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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

March 20, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Pastor David Roberts, Morning Star First Baptist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Oath of Office for Appointed Ward 2 Alderwoman Charlotte Williams  
  
Mayor Guess administered the Oath of Office to Charlotte Williams as Alderwoman for Ward 2.
- NA** B. Presentation from the Greater Hickory Jaycees 2018 President Alison Reed  
  
Greater Hickory Jaycees 2018 President Alison Reed gave an informative presentation about the Greater Hickory Jaycees, which included their history, activities in the community and future projects.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- A. Mr. Dustin Strickland, 1172 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, addressed City Council regarding consent agenda item "G" number "4", Budget Revision 17. Regarding project 501001, a \$1.2 million dollar project. He commented the expenditures were approximately \$632,000 most of which was for the purchase of land. Since the project was being closed he wanted to know what the ultimate fate of the land was.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Special Meeting of March 1, 2018. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- A** B. Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018. **(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. Approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Utility Construction Agreement in the Amount of \$544,741.25 for the Construction and Relocation of Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Related to the Sweetwater Road Extension. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** B. Approval to Renew the Annual Auditing Contract with Martin Starnes & Associates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** C. Approval to Amend the Parking Ordinance for the Farmer's Market. **(First Reading**  
*March 20, 2018*

**Vote: Unanimous)**

**A2** D. Budget Revision Number 16. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

**A2** E. Opioid Litigation Contract. **(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. Special Events Activities Application Sails Original Music Series, Dana Kaminske, City of Hickory Communications & Marketing Manager, City of Hickory, Sails on the Square Stage in Downtown Hickory, May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; and September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

**A** B. Special Events Activities Application Downtown Hickory Food Truck Rodeo, Connie Kincaid, Executive Director, Hickory Downtown Development Association, City Parking Lot at the Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Government Avenue SW, June 23, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

**A** C. Special Events Activities Application New Testament Bible Reading, Pastor Kathy Johnson, Greater Shekinah Glory Church, Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, 76 North Center Street, May 2, 2018, 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

**A** D. Special Events Activities Application Downtown Hickory Shuck & Peel Party, Connie Kincaid, Executive Director, Hickory Downtown Development Association, Union Square, November 10, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

**A** E. Special Events Activities Application Downtown Hickory Candy Crawl, Connie Kincaid, Executive Director, Hickory Downtown Development Association, Union Square, October 26, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

**A** F. Citizens' Advisory Committee Recommendations for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

*The following request were considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on March 1, 2018.*

- *Billy & Latasha Singleton were approved for recommendation to City Council for first-time homebuyer's assistance to purchase a house located at 1013 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Loop NE, Hickory. They have requested \$10,000 for assistance with down payment and closing costs. The First-Time Homebuyers Assistance Loan is zero interest, no payments and repaid upon sale, refinance or payoff of first mortgage.*

*Funds are budgeted for these items through the City of Hickory's former Rental Rehabilitation Program income received in FY 2017 and/or program income received through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant Program.*

*The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned request for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.*

**A1** G. Budget Revision Number 17. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

1. *To recognize as revenue \$500 in sponsorships received towards the Senior Games.*
2. *To recognize as revenue a \$34,089 insurance-claim payment received for property damages at the Water Treatment Plant due to the tornado on October 23, 2017.*

3. To recognize as revenue a \$9,444 insurance-claim payment received for property damages at the Airport due to the tornado on October 23, 2017.
4. To close out Capital Project #501001 "East Hickory Redevelopment Plan". Upon closure, remaining funds of \$42,352 will be transferred to the General Fund Balance.
5. To close out Capital Project #652001 "ARFF Equipment" (Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting apparatus). As part of this closure, \$1,848 will be transferred into the Project from the Transportation Fund Balance to cover a shortage in the project's expenditures.
6. To close out Capital Project #650025 "Taxiway B, S, North Apron". This closure recognizes receipt of \$30 in interest revenue attributable to the project, with no surplus funds returning to the Transportation Fund Balance.
7. To close out Multi-Year Grant Project #G5010E "Brownfields Area Wide Plan". This closure recognizes receipt of \$60 in interest revenue which shall be transferred to the General Fund Balance.
8. To close out Capital Project #650026 "Rehab Taxiway B/S North Apron". Upon closure, remaining funds of \$38,293 will be transferred to the Transportation Fund Balance.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports:

A 4. 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 Alderman appoints or reappoints these positions.)

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

Business Development Committee Appointed Lori Alala

Catawba County Chamber of Commerce

**Will Locke**

**Not Eligible**

**COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION**

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

Ward 2 (Alderman Ward 2 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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VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints)

VACANT

**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

**Alderman Patton nominated Simon Lucas as Building Trades Profession on the Historic Preservation Commission.**

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)  
(1) Positions 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 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 Seaver mentioned this past weekend had been good for Hickory High School. In Greensboro, the Hickory High School orchestra won their 40<sup>th</sup> superior, 40 in a row. The Hickory High Key Club did very well in awards. They were one of only four distinguished key clubs in all of North and South Carolina. The theme was "Get on Board the Leader Ship". A lot of these kids learn to be servant leaders for the future of this State, this City, and our country. It was very exciting for Alderman Seaver to be there with them. He had done that for many years, it was his 30<sup>th</sup> district convention. The kids are still amazing.

Alderman Zagaroli mentioned the Rotarian Idol winner Johnny White won a trip to Hollywood on American Idol and was representing Hickory. Jackie Finley was there and welcomed him to his appointment in Hollywood. We may have somebody on American Idol from Hickory.

Alderman Patton commented Council had their retreat and she thanked staff for an excellent job. She recognized two citizens, Bob Vollinger and Cliff Moone, who had attended. She thanked them for their involvement. It was a good retreat.

Mayor Guess reminded everyone that Council's retreats and meetings such as that are public and everyone was welcome to come at any time.

Alderman Williams welcomed Alderwoman Williams and congratulated her. He joked that it was great to not be the newest member of Council. He was looking forward to working with her.

Alderwoman Williams thanked everyone for the wonderful reception. She looks forward to working with everyone. She thanked staff for the support which she had received so far, and she knows she will receive in the future.

Alderman Seaver commented the learning curve is steep, so they would try and help her up the ladder.

Mayor Guess advised Alderwoman Williams would find that this job is very easy because they have the best staff that anyone could ask for. He meant that sincerely. Staff makes their job really easy and they don't get enough credit but they really do.

Alderman Seaver commented the rookie business is not too bad.

City Attorney John Crone advised if anyone wants to know how hard Council works, just ask the two citizens that were present at the Council/Staff retreat. It was a mile a minute and covered a lot of stuff in a short period of time, which made a big difference in Council's engagement in that. It always astounded him at how that works out.

City Manager Warren Wood announced with the creation of the Office of Business Development Dave Leonetti had been promoted to the Business Services Manager. There was a vacancy for the Community Development Manager and there was a new employee which was introduced at the retreat. He introduced and welcomed Karen Dickerson.

#### 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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