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ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

November 3, 2015
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Rev. Cliff Moone, Retired Local Pastor
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
 - A. Ms. Vickie Scott, 610 9th Avenue Drive SE, discussed comments that Mayor Wright had made in an article that was in the Hickory Daily Record.
 - B. Mr. Larry Pope spoke to City Council regarding their trip to Greensboro in which they met with HUD. He discussed his desire, as well as Attorney Kim Clarke's desire, to serve on the Public Housing Authority Board. He discussed the events that occurred when he served on the Public Housing Authority Board. He alleged that Council did not advertise the meeting in Greensboro, which was a violation of the law and he requested Chief Adkins arrest Mayor Wright, Alderman Guess and Alderwoman Patton. He advised that he would run for Mayor in the next election.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A** A. Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015 **(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 Lease Agreement for Property Located at 304 3rd Street SW, Hickory to Jamie Janine Reed and Christopher Martin Stevey. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Approval of the Capital Purchase of Structural Firefighting Gear for FY15/16 in the Amount of \$385,000. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Approval of a Contract with Crowder Construction Company in the amount of \$2,699,000 for the Emergency Power Generator Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Facility. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** D. Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement for Engineering Services with HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas in the Amount of \$114,500. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** E. Acceptance of 35th Avenue Court NE into the City of Hickory's Street Maintenance. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

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- A2** F. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 8. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** G. Grant Project Ordinance Number 3. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** H. Grant Project Ordinance Number 4. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** I. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 2. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** J. Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Construction of a Splash Pad at Kiwanis Park. **(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. Proclamation for John Hall Day, October 14, 2015. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**
- A** B. Special Events Activities Application Lowe's Christmas Parade, City of Hickory and Christmas Tree Lighting, Lauren Townson, Senior Recreation Programmer, City of Hickory, Parks and Recreation Department, Downtown Hickory, November 20, 2015 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**
- A1** C. Approval to Amend the Speed Ordinance for Roadways In and Around Lenoir-Rhyne University. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

The Traffic Division has worked with Lenoir-Rhyne University, University Christian High School, and Hickory Police Department to determine the need for this speed limit reduction. There is significant pedestrian traffic on all roadways in and around the university. In an effort to create a safer environment for the pedestrians that use the campus, the speed limit needs to be reduced to 25 mph on all roadways connected with the university: Stasavich Place, 8th Avenue NE (between 8th Street NE and 5th Street NE), 5th Street NE, 6th Street NE, 9th Avenue NE (between 8th Street NE and 6th Street NE), and 8th Avenue NE (between 5th Street NE and 2nd Street NE/NC Hwy 127). Staff recommends approval to amend the speed limit in these areas to 25 mph.

- A1** D. Approval to Retire Police Canine Bachak and an Agreement to Allow Police Canine Bachak to be adopted by Handler MPO Matt Williams. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

The Hickory Police Department will retire police canine, Bachak from service on December 1, 2015 due to health issues which would limit his ability to perform his duties. His handler, MPO Matt Williams, would like to adopt him after his retirement and would like to assume responsibility and care of the canine. Bachak has a special skill set due to his previous training as a police dog, and because of this training he is a danger to public welfare, and may be adopted by his handler. Staff requests approval to retire canine Bachak on December 1, 2015 and approval of the Retiring Canine Agreement allowing MPO Matt Williams to adopt Bachak.

- A1** E. Approval of Community Relations Council Fall Grant Recommendations. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

The Community Relations Council receives funds to disperse during the fiscal year through the Community Relations Council 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 Community Relations Council's goals and mission, and how the program will serve to improve human relations in the Hickory area. Community Relations Council received 13 grant applications for projects totaling \$17,254 and is recommending approval of six of the grants totaling \$6,004 for the following non-profit agencies: Hickory Music Factory, \$750; OUTright Youth of Catawba County, \$600; Council on Adolescents of Catawba County, Inc.,

\$1,154; New Hope for Kids, \$500; Hickory Museum of Art, \$1,500; and Young People of Integrity, \$1,500.

- A F.** Approval to Apply for a \$10,000 Grant on Behalf of Lenoir-Rhyne University. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Hickory Police Department requests permission to apply for a NC Governor's Crime Commission grant in the amount of \$10,000 on behalf of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU) cannot reach direct funds from the Governor's Crime Commission because it is not a non-profit organization. NC Governors' Crime Commission (NCGCC) suggested that the university partner with Hickory Police Department to complete the necessary paperwork and manage the grant. Hickory Police Department works very closely with the Security Services at LRU and recognizes the overall benefit to assist with their funding needs to enhance their ability to provide security to their students, staff, and visitors of the campus. Any equipment obtained by the NCGCC funds will be the property of the City of Hickory and would be on loan to LRU. A memorandum of agreement between LRU and the City of Hickory would be in place to ensure proper accountability and asset retention for the property. Hickory Police Department requests permission to apply for a NC Governor's Crime Commission grant in the amount of \$10,000 on behalf of Lenoir-Rhyne University and allow Hickory Police Department to complete the necessary paperwork and management of the grant.

- A G.** Approval to Accept a Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$2,000. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

Hickory Police Department requests permission to accept a Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$2,000. This grant will assist networking opportunities, working with at risk youth in community events. Gang of One works with at risk youth for prevention and intervention. Gang of One reaches out to the community with gang awareness presentations, community events and after school programs. This funding will allow Gang of One to work with more at risk youth and expand the program. Hickory Police Department recommends approval to accept the Walmart Community grant for \$2,000.

- A1 H.** Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 9. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

1. *To appropriate Assigned Fund Balance of \$250,000 into Public Service's Street Division for planned maintenance to the Horseford Creek Bridge on 21st Ave NW. The work will include painting and expansion joint repair.*
2. *To recognize as revenue a total of \$46,710 in FY 2015-16 endowment funds for Library projects: Adult Collections (Books) \$2780; Programming Fund (Adult programming) \$8190; Children's Resources Fund \$9000 supplies for new chairs and tablets in children's room, \$3450 for children's programming; Ridgeview Programming \$6930; Operations Fund (Improvements) \$16,360 to upgrade 1st floor public bathrooms.*
3. *To budget available Fund Balance of \$47,000 within Fund 32 (Stormwater) to perform needed maintenance on a failing 60" storm drain in the vicinity of 19th Ave NW and 8th St NW. Project will involve relining the interior of the deteriorating pipe.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

- NA A.** Mick Berry's Travel to ICMA Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, September 25 – October 1, 2015, (Meals and Lodging – \$1,730.34; Registration Fee - \$655; Airfare Expense and Baggage - \$530.70; Parking - \$78) **(Exhibit X.A.)**

XI. New Business:

- A. Public Hearings
- B. Departmental Reports:

- A**
 - 1. Community Development Block Grant Microenterprise Grant Program Guidelines and Supporting Documents. **(Exhibit XI.B.1.)**

In the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This led to the creation of a program to provide microenterprise grants to businesses looking for funding necessary to take their business to the next level. The 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan has \$10,000 allocated towards assistance for entrepreneurial activities. Staff and the Business Development Committee have been working for the past few months to develop a program that will assist low to moderate income business owners with business improvements. The proposed program offers grants of up to \$4,000 for low to moderate income business owners for business property, inventory, necessary fixed assets, marketing and business promotion, or other improvements approved by the Business Development Committee. Applicants will be required to submit a business plan and have a counseling session with a local business support organization. Staff recommends that City Council approve the guidelines and supporting documents for the CDBG Microenterprise Grant Program.

- A**
 - 4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

Catawba County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT

Mayor Wright nominated Jeff Kerley, Catawba County Representative, Hickory Regional Planning Commission

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

At-Large (Mayor Nominates) VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

Ward 3 VACANT

SALT BLOCK FOUNDATION

(Term Expires 6-30; 2-Year Term)

Remainder of Mandy Pitts Term expires June 30, 2016

Mayor Wright nominated Alderman Zagaroli, Representative, SALT Block Foundation

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

- XV. 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 August 18, 2015 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)
 - 2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of September 1, 2015 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)
 - 3. Discussion of Litigation Iandolo vs City of Hickory 14CVS1160 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4)

- XIV. Adjournment

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