDDA, and Transportation Insight is also a member with employee Josh Walker serving on the HDDA Board of Directors. Staff recommends approval of the expansion of the HDDA boundaries according to the attached map and emphasizes that no additional funding is required by HDDA to carry out

its mission in this expanded area, and no additional City services are required as a result of this action.

- A 2. Hickory Public Housing Authority

Mayor Wright moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton that Council pursue a merger with a qualified, appropriate entity, the entity be identified, have that entity address Council on the transition, work with the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority to plan the transition, and have a draft Resolution at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- A 3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BOND IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

Members appointed on 2/3/2015 to one year terms, per Ordinance 15-01, are eligible to be reappointed to one additional 3 year term (Terms Expiring 2/1/2019)

Mayor Wright Charles Dixon expires 2/2/2016

Mayor Wright reappointed Charles Dixon to the Bond Implementation Commission

Ward 1 (Alderman Lail Appoints) Michael Bell expires 2/2/2016

Alderman Lail reappointed Michael Bell to the Bond Implementation Commission

Ward 2 (Alderman Tarlton Appoints) Gayle Schwarz Resigned
(3 year term expires 2/2/2018)

Ward 2 (Alderman Tarlton Appoints) Jennifer Clark expires 2/2/2016

Ward 3 (Alderman Seaver Appoints) Anthony Laxton expires 2/2/2016

Ward 4 (Alderman Guess Appoints) Ed Farthing expires 2/2/2016

Alderman Guess reappointed Ed Farthing to the Bond Implementation Commission

Ward 5 (Alderman Zagaroli Appoints) Jeff Hale Resigned
(3 year term expires 2/2/2018)

Ward 5 (Alderman Zagaroli Appoints) Frank Young expires 2/2/2016

Alderman Zagaroli appointed Jason Yates to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Hale, and reappointed Frank Young to the Bond Implementation Commission

Ward 6 (Alderwoman Patton Appoints) Paige Brigham expires 2/2/2016

Alderwoman Patton reappointed Paige Brigham to the Bond Implementation Commission

Ex Officio Representatives:

Per Ordinance 15-01 representatives appointed by the boards, commissions, and the Chamber shall serve for a term of one year and may be reappointed for up to two additional one year terms with the exception of the Youth Council representative. (Terms Expiring 2/1/2017)

Business Development Committee	Pending
Catawba County Chamber of Commerce	Will Locke
Citizen's Advisory Committee	Cliff Moone

(Note: Citizen's Advisory Committee appointed Cliff Moone on December 3, 2015 to replace Michael Holland. Mr. Holland completed his service on the Citizen's

Advisory Committee 6-30-2015 and was no longer eligible to serve as the ex officio representative.)

Community Appearance Commission	Charles Hayes
Community Relations Council	Adelia Parrado-Ortiz
Hickory International Council	Pending
Hickory Regional Planning Commission	Pending
Historic Preservation Commission	Ernie Sills
Library Advisory Board	Pending
Parks and Recreation Commission	Dean Proctor
Public Art Commission	Jennifer Helton
Recycling Advisory Board	Pending
University City Commission	Pending
Youth Council	Mikaela Simmons

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Other Minority 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 to Nominate) VACANT Since 8-6-2008

Brookford (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 6-2006

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)

(8) Positions VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large Minority VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 2 VACANT

Ward 3 VACANT

Alderman Tarlton appointed Allen Finley as Ward 2 Representative on the Public Art Commission

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 3 VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Hickory Career Arts Magnet 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
- XIV. Adjournment

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