

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Brad Lail	Rudy Wright	Hank Guess
Bruce Meisner	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Mick Berry, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Andrea Surratt, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Prencipe and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli called the meeting to order. All Council members were present except for Mayor Wright
- II. Invocation by David Roberts, Pastor Morning Star First Baptist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations

- A. Business Well Crafted Award to WHKY Presented by Business Development Committee Member Dave Paist.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli asked Mr. Dave Paist, Business Development Committee Member to the podium.

Mr. Dave Paist discussed a brief history of WHKY which had been in business in Hickory since June of 1940. WHKY has been run and owned by the Long family since that time. It started as a small 250 watt radio station and quickly became the voice of Hickory. It has been a part of the community, the "voice" of the Bears, and the Crawdads. Mr. Paist asked Mr. Tom Long to the podium and presented him with the Business Well Crafted Award.

Mr. Tom Long thanked City Council, City Manager Mick Berry, Mandy Pitts and Staff on behalf of Long Communications. He commented that they are one week into the second 75 years.

- B. Students with Attainable Goals (SWAG), Program at Ridgeview Community Center Presented by Business Development Committee Member Dave Paist.

Mr. Paist discussed a program that was held in the spring for young people called Students with Attainable Goals (SWAG). The program was an entrepreneurship program that was spearheaded by Reggie Cummings and Andrea Nixon of the Recreation Department. It was supported by Jeff Neuville and Gary Miller at Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC), and Alex and Lisa Spruell of K-9 Security. He advised that on May 14th there was a presentation for the participants. He recognized Alexis Hunt, Tyra Mitchell, Jamarius Wallace, and Treavon Conley, Raheem Carson, and Sarah True. He commented that it was great that the City of Hickory was supporting this kind of effort. It was a community effort because it was the City, private enterprise, and CVCC.

- C. Presentation of the 19th Consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Hickory by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli presented the 19th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence Award (CAFR) to Mrs. Melissa Miller, Finance Director and commended her and her Staff for their work.

Mrs. Melissa Miller thanked the Mayor, City Council and the Finance Staff for their efforts.

- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Mr. Larry Pope addressed City Council regarding a previous meeting in which he had objected to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding that is given out each year by the Citizens Advisory Board which City Council approves. He understood that City Council was going to ask Exodus Homes to come forward and present to Council what they do with the funding that they receive year after year, after year, after year. He had not seen them at a Council meeting or heard them come before Council at a meeting. Mr. Pope commented that he still objects to that funding. He advised that when he attended the CDBG funding meetings for the approval of those block grants, they never discussed or voted on who gets what from those funds. He advised that the City of Hickory advisor to that committee brings in a pre-written list of names of organizations and others that are to receive "x" number of dollars from those funds that have been submitted to the Federal government and that will be submitted to Council. He advised that they approve them with no discussion or voting. His understanding is that is not the way it is to be done. He commented there should be some discussion, and decisions made by that group of citizens that serve on that committee. He stated that it is like every other committee that this City Council appoints. Council

only appoints people to committees that will rubberstamp whatever is put before them. He commented that he is one citizen that has served on various boards and commissions that was appointed by City Council, either this one or previous ones. He commented that he was honest upfront and not a rubberstamp. He was appointed nine years ago to the Hickory Public Housing Authority Board. He advised City Council that there was some misappropriation of Federal dollars going on among that group of folks, but Council did not want to listen. He went to the Attorney General. Right now they owe the Federal government over a half million dollars that has been misappropriated by the same Board that exist currently and have existed for the past 18 plus years. At the last City Council meeting one of the same members was reappointed back to that Board that was involved in the misappropriation of funds. He asked who is supposed to trust Council. He stated that what he knows to be true is that Council does not care whether the right things are done the right way or not. As long as these Boards and Commission do what Council wants them to do by rubberstamping what is put before them. It is time for that to stop. He will be the first to say that he will work very, very, very hard to make sure, one way or the other, these rubberstamps stop. If he has to go back to the Federal government, he will go back to the Federal government. That is no way to conduct business with our tax dollars either at the local level, national level, or the State level. Mr. Pope commented there is room still available for an additional seven plus folks in the Federal prison system. If that is what it is going to take to make a change in the way that Council transacts their business, and rubberstamp things that Council wants to pass, then so be it. It is time for it to stop. We elected you, not to do the wrong thing, but to do the right thing when it comes to our tax dollars.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of June 2, 2015

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton that the Minutes of June 2, 2015 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Alderman Lail moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Applying for a 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to Purchase Additional Officer Body-Worn Cameras and Digital Video Evidence Management Services and Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Catawba County. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- B. Approval of an Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company in the amount of \$9,450 to Update the Park Master Site Plan for the Cloninger Mill Property. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- C. Approval of a Railroad Permit Agreement from Norfolk Southern Railway Company for Murray Basin Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- D. Approval of an Amendment to the Priority Use Agreement with the Catawba Valley Youth Soccer Association (CVYSA). (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- E. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 20. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- F. Capital Project Ordinance Amendment Number 6. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- G. Capital Project Ordinance Number 3. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- H. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 6. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- I. City Manager's Recommended Annual Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- J. 2015 Community Development Entitlement Block Grant Project Ordinance. (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.

City Manager Mick Berry requested Item J. be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Meisner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item J. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approved the Request from Hickory Police Department to Award Police Badge and Service Weapon to Retiring MPO Danny Crump.

By authority of NC General Statute §20-187.2, City Council may award the service weapon and police badge to retiring MPO Danny Crump upon his retirement from Hickory Police Department on July 1, 2015 after completing 30 years of qualifying service with Hickory Police Department. Upon approval from City Council, the police badge and service weapon will be declared surplus and removed from the City's fixed asset inventory.

- B. Approved on First Reading the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Hickory Soup Kitchen, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the Amount of \$20,000.

In February 2015 the City of Hickory Department of Planning and Development Services requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviews and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City's Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 5, 2015. The Hickory Soup Kitchen Inc. requested and were approved for funding in the amount of \$20,000 through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Approval of the agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed nutritional services to the City of Hickory's homeless and/or low-income community. No City funding will be used for this agreement. Staff recommends approval of the funding agreement with Hickory Soup Kitchen Inc.

- C. Approved on First Reading the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with AIDS Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the Amount of \$15,000.

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- D. Approved on First Reading the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Exodus Outreach Foundation, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the Amount of \$10,000.

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- E. Approved on First Reading the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with City of Refuge Community Development Center, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the Amount of \$3,550.

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- F. Approved on First Reading the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the Amount of \$20,000.

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- G. Approved Citizens' Advisory Committee Recommendations for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs.

The following request was considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on June 4, 2015:

- Michael F. and Ann Fisher, 538 5th Street SW, Hickory, was awarded a City of Hickory's Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed \$20,000 for repairs to their house. Assistance would be in the form of a 3 percent interest loan for a ten year period.

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

The following applicant is being recommended for approval for assistance under the City of Hickory's 2014 Urgent Repair Program. This program provides qualified low income citizens with assistance for emergency-related repairs not to exceed \$7,200.

- Mattie Fuller, 826 3rd Street SE, Hickory

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

- H. Approved the Special Events/Activities Application Lumberjack Boom, Megan Meade, Director of Community Relations and Events Hickory Crawdads, July 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at L.P. Frans Stadium, 2500 Clement Boulevard, NW.

- I. Approved the Priority and Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

In conjunction with adoption of the annual budget, City Council updates and approves a Priorities and Action Plan which serves as a road map for staff and Council to achieve broad goals related to five strategic priorities: Economic Growth & Transportation, Quality of Life and Natural Environment, Operational Excellence, Vision and Leadership, and Communication and Marketing.

- J. Removed from the Consent Agenda discussed and approved under "IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda". Termination of Residential Rental Contract with Adam Walker for the Property Located at 1123 15th Street NE.

On January 22, 2015 the City entered into a Residential Rental Contract with Adam Walker for the property located at 1123 15th Street NE. The term of the lease was for one year with a monthly rental fee of \$350. Mr. Walker was formerly employed by the City of Hickory however he ended his employment to take another position which required him to relocate. Mr. Walker has requested termination of the rental agreement with the City effective June 19, 2015. He will pay pro-rated rent for the month, and \$175 as a lease buy-out fee for early termination of the rental agreement. Staff requests Council's approval of the Termination of Rental Agreement between the City of Hickory and Adam Walker for the property located at 1123 15th Street NE.

- K. Approved a Resolution Supporting the Application for Monies from the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization's (GHMPO) Surface Transportation Program-Direct Appointment/Transportation Alternatives (STP-DA/TA).

The Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization has issued a call for Surface Transportation Program-Direct Appointment/Transportation Alternatives (STP-DA/TA) funding to agencies within its jurisdiction. This money can be used for transportation

projects as part of discretionary projects such as greenways, intersection improvements, and traffic signal upgrades. The three projects that will be applied for are Citywalk, Sandy Ridge Road Intersection Improvements, and Pedestrian Signalization Upgrades. The Citywalk project will use bond funds for match money and the Sandy Ridge Road Intersection Improvements and Pedestrian Signalization Upgrades will utilize General Fund monies for the match. Staff recommends Council's approval of the Resolution for Support for these three projects as well as providing the matching funding in the amount of 20 percent for each project.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-16
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HICKORY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.35 MILLION DOLLARS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – DIRECT APPOINTMENT FUNDS FOR “Citywalk,” “Sandy Ridge Road Intersection Improvements,” and “Pedestrian Signalization Upgrades.”

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2015 the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) issued a call for projects to agencies in its jurisdiction for Surface Transportation Program-Direct Appointment Funding (STP-DA). A total \$8 million dollars is available to award among four different transportation modals: bicycle and pedestrian, intersections, roadway, and transit. STP-DA is comprised of a collection of discretionary programs including greenways, intersection improvements, and signalization improvements. Each agency may submit no more than three (3) projects of not less than \$200,000 each for possible reward. The funding requires a minimum 20 percent local cash match.

The City of Hickory is applying for funding for three (3) different projects.

The first project, *Citywalk*, is part of the Inspiring Spaces bond project. The *Citywalk* connects Lenoir-Rhyne University to Downtown via a greenway constructed along Main Ave NE/NW and the Norfolk-Southern Railroad line. The monies being applied for on this project is \$1,000,000 with the City of Hickory matching 20%, \$200,000. This matching money can come from the bonds, as already approved by City Council.

The second project, *Sandy Ridge Road Intersection Improvements*, is already a federally funded Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project with a city match. The cost of this project continues to grow as the realities of relocating infrastructure and purchasing right-of-way keep rising as detail construction plans are completed. This additional funding will help to offset the costs. The monies being applied for on this project is \$1,000,000 with the City of Hickory matching 20%, \$200,000 from General Find Monies.

The third project, *Pedestrian Signalization Upgrades*, aims to upgrade the pedestrian signals throughout the City of Hickory. This would replace existing outdated signal heads to the newer federal standards of countdown pedestrian signal heads. Also, at select intersections where pedestrian volume is high (for example at the local elementary schools), audible pedestrian push buttons would be installed. The monies being applied for on this project is \$350,000 with the City of Hickory matching 20%, \$70,000 from General Fund Monies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hickory is hereby authorized to submit STP-DA applications in the amount of \$2.35 million and will commit \$470,000 as a cash match for the “Citywalk,” “Sandy Ridge Road Intersection Improvements,” and “Pedestrian Signalization Upgrades” projects.

- L. Approved Rescinding Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 5, Ordinance Number 15-23 and Approved Correction of Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 5C,

ORDINANCE 15-23
 GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 5C

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following amendment be made to the grant project ordinance for the duration of the project.

SECTION 1. To amend the Grant Project Fund the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Transportation	-	39,618
TOTAL	-	39,618

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the revenues will be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
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Restricted Government Revenue	-	264,841
Other Financing Sources	225,223	-
TOTAL	225,223	264,841

SECTION 2. To amend the Grant Project Fund the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Project – Transportation Fund	-	291,498
TOTAL	-	291,498

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the revenues will be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Gov. Revenue	-	638,226
Other Financing Sources	346,728	-
TOTAL	346,728	638,226

Copies of the grant project ordinance amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

- M. Approved Rescinding Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 19, Ordinance 15-25 and Approved Correction of Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 19C.

ORDINANCE 15-23
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER 19C

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory, that pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Culture and Recreation	8,891	-
Other Financing Uses	20,000	-
TOTAL	28,891	0

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the revenues will be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	1,550	-
Other Financing Sources	20,000	-
Sales and Services	7,341	-
TOTAL	28,891	0

SECTION 2. To amend the Water and Sewer Fund the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Contingency	-	27,000
Other Financing Uses	19,100	-
Environmental Protection	132,000	19,100
TOTAL	151,100	46,100

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the revenues will be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	105,000	-
TOTAL	105,000	0

SECTION 3. To amend the Capital Reserve Fund the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	758,401	-
TOTAL	758,401	0

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the revenues will be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	767,807	9,406
TOTAL	767,807	9,406

SECTION 4. Copies of the budget ordinance amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – Item J.

Mr. Berry advised City Council that “Item J.” was the Termination of a Residential Rental Contract with Adam Walker for property located at 1123 15th Street NE. This is a small residential unit that is located on the very back of the Public Services property. The City has leased that property for a number of years to a current employee. It has been very beneficial to have that employee at that location when there are calls during weekend and evening hours because they can quickly respond. The employee that was currently under contract with the City to lease that property had taken another job and needs to terminate the lease. Mr. Berry advised Council that the agreement to terminate the lease between the City and Adam Walker was to be effective June 19th. However, Mr. Walker advised Staff that his new residence would not be ready for him to move into and he requested an extension of the termination date to July 10th. Mr. Walker will still be paying rent to the City. Staff recommended to Council approval of the Termination of Residential Rental Contract with the effective date of July 10th instead of June 19th. Mr. Walker will still be responsible for the \$175 early termination fee, and will continue to pay prorated rent through July 10th.

Alderman Meisner moved, seconded by Alderman Lail approval of the Termination of Residential Rental Contract with Adam Walker effective date of termination July 10th. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved on First Reading Consideration of Rezoning Petition 15-01.

Wendell Cramer petitioned the City for the rezoning of approximately 2.36 acres of property located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Startown Road and Catawba Valley Boulevard SE. The petition is to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Regional Commercial (C-3). The rezoning of the subject property to Regional Commercial (C-3) is consistent with the goals and policies contained within the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Hickory Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on May 27, 2015 to consider the petition and voted unanimously to affirm the petition's consistency with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Hickory Regional Planning Commission and Staff recommends Council's approval of the rezoning.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on June 5, and June 12, 2015.

City Manager Mick Berry asked the City's Principal Planner Cal Overby to the podium to present Council with Rezoning Petition 15-01.

Mr. Cal Overby presented to City Council rezoning petition 15-01. The petition was submitted by the property owner Mr. Wendell Cramer. The request was to rezone approximately 2.36 acres of property from R-1 Residential, which is low density residential to Regional Commercial, C-3. Mr. Overby presented a PowerPoint presentation and pointed out the location of the property on a map. The property was located at the corner of Startown Road and Catawba Valley Boulevard. He pointed out Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC), Hickory Ridge Shopping Center where Target is located, and Valley Hills Mall. He advised that the map was the Hickory by Choice 2030 future land use plan. He pointed out the area that would be slated for future commercial use. He advised the area was along US Highway 70 and is a major commercial and retail corridor in Hickory. He showed another map pointing out the retail center where Sunrise Appliance was located, a car wash, CVCC, Fairbrook Medical Center and the subject property at the intersection of Startown Road and Catawba Valley Boulevard. Mr. Overby showed the existing zoning in the area again pointing out CVCC, Fairbrook Medical Clinic, and some property that is zoned office but is currently vacant. He pointed out property that was Hickory low density residential, and the property that was Catawba County zoning that runs outside of the City limits as well as the ETJ. Catawba County's equivalent to the City's R-1 zoning. He showed a map outlining the jurisdictional areas. He pointed out the properties that were located in the City's ETJ, the City limits, and the area outside of the jurisdictional authority of the City of Hickory. Staff had evaluated the petition that was submitted by Mr. Cramer to rezone the property and determined that it was compliant with the future development plan. Public services are available to serve the property or are

available to be extended to serve future development on the property. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on May 27th to consider the matter and voted unanimously to recommend approval on the rezoning.

Alderman Guess asked what the plans were for that parcel.

Mr. Overby advised that Mr. Cramer and his agent were both in attendance. Mr. Overby commented that this is basically the first step to begin marketing the property more concretely for commercial purposes. The property is currently zoned residential. Residential along the corridor is probably not the highest and best use for that property.

City Attorney John Crone explained the rules for conducting the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli declared the public hearing open.

Mr. Crone asked if there was anyone present to speak against the proposed zoning ordinance. No one appeared. He asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak in favor of the proposed zoning ordinance change.

Ms. Rita Abee advised Council that she was serving as Mr. Cramer's Real Estate Agent. She advised that when she saw the property that highest and best use was certainly not residential for the property. It would be consistent with growth of Hickory and business in the area. She advised that she spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Mr. Crone asked if anyone else wished to speak for or against the proposal. No one else appeared. He asked Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli to close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli closed the public hearing.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Meisner approval of Rezoning Petition 15-01. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE HICKORY OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 2.36 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CATAWBA VALEY BLVD SE AND STARTOWN RD FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO REGIONAL COMMERCIAL (C-3).

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2.2 of the Hickory Land Development Code provides for amendments to the Official Zoning Atlas; and

WHEREAS, the City has been petitioned to rezone approximately 2.36 acres located at the southwest corner of Catawba Valley Blvd SE and Startown Road, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto, to allow a Regional Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Hickory Regional Planning Commission considered the proposed rezoning during a public hearing on May 27, 2015 and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Hickory Land Development Code requires a finding that proposed rezoning is in response to changing conditions and is reasonably necessary to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found Petition 15-01 to be in conformance with the City's Land Development Plan and Zoning Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hickory, North Carolina, THAT THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A is approved.

SECTION 1. Findings of fact.

1. The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Catawba Valley Blvd SE and Startown Road, and further identified as PIN 3711-12-96-4398
2. The rezoning request is intended to further implement the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

3. The rezoning of the property is consistent with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or provisions of the Hickory City Code which are not in conformance with the provisions of the Amendment occurring herein are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Consistency Statement

Upon considering the matter, the Hickory City Council found:

1. The Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan classifies the area as Regional Commercial. The Regional Commercial future land use classification is explained to consist of commercial areas located along the I-40 / US 70 corridor, which provide goods and services to city residents as well as residents living in surrounding communities. (HBC 2030, Page 3.10). Hickory by Choice 2030 goes on to list the C-3 district as being the implementing zone for this specific future land use classification (HBC 2030, Page 3.13).
2. The subject property is shown by Hickory by Choice 2030 to be within an area that is intended to provide retail and services to city residents as well as a residents from surrounding communities. The future use of the property as the location of a commercial or services type land use implements the HBC 2030 plan.

Based upon these findings, the Hickory City Council has found Rezoning Petition 15-01 to be consistent with the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

B. Departmental Reports:

1. Approved on First Reading an Invitation to Bid and Contract to Huffman Grading Co. Inc. in the Amount of \$121,287 for Additional Parking at Glenn C. Hilton Jr. Recreation Park.

The paved parking lot will be constructed directly across 6th Street Drive NW from the existing Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. Recreation Park to provide overflow parking spaces for the facility. Work under the contract will include clearing, grading, paving, curb/gutter and fencing. The Traffic Division will provide the crosswalk on 6th Street Drive NW and parking lot striping. Landscape Services will provide landscaping and Building Services will provide area lighting for the parking lot. Informal bids were received on May 22, 2015. Staff recommends awarding the contract to the low responsive, responsible bidder, Huffman Grading Co., Inc. in the amount of \$121,287 for the construction of Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. Recreation Park additional parking lot.

Mr. Berry commented that at the previous City Council meeting Council expressed interest in more information on the additional proposed parking at Glenn C. Hilton Jr. Park and how it would navigate around 6th Street. He asked the City Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod to the podium to present Council with the layout. He advised that Council had copies of the maps that Mr. McLeod would reference in his presentation.

Mr. McLeod presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council. He advised Council that for their consideration was an award bid and contract with Huffman Grading in the amount of \$121,287 for the construction of an additional parking lot at Glenn C. Hilton Jr. Memorial Park. He presented a PowerPoint presentation and showed an aerial map pointing out 6th Street, Hilton Park, and the existing parking lot. In December 2011, the City purchased approximately 1.5 acres of property for future construction of additional parking at Hilton Park. Parking construction was originally included in the fiscal year 2017/2018 capital improvements program. It was moved up to fiscal year 2014/2015 due to the overcrowding of parking that they are experiencing at the park. He showed an engineer drawing of the actual parking lot. He pointed out there was 47 additional parking spaces planned in this lot. He pointed out a smaller parking lot and parking along the access road. Currently there are 81 marked spaces in the park. There is five accessible spaces and two bus parking spaces in the current parking lot. With the additional 47 parking spaces that will take the total up to 128 actual paved parking spaces, and five accessible and two bus parking spaces. He advised that the entrance to the parking lot would be on 6th Street. They proposed a four foot high decorative

fence along the front entrance. There will be an automatic rolling gate to provide access to the park. The parking lot would only be used when the existing parking lot is full. This would be used as an overflow. It is an automatic gate similar to the one that is located at Henry Fork Regional Park and the same type gate at Stanford Park. Mr. McLeod pointed out the 20 foot buffer, and the property line. He advised there would be a 20 foot planted buffer zone. Along the perimeter of the property would be a six foot high black vinyl chain link fence. He commented that the berm would be on the southern end of the property line for residential purposes. He showed a drawing of the cross section of what the 20 foot wide berm would look like. It would be a 20 foot wide, six foot high berm, a landscaped buffer on top of the berm, and the screened parking lot. He pointed out the location where a signalized pedestrian crosswalk would be located. Citizens would come to the crosswalk and cross over and connect to a sidewalk. The sidewalk leads down to the park.

Alderman Guess questioned if there would be a tendency for citizens that cross at the crosswalk, instead of going up the sidewalk, to enter the park straight across from the crosswalk. He asked if that would be allowed.

Mr. McLeod advised that there would be a berm and a row of Leland cypress. He advised that is a steep hill to come up from that sidewalk in. When the City had to replace a sewer line through there they had to build that berm up.

Alderman Guess commented that the intention is for people not to enter there.

Mr. McLeod confirmed that was correct. They want people to use the crosswalk and come down the sidewalk there. Citizens would have a steep climb and have to go through the Leland cypress there if they don't come down the sidewalk. That will not stop them, they will still cut through there. It is Staff's intention for citizens not to do that.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli asked if there was a tie in at the end of the crosswalk back into the park itself.

Mr. McLeod replied no sir, the crosswalk connects to the sidewalk. He pointed out the location on the map where it connected into the existing sidewalk.

Alderman Lail asked why Staff would not create a space for people to walk there if that is what they are going to do. He commented that if he was walking from that parking lot then he is wanting to get into the park and he would rather not walk along the road.

Alderman Guess questioned if there was enough room in that area for a large group to congregate in that area.

Mr. McLeod advised that there was enough room off of the edge of the sidewalk, and there was a grassy area.

Alderman Guess commented that Staff might want to explore the idea of opening that up and allowing that to be a natural walk.

Mr. McLeod used as an example the opening of Stanford Park at Highland Recreation Center. They tried to funnel everybody to the main sidewalk. People starting cutting through the hedges so Staff came in and opened that up and installed a sidewalk there to handle that. Staff would not be able to put a sidewalk there because of the berm there. Staff would have to evaluate that and see what the patrons are doing.

Alderwoman Patton commented that it opens right into disc golf.

Mr. McLeod commented that it is the first hole.

Alderman Guess commented that his primary concern was people waiting on the rest of their group to get there and not having enough space on the other side of the crosswalk to get out of the way of the road.

Mr. McLeod advised that there is room on the other side. He pointed out the area with the sidewalk, and the grassy area before the berm starts leading up to the park.

Alderman Lail questioned the berm. He commented that the detail shows that it is 2 ½ feet high not six feet high. The plans do not show it as a berm. The plans show it as sloping away. He felt that it was very important to screen the parking lot because it is in the middle of an R-2 zoning. The property owner that was next to it

had concerns about it going in. Commercial style parking lots are not generally a great use in R-2 zoning. He advised that the drawing that Council had received was not a six foot berm with landscape on top.

Mr. McLeod commented that the reason the berm was there instead of flat was to get the height up to give it more screening. The trees are typically five to seven feet tall when they are put in. There would also be another row of screening that would go there. The fence would be setback approximately one foot off the property line. He pointed out the row of plantings and the trees on top of the berm. The berm was put in instead of doing it flat to give it more of a buffer. The six foot high fence along the property line versus a four foot high at the parking lot entrance.

Alderman Seaver asked if the bus parking would be in the first parking lot.

Mr. McLeod confirmed that was correct. The buses are usually during the school day during the weekdays. The parking issue is on the weekends. They can be put in the overflow parking lot if necessary. He commented that the most that he had seen during a weekday there was nine buses. Staff could open the overflow lot during the week if necessary. They are experiencing the overcrowding issues on the weekends.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli asked about controlling the overflow, opening and closing the lot.

Mr. McLeod advised that it would be an automatic gate, and Staff could automatically open it. It would be on a timer and it would close. All you do is pull up to the gate and it would automatically open.

Alderman Seaver asked where citizens were parking when there was overcrowding. Along the road?

Mr. McLeod replied yes sir. Along the side of the road and back into the residential streets. They would park all along 6th Street and off of 6th Street. Several years ago on-street parking was prohibited there. He pointed out what the pedestrian signal would look like with a push button activation to activate a flashing light.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli asked if it would be on one side or both sides.

Mr. McLeod advised both sides.

Alderman Meisner asked if Hilton parking was lighted.

Mr. McLeod confirmed that it did have lights and there would be lights in the proposed parking lot too. Mr. McLeod advised that Staff recommended approval of the award bid and contract to Huffman Grading in the amount of \$121,287 for this project.

Alderman Guess moved seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of the Invitation to Bid and Contract to Huffman Grading Co. Inc. Ayes: Alderman Meisner, Alderman Seaver, Alderman Guess, Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli, and Alderwoman Patton. Nay: Alderman Lail. The motion carried.

Alderman Lail commented that he voted no because he was supportive of the parking. He didn't feel that what Council had been presented with was not shown on the plans.

2. Accepted the Hickory Public Library Strategic Plan for 2015-2018.

The library received a \$20,160 Library Services and Technology Act planning grant in 2014 for the development of a new strategic plan to guide library services at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and Ridgeview Branch Library for the next three years. Dr. Anthony Chow was retained to facilitate the planning process that was undertaken by a Steering Committee representing the business, education and non-profit communities, media, Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Library Board, City government, and library staff. Approximately 1000 residents were involved in the ten month study from July 2014 to May 2015 by participating in interviews, focus groups, community forums, and surveys that were available in print and online. Using input from the Steering Committee, staff, and survey results a final document was created. Staff recommends acceptance of the Hickory Public Library Strategic Plan for 2015-2018.

Mr. Berry asked the City's Library Director Louise Humphrey to the podium to present Council the Hickory Public Library's Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. He mentioned that this would be Mrs. Humphrey's last formal opportunity to be before Council because she would soon be retiring. He thanked her for working with Dr. Chow and the other volunteers that were appointed by City Council to leave the City with a forward looking vision.

Mrs. Louise Humphrey commented that it had been her pleasure to serve with the City for so long. She advised that they had completed 10 months of very, very hard work revising a new Strategic Plan for Hickory Public Library. The new plan will guide public library services for the next three years. She recognized some of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee Members who were in attendance: Alderman Hank Guess; Assistant City Manager Andrea Surratt; Billy Sudderth, President of Friends of Ridgeview Public Library; Walter Smith, Chair of the Committee; and Terressa Jefferson. She advised that the Consultant Dr. Anthony Chow with Strategic Performance Systems and also with the University of North Carolina, Greensboro brought it all together. She asked Dr. Chow to present Council with an overview of the process that culminated and a new plan that is recommended by Library Staff for Council's approval.

Dr. Anthony Chow presented a PowerPoint presentation of the plan to Council. He advised that it was two phases. The first phase being actually listening to the community. Every community needs to speak to what services that they would like to see from their libraries. They spent approximately four to five months talking to the community. He said they had 21 focus groups in Hickory and talked to a number of folks throughout the community. He advised that there were approximately 800 in that sample, and a 1,000 random sample mailings. In January they took all of the results and ran two parallel processes. They met with the entire Staff and discussed the new plan and also met with the Steering Committee and did the same process. They had another 200 citizens that provided input on the multiple drafts of the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Chow discussed the vision which was "A welcoming place to discover, connect, and thrive". The idea that Hickory Libraries are welcoming to everyone. Libraries are much more than just books. Books are still the top priority, but there are many things to discover at the library. "Connect and thrive", libraries are not only a place to connect with physical material but definitely digital and online material as well. They are continuing to be community centers where folks get together on community issues. Thrive, most importantly all visitors that visit the library the primary goal is to get them what they are looking for so they can continue on their journey.

Dr. Chow discussed the mission, connecting people with excellent service, resources, and empowering opportunities. The word excellent is important because the Staff and the community don't just want library services they want excellent library services, resources, and the opportunity to empower all of those that interact with the library system.

Dr. Chow continued the discussion with the values of the organization and how staff wants to operate on a day to day basis: (1) engaging, accepting and welcoming. Libraries want to engage all that come through their doors or all of those that visit them digitally. One of the challenges that libraries have is they serve everyone and it is crucial that they accept all of those that use their services. Welcoming particular to those that may speak a second language. There is always that concern that they will not be understood. And the desire to make sure that all are welcome as they engage the organization. (2) Resourceful and inspiring. A lot of people are coming back to libraries because there is too much information and too much technology out there. They often times turn to libraries for resources to help them with that. In a previous focus group one member mentioned that libraries are three dimensional. The point that they were trying to make is when we are online we tend to be searching for things that are specific and we want answers. When you come to the library you end up finding things that you weren't expecting. Inspiring, getting people in the doors, and really surprising people about all the things that libraries have to offer. (3) Environment of teamwork, the collaboration is very important and one of the things that libraries have been challenged with is the rapid change in services and technology. A lot of people need a lot of help being on the same page. Environment and teamwork is necessary within the organization to make sure that they are meeting their challenges appropriately.

Dr. Chow discussed the core competencies. Hickory Public Libraries want to be strong with (1) exemplary customer service; (2) engaging and quality programming, items that are designed to engage and excite Hickory residents and quality programming. Quality programming is actually offsetting the actual physical

use of books. Programming is actually increasing public library usage because of that. People are coming to libraries for that innovative programming. Citizens want to see (3) high quality facilities. (4) Engaging and quality collection, making sure that the collection reflects the needs of their users and strategically plan as well. (5) Technology Resource Center. That is one of the primary trends that is current nationwide and in Hickory as well. People are looking to the library to close that digital divide. Libraries are becoming the tech center. It is not just using computers anymore it is a place to actually showcase the City or Counties technology. If it is not there a lot of citizens may not have access to it. One of the most popular times to get tech support is in January after all of the Christmas presents and receiving all of that technology that they don't know how to use. They come to the library to seek assistance.

Dr. Chow advised of the goals and objectives. Goal (1) State-of-the-Art technology. Some of the operating systems and some of the bandwidth are not as robust as arguably should be. He encountered patrons, at the Ridgeview facility, who were very frustrated with connection problems to the network. The Hickory Public Libraries don't just want to have technology they want to be the state-of-the-art technology. Those that don't have those devices, or internet, it is worth considering, honoring them when they come to those free resources to have those kind of resources. In many cases those are even more vital to them. Goal (2) Superior customer service, services and programs. Not just friendly service but superior customer service. Making sure that the services are aligned to the community and making sure that the programs continue to be innovative and engaging. Goal (3) Strong organizational communication and collaboration among City leadership, branches and area libraries. The idea that Hickory Public Libraries are not alone in this effort they need to make sure that they are meeting the City's priorities and that the branches are all on the same pages. Also partnering with Catawba County Libraries which was a strong partner in this process as well as other area libraries. Collaboration and integration when possible is very important. Citizens don't care if it is Hickory Public Library or Catawba County, they just want the services. As integrated as possible is definitely a strong goal in the future. Goal (4) Innovative community relationships, partnerships, and marketing. Making sure that they find partnerships and work with others on literacy, digital literacy, and all the other things that the library does. Mr. Chow discussed marketing. Why don't people use the library? Marketing is really important because libraries are not the libraries of 10 years ago. There are many services and resources that are available there that people are just not aware of. Marketing what wonderful services and resources that the Hickory citizenry has available at their fingertips for free and not even realizing that they are there. He used as an example where a citizen had discovered how to plan a trip, and he wasn't aware that the library had that type of programming to offer. Marketing is really important because you have the resources and the return on the investment is so strong. You want to maximize the number of people that are using them. Goal (5) Modern and welcoming library spaces. Librarians in Hickory and elsewhere want their libraries to be welcoming, modern, bright, exciting and engaging. A lot of architecture of old aren't necessarily that way. Modern welcoming library spaces as identified in the plan, included lighting, and safety and security were important as well. Dr. Chow commented that Ridgeview is too small to serve as a really strong full service library. He advised that the plan included a year by year goals and objectives section. That will be given to the Library Director as a performance dashboard. They laid out the goals and objectives and the tactics necessary to accomplish these goals by year. They also will be electronic so they can keep track of it in the future.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli thanked Dr. Chow and Louise Humphrey for their work at the library.

Mrs. Humphrey advised City Council that Staff recommend acceptance of the new Strategic Plan.

Alderman Guess commented that he had the privilege of serving on this committee and there was a lot of work that went into this, and a lot of people that participated. He learned what a great staff that the City has and what great citizens we have, and how much they appreciate and depend upon the libraries. There is still some work to do, but overall we have a really good system and he attributed that to the wonderful Staff that the City has.

Alderman Guess moved seconded by Alderman Seaver acceptance of the Hickory Public Library Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2 Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large Jeff Neuville (Not Eligible for Reappointment)
At-Large Dave Gissy (Not Eligible for Reappointment)
At-Large Dave Paist (Not Eligible for Reappointment)

Alderwoman Patton nominated Lori Alala to Business Development Committee, At-Large Representative.

CATAWBA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HICKORY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms with Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council)
Position One Gary Garvey and Stephen Shuford have expressed interest

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large Michael L. Holland (Not Eligible for Reappointment)

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 1 Steven E. Bowman (Not Eligible for Reappointment)

Alderman Lail nominated Margaret Nealon to the Community Appearance Commission, Ward 1 Representative.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Caucasian VACANT
Caucasian Neal Orgain (Eligible for Reappointment/
Does not wish to serve again)
Other Minority Ray Cerda (Eligible for Reappointment/
Does not wish to serve again)
Other Minority VACANT

Alderwoman Patton nominated Eddie Beard to Community Relations Council, Caucasian Representative.

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
(Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 Sam Hunt (Eligible for Reappointment)
Burke County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 8-6-2008
Brookford (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 6-2006
Caldwell County (Mayor to Nominate) James R. Noggle
(Eligible for Reappointment)
Catawba County (Mayor to Nominate) Oscar Vasquez
(Eligible for Reappointment)

Alderman Guess reappointed Sam Hunt to the Hickory Regional Planning Commission, Ward 4 Representative.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Licensed Architect Christopher Wilson (Eligible for Reappointment/
Does not wish to serve again)
At-Large (3) Thomas R. Dobbins (Eligible for Reappointment/
Does not wish to serve again)

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)
Alex Mezei Resigned 3-19-2015
(10) VACANT Positions

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 1 VACANT (Charles Jeffers Passed Away 6/6/2015)
Ward 3 Kathy Ivey (Not Eligible for Reappointment)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 6 Jim Powers (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve)
At-Large (1) Minority
(Bee Yang was reappointed but does not wish to serve again)

At Large (2) VACANT

Alderwoman Patton reappointed Jim Powers to Parks and Recreation Commission, Ward 6 Representative.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

Ward 3 VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Nominates) VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Nominates) Thomas McBrayer

(Eligible for Reappointment/Does not wish to serve again)

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms (Appointed by Mayor)

Position 3 (Mayor Nominates) Clement Geitner

(Eligible for Reappointment)

Tenant Representative

(Mrs. Lester Clark is no longer eligible to serve because she is no longer a tenant)

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

Ward 3 VACANT

At-Large (1) VACANT

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large Bill McBrayer

(Eligible for Reappointment/Does not wish to serve again)

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

The Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Makes the Following Recommendations for Appointment to the Youth Council:

Mary Kathryn Cockerham – Statesville Christian Academy –

At-Large Representative

Caroline Collins - Hickory Christian Academy – At-Large Representative

Jalil Thompson – Hickory High School – At-Large Representative

Jack McMahon – Hickory High School – At-Large Representative

Caleb Hewitt – Hickory High School – At-Large Representative

Mickaela Simmons – Hickory High School - At-Large Representative

Matthew Sturgess – Hickory Christian Academy – At-Large Representative

Molly Dwyer – Hickory Christian Academy – At-Large Representative

Trevor Fulcher – Hickory Christian Academy – At-Large Representative

Emmy Williams – Hickory High School – At-Large Representative

Alanna Church – Fred T. Foard High School – Fred T. Foard Representative

Darian Abernathy – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Grace Bollinger – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Tyler Cochrane – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Bella Fields – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Landen Linkous – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Claire McCrea – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Ally Sweeney – Hickory High School – Hickory High School Representative

Aislynn Hosey – Homeschool – Homeschool Representative

Chase delCharco – Hickory Christian Academy - Private School Representative

Shea Hall – Hickory Christian Academy – Private School Representative

Carson Bailey – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Emily Childers – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Andrew Howard – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Jenny Kerley – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Paul Wood – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Ben Neville – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Arianna Mack – St. Stephens High School –

St. Stephens High School Representative

Alderman Meisner moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver to recuse himself from voting on the Boards and Commissions nominations due to a relative being on the Youth Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Berry questioned City Council on the Catawba County Economic Development Board of Directors position. He advised that Gary Garvey was currently serving and asked if anyone had any conversations with Mayor Wright regarding appointment of someone for that position.

No one had spoken to Mayor Wright regarding that appointment.

Alderwoman Patton moved seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of the above nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

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

City Manager Mick Berry introduced the City's new Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller.

Mayor Pro Tempore Zagaroli recognized the Leadership 2000 youth that were in attendance.

XIV. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(5) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

City Attorney John Crone requested an additional item to closed session regarding potential or pending litigation, landolo vs City of Hickory 14CVS1160 (NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4)).

Alderman Meisner moved that Council go into closed session to consult with the attorneys to discuss the items below and the additional item requested by City Attorney John Crone, seconded by Alderwoman Patton. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of May 19, 2015 and June 2, 2015 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)

2. Potential Property Acquisition - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(5)

No action was taken upon return to open session.

XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk