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ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

October 16, 2018
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Bob Nehls, Member of the Hickory Stake High Council, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Guess recognized the Hickory 101 citizens who were in attendance.
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
 - A. Dr. Glenn Pinckney, P.O. Box 362, Hickory, Regarding City Laws. Dr. Pinckney discussed the City's codes regarding signs, and feather flags. He urged City Councilmembers to revisit the restrictions on signs.
 - B. Mr. Mike Pilolla, 960 36th Avenue Court NE, Hickory addressed City Council supporting multi use pathways. He encouraged City Council to look into adopting complete streets.
 - C. Hickory Downtown Development Association's Executive Director Douglas Stewart, 3826A 16th Street NE, Hickory, addressed City Council about the past weekend's Oktoberfest. He commended all of the City's departments, Police, Fire and Public Services for their outstanding service and professionalism.
 - D. Mr. Mike Watson 736 Moretz Court, addressed City Council supporting bike trails.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of October 2, 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 4. **(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 a Resolution Supporting the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable Grant Application. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

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Staff requests approval of the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) grant submittals to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization. The City has submitted a Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) grant application to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization: Extend the Old Lenoir Road Multi-Use Trail Project from 12th Avenue, NW (Geitner Road) to City owned property just past the Hickory Water Plant. The current project (EB-5911), starts at 9th Street, NW and ends at 12th Avenue, NW. Adding this extension to the project would help create a connector from the City Walk project to Riverwalk project. The Old Lenoir Road Multi-Use Trail Extension is part of a much larger multi-use path system being developed by the City of Hickory. The total project cost is \$5,100,000 but North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has agreed to participate in the extension of the currently funded EB-5911 that starts at 9th Street NW and ends at 12th Avenue NW. NCDOT will provide \$2,040,000 and the City of Hickory is requesting an additional \$2,040,000 in STBG-DA funds. The City will also provide a 20 percent match of \$1,020,000. This segment is critical to completing a full east-west, north-south corridor improvement project. It will add pedestrian and bike opportunities connecting Lake Hickory and the Riverwalk to Lenoir-Rhyne University through downtown via City Walk, multiple neighborhoods and neighboring counties. The funded segment of EB-5911 make up 1.2 miles of the project. A missing segment of approximately .84 miles between Riverwalk and EB-5911 would complete a transportation corridor for multiple modes of transportation. The City strongly believes that investments made to the infrastructure in this sector of the City, that improve its functional and aesthetic appeal, will encourage more private investment like this and support the investments that are occurring along Old Lenoir Road by extending the Old Lenoir Road project from 12th Avenue NW to Riverwalk, there will be a continuous 5.2 mile multi-use trail from Lenoir-Rhyne University to the Catawba River. Staff requests Council's approval of the Resolution supporting the grant application and committing the 20 percent match.

A B. Acceptance of the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant. (Exhibit VIII.B.)

Hickory Police Department requests approval to accept the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant. The City of Hickory has received notification of approval to receive \$15,028 under the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant Program. The JAG Program is a formula-based grant through the Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that utilizes Uniform Crime Reporting statistics of all law enforcement agencies to determine eligibility for direct federal grant awards. Cities and counties are required to submit joint applications for the available funding. There is no match required. The Hickory Police Department will use the funding to use grant funds to purchase a covert mobile and/or pole camera system that can be utilized as an investigative tool in areas where gun and drug gang violence occur. Additionally, Hickory Police intends to purchase a software licensing module for our records management system that would allow users remote access via the web. This functionality would allow us to grant real time access to our prosecutor's office giving them the ability to access reports immediately for swift prosecution of felony cases and repeat violent offenders. Hickory Police Department recommends approval to accept the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,028 to purchase a covert mobile and/or pole camera system and a software licensing module for our records management system that would allow users remote access via the web.

A C. Acceptance of the 2018 Bullet Proof Vest Grant. (Exhibit VIII.C.)

Hickory Police Department requests permission to accept a grant to assist in funding the purchase of bulletproof vests for police officers. The City of Hickory will receive up to 50 percent reimbursement for each vest purchased. Since 1999, the Bullet Proof Vest Grant program has provided an opportunity for law enforcement agencies to apply for a grant to receive up to 50 percent funding on the purchase of ballistic vests. In order to be eligible, the agency must have a policy in effect making it mandatory for uniformed officers to wear the vests while on duty. Hickory Police Department has the mandatory wear policy in effect and has been a recipient of this grant for numerous years. Monies are placed in the police department budget uniform line item annually to purchase vests

for police officers. Life expectancy of each vest is approximately five years. The Police Department requests Council's acceptance of this grant to receive up to 50 percent funding to purchase bulletproof vests for police officers.

- A D. Approval of a Lease Agreement with Rene Martinez Jr. for City-Owned Property Located at 1123 15th Street NE. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff requests Council's consideration of a lease agreement with Rene Martinez, Jr. to lease property owned by the City of Hickory located at 1123 15th Street NE. This property is adjacent to the City's Public Services Complex. The City has rented this two bedroom home to City employees regularly since purchasing the home a number of years ago. Staff plans to continue renting the home until the property is needed for potential expansion of the Public Services Complex. Rene Martinez, a Hickory Police Officer, has rented the home since November 2017. The current lease expires on October 31st, and he is interested in extending the lease an additional 6 months. The terms for the proposed lease extension will be six months with a monthly rent of \$350. The lessee will be responsible for the payment of all utilities furnished to the property and yard maintenance. There will be a required security deposit of \$350. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the lease agreement with Rene Martinez, Jr.

- A E. Special Events Activities Application for the 4th Annual Mel's Jingle Run 5K, Sarah Prencipe & Leslie Knapp, (Family Guidance Center Volunteers), December 8, 2018 from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Sails on the Square Stage & 5K Route. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

- A F. Approval of a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Jimmy F. Kees and wife, Doris E. Kees to Shelley Baker Hughes, married, Fairview Cemetery, Lot No. 1, Block H, Section 1, containing Eighty (80) Square Feet, more or less. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Anthony & Brown, PLLC. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

- PH/A G. Call for a Public Hearing for Consideration of a Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by Dayspring of Catawba County, LLC. **(Authorize Public Hearing for November 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).** **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

- PH/A H. Call for a Public Hearing – Consideration of Closing a Portion of “E” Avenue SE. **(Authorize Public Hearing for November 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).** **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

- PH/A I. Certificate of Sufficiency and Preliminary Resolution Relative to Street Improvements for Curb and Gutter along the Property Located at 1344 4th Street NW, Hickory, Petition No. 18-02. **(Authorize Public Hearing for November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).** **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

- A J. Approval of a Proclamation for Dyslexia Awareness Month. **(Exhibit VIII.J.)**

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

The following request was considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on October 4, 2018.

- *Mary Cook, 531 16th Street SW, Hickory, was awarded a City of Hickory's Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed \$15,000 for repairs to her house. Assistance would be in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan.*

Funds are budgeted for this item through the City of Hickory's former Rental Rehabilitation Program income received in FY 2018 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.

- A L.** Approval of a Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley, Inc. **(Exhibit VIII.L.)**

Since 2014, the City of Hickory has provided Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley to help implement their Habitat Repairs Program. They last received funding for Program Year 2017-2018 in October of 2017. As of the end of September 2018, Habitat has spent their funded amount and is requesting funding for Program Year 2018-2019. In February 2018, the City of Hickory's Department of Planning and Development Services requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the CDBG Program. Habitat did not apply at that time due to funding that was still available to them. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for this application on October 4, 2018. Total funding for housing rehabilitation was approved in the City's Annual Action Plan during a public hearing on June 19, 2018. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley to ensure that all applicable federal regulations are met. Funds will be used for rehabilitation of owner occupied single family residences with households earning less than eighty percent of the area median income. Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$40,000 through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant program. The funding is part of the Housing Rehabilitation allocation of the City's CDBG Annual Action Plan. Approval of the Agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed housing rehabilitation services to benefit low to moderate income households. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory and Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley, Inc.

- A M.** Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Small Business Loan Program. **(Exhibit VIII.M.)**

In its most recent five year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City listed increasing opportunities for entrepreneurship as a high priority need. In the 2018-2019 program year, it is the City's desire to expand on the current process to incorporate a small business loan program to expand additional economic opportunities. According to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations, the City is allowed to loan CDBG grant monies to an eligible business owner. Since the project will be funded with CDBG funds, all loans must be made to businesses with the intent of creating jobs for low to moderate income individuals. The proposed guidelines for the Small Business Loan program state that the award will be in an amount up to \$20,000 for eligible businesses that create jobs, at least 51 percent of which are filled by low to moderate income individuals. An individual is considered low to moderate income if their household income of less than 80 percent of the area median income. That is currently \$44,000 for a family of four. The loan funds will be used to purchase business equipment only and the loan amount will be paid by the City of Hickory directly to a third-party equipment vendor. The loan period will be for nine years at a four percent interest per annum. If payments are made on time for a period of five years and other program criteria are met, the remaining balance will be forgiven. Re-payment of the loan will be in monthly payments made to the City of Hickory via an automatic bank draft from the business owner's account. The City of Hickory Business Development Committee reviewed the program guidelines and recommended their approval at their August meeting. The funding for this program was approved as part of the CDBG Annual Action Plan at the June 19th City Council meeting. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the proposed Small Business Loan Program.

- A N.** Approval of an Agreement for Wastewater Operations Renewal with the City of Claremont. **(Exhibit VIII.N.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of an agreement for Wastewater Operations renewal between the City of Claremont and the City of Hickory. The City of Claremont approached the City of Hickory in 2009 with desires to employ the services of the City of Hickory Public Utilities Department to operate, maintain and manage two wastewater treatment facilities, five collection system lift stations, and provide ancillary operations testing, flushing, engineering, etc. In 2011, the City of Claremont and the City of Hickory amended the contract to include the services of the City of Hickory Public Utilities Department to provide for the operator in responsible charge of their distribution and collection systems. The initial term of these contracts expired on June 30 2014. A second renewal contract was executed in 2014 extending this contract to June 30, 2017. The proposed agreement has a term of five years to recognize the necessity of long term planning for a permanent solution in the near future. This agreement for wastewater operations allows for the continuation of an economical alternative to the City of Claremont's need to hire qualified, licensed operations professionals by employing the services of the City of Hickory Public Utilities Department. The proposed agreement details the City of Hickory continuing to provide all services that we currently provide the City of Claremont. The base fee for this agreement is proposed to be \$394,236.41 per year for operations of the wastewater treatment facilities and lift stations; \$29,538.98 per year for operator in responsible charge of the collection system and \$32,604.46 per year for operator in responsible charge of the distribution system. These fees will be subject to annual fee adjustments in the future as approved by the City Council of the City of Hickory for all other public utilities rates and fees. This agreement will be in effect until June 30, 2023. Claremont will remain responsible for all capital expenditures and operation and maintenance of the distribution and collection systems. This contract agreement will not require the City of Hickory to hire additional staff. Staff recommends Council's approval of this agreement for wastewater operations renewal between the City of Claremont and the City of Hickory.

A1 O. Budget Revision Number 5. (Exhibit VIII.O.)

1. To recognize receipt of \$3,933 in Materials Reimbursement revenue towards installation of decorative street lighting in the Landings at Moore's Ferry subdivision.
2. To recognize and budget an amount equal to the actual revenues of Parking Rentals and Parking Fines realized during FY17-18. This amount totals \$74,080 and will be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund (Fund 070), to be earmarked for future parking-related projects pursuant to City Council's 1995 "Resolution of Establishment and Maintenance of the Parking Capital Reserve Fund." The Resolution directs the City, on an annual basis, to save these particular revenue sources for future parking needs.
3. To provide an additional \$20,000 to the emergency storm drain repair on Main Ave SE between 26th Street Drive SE and 29th Street SE under contract with Hickory Sand Company. During the week of August 13, 2018 a 48-inch storm-drain line separated and failed, causing erosion of the roadway in the vicinity of several shipping and construction headquarters. Repairs were initially anticipated at \$50,000 and a P.O. for this amount was set up last month, but the revised cost projection will be \$70,000. Funds will be appropriated from the Stormwater Fund Balance.
4. To recognize receipt of \$27,066 in insurance claims revenue towards damages sustained by a Solid Waste truck on 9/19/18.
5. To recognize receipt of a \$4,000 donation from Lowe's Foods in sponsorship of the 2018 Christmas Parade.
6. To recognize receipt of a \$50 donation to the Library by Quest Book Club in memory of Alice Miller Watts for the purchase of large-print library books.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

- A** 1. Consideration of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment Roll for Curb and Gutter Petition 17-01 for a Portion of 1440 8th Street NW – Presentation by Assistant Public Services Director, Steve Miller. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

The City Clerk received petition number 17-01 from the owners of property along 1440 8th Street NW to install curb and gutter along a portion of their street as per section 29-2 of the Hickory Code of Ordinances. The petition was a single-party petition. The City Council adopted a Resolution Directing that Street Improvement Project Be Undertaken. Construction of the curb and gutter was completed on August 24, 2018. The preliminary assessment roll number 17-01 has been prepared based on the curb and gutter constructed along a portion of 1440 8th Street NW. The City Clerk mailed a copy of the adopted Preliminary Resolution, which called for a public hearing, to all affected property owners. Staff recommends Council's approval of a Resolution confirming the assessment roll for property located at 1440 8th Street NW, Hickory.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on October 5, 2018.

B. Departmental Reports:

- NA** 1. Quarterly Financial Report – Presentation by Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller

- A** 2. Approval of a Resolution of Support for the North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle Grant Application – Presentation by Transportation Planning Manager, John Marshall. **(Exhibit XI.B.2.)**

Staff requests Council's consideration of a Resolution of support for a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) bicycle grant application. The NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (DBPT) and the Transportation Planning Branch created an annual matching grant program - the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative - to encourage municipalities to develop comprehensive bicycle plans and pedestrian plans. The City of Hickory will apply for a comprehensive bicycle plan. The grant application is due November 2, 2018. If the City is awarded the grant, NCDOT will send out a municipal reimbursement agreement. NCDOT/DBPT maintains a short on-call list of experienced, pre-qualified consultants to prepare bicycle and pedestrian plans funded through the Planning Grant Initiative Program. DBPT staff will select a firm to prepare a community's plan whose skills match the needs of the local jurisdiction (with input from the local government when necessary). Consultant assignment will also be influenced by current workload/available staff. The final plan development cost will be negotiated between DBPT and the selected firm with the final cost falling within the plan approved cost range. Based on Hickory's population the cost range is between \$55,000 and \$70,000. The City will be responsible for a local match also based on population, which is 30 percent of the plan total cost. The consultant will be responsible for submitting quarterly progress reports to NCDOT. NCDOT-DBPT will handle all consultant invoicing and all other related documentation. Staff requests City Council adopt the Resolution of support for the NCDOT bicycle grant application.

- A** 3. Approval of a Locally Administered Project Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation for Projects EB-5937 for Book Walk and EB-5938 for Book Walk South- Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager Yaidee Fox. **(Exhibit XI.B.3.)**

Staff requests approval of the agreement with North Carolina Department of

Transportation (NCDOT) for EB-5937 and EB-5938 to receive federal funds to construct Book Walk and Book Walk South. The City was granted approval from the Greater Hickory MPO to receive Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) funds of \$2,000,000 to assist in the construction of Book Walk and \$3,200,000 to assist in the construction of Book Walk South. To receive the funding, the City must enter into an agreement with NCDOT, so they can administer the disbursement of STBG-DA grant funds. Book Walk, which is a 10 foot multi-use path, from City Walk to the Ridgeview Library. The project starts at City Walk and South Center Street and follows South Center Street and 1st Street SW to the Ridgeview Library at 7th Street SW. The project is approximately 3,180 feet in length and is a critical link to neighborhoods in the southwest section of Hickory. Book Walk South, which is a 10 foot multi-use path, from the Ridgeview Library to US 70 and to the Walmart Neighborhood Grocery Store. The project starts at Ridgeview Library at 1st Street SW and 7th Avenue SW and follows 7th Avenue SW west to 4th Street SW and follows 4th Street SW south to US 70. The project is approximately 3,160 feet in length and is a critical link to neighborhoods in the southwest section of Hickory with the downtown area and with a grocery store. Book Walk and Book Walk South are part of a much larger multi-use path system being developed by the City of Hickory. Book Walk and Book Walk South will create a better connection for the citizens of the Ridgeview Community and other adjacent neighborhoods in southwest Hickory to the downtown area with an existing grocery store on US 70. Staff requests Council's approval of the agreement with NCDOT for EB-5937 and EB-5938 to receive federal funds to construct Book Walk and Book Walk South.

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4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

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

VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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

African-American (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Caucasian (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Alderman Zagaroli nominated Paul Packard as a Caucasian Representative on the Community Relations Council.

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)

(Appointed by City Council)

Burke County (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from County)

VACANT

Caldwell County (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from County)

VACANT

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)

(3) Position

VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)

VACANT

At-Large Minority (1) (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Alderman Williams nominated Randall Williams as the Ward 4 Representative on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 1 (Lail Appoints)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)
At-Large (Mayor Appoints) (Lisè Swensson Resigned 9-13-18)

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Alderman Williams nominated Randall Williams as the Ward 4 Representative on the Public Art Commission.

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 2 (C. Williams Appoints) (Mahesh Patel Resigned 10-1-18)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)

VACANT
VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

At-Large Representative
At-Large Representative

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Addition of One Councilmember to Serve on the Audit Committee. Currently Mayor Guess and Alderman Lail are serving on this Committee.

Mayor Guess nominated Alderman Seaver to the Audit Committee.

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. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(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 October 2, 2018 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)
- 2. Discussion of Litigation – 18CVS2674 Fun Arcade, LLC vs City of Hickory et. al. - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3)
- A 3. Discussion of Potential Economic Development - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4)

Council returned to open session and approved an Authorizing Resolution the Rural Economic Development Division North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program Project “Noodle” Building Reuse Application.

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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