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**A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred,
NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied**

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

February 7, 2023
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Michael Slaughter, Hickory Foundation Bible Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Presentation of the Distinguished Budget Award for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022. This is the twenty-eight consecutive year the City has received this recognition – Presented to Budget Analyst Johnathan Rosales. Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Award. This is the twenty-sixth consecutive year the City has received this recognition - Presented to Finance Officer Melissa Miller. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Regular Meeting January 17, 2023. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
- A2** A. Budget Revision Number 14. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.
- A** A. Approval of the Purchase and Up-Fit of Ten Specialized Police Package Emergency Vehicles. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

Hickory Police Department requests approval to purchase and up-fit ten specialized police package emergency vehicles. Hickory Police Department has funds budgeted in the 2022-2023 CIP for replacement and up-fitting of police vehicles. Hickory Police Department Staff and the City of Hickory Fleet Manager have researched and reviewed independent comparison studies comparing available police package vehicles. The 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid all-wheel drive best fits the needs of the department based on a number of considerations. The Police Interceptor Utility has been the top choice of the Police Department for the past seven budget years. Parks Ford in Hendersonville, North Carolina currently has the North Carolina Sheriff's Association contract for the 2023 Ford

Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid all-wheel drive with a base price of \$39,190.30. Parks Ford has partnered with Global Public Safety, LLC in Statesville, NC to provide the total “turnkey” up-fitting of these ten specialized police package emergency vehicles. Global Public Safety, LLC would install all of the specialized and emergency equipment. One of the ten specialized police package emergency vehicles will be a canine unit, which will require additional specialized up-fitting. Global Public Safety, LLC is a current vendor and has installed equipment into a number of Hickory Police vehicles in the past. The purchase price for nine patrol vehicles including the up-fitting is \$58,189.79 per vehicle, and one patrol canine unit vehicle, including up-fitting, \$62,698.37. Hickory Police Department recommends the purchase and up-fitting of ten total all-wheel drive 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicles from Parks Ford on the NC Sheriff’s Association Contract. at a cost of \$58,189.79 per vehicle and one canine use patrol vehicle at a cost of \$62,698.37 for a total cost of \$586,406.48. Funds are budgeted in the FY 2022/2023 CIP.

- A B. Approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Grant Agreement (WBS: 36237.66.9.1) for the Runway 24 EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) Project in the Amount of \$237,083. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff requests City Council’s approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Grant Agreement (WBS: 36237.66.9.1) for the Runway 24 EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) project in the amount of \$237,083. An EMAS system is used to slow/stop aircraft that may run off the end of the runway. This grant will fund a portion of the design and bidding phases being completed by Talbert, Bright, & Ellington, Inc. for the proposed EMAS. Due to local share requirements being different between yearly Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) grants (i.e., 10% local match for FY 2019 and FY 2022, and 0% local match for FY 2020 and FY 2021), two separate grants are being established to fund the entire project. Funding for this grant will include a 90% FAA share (\$213,374) and a 10% Local share (\$23,709). This project will assist in the continued efforts to ensure the Hickory Regional Airport meets the current FAA regulations and is safe for those utilizing and operating at the facility. Staff recommends approval of the NCDOT Grant Agreement (WBS: 36237.66.9.1) for the Runway 24 EMAS project in the amount of \$237,083.

- A C. Approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Grant Agreement (WBSL 36237.66.9.2) for the Runway 24 EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) Project in the Amount of \$333,332. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

Staff requests City Council’s approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Grant Agreement (WBS: 36237.66.9.2) for the Runway 24 EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) project in the amount of \$333,332. An EMAS system is used to slow/stop aircraft that may run off the end of the runway. This grant will fund a portion of the design and bidding phases being completed by Talbert, Bright, & Ellington, Inc. for the proposed EMAS (\$172,668.84 and the majority of the Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement (\$146,165.16) previously approved by City Council. As noted at the time of approval for the Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement, the City will be required to pay the remainder of the reimbursable agreement not covered by this grant (\$14,498) and will be reimbursed with an upcoming federally funded construction grant. Due to local share requirements being different between yearly Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) grants (i.e., 10% local match for FY 2019 and FY 2022, and 0% local match for FY 2020 and FY 2021), two separate grants are being established to fund the entire project. Funding for this grant will include a 100% FAA share (\$333,332) and a 0% Local share. This project will assist in the continued efforts to ensure the Hickory Regional Airport meets the current FAA regulations and is safe for those utilizing and operating at the facility. Staff recommends approval of the NCDOT Grant Agreement (WBS: 36237.66.9.2) for the Runway 24 EMAS project in the amount of \$333,332.

- A D. Approval of the Work Authorization with Talbert, Bright & Ellington in the Amount of \$424,249.20 for the Design and Bidding of the Runway 24 EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) Project. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff requests City Council's approval of the Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Inc. (TBE) Work Authorization for the Runway 24 EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) (Design-Bidding) project in the amount of \$424,249.20. This project will include the design and bidding phases for the construction of the new EMAS. By email notification dated October 20, 2022, the North Carolina Division of Aviation completed the required Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) and found TBE's proposed fee to be reasonable per the Federal requirements. The next step is the approval of the Work Authorization by City Council. This project is being funded by Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) funding (WBS: 36237.66.9.1 and 36237.66.9.2). This project will assist in the continued efforts to ensure the Hickory Regional Airport meets the current FAA regulations and is safe for those utilizing and operating at the facility. Staff recommends approval of the Work Authorization for the design and bidding of the Runway 24 EMAS project in the amount of \$424,249.20.

- A E.** Approval of a Small Business Loan Agreement with Premier Screen Printing, Inc. in the Amount of \$20,000. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

Staff requests approval of a small business loan for applicant Premier Screen Printing, Inc. In its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This includes a program of small business loans for businesses looking for funding to take their business to the next level and with the intent of creating jobs for low to moderate income persons. The Small Business Loan program offers loans of up to \$20,000 to business owners for business equipment. Applicants are required to submit a business plan and have a counseling session with a local business support organization and to create jobs for low to moderate income persons. Steve Shuford has applied for a Small Business Loan to support and enhance his business, Premier Screen Printing, Inc. His business has produced screen printed clothing and promotional projects for clients locally and across the Carolinas for 34 years. He is requesting a small business loan in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase an all-electric fully automatic screen-printing press with 10 stations and eight colors that will allow him to decrease his printing time and increase his overall output in order to grow his business and hire two full time employees. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommends approval of the loan in the amount of \$20,000. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the Small Business Loan agreement with Premier Screen Printing, Inc.

- A1 F.** Budget Revision Number 15. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

1. To appropriate \$5,000 from Fire Department Donations account to the Fire Departmental Supplies operating account. These funds were donated by Catawba County EDC for the fire department to purchase firefighting extinguishing foam.
2. To appropriate \$1,036 from a Basic Law Enforcement Training reimbursement towards Police Department operational expenses.
3. To appropriate \$92 in Donations from RV Library Friends towards Library programming materials.
4. To appropriate \$300 in Donations from the Friends of the Library to Patrick Beaver Library for Senior Bingo prizes in adult programming.
5. To appropriate \$700,000 from the SCIF Grant awarded by the NCDOT for airport improvements.
6. To correctly appropriate \$48,295 in JAG 2022 funds for use next fiscal year.
7. To appropriate \$2,285 from a payment received from CVCC for apprenticeship.
8. To appropriate \$156 from a Basic Law Enforcement Training reimbursement towards Police Department operational expenses.
9. To appropriate \$237,083 towards the Airport EMAS Project for design work to be completed by Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Inc. \$213,374 will come from the FAA through DOT while \$23,709 will come from Airport Fund Balance.
10. To appropriate \$187,167 towards the Airport EMAS Project for design work to be completed by Talbert, Bright & Ellington. The funds will come from the FAA through DOT and will supplement the \$160,664 in funds (\$14,998 local match) approved by City Council on December 6, 2022 for a total of \$333,333. Due to local share

requirements being different between yearly Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) grants, two separate grants are being established to fund this entire project.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

A 1. Consideration of the Approval of the Execution and Delivery of the Contract for the Refinancing and Financing of the Hickory Metro Convention Center Renovations and Improvements – Presented by Deputy City Attorney Rodney Miller.

Hickory City Council will hold a public hearing to consider authorizing the City to proceed with entering into an installment financing contract in a principal amount not to exceed \$15,365,000, under which the City will make certain installment payments to pay the costs of expansion, renovations, and improvements to the Hickory Metro Convention Center. If approved, the City will enter into a deed of trust and security agreement for the City's interest in the real property on which the Project will be located as required by the lender.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on January 27, 2023.

B. Departmental Reports

NA 1. Second Quarter Financial Report - Presented by Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller

A 2. Ward 4 Vacancy Appointment
Reverend Dr. Anthony Freeman was nominated for the Ward 4 Vacancy.

A 3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council 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

(Term Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council)
Burke County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Burke County) Robert Weaver Resigned 9-26-2022 VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Megan Carfagno Resigned 1-4-2023 VACANT

Alderman Zagaroli Nominated Brittany Marinelli as Ward 5 Representative on the Public Art Commission.

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

VACANT

**WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD
DELEGATE**

Nominate Alternate to Replace Alderman Williams

Alderman Patton Nominated Alderman Williams as Alternate Delegate on the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Policy Board.

WESTERN PIEDMONT SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

(2-Year Terms with 3-Term Limit) (Appointed by City Council)

Two Representatives for City of Hickory

Currently Alderman Seaver and Christoph Klingspor serve as Representatives for Hickory

Mayor Guess Nominated Alderman Seaver and Mr. Christoph Klingspor for reappointment as Representatives for Hickory on the Western Piedmont Sister City Association.

- 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. Adjournment

***Hickory City Code Section 2-56. Public Address to Council:**

“When conducting public hearings, considering ordinances, and otherwise considering matters wherein the public has a right to be heard, when it appears that there are persons present desiring to be heard, the Mayor shall require those opposing and favoring the proposed action to identify themselves. Each side of the matter shall be given equal time. Those opposing the proposed action shall be allowed 15 minutes for presentation, followed by 15 minutes for those favoring the action, with the opponents then to have five minutes for rebuttal and the proponents to then have five minutes for surrebuttal. Those persons on either side shall have the right to divide their allotted time among them as they may choose. The Council, by majority vote, may extend the time for each side equally. On matters in which the person desiring to address the Council does not have a legal right to speak, the Council shall determine whether it will hear the person. The refusal to hear a person desiring to speak may be based upon grounds that the subject matter is confidential, that its public discussion would be illegal, that it is a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Council or for any other cause deemed sufficient by the Council. Any person allowed to speak who shall depart from the subject under discussion or who shall make personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who shall become boisterous while addressing the Council shall be declared out of order by the Mayor, or by vote of the Council, and barred from speaking further before the Council unless permission to continue shall be granted by a majority vote of the Council, under such restrictions as the Council may provide.”

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