

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

	Rudy Wright	
Vernon Tarlton	Aldermen	Hank Guess
Danny Seaver		David P. Zagaroli
		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Andrea Surratt, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Communication Specialist/Policy Analyst Sarah Prencipe and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Wright called the meeting to order. All Council members were present except for Alderman Lail.
- II. Invocation by Rev. Paul Christy, First United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations

A. Recognition of Newly-Appointed Public Services Director Kevin Greer

City Manager Warren Wood recognized the City's newly-appointed Public Services Director Kevin Greer. He discussed Mr. Greer's background. Mr. Greer started working with the City of Hickory on October 30, 1995, 22 years, most recently as Assistant Public Services Director. Mr. Greer had served the City as Interim Public Services Director since January 2017. Mr. Greer has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from UNC Charlotte and became a Professional Engineer in 2001. In addition to his role as Public Services Director, Mr. Greer is husband to his wife of 19 years, Melissa and father to his two 17 year old twin daughters, Makayla and Makenzie. Mr. Wood introduced the City's new Public Services Director Kevin Greer.

Public Services Director Kevin Greer thanked Council for the opportunity to serve in this role. He advised that 17 years ago Reverend Christy was his Pastor in Morganton. He advised they had a good pastor. He was excited and looks forward to the challenge and he has big shoes to fill. Mr. Hansen was here for a longtime and he learned a lot on what to do and what not to do. He also learned Hickory's history in that. He mentioned Graham Gilley who was the Director for a while as well, and Jerry Twiggs and Cecil Clark. Those two gentleman had a real role in what we do. He looks forward to continuing that role. He commented the staff that the City has now is the best staff that they had ever had, the most capable and most competent. He looks forward to working with them, City Council and the Manager as well. He thanked Council.

B. Proclamation for National American Public Works Week, May 14-20, 2017

Mayor Wright read and presented a Proclamation for National American Public Works Week to Public Services Director Kevin Greer, Assistant Public Services Director Steve Miller, and Fleet Manager Brad Abernathy.

C. Presentation of a Proclamation for National Police Week May 15-21, 2017

Alderman Patton read and presented a Proclamation for National Police Week to Chief Thurman Whisnant and Deputy Chief Reed Baer.

Mayor Wright commented that Alderman Patton's daughter was a Police Officer in Lenoir.

D. Presentation of a Proclamation for Building Safety Month, May 2017

Alderman Guess read and presented a Proclamation for Building Safety Month, May 2017 to Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Robbins and Fire Battalion Chief Matt Hutchinson.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Mayor Wright referenced the list of persons requesting to be heard and commented that most of the people wanted to speak about the food trucks, and it was under the caption food trucks, millennials, vendors, economic development. He advised that later in the meeting there would be a Departmental Report dealing with a proposed starting point for allowing and regulating food trucks in the City of Hickory. He emphasized that it was a starting point, because it is new to the City, and Council is excited about food trucks, but they didn't want to get in over their heads right off of the bat. The point he was making was it was not a public hearing when Council gets to food trucks. There won't be public input for or against. He advised this would be the time to make the point that they wanted to make. He mentioned the time limit of three minutes for remarks, but they didn't want anybody to leave thinking they had something to say that didn't get said.

- A. Mr. David Crosby, 731 10th Street Drive NW, Hickory, advised he had lived in Hickory over 20 years. He discussed mobile food vendors, the guidelines and his concerns to what was being presented to Council tonight. After researching this, he advised that everything starts off with food carts and mobile food units. He was going by what he found out at the City of Charlotte. He advised Charlotte had rules for downtown, and rules for different sections of town. They all start off with the main thing, and that is the Health Department. He contacted Wake County and discussed it with them. He advised the first thing they said was you have to be licensed by the Health Department. He is a food vendor and he sells hotdogs on Union Square. He has a license and is registered with the Health Department and does all the things that is necessary. He has the insurance and everything that was on the list that Council would be hearing. He commented he probably agreed with 80 percent of what was on the list. It had been well thought out, a lot of good things on there, but there were some things he wanted to bring up. In his discussion Charlotte started reading off the list to him, that it was \$125 a year and you can go just about anywhere, and you have to have the business license. He questioned the business license and they advised him that he was correct they no longer charged for business license. He couldn't find anywhere that said, what the City was asking for, an annual fee of \$500 for each mobile unit, and \$300 for a pushcart and that was for each park. If he wanted to do hotdogs at two parks that would cost him \$600 a year plus everything else that he goes through for the rules and regulations from the Health Department. He asked Council to reconsider that. He was going to suggest a \$250 fee for all parks. He thought maybe that was too high, but \$250 to him as a vendor, he would not object to that. He noticed when he talked to these people everything goes through the Planning Department. He didn't think with Parks and Recreation that should go through Planning because Mack McLeod has done a good job. He knows where he wants to place everything and he thought that could be handled by Parks and Recreation without going through Planning, but later on you would have to get involved with the Planning Department. He referenced number 11 which was about vendors and his and her employees and volunteers, at their own expense, provide the City of Hickory documentation of criminal background and national sex offender. He commented that he took that pretty personally. He didn't think that was quite necessary. He could see him as an owner of a cart maybe having to do that. He has a young man that works for him at the market who is 15 years old. Is he going to have him have to go down and have to have his picture made and all of this kind of stuff to help him sell hotdogs? He reiterated personally he could see that but that didn't make sense to him. He believed that the mobile food vendors, as well as carts, were a great thing for Hickory. He hated to see all of these rules, especially the fees. He didn't see anybody would be knocking the doors down at \$1000, or \$1500 if you have a truck or \$900 if you have a pushcart. He advised he wouldn't do it, and he wasn't speaking about him personally because he is getting old and probably wouldn't do parks anyway because he is tired. He advised he would be glad to answer any questions.
- B. Mr. Ryan Edwards, 946 44th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, advised he was a concerned citizen and was speaking more from the pro-business economic development standpoint. He is a business owner, a person invested in Hickory serving as Chair of a Commission, and he also served on the Bond Commission. Many of the meetings he had sat through they were trying to figure out ways to attract more businesses to Hickory, strengthen our economy and increase our attractiveness to outsiders. He also sits in other meetings where fellow business owners and decision makers discuss how hard it is to work with the City to start, expand, renovate or add value to their business. He was familiar with the guidelines being presented. He asked Council if they were a business owner what they would think. He commented concerning the guidelines being presented to Council and his familiarity with those he thought in terms of fees they were excessive and the process had been too slow. His understanding was that this had been going on for nine months. He was concerned about the lack of guidance that appears in terms of the decisions that one has to make in order to decide whether this is a feasible venture for them. How could a business owner take on the risk if they don't have any guidance necessarily associated with visibility before-hand which is obviously critical to their success? How can they have the confidence when there is no guidance potentially in the beginning? How can that better be shaped and molded where a business owner can have the confidence to take their business out on the road into a different area? If you are a business owner what would you think? It was his understanding there isn't a tiered structure for local versus out of town mobile units. He didn't understand the business acumen that dove into that. Local businesses, mobile units pay taxes which benefit our parks obviously. Why isn't there a different fee structure associated with those potentially out of town mobile units? He doesn't own a food truck and he doesn't plan on providing his business' services on the streets of Hickory or in its parks. He was concerned. If we are going to say that we are progressive and want to come across as welcoming, we can't apply these excessive restrictions. Are we going to drag our feet of evaluating everything from a mobile unit to a construction site trying to get it permitted in a timely manner? Are we going to drag our feet and not think for ourselves by evaluating and asking other cities what they are doing, and maybe potentially copy everyone else? Why don't we be the best Hickory we can be? Put forth pro-business regulations associated for ourselves. He stated if this is the way it is going to be, fine. We just need to stop misleading ourselves. He felt like he had given enough of his time and he would simply appreciate it as a business owner in Hickory and a

family man who tries to spend a lot of time volunteering for the betterment of our City and our community to know the answer. He wanted to know. He commented it was almost like he was getting on a soapbox. He doesn't own a food truck but he thinks this is a critical thing when you look to the future. If we can't get this right how are we going to get something bigger that comes to our town right? Should he wave a white flag of surrender? He left his sons t-ball game early to come to Council and speak tonight. The reason he did, because he thinks discussions like this are so important because he wants a better place for his son to live and a better community for himself to live in as well. For him it was not about mobile units as much as it is about being pro-business and walking the walk. If we are going to get this right then how are we going to do everything we want to do on a larger level? We need to be the best Hickory we can be. If we want to come across as pro-business we need to show it. He thought this as a small part was our chance. If you are a business owner would you look at the numbers and the restrictions and think that this is a good opportunity for you to take your business out on the road? Let's make sure this particular issue is conducted in a safe, certainly a safe, and fair manner. Other than that let's stay out of the way and let capitalism take over. It is a great thing. He commented simply before voting, or taking this into further consideration, he simply requested more eyes are put on it from a pro-business standpoint. He thanked Council for their time and allowing him to be heard.

- C. Ms. Daria Jackson, 975 9th Street Drive NE, Hickory, discussed the speed bump in front of the Brian Center in Viewmont. She advised she worked at the Brian Center in Viewmont. When you are coming out there is a blind spot, where you can't see when someone is coming around there. They have the right of way, but they have workers coming out, and there are people speeding. The other day one of her co-worker's 18 year old daughter was coming out and she got hit. The guy had the right of way, but still it is a blind spot. If they just put a mirror there is could be eliminated. She is afraid that someone is either going to get killed or seriously hurt.

Mayor Wright thanked Ms. Jackson for her concern and her input.

Ms. Jackson advised she had pictures if they wanted her to send them.

Mayor Wright asked Ms. Jackson to discuss her concern with Public Services Director Kevin Greer.

- D. Ms. Meredith Ross, 550 11th Avenue Circle NW, Hickory, advised she was the Old Lenoir Road Business Association's Founder, millennial, an entrepreneur here in Hickory. She and her husband, J.D. Ross, have The Hickory Tree. She wanted to discuss the importance of these food trucks for Hickory and other progressive ideas obviously similar but also for Old Lenoir Road. She advised she had done some research herself and was coming more familiar with the laws that are coming down the pike. In 2015 this was a \$1.2 billion dollar industry, food trucks and is expected in 2017 to be \$2.7 billion dollar industry. A huge industry already growing dramatically. Cities across the region including Lenoir, very recently, are being faced with this. Old laws that accidentally govern these new food trucks and having to rethink it. It is happening. She understood that Lenoir just made them legal all over Lenoir. Part of the reason she knew that was she has a friend who just started a phenomenal food truck in Granite Falls and they are taking it to Lenoir. They are not bringing it to Hickory. That is sad news for her as a millennial. She thought there needed to be a larger mindset shift whereas it is not, should we let them come, if we do how we can regulate it or make money, or where can we let them be. It actually needs to be more like we are competing with other municipalities to get these trucks to Hickory because they bring millennials. Often the entrepreneurs that run these trucks are millennials. Millennials like to eat there but she thought also all generations do. They are convenient and fast. She is two years shy of not being a millennial. She also read that millennials had surpassed boomers. There are 75 million boomers, now there are more millennials. However, in contrast from 2000 to 2010 Hickory's millennial population decreased by 18.5 percent. That is our future and that is tragic. This population is attracted to a culture and often she believes a business culture. The businesses that they follow are often things that are associated with creativity, they love food, and they love the arts. Food trucks are spot on. She read articles that were like millennials are the food truck culture. That is who they are. We want them here in Hickory. We need a future population in Hickory. Also a part from that these food trucks don't just serve millennials. She commented Council could agree, we politic on it in Hickory, we want millennials, we need a younger generation. She advised she had been listening to Garrett Hinshaw who talked about they are training talent at CVCC to send them to other places. Tragic, right. She commented let's facilitate a culture of food, of business, of entrepreneurship, that appeals to this population because that is what is going to get them here and that is what is going to keep them here. She also believed that food trucks, argue in their corner, they can also serve as office parks, farmer's markets. Our farmer's market is begging for more vendors like David. Festivals. As a small business owner they had multiple events where they had to bring food trucks in from Lake Norman, the big bus and different things, because they can't find local food truck vendors and it is because they are not opening here because our laws don't facilitate them. Also City street corners. So there are so

many different ways that these trucks can serve our municipality. She commented that millennials start food trucks. She didn't really care about what the laws are about parks; that is not where they want to be. They want to be where the action is. These are not ice cream trucks. They are serving gourmet novelty unique foods that you can't find in restaurants. She knew there was debate over them providing competition, but to her as an entrepreneur this is one thing. When Hay Market opened, The Hickory Tree thought hold on, we are stepping this up a notch. We are redoing the front of our building. We want it to look better. When food trucks come to Hickory and offer a variety of fun, different unique foods, good foods, these other restaurants are going to say, not waa-waa, but they are going to say let's step it up, let's get our businesses up to compete with these other new businesses; she hoped, that is capitalism isn't it. Let's not worry about competition. She thought that was a good thing in a free market. Also new businesses, new ideas, new options for food in Hickory, it is life, it is revitalization that is bringing things we need and that we say we want in Hickory. She commented in the last three years there had been five or six businesses that optimized this that had opened in Hickory: the Craft Beer Cellar, craft beer is big for that age group, pet friendly, a great destination, walkable to downtown, these are all things that millennials love, sadly it burned down; Table Rock Outdoors was another millennial ran and very attractive to millennials type of business, brought a lot of life and a lot of attraction; Standard Oyster Company, all generations love that, but that started by a millennial and very attractive to millennials; Hatch Sandwich Bar downtown, started by a millennial, very attractive, a huge amount of millennials there; and also there is music project out near the new Piedmont Wagon, Josh Goodfellow is working on developing a very large arts and music venue, which she is really excited about. Hickory is trying to be positive here. We are already getting these businesses but need more and we need to continue to build that culture that is going to attract this population back. She wants her kids to want to live here, she wants them to want to take over her family business. She wants her daughters to run The Hickory Tree someday; that is part of this. She referenced Old Lenoir Road specifically, they see this to be a place where they can have the festivals with the music and the arts and all of that. It is such a shame when they can't find locally and have to call Charlotte and other larger cities, and to also hear that Eats on the Street is struggling so much. The average investment of a food truck is \$85,000, it is a huge investment it is not a little. She pleaded for Council to see this as an opportunity to capture this population and capture their attention. They might be weird and different than even her, and she is supposed to be one of them sometimes, but they are the future.

Mayor Wright asked if anyone else wanted to be heard. No one else appeared. He thanked everyone for their comments.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of April 18, 2017

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Tarlton that the Minutes of April 18, 2017 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wright announced that the motion was made by Alderwoman Patton seconded by Alderman Tarlton and 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.

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

Mayor Wright announced that the motion was made by Alderwoman Patton seconded by Alderman Seaver and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of Sponsorship Agreements for the Presenting, Premiere, and General Sponsors for the Friday Night Sails Original Music Series, May, June, and September, 2017. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- B. Approval of the Contract to Wilkie Construction Company SE, LLC in the Amount of \$48,686 for Improvements to West Hickory Park. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- C. Approval of Task Order Three to the Engineering Services Agreement with McGill Associates, P.A. in the Amount of \$28,900 for Eastwood, Random Woods, and Sherwood Forest Subdivisions Sanitary Sewer Project. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- D. Approval of the Change Order to the Contract for Design Services with AMEC Foster Wheeler in the Amount of \$5,000 for Design Modification to the US 70/US 321 Interchange. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- E. Budget Revision Number 22. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

- F. Acceptance of the Bids and Award of the Contract to Eastern Structures, LLC in the Amount of \$1,258,867.94. (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.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wright announced that the motion was made by Alderwoman Patton seconded by Alderman Seaver and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approved a Proclamation for Tourism Month.
- B. Approved the Special Events Activities Application Trick or Trot 5K, Kyle Mishler, Recreation Programmer, Hickory Parks and Recreation Department, October 7, 2017, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1451 8th Street Drive NE, (Stanford Park).
- C. Approved the Special Events Activities Application Foster Parent Appreciation Day, Megan Burns, Foster Parent Recruiter and Trainer, Catawba Social Services, L.P. Frans Stadium, 2500 Clement Boulevard, May 6, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- D. Approved the Request from Hickory Police Department to Award Police Badge and Service Weapon to Retiring MPO Mike Sherrill.

By authority of NC General Statute §20-187.2, City Council may award the service weapon (Glock Model 17-Serial #UHF186) and police badge to retiring MPO Mike Sherrill upon his retirement from Hickory Police Department on May 31, 2017 after completing over 15 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.

- E. Approved the Adoption of a Purchasing Policy Statement and Procurement Procedures Manual.

The Federal Uniform Guidance controls and OMB Circular 133 for projects using Federal grants have updated compliance procedures. One of these updates requires an entity to have an adopted policy for guidance on purchasing and procurement. To be in compliance when contracting projects using Federal funding, the Federal Uniform Guidance controls require an entity to have a board adopted Purchasing Policy. This is not a North Carolina State law, however, the City's external auditor, Martin Starnes, has recommended that the Purchasing Policy be presented to Council for adoption. Staff recommends Council adopt the Purchasing Policy and Procurement Manual.

- F. Called for a Public Hearing – to Consider Vacant Building Revitalization Grant Performance Agreement with MDI Management, LLC in the Amount of \$20,000 for Rehabilitation to the Building Located at 521 Main Avenue SW. (Authorize Public Hearing for May 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

- G. Approved on First Reading the Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Atreem, LLC.

In the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This led to the creation of a program to provide microenterprise grants to businesses looking for funding necessary to take their business to the next level. The 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan has \$10,000 allocated towards assistance for entrepreneurial activities. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, a microenterprise is a business that has fewer than five employees, one of whom is the owner of the business. The program offers grants of up to \$4,000 for low to moderate income business owners for business property, inventory, necessary fixed assets, marketing and business promotion, or other improvements approved by the Business Development Committee. Applicants are required to submit a business plan and have a counseling session with a local business support organization. Michael Gallagher has applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and enhance his business, Atreem, LLC. The business designs and fabricates wood products. They currently offer small batch production parts along with custom furniture. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommends approval of the grant in the amount of \$4,000. The grant funds will be to purchase business equipment and upgrade the business's website. Staff recommends that City Council approve the Microenterprise Grant agreement with Atreem, LLC.

H. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 23.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-13
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 23

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2016-17 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Culture and Recreation	8,185	-
TOTAL	8,185	-

To match revenues to the above, the General Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,950	-
Sales and Services	6,235	-
Other Financing Sources	468	468
TOTAL	8,653	468

SECTION 2. To amend the Solid Waste Fund within the FY 2016-17 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	2,500	-
TOTAL	2,500	-

To provide funding for the above, the revenues will be budgeted as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,500	-
TOTAL	2,500	-

SECTION 3. To amend the Stormwater Fund within the FY 2016-17 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	62,500	-
TOTAL	62,500	-

To provide funding for the above, the revenues will be budgeted as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous Revenues	62,500	-
TOTAL	62,500	-

SECTION 4. To amend and close out the TDA Parking Deck Capital Project Ordinance (project #700009), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	-	155,848
Other Financing Uses	468	-
TOTAL	468	155,848

To match the above with revenue adjustments, the project revenues will be budgeted as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Investment Earnings	671	-
Other Financing Sources	-	156,051
TOTAL	671	156,051

SECTION 5. Copies of the budget revision 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 – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports:

1. Deferred Approval of the Guidelines to Allow Permitted Mobile Food Vendors to Operate in Certain City of Hickory Parks.

Staff has worked to develop a policy that would allow permitted mobile food vendors to operate in certain City of Hickory parks. The following definitions of mobile food vendors have been established: 1) Pushcart – a wheeled cart which may be moved by one person without the assistance of a motor and which is designed and used for displaying, keeping or storing any food, beverages or other articles for sale by a vendor; 2) Motorized Mobile Food Unit – a vehicle mounted, vehicle towed or vehicle carried food service establishment, including ice cream trucks, designed to be readily moved; 3) Mobile Food Vendor – a person (or persons) who prepares or serves pre-packaged or cooked food and/or beverages for sale to the public on a recurring basis from a motorized mobile food unit or a pushcart. Permitted mobile food vendors will be allowed to operate in the following six (6) parks – Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. Memorial Park, Henry Fork River Regional Park, Kiwanis Park, Neill W. Clark, Jr. Park, Stanford Park and Taft Broome Park. Allocation of park locations is on a first come-first served basis, with a limit of two vendors per park. Mobile food vendors may operate from thirty minutes after the park opens and must be removed thirty minutes prior to the park closing. A permit application and \$500 annual fee is required for each mobile food unit per location. A permit application and \$300 annual fee is required for each pushcart per location. Applications and fees will be submitted to the Planning Department who will render a decision as to approval or denial within ten business days. Permits issued will be valid for a one year period, with the effective date being the date the Planning Director or his designee approves the application and receives payment. The Parks and Recreation Commission, at its April 11, 2017 meeting, endorsed the mobile food vendor guidelines and has recommended its consideration and approval by City Council. Staff recommends approval of the guidelines to allow permitted mobile food vendors to operate in certain City of Hickory parks.

City Manager Warren Wood asked the Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod to the podium to present Council with guidelines for mobile food vendors.

Parks and Recreation Director Mack McLeod presented a PowerPoint presentation. He commented since Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, and Planning Director Brian Frazier and he were before Council back in November when the initial discussion on food trucks was held they had worked to develop a policy that would allow permitted mobile food vendors to operate in certain City of Hickory parks. During that time they had researched and reviewed both policies and ordinances not only here in North Carolina but they looked at a few outside of North Carolina. As this would be a new adventure for the City, it had been a work in progress to develop a recommended policy that was before City Council for their consideration. As with any new program, or new facility, when it is new there is always some tweaking that will probably have to be done once it is in place and once the program has started or the facility is opened for the first time. He used as examples the splash pad at Kiwanis Park, and the Dog Park at Fairbrook Optimist Park in July. They had to make some tweaks and adjustments to the operation on both of those so they understood that there would probably need to be some adjustments. As discussed with Council in November the City of Hickory does not regulate mobile food vendors on private property. That is an arrangement and agreement between the property owner and that particular vendor. In regards to public property, the City has a policy that governs pushcarts down Union Square but doesn't have a policy nor an ordinance that governs other mobile food vendors whether it be a food truck or an ice cream truck. He advised what he would discuss pertained only to certain City of Hickory parks. The opportunity does exist in the future to expand that potentially to other public property. There will probably be some interest once the Riverwalk and the City Walk are on the ground, but it is really too early to look at both of those, he was using those as an example until they know what that final product will look like. There is an opportunity for other public property but he advised this just pertained to City of Hickory parks.

Mr. McLeod discussed the definitions for pushcarts, motorized mobile food units. He read the definition for pushcart: a wheel cart that may be moved by one person without the assistance of a motor in which it is designed to use for

displaying, keeping or storing any food, beverages, or other articles for sell by the vendor. He defined a motorized mobile food unit: which was vehicle mounted, vehicle towed, or vehicle carried food services establishment including ice cream trucks that are designed to be readily moved. He defined mobile food vendor: a person or persons who prepare to serve prepackaged or cooked food and or beverages for sell unto the public on a recurring basis from a motorized mobile food unit or pushcart.

Mr. McLeod discussed permanent permit application and fees. As part of staff's review process, looking at other policies and ordinances, they looked at those fees. There was a wide-range of fees for both pushcarts and mobile food vendors. Those ranged from \$25 a day, to \$25 a year; \$50 a month, to \$50 a year; \$100 a month, to \$100 a year; some had \$150 a month, to \$150 a year; and also \$250 a year to up to \$500 a year. There was one or two that used a percentage of gross sales. They did not look into those. Based on that they originally recommended the permit application at a \$500 annual fee be required for both mobile food units and also pushcarts per location. When they took it to the Parks and Recreation Commission, after their initial review, they recommended Staff look at it at a lesser fee for pushcarts just simply for size. They looked at what the current policy was on Union Square. The current policy to have a pushcart on Union Square was \$25 per month. That was how they arrived at the \$300 annual fee. The application and fees would be submitted to the Planning Department who would render that decision within 10 business days. Once the permits are issued they would be valid for one year period. The effective date would be when the Planning Director or his designee would approve that application and receives that payment. There were several things that staff looked at and felt needed to be part of the application process. There was a wide-range of sizes for all pushcarts and all food trucks. Instead of trying to come up with a minimum and a maximum they asked for color photographs of all four sides of the mobile food unit or pushcart as well as the dimensions so they could determine, based on spaces allocated, if it would fit in there instead of trying to come up with an arbitrary minimum/maximum. They requested two prints of full faced photographs of the vendor and his or her employees and volunteers and documentation of successful completion of a criminal background check. That was a recommendation that came through the initial review of the Parks and Recreation Commission. They felt that needed to be included because they are in the parks and they require all volunteer coaches, umpires, and our contracted instructors go through that same process. They felt that needed to be something to look at. They would have to remit any copies of any permits or approvals that would be required by the Catawba County Health Department. Copies of a certificate of insurance listing the City of Hickory as an additional insured, and a copy of the menu items with those associated prices.

Mr. McLeod discussed the park locations. Their recommendation was permitted mobile food vendors would be allowed in six parks: Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. Memorial Park, Henry Fork River Regional Park, Kiwanis Park, Neill W. Clark, Jr. Park, Stanford Park and Taft Broome Park. These parks were chosen strictly on their function and the park patron usage. The allocation of the park locations would be on a first come first served basis with a limit of two vendors per park. Once application and permit fees are received in the Planning Department they will be date and time stamped as to when they come in. Once that vendor fills out the application, they are asking the vendor to list their first and second choice of requested park. For example if the City receives three application and fees for Kiwanis Park. With it being two spaces allocated at Kiwanis the first two completed applications that come in would be allocated to the two spaces at Kiwanis Park. The third application would go to their second choice of park and that would the space that they would be allocated. The mobile food vendors will be allowed to operate seven days a week from 30 minutes after the park opens and must be removed 30 minutes prior to the park closing. Dependent upon park hours a permitted food vendor would be allowed to operate in the park from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mr. McLeod discussed designated locations for the food vendors. Staff looked at those locations and the availability of parking within the park and safety. They looked at access of the location of where the mobile food vendor would be and access to the park patrons or the activities going on in that particular park. Mr. McLeod showed on the PowerPoint presentation Hilton Park. He pointed out the main parking lot at Hilton Park noting two spaces which were designed for bus parking. Staff had allocated those two spaces for mobile food vendors. He advised it really did not take away any parking. He pointed out the area which contained new additional parking at the park. This area would not take away any parking. From a safety standpoint it would be better to access it not from the parking lot side, typically it could be from the park side with them parallel parking there. He showed Henry Fork River Regional Park and pointed out the parking lots, and the area which would be designated as parking for mobile food vendors.

He advised a lot of activity goes on here at the soccer complex. This area was also chosen from a safety access point. The food is in the park and patrons could access it from the park side and not from the parking lot side. He displayed Kiwanis Park pointing out the splash pad location. Based on the slope of that parking lot it was not conducive from a level standpoint for a large mobile food vendor. He advised the location of bus parking in the upper parking lot which had been put in during the construction of the playground. They would allocate two spaces here for mobile food vendors and it would allow them to parallel park from a safety standpoint and then be able to serve not only the splash pad but traditionally all three fields at Kiwanis Park. He displayed Neill Clark and advised this is where the City plays soccer and also have tournament play and lacrosse here. They had identified several parking spaces located where the dumpsters previously were placed but had been moved back up to the front. They would allocate parking in this location for food vendor parking. He displayed Stanford Park, most of the activity that would go on there would be from a tournament standpoint on softball fields, but it could also serve anything going on in the recreation center. He pointed out the two small parking areas. Easily mobile food vendors could park in there and also from a safety standpoint it would be back far enough away to provide some protection for cars coming in the parking lot. The final recommended location was at Taft Broome Park. He pointed out Brown Penn Recreation Center, Ridgeview Recreation Center, Community Ridge Daycare, the main parking lot which also serves Ridgeview Recreation Center and also the library. He pointed out the location of some parking spaces that would be allocated for the mobile food vendors.

Mr. McLeod discussed miscellaneous provisions. Vendors would not be permitted to permanently attach anything to the City's property. Alcohol could not be sold or served. The only identification signs would be for the vendor and the menu boards for the food products, the only two permitted. No use of sound equipment. The vendors would be responsible for establishment of the operation not including provisional water and electrical power. Mr. McLeod advised at all of these locations water and electrical power are not there. Mobile food units would not be valid during event declared a Special Event by City Council unless that permit holder is granted written permission from the applicant to set up in that designated area.

Mayor Wright asked if that would be like Oktoberfest.

Mr. McLeod responded yes sir. This would be like for instance in 2018 the City is hosting eight State tournaments that are coming into town. Because that would be under the City then the permit holder would come to Parks and Recreation to get permission to operate during that. He advised it would be for these particular parks. On April 11, 2017, after two reviews, the Parks and Recreation Commission endorsed the guidelines and recommended approval to Council. He advised he would answer questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Alderman Zagaroli asked what the requirements were rather than the parks, parking in a public street. He asked if there were any requirements for that.

Mr. McLeod commented this policy just relates to specifically the parks only.

Alderman Zagaroli confirmed parks only. That fee is just for parks only.

Mr. McLeod reiterated parks only. The only public property that this was pertaining to were City of Hickory parks.

Alderman Zagaroli asked if a food truck could park on a street somewhere that is not in a park.

Mr. McLeod deferred that question.

Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula advised currently the City does not have any kind of regulations governing that but it wouldn't be permitted. For example, the City regulates pushcarts on Union Square. That policy was adopted in 2007/2008. For a food truck just to pull up on City property, meaning they could go to any public property and just park and sell food, that would not be permitted at this time.

Alderwoman Patton commented they can go to private companies that ask that they come into their parking lot and sell to their employees.

Ms. Dula commented correct. That was permitted. The City had chosen not to regulate it. There are some cities that do regulate it. They regulate it on public and private properties. They use zoning and other restrictions to regulate it on private properties and the City had chosen not to do that.

Alderwoman Patton asked if there was a \$500 fee for them to do that, or \$300.

Mr. McLeod interjected that would be an agreement between the property owner and the vendor.

Alderman Seaver asked about the ice cream trucks that you see going through Hickory now and on the City streets.

Mr. McLeod commented based on this policy the ice cream truck would have to be permitted through this process to operate in these parks.

Alderwoman Patton commented he has been operating in the parks with nothing.

Mr. McLeod responded correct, yes ma'am; that is correct.

Alderwoman Patton commented and he's got music, loud music.

Mr. McLeod replied yes ma'am.

Alderman Zagaroli commented so that won't be permitted anymore.

Mr. McLeod responded no sir, they would have to be permitted through this process. If they were one of those two they would have to be allocated a space.

Alderman Tarlton asked to just cruise through a neighborhood, a public street.

Mr. McLeod advised that would not relate to this because this policy only pertains to City of Hickory parks. They had determined those six parks to just do this usage. There is high usage at those parks. That is why they did not consider all City parks just those that staff felt were the most heavily used parks and what functions were going on at the park. This policy can be at Council's direction, could be expanded to other public property. He advised at this point what was before Council tonight just pertained to the six parks that were being presented to them.

Alderman Seaver asked if he had his own ice cream truck and he drove to each park, he would need to pay a fee for each separate park.

Mr. McLeod commented that is the way it is currently set up and being proposed.

Ms. Dula commented there perhaps was a misconception. The vendor who is permitted is actually assigned to a particular park. They can't rotate and go from park, to park, to park, thus having to pay a separate fee for each park. The proposed fee of \$300 for pushcart or \$500 is for one park for a full year. They can be there seven days a week as long as the park is open they can be there. She thought that was a little bit of a misunderstanding.

Alderman Seaver commented like setting up a make shift restaurant for the year. It is pretty much set at that spot.

Ms. Dula replied it is.

Mr. McLeod commented that operation has to be permitted by Catawba County Public Health Department and have to provide that documentation to the City that they have all of the required permits by Catawba County.

Alderman Guess commented he would also like to see the City be a little less restrictive and more encouraging for these folks to come to town. Obviously one of the ways to be able to do that is to not limit them necessarily just to the parks. He agreed that the parks are a place where people gather. He thought the City was shooting themselves in the foot by just limiting it to those. He understood that allowing those to expand elsewhere may make this a little bit more cumbersome to put into place, but he thought it was restricting folks somewhat and limiting us. He referenced the fees. He didn't know what it cost the City to be able to do these permits. He didn't know what the City had in it, but he recommended or suggested the City limit the fee to whatever that is. Whatever it cost the City to prepare, the personal, or whatever it is to put that out there that we would make that to be what the fee is that we are not gaining anything at least in the implementation part of it. They could always revisit that later if they so desire and increase those fees after a trial period. He recommended whatever the fee would be, would be what the cost would be to us. He thought backgrounds were extremely important and he believed that anyone who was affiliated with these operations should. He thought

it was a minimal cost, but he thought it was a risk that we shouldn't take. He thought backgrounds were extremely important and they should stick to that.

Alderwoman Patton thought that the business registration fee proposed was astronomical. She thought it should be a flat \$25 fee for registration. That was what she was seeing other cities doing, taking the place of business licensing. They are just doing a flat fee. For something like a pushcart they are not going to operate the whole year. In the dead of winter nobody is going to get out and eat at a pushcart or mobile food typically. In Charlotte they quit sometime around November/December and they pickup back in February/March. She thought they needed to invite people to come to the parks and restricting it to two and being assigned to a park is handicapping someone's ability to run a business and we are recognizing the changing habits of people eating at a food cart. She does it. She didn't agree with being first in line. She thought there needed to be more involvement at the beginning of the talks when they have projects like this so they don't go too far down the line. She would like to welcome food trucks throughout Hickory, not just the parks, but throughout because people are working. As they say on Old Lenoir Road, they would love to have someone pull up at one of their businesses and everybody know who is coming that week. It is like Foodsby in Charlotte, everybody knows and you just go there. You place your order and you go. It is inviting growth and it is inviting people to gather and meet where they are working or within a business or two and all of a sudden you have a collaboration meeting. It is that growth time thing. She was on vacation in Kiawah recently and the Town Center invited 15 to 20 food vendor trucks, put up huge tents and it was amazing. The people, all ages came. She ate Thai, somebody else ate fish, somebody else pizza, and they did sell alcohol at one, but it was a festive affair, and she thought we could create a lot of energy by allowing entrepreneurs to do what they are going to do best. They are going to go where they can sell their product and not be restricted and the City should open it to all of Hickory. She didn't like the idea of just two per park; that squashes the whole intent of making it a festival at the park.

Mayor Wright understood that it was important to the Parks and Recreation Commission to monitor and control activities in our parks. Where he had used food trucks, it never occurred to him that they might actually be in City parks. He had used food trucks they had been at a sort of ad hoc place, a little corner somewhere...

Alderwoman Patton interjected or at a Business Park.

Mayor Wright continued or maybe a Business Park, sometimes with a gravel unpaved parking area. In his opinion if the City is going to dip their toe into this, maybe dip it in at the lower end of the fee range rather than the high end of the fee range.

Alderman Guess asked if they knew what it was going to cost the City to do whatever necessary to get them operating and make it a wash. Make it even whatever it is maybe in the beginning anyway.

Alderwoman Patton asked if it cost the City more than \$25 to actually have an application fee, someone to review it, take the pictures and have registration of what food trucks are operating.

City Manager Warren Wood advised this is not about raising revenue through a fee. It is Council's discretion to lower that.

Alderwoman Patton commented a minimum fee. She wants to encourage food trucks to come here because it is a different experience and millennials do eat differently.

Alderman Zagaroli commented he had noticed that, but he had adapted.

Alderwoman Patton commented she had adapted, she loved food trucks.

Alderman Tarlton commented he wouldn't even mind if it cost us something.

Alderman Guess commented theoretically he thought Council needed to know what that cost was and then go from there.

Mayor Wright asked how many applicants they thought we might have.

Alderman Guess commented there has got to be some cost involved in it probably.

Alderwoman Patton interjected it is a lot of cost.

Alderman Guess clarified for the City.

Alderman Tarlton felt that they should float it out there for a minimal fee.

Alderwoman Patton commented wouldn't it be exciting to have 20 or 30 actually service all Hickory.

Alderman Tarlton commented if it turned out to be something that was cumbersome then they could approach it then.

Alderman Zagaroli commented if down the road it is awkward then they would have to drop back.

Alderwoman Patton commented as far as background checks she understood it for Parks and Recreation, but for the rest, if they opened it up for all of Hickory, we don't do background checks on people at restaurants.

Alderman Tarlton thought that was a liability that is taken on by the employer.

Alderwoman Patton understood about the Parks but the rest of it she thought that was another unnecessary burden.

City Manager Warren Wood advised they would stick to our guns on background checks for folks doing business on City property.

Alderwoman Patton agreed.

Mr. Wood advised they were not talking about background checks for folks doing this on private property.

Alderman Guess commented initially that is what this was about.

Alderwoman Patton advised she would like to see it opened up for all of Hickory just not on someone's private property.

Alderman Tarlton asked who does the background checks.

Alderman Guess stated that is on their own.

Alderman Tarlton asked who approved them. The City?

Mr. Wood commented as an example you don't allow registered sex offenders in City parks.

Alderman Guess asked if there was a way to determine what the cost to the City would be to allow.

Mr. Wood commented it is negligible.

Alderman Zagaroli commented Council could establish that.

Alderwoman Patton commented they could establish a \$25 permit.

Mr. Wood advised that was at Council's discretion.

Alderman Guess commented in all fairness he thought he should be comparable to what the City charges a restaurant. The City charges restaurant's something for permits, is that correct.

Alderwoman Patton responded no.

Alderman Guess asked if they had to get a permit.

Alderwoman Patton responded no, it is the Health Department.

Mr. Wood reiterated it was at Council's discretion. They could charge zero, or they could charge what is being recommended or anything above or in between.

Alderman Guess recommended that they do the same thing that they do for restaurants, because it is basically a restaurant on wheels. If we don't do anything for restaurants then what is the difference.

Mr. Wood advised that restaurants are operating on private property and these would be operating on public property.

Alderman Guess commented so in theory the fee was initiated originally for the rental space of the property. He asked if that was correct or not?

Mr. McLeod responded yes.

Alderman Guess understood. He thought Council should wave that at least initially. If this thing is hugely successful and we have a problem with too many then that might be a way to regulate it and cut it back or something.

Alderwoman Patton commented it would be great to have too many.

Alderman Tarlton asked Alderman Guess waive what?

Alderman Guess and Alderwoman Patton advised the fee.

Alderman Tarlton commented the \$500 application fee. He agreed.

Alderman Guess commented that was just his point.

Alderman Tarlton didn't see this as being a big revenue source.

Alderman Guess commented we are trying to encourage folks to come to Hickory.

Alderman Zagaroli commented we are not in the business to make money off of the food trucks.

Alderman Guess reiterated we are trying to encourage folks to come.

Mayor Wright asked if the ice cream trucks sold anything but ice cream.

Alderman Guess responded candy, candy bars.

Alderman Tarlton commented so you know they are at least approved by the Health Department.

Alderman Guess responded that is a given, they have to do that.

Alderman Tarlton wasn't sure about some of the guys running around here.

Alderman Seaver commented you need some kind of regulation on it because people are territorial. If you are not regulating how many vendors can be in there is going to be a fight to see who gets there first.

Alderman Tarlton responded if you only have two parking spaces that's it.

Alderman Zagaroli thought regulating in the parks to two or four, maybe go four.

Alderman Tarlton commented Henry Fork could use four sometimes, he knew during big soccer tournaments.

Alderwoman Patton commented if Council just said City of Hickory is open to food vendors except in the parks, she could see a restriction. She asked how many are really going to come. They are servicing their own cities right now.

Alderman Guess advised he only knew one person who had a food truck. He was sure there were a few more.

Alderwoman Patton said there might be ten.

Alderman Guess commented if Council implements this and does it then they will come.

Alderwoman Patton commented it will grow.

Mayor Wright commented he could count on one hand the number of times he had eaten at a food truck, however he had enjoyed every one of them. The places he had eaten at, they would not drive to a soccer field to provide food during a soccer tournament.

Alderman Tarlton commented he had been to a lot of soccer tournaments that he wished he could have a hotdog. Seriously.

Alderman Seaver commented that brings another question up. A lot of tournaments are going to be in Hickory in 2018, and the Parks and Recreation usually have the concession stand operational. He asked if they were going to forgo doing that themselves.

Mr. McLeod advised they would still operate the concession stands so they could both run together corporately. That is not an issue,

Alderwoman Patton commented she had been to soccer tournaments and there are tons of kids and they all flock to a place to eat. She thought by restricting it to two like Henry Fork we would be shooting ourselves in the foot and people would be disgruntled that there wasn't enough opportunity, because so many of them then go off-sight to eat and then come back to their games. If they had a choice and the parents had a choice she thought it would make the experience of tournaments more exciting.

Alderman Tarlton agreed.

Mr. McLeod explained the reason why they looked at limiting that was because from a parking standpoint for that event and safety. That is why they looked at two vendors, simply because when you get into a large soccer tournament at Henry Fork they have them in overflow parking along the grass so parking becomes a premium. That was one of the reasons why they looked at just limiting it to two vendors per park.

Mr. Wood commented that Assistant City Manager Andrea Surratt advised him that the City charged approximately \$28 per month for outdoor dining on Union Square. If it gets down to zero then they are going to have an advantage, or Council would need to consider all of that together.

Alderman Guess commented that was his question, we need to make sure that it is fair.

Mr. Wood advised the City was also charging for pushcarts on Union Square as well.

Alderman Guess thought it needed to be fair and equal.

Mr. Wood responded it sounds like staff needs to do more work.

Alderman Tarlton agreed.

Alderman Zagaroli commented he had been at many places where they have the food trucks out in the grass, in the grassy area, not even in the parking lot.

Mr. Wood questions Council, when staff goes back to work on this, is the consensus of Council that the City wants to allow this on all City property, citywide.

Alderwoman Patton wanted to encourage that.

Mayor Wright interjected as long as it doesn't create traffic hazards.

Mr. Wood explained that was the idea of limiting the number in the parks because it does create a traffic hazard. You can't have 15 food trucks in a parking lot in a City park.

Alderman Tarlton asked if that was realistic.

Mr. Wood replied that is exaggerated but there has to be some sort of limitation at some point. Staff will go back and take a broader swipe at this and bring it forward.

Alderwoman Patton asked when their next meeting was.

Mr. Wood advised if this was going to be a broader swipe than it would not just be the Parks and Recreation Commission, it would be bigger than that.

Alderman Tarlton asked if they should form a committee.

Mr. Wood suggested Council let staff discuss it. Staff would be meeting with Council members in the coming week and they would have a recommendation on how to move forward.

City Attorney John Crone listed some of Council's comments: little or no fees, and perhaps more vendors at particular parks or all of the parks.

Alderman Guess interjected don't restrict it to just the parks.

Alderwoman Patton commented don't restrict it just to the parks. If Hickory Consignment decided they wanted to have it on their property, she knew that was a private property, but a food truck could just pull up at any gathering kind of place, outdoor festivals, things like that. It makes it for a neat experience when you have the music going on. You can go from food truck to food truck and you don't only have to have a hotdog, you can eat whatever you want and it just adds to the experience, and that is what makes it fun.

Alderman Zagaroli asked if dancing was allowed.

Alderwoman Patton replied yes.

Alderman Tarlton commented but music is not. He saw something about that.

Alderman Seaver asked what if you go to the park to hear the birds sing. How are you going to hear them?

Mr. Wood advised Council that staff would bring back a recommendation on a process to move forward.

Mayor Wright commented in the meantime, food trucks on private property. He asked if they could have them on public property like a street. He guessed they could have it as long as they are not creating a traffic hazard.

Alderman Tarlton commented just like ice cream trucks do now.

Alderman Guess commented that is considered a food truck, is it not.

Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula advised if Council opened that up, they would be everywhere and anywhere with nothing to regulate them. They will do whatever they want to. She gave an example of a lady who had called and wanted to set-up a table somewhere on Union Square to sell stuffed animals and donate proceeds to somebody. But without some type of regulation you also have the potential to expanding it to people who want to bring in other uses on the public property. Just for consideration if it is open, if you just open it up right now then there is nothing to regulate it.

Alderman Tarlton wanted to be sensitive to the restaurants and businesses that are existing. But all of the other parks there is nowhere else to grab a hotdog. He thought they should take that into consideration.

Mr. Wood suggested Council let staff come back with a process.

Alderman Guess requested they put in there somehow and see what the difference was with ice cream trucks. Basically an ice cream truck is a food truck that we already have that exist, that already does whatever, it goes everywhere.

Alderman Tarlton interjected it is pre-prepared food.

Alderman Guess asked if that was what the difference was it was pre-prepared.

Alderman Tarlton assumed.

Alderman Guess commented they have been doing that for years with no regulations.

Mr. Wood responded they would be guessing the answer to that.

Alderman Guess requested they take that into consideration.

Mayor Wright commented when you try to do something great, or something good, there is always a fall out. He certainly didn't want to hear from people that say my child is disappointed they can't get ice cream at Kiwanis Park anymore. He commented it has been a great exercise in democracy, and they had heard a lot about food trucks and they would wait to hear the next chapter.

Alderman Seaver thought the mood of Council was they should address the thing citywide more than just parks as it was deemed to be tonight. That was his take on the discussion. They are looking beyond City parks.

Mayor Wright commented if Council took a vote on who was for food trucks it would be unanimous. That is the good side of it.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Guess Appoints) VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
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HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
(Appointed by City Council)
Burke County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)
(2) Positions VACANT

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Guess Appoints) VACANT

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 9 VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) VACANT
Ward 4 (Guess Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

St. Stephens High School Representatives 1 Position VACANT
At-Large Representatives 1 Position VACANT
Challenger High School Representative 1 Position VACANT

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

XIV. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

Alderman Patton moved that Council go into closed session to consult with the attorneys to discuss the items below, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wright announced that the motion was made by Alderman Patton seconded by Alderman Zagaroli and the motion carried unanimously.

1. Discussion of Pending Litigation –17CVS1121 L.D. Austin & James D. Grogan vs City of Hickory, et. al. - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3).

No action was taken upon return to open session.

XV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk