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A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory, Catawba County Board of Commissioners and Trivium Corporate Center, Inc. Board of Directors was held at the CVCC Corporate Development Center, Located at 2664 Highway 70 SE, Hickory, North Carolina, on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., with the following members present:

Brad Lail	Hank Guess	David L. Williams
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, City Attorney John Crone, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Communications and Marketing Manager Dana Kaminske, Communications Specialist Sarah Killian, Assistant to the City Manager Yaidee Fox, Governmental Affairs Analyst Sarah Prencipe, Public Services Director Kevin Greer, Executive Assistant Deisy Zavala Vazquez and City Clerk Debbie Miller.

Catawba County Commissioners present were: Chair, Randy Isenhower, Vice Chair Barbara Beatty, Kitty Barnes, Sherry Butler, Dan Hunsucker and Attorney Debra Bechtel

Trivium Corporate Center, Inc. Board of Directors present were: President Warren Wood, Chair Randy Isenhower, Barbara Beatty, Mick Berry, Hank Guess, Brad Lail, Scott Millar, and Attorney Terry Taylor

I. Welcome to CVCC – Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, President, CVCC

Dr. Hinshaw welcomed everyone. He stated it was another great day to be in Catawba County as we all gather and come together for something that is very exciting for the future for our area. He welcomed everyone to Catawba Valley Community College's Corporate Development Center. He referred to the facility and advised it used to be an old steakhouse. They decided it could be used for something better to help build this community. He felt they had accomplished that with the number of individuals that use the facility on a regular bases. These things are all happening in a moment of time in our history where it is becoming a catalyst for momentum that we are building here for the future of this region. He was very excited to have everyone present. He recognized Mr. James Estes, Regional Representative for United States Senator Thom Tillis, North Carolina Commerce Secretary Mr. Tony Copeland, North Carolina Senator Mr. Andy Wells and North Carolina House of Representative Mr. Jay Adams. He welcomed all of the County Commissioners, the municipal elected officials and staff to the campus as we are partners as we go forward. He recognized the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) staff who were present, and the EDC Board Chair Ms. Robin Nicholson. He was excited to have everyone on campus. He turned over the meeting to Mayor Hank Guess and Chair of the County Commissioners Randy Isenhower.

II. Convene City of Hickory Council, Confirm Quorum - Mayor Hank Guess

Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Councilmembers were present. A quorum was present.

Convene Catawba County Board of Commissioners, Confirm Quorum - Chairman C. Randy Isenhower

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. A quorum was present.

Convene Trivium Corporate Center Inc. Board of Directors - Board Chair C. Randy Isenhower

Trivium Corporate Center Inc. Board Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order. All of the board members were present. A quorum was present.

III. Project Wave Introduction – Scott Millar, President, Catawba County EDC

Mayor Guess asked Mr. Scott Millar, President of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to the podium.

President of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation Mr. Scott Millar stated it is indeed a great day for Catawba County. He referred to a statement by Mr. Stine Isenhower, "a day out of Catawba County is a day wasted". He agreed with that statement. He was happy to bring forward an opportunity for the Commissioners and City Council to consider during the public hearing and bring to mind information regarding "Project Wave". "Project Wave" had taken many turns and twist during the opportunity that they had been looking at it. Since January of 2018, they started working with them. Initially, they looked at the Baker building on McDonald Parkway. That was a very large and nice facility here in Catawba County and it speaks to the opportunities that exist with existing facilities. They keep talking about the need for good high ceiling and marketable product. He was sure Secretary Copeland recognized across the State there is a dire shortage of existing buildings out there. We are always trying to develop those opportunities. This project started as a search for a building of that type. The driver for that was the ability to install equipment in that facility, hopefully no later than July. That became more and more of a challenge trying to tie down that building, and it turned out that building was not available in order to make that project a reality in that location. Suddenly other options came on the table which included other facilities outside of Catawba County, including other areas around

Mecklenburg County, and in North and South Carolina looking for those ready buildings in order to meet their contract. There were also green field site(s) opportunities that had been considered that were pushed, speaking to availability of ready sites. As you may be aware, they are developing what is now known as Trivium Corporate Center. At the time they had been developing it for ready sites, certified sites and ready for development. All the engineering is in place on that site. That became a contender for the opportunities that the company was presented. They tried to work hard to make that site a solid contender. He recognized Chairman Isenhower for his role as the Trivium Corporate Center Board of Directors Chairman. He asked Mr. Isenhower to the podium to talk about Trivium Corporate Center and the vision that the City and County had for that property.

IV. Trivium Corporate Center Overview and Vision – Trivium Chair Randy Isenhower

Trivium Corporate Center Chair Mr. Randy Isenhower discussed the vision for the Trivium Corporate Center. The property contained approximately 270 acres, a very pastoral setting, with amenities, good infrastructure, roads, less than an hour from an international airport, near Catawba Valley Community College, (CVCC), and Lenoir-Rhyne University. It was a vision of a class “A” facility, clean, high-tech, higher-end investments, much like Treyburn Business Park. The Catawba County Commissioners had taken a fieldtrip to Treyburn Park a year or so ago to talk to them about the development. Trivium was supported in 2014 when Catawba County Commissioners had a public hearing where they rezoned the property. They worked very well with the City of Hickory and it was part of the City of Hickory’s bond referendum. The groundbreaking was held May of 2018. The Trivium Board had been proactive. They had meet monthly at 7:00 a.m. There had been improvements berms, landscaping, developed grants, worked with infrastructure, and worked with signage. This met all of the green field criteria for the client. The site/civil engineering team was already in place. It was close in proximity to the company’s engineering team. It was close proximity to CVCC’s Workforce Solutions Center, which will obviously go online soon to provide training for jobs. The Board worked with covenants, conditions, architectural guidelines, the landscaping, the berms, and the walking trails. They are also ready for that first client. And obviously the City and the County made the commitment to purchase the property to develop it and work within the timeframe. Trivium Corporate Center had not been an abstract, hopeful, wishful project. It had been a continuously working project which they are developing and they are excited about that. He asked Mr. Scott Millar back to the podium to give an overview of “Project Wave” and some specifics with regard to the incentives and the other action that was before the respective boards.

V. Project Wave Details – Scott Millar, President Catawba County EDC
Project Wave Incentive Proposal
Questions by Elected Bodies/Trivium Board

Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Mr. Scott Millar advised that “Project Wave” was a \$60 million dollar commitment by the company in real estate and personal property for the facility. It was a commitment by a company that manufactures in a high-tech environment, a clean environment and low impact. Similar to the vision that they had when Trivium Corporate Center was developed. He referred to Mr. Isenhower’s comment about Treyburn. Treyburn Business Park was a model for the facility type setting which they are talking about. They felt like this client was a prime contender and met all of those conditions. It is a new construction facility. It requires approximately 27 ½ acres, 210,000 square feet of production space plus office and other spaces that are going to be required for the operations of this facility including warehouses. It is designed to facilitate rapid expansion. It is believed that the product that will be made in this has a great demand by the marketplace and therefore designing the facility ready for expansion was a necessary requirement for the site itself. Part of the agreement included an approximate four and a half acre option site to be included in the package for the expansion needs as the company designates. He referred to a PowerPoint and showed a map of the site plan as it was proposed. It contained the 27 ½ acres. As you enter into the main entrance, the berm and landscaped entrance into the park, you will enter down to the site which was located on the right hand side of the road. It was currently under construction into the Trivium Business Park site. They thought it would be a fantastic first project for the Trivium Corporate Center.

Mr. Millar discussed details about the company. The company was a 167 year old company. They have manufacturing and engineering all over the globe, including the United States, Mexico, India, China and other companies all over the world. It is a Fortune 500 company. It has 46,000 employees worldwide. The 2017 sales were well over \$10 billion dollars. It has six other facilities in North Carolina.

Mr. Millar discussed the other contractual requirements which were involved with this. As a result of this project and the commitments that they had made the equipment would be placed into operational condition by December of 2020. There will be 75 net new jobs that will be created by that same timeframe with salaries averaging \$50,000 a year or greater. In addition, by three years later, there will be an additional 35 net new jobs that will be created at that facility with those same salary requirements. The initial announcement in this facility for a commitment was 110 jobs at that salary level. Realizing that the contractual requirements here will require that the company maintain those jobs for a period of three years after the last incentive payment would be made to the company. There were always the standard conditions of default or failure by the company to live up to the contractual requirements that were required. Oftentimes they are referred to as clawbacks. In this instance there are certain contractual requirements that make the company committed to the project for an extended period of time.

Mr. Millar discussed the proposed incentives for the project. At 110 jobs that would equal a grant based on new tax receipts that are accruing to the County and the City for a period of three years as a result of them creating those jobs. Fifty percent of those receipts would be shared back to the company for a period of three years. If they create a 140 new jobs they will get an extra year added on to that incentive period of three years. Likewise, if they create 175 new jobs in the facility then there would be another additional year added on for a total period of five years. There would also be a grant of 27.435 acres that would be gifted to the company as a result of the commitment that they are making to the City and the County. The infrastructure would also be provided by the City, the County and the Trivium Corporate Center to extend those utilities to the site boundary in order for the company to hookup to those. There would also be an option provided to the company for the ability to purchase an additional acreage tract of approximately four and a half acres until April of 2021, which coincides with the time period for the remainder of the property to be acquired by the City, the County and Trivium Corporate Center. He also mentioned that labor was part of the issue as the company was making a decision where to locate. He referred to the EDC's annual meeting a few weeks ago in which they discussed the issues which were associated with low unemployment. Which was certainly creating new dynamics for companies as they consider locating in North Carolina, in Catawba County, or really anywhere in the United States where the unemployment average is somewhere around 3 to 4 percent. We wanted to make a commitment to the company. Our community has done a great job, led by the Chamber and the EDC, involving military recruitment. We have been doing this initiative that goes out to military bases around the State and now looking beyond, to encourage people that are retiring from military service to locate to Catawba County and take some of the jobs. To our knowledge there are very few, if any, municipalities that are as aggressive in going out to these communities and/or the military community, inviting them to spend weekends, at our costs, to Catawba County in order to explore the workforce environment here and the jobs that they could take if they move here. We committed the program would go specifically to a few of these military bases in order to recruit for the company that they are talking about.

Mr. Millar referred to the PowerPoint slide and discussed the proposed jobs incentive. He explained the math, 50 percent of the receipts that would be netted to the community for each year after the investments are made would be granted back. The first three years the County's maximum would be \$172,500 and the City's maximum would be \$169,950. The commitment for the first three years is locked in. That could be impacted by depreciation, and other factors that is likely to skew those numbers lower than the amounts that he was talking about. However, that was the contractual maximum bases. Should the company create those additional jobs, which he referenced, 140 and 175, then they would be eligible for that additional incentive as referenced on the chart and therefore they would be able to receive up to \$862,500 from the County and \$849,750 from the City.

Mr. Millar asked County Manager Mick Berry and City Manager Warren Wood to the podium to reveal the name of the corporation, which was Corning. They also revealed a site rendering of the facility. Mr. Millar commented that you could see and agree that this was a phenomenal rendering for a building, particularly the first location in the park as people enter into the park they will be able to see this. He pointed out how much time and effort went into designing the rendering and he commended Looper and Company for the design of this rendering. He asked for any questions from the City, County or Trivium Board.

Alderman Lail asked when construction would start.

Mr. Millar commented should the project be approved today, he thought equipment would be mobilizing on the site potentially this afternoon. He commented it really is that quick of a timeframe requirement and the expectation is if it is not today it will be within the next week or so.

Alderman Seaver commented that Charlie Dixon would be very proud.

Mayor Guess asked if City Council had any further questions. There were none.

- VI. Joint Public Hearing – Mayor Hank Guess
Chair Randy Isenhower
Board Chair Randy Isenhower

Mayor Guess opened the public hearing for the City of Hickory.

Chair Isenhower opened the public hearing for Catawba County Commissioners and also for the Trivium Board. He advised the public hearings would run concurrently, so if anyone wished to make any comments, for or against on these incentives or proposed actions by these three boards, they were welcome to come forward and be heard. No one appeared.

Mayor Guess asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition or in favor. No one appeared. He closed the public hearing for the City of Hickory.

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- VII. Consideration and Action Steps – City of Hickory
Catawba County
Trivium Corporate Center

Mayor Guess asked for a motion from Hickory City Council to execute an economic development agreement with the terms, conditions and requirements discussed, along with the clawbacks, a

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Resolution and any other necessary documents to complete this transaction. Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 18-26

Resolution Authorizing Economic Development Incentives for Corning Optical Communications LLC

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1 authorizes a city to undertake an economic development project by extending assistance to a company in order to cause the company to locate or expand its operations within the city; and

WHEREAS, Corning Optical Communications LLC (herein referred to as "the Company") requested these incentive to cause a minimum investment of \$60,000,000 for the improvement of real property and installation of capital equipment and trade fixtures at a site in Trivium Corporate Center at or near Startown Road, Hickory, NC by December 31, 2020, and to create and maintain a minimum of 110 new jobs by December 31, 2023. These jobs must be maintained for a minimum of three years following the payment of the final incentive. The Company agrees to the requirement to not hire anyone without a minimum of a high school diploma for anyone 25 years of age or below, and that all these jobs will exceed the county average wage and pay \$50,000 or more per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Hickory, North Carolina, as follows:

- 1) The City Council approves a performance based grant based on the minimum investment and maintenance of \$60,000,000 and 110 new jobs, with a maximum payment of \$169,950 in each of years 1, 2 & 3, and, contingent on the creation of additional jobs in each of years 4 and 5, additional payments of up to \$169,950 per year for each of those years, for a total maximum incentive of \$849,750.
- 2) The City Council approves the transfer of approximately 27.435 acres owned by the Trivium Corporate Center Inc., a non-profit jointly developed and funded by Catawba County and the City of Hickory, to the Company or its assigns, also conditioned on the minimum investment and maintenance of \$60,000,000 and 110 new jobs, with an acquisition value of \$22,000 per acre.
- 3) The City Council approves the expenditure of infrastructure including the extension of an access road, water and sewer extensions to the project boundary, as necessary for the project.
- 4) The City Council directs the City to execute a contract and any necessary resolutions or addenda between the Company and the City under these terms and conditions and authorizes the Mayor to execute these documents.

Chair Isenhower asked the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for a motion to authorize him to execute an economic development agreement with the terms, conditions and requirements discussed, along with the clawbacks, a Resolution and any other documents necessary to complete this transaction. Commissioner Vice Chair Beatty moved. He asked for any discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Isenhower asked the Trivium Board for a motion to authorize the Resolution, the conveyance of the Special Warranty Deed, subdivision plat and approval of the option to purchase. Brad Lail moved, seconded by Barbara Beatty. She thanked the entire board for all of the work which they had done. Chair Isenhower asked for any discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Millar asked North Carolina Department of Commerce Secretary, Mr. Tony Copeland to the podium. He thanked him for attending and his support and leadership of the State.

North Carolina Department of Commerce Secretary, Mr. Tony Copeland commented it was always a pleasure to come when we are creating jobs. He mentioned that he was a telecom executive for about a decade, so he was a customer. A big customer at that, thousands of miles of fiber optics. He commented it also had been a pleasure to work with the economic development team, Scott Millar. Looking at the corporate center here and looking around the State, and everyone tells him we have got a site for economic development. But until you got the infrastructure like you have in place it's just realistic. The vision that you have got to create a site that is incredible and necessary. There are two things in any economic development project that are going to make it successful and no project will come without those two. The first was a trainable workforce, which was being done with the community college and the university system. Since the 50s the State of North Carolina has put a lot of money into education, and you have to continue doing that for the future also. The other thing was infrastructure. Without infrastructure no company can come either. That was another thing that they continue to ask the legislature for and they continue to do that with Governor Cooper putting infrastructure around the State. Catawba County is not like some counties. Some counties are not near a natural gas line. He advised there were 25 counties in the State that are losing population. They don't have gas lines. They don't have infrastructure. They don't have airports. The County is sitting in the middle of a universe with what they have. He congratulated everyone, especially Corning for creating 110 jobs here. He mentioned that Corning had been a big presence in North Carolina since the 70s. Nearly 5,000 employees today of Corning. When Governor Cooper assumed office close to two years ago, Corning's CEO was one of the first executives he met. It was not necessarily a pretty time, we were in the middle of big social upheavals, HB2 was preventing a lot of companies, but Corning stepped up in the middle of that and worked with them with people of goodwill on both sides of the isle to put millions of dollars of investments. Recently Mr. Copeland was working with Corning. They worked with the Governor and his Department to put fabricated projects in both

Durham, which was a tier 3, and Edgecombe County which was a tier 1. They had just announced that they were going to do 300,000 more square footage on that project than they were committed to. They were ecstatic about Corning. North Carolina has been known or tends to be known for state of mind. He explained what he meant was a talented workforce. We are spending millions of dollars, we have to continue to do that. We are at full employment now. Without a trainable workforce companies like Corning can't execute their business plans. The Governor is committed in working with the legislature to keep that pipeline going. In 1950 we were the 47th poorest State in the country out of 48 states. Today we have the second most educated city in America with Raleigh and the highest per capita of PHDs in the research triangle. We are the 9th most popular State in the country growing by the size of the City of High Point every year. We are really in a sweet spot, but we have to continue to work harder and harder to keep it that way. It didn't happen by an accident, and it won't happen by accident. The Governor's NC Job initiative was one of the big things they had been working on in the Department of Commerce. They had conducted a survey, which was shocking, 70 percent of rural employers that are advertising for employees are not getting any applicants. We have go a lot of work to do to have a trainable workforce and continue to do that. He thanked Corning for all of their locations that they have particularly this one today, He commented you can never be too rich or too thin. He wanted them to have more and more and more here and we are ready for all of it. He knew Scott Millar and the Commissioners were ready too. He commended the County for creating the infrastructure here and the environment for economic development. You don't see that everywhere, they were definitely a visionary. He commented whenever Scott Millar was ready to leave he had a place in Raleigh. He wanted to implement some of that throughout the State of North Carolina. He thanked Corning.

Mayor Guess thanked Secretary Copeland and commented on behalf of the City of Hickory we are excited obviously to be here today to finally make this announcement. They had known about it for quite some time, but today is the day they got to make the announcement. He mentioned that everybody in the room had contributed in some way, form or fashion to this partnership. It has surely been a team effort. He thanked everyone present and everyone that had a part in this and the City was extremely glad to have everyone as a part of their team. He commented that Mr. Mick Berry had said at the very beginning, if we don't invest in ourselves we can't expect anybody else to invest in us. That was certainly true and had certainly been the theme and the theme going forward with Corning. Everything that the City does in partnership with the County, CVCC and the Chamber of Commerce, and so many other entities, are a partnership and everything we are doing is driving economic development. Everything we are doing we are looking at growing jobs, population and tax base. Corning certainly fits into that scenario. He invited Corning's Vice President and General Manager Dr. Bernhard Deutsch to the podium. Mayor Guess presented him with a key to the City.

Corning's Vice President and General Manager Dr. Bernhard Deutsch thanked them for the honor. He mentioned that with all of his traveling he is wasting a lot of days in his life. He thanked Secretary Tony Copeland for his kind words about Corning. They are trying to do their best as a company as a corporate citizen. He thanked Scott Millar, Mayor Hank Guess, Randy Isenhower, Robin Nicholson and Warren Wood. They appreciated the opportunity to be able to participate at this event and the continued support of Corning Scope in North Carolina, specifically in Catawba County. Their business is investing in tomorrow's growth today. They have added cable capacity to maintain their market leadership. They want to insure reliable supply for their customers. They plan for expansions and lead this market as right for bigger growth. Currently, there are five optical fiber and cable manufacturing facilities in North Carolina. The other ones are different businesses from Corning, environmental and pharmaceutical businesses. This latest addition to Trivium Corporate Center in Hickory was Corning's commitment to the County and the local workforce. Corning employees more than 4,000 people in the State. He was very excited to see that number increase as their North Carolina team continues to bring optical fiber and cable innovations into life. He thanked everyone very, very much. He advised they were committed to the County. He thanked Mayor Guess for the key to the City.

Chair Isenhower commented now the vision of Trivium has become a reality for jobs and investments. He referred to a Trivium Corporate Board meeting when they had a consultant come in, and he said they had a good project there, it may be years, you have got to be patient, and it may be years. They shook hands. They were so excited that the first client in there is a growing successful digital aged company which shows motivation for Catawba County and creates so many opportunities. Corning has gone so far in its history. He shared a story that his wife was in an antique store and had purchased a vase over 100 years old and Corning was etched on the bottom of it. He asked her if he could bring the vase to show, but she didn't let him have it. He commented this really emphasizes what he calls the intangibles in this County. When the Trivium Board met, the old Park 1764 Board, the EDC, the County and the City, it was never about any one person or any one entity. It was always about the project, which meant it was always about the business and the people in this County. Then you have the intangibles when it was coming together and the crunch time. Can we make this thing work? When the County's staff, the City's staff, and company's staff, their engineers, and their permitting people, and the contractor guys are in a room, and they made it work. That is indicative of the collaborative let's get it done make it work spirit that we have here in Catawba County. He presented Mr. Deutsch with a box with the County seal on it.

Mr. Deutsch thanked Chair Isenhower.

Catawba County Economic Development Corporation Chair Nicholson on behalf of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation Board she expressed thanks, gratitude and congratulations to Corning for this expansion and project and for recognizing the value of being in

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Catawba County. She recognized David Looper Company for the exceptional drawing. When this is built and this is sitting right there at the entrance to the Trivium Corporate Park, and Scott Millar and his staff bring in other perspective clients, what a great vision for them to see. What an awesome, absolutely state of the art and beautiful construction that will be as a landmark for bringing folks in and convincing them that Catawba County is the place to be and Catawba County is progressive and looking forward to having additional clients there. She referred to the 110 jobs. What a great thing for our citizens of Catawba County and the area. She explained what that would mean, rounding that number to an even 100. That means in reality 100 jobs comes out to quite a few more jobs when you figure it all out. There will be 100 direct jobs there at Corning. One hundred employees, \$50,000 average salary, 100 jobs right there at the Corning facility. These folks and this business will need suppliers, vendors, professional services, and contractors, to come in and support the work that is being done. That will be another 37 jobs. Some of these folks may already be citizens of the area, there will be some folks moving in. This will mean additional housing opportunities. Improved housing opportunities. They will buy cars, go to movies, go out to eat, so the restaurants and the general merchandise benefit. This will create another 40 to 41 jobs. So all toll 100, 110 jobs at Corning, will be developing and creating here in Catawba County. In reality we will be closer to 177, 178 jobs and we all benefit from that in addition to all of the other wonderful things that will go along with the expansion of this operation here in Catawba County. What does that equal in dollars? A \$17.5 million dollar impact to Catawba County. That is awesome, that is wonderful, and definitely something that we all need to celebrate. On behalf of the EDC Board she thanked Corning for the decision and she congratulated them.

Mr. Scott Millar thanked everyone. He referred to the PowerPoint and recognized certain people which had supported this. He recognized the Lutz family and wanted to make sure that they understood how important they were to this process. This had been a project that had lasted since 2011. It has taken a while. He recognized Catawba County Board of Commissioners and the City of Hickory elected officials for having the leadership and the foresight to move forward with the development of this park, in sometimes trying situations, as well as going a little bit on faith. He thanked them for the leadership which they had shown. He advised there were a lot of other people who had done certain things, engineers, infrastructure providers, Kevin Greer, Mick Berry was an early guide, but also Warren Wood and his leadership over time in this park. He also mentioned there were some grants achieved. The current construction which was going on at the site, the berm construction, the landscaping and the entrance road was all funded by a grant that they got through the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He thanked Secretary Copeland and his staff which had worked with them over the years to develop these opportunities. He advised there was approximately a \$671,000 grant that they received from them in order to help build this park on faith. There was others, the economic development partnership that has a relationship with Corning itself. He referred to the names on his PowerPoint and mentioned some of the Corning staff, Gene, David, and other folks which had been involved from the Corning side that pushed this opportunity across the finish line over the last many months. They were deeply grateful to them for that effort. The consultant that Chair Isenhower mentioned Mark Sweeney was on the list. Others from a permit standpoint, trying to convince the company that we can get this thing done on time. Looper and that team making a compelling presentation to the company in order to achieve their business. Lots of folks like that. As a citizen they had referenced that this was a community partnership. He was very proud to be a part of that and he was very happy to welcome Corning as the tenant which was announced today.

Mayor Guess asked if there was any further business for the City of Hickory. There was none. Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Catawba County Commissioner Chair Isenhower asked for a motion to adjourn the Catawba County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker moved to adjourn and he recognized the lawyers which were involved in all of this.

Mr. Millar mentioned there would be a reception set up outside to welcome Corning.

Catawba County Commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Trivium Corporate Board Chair Randy Isenhower asked for a motion from the Trivium Board to adjourn. Hank Guess moved, seconded by Barbara Beatty to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Mayor

City Clerk