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ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

June 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Cliff Moone, Retired Clergy
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Recognition of City Attorney John Crone

Mayor Guess presented City Attorney John Crone with a Key to the City and a rocking chair with the City Seal and his name engraved on the back of the chair.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Regular Meeting of June 6, 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 22. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

A2 B. City Manager's FY2023-2024 Recommended Budget. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

A2 C. Rezoning Petition Number 23-02 for Property Owned by Kincade Properties, LLC, Located on 22nd Avenue NE between North Center Street and 1st Street NE. **(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 a Resolution to Cancel the Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting on July 4, 2023. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

A B. Approval of a Lease Agreement with the Catawba County Council on Aging for City-Owned Property located at 400 17th Street SW. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff requests approval of a lease agreement with the Catawba County Council on Aging to lease property owned by the City of Hickory, located at 400 17th Street SW. The property at 400 17th Street SW has been leased to the Catawba County Council of Aging for several decades. Their current lease expires June 30, 2023. The Council on Aging provides services to senior citizens throughout Catawba County at their current location. The term

of the proposed lease is five years for the nominal amount of \$10. The lessee will continue to be responsible for all utilities and routine maintenance and repairs of the property. The lessee will continue to be responsible for the first \$1,000 in repairs to the plumbing, mechanical, and electrical systems each year. The City will continue to be responsible for maintenance of the roof and exterior of the building and additional repairs in excess of \$1,000 to the building systems. Leases greater than one year require public notice prior to approval. The public notice of the lease was advertised in the Hickory Daily Record on May 15, 2023. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the lease with the Catawba County Council on Aging.

The public notice was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on May 15, 2023.

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

The following applicant was considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on June 1, 2023:

- *John and Mary Eskridge located at 1217 7th Avenue SW, Hickory was recommended for approval of up to \$12,000 under the City of Hickory's 2022 Urgent Repair Program.*

Funds are budgeted for this item through the City of Hickory's former Housing Rehabilitation Program income received in FY 2022 and/or program income received through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned request for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.

- A D.** Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Exodus Outreach Foundation, Inc. in the Amount of \$8,000. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Approval of the agreement between the City of Hickory and Exodus Outreach Foundation, Inc. for FY 2023-2024 funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant Program. In February 2023, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City's Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 2, 2023. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and Exodus Outreach Foundation to ensure that all applicable Federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to provide salary support to the employment services coordinator at Exodus Homes, which provides support to homeless and previously incarcerated persons with substance abuse issues. Exodus Outreach Foundation has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$8,000 through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant program. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory, North Carolina and Exodus Outreach Foundation, Inc.

- A E.** Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Family Care Center in the Amount of \$6,500. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

Approval of the agreement between the City of Hickory and Family Care Center for FY 2023-2024 funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In February 2023, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City's Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 2, 2023. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and Family Care Center to ensure that all applicable Federal regulations are met. Funds will be used

to provide salary support to social work staff for their operation of “A Hand Up for the Homeless”. The objective of the program is transitional housing and support services as families work to bring themselves out of homelessness. This program also provides transportation, help finding employment and/or further education as the families work to end generational poverty. Family Care Center has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$6,500 through the City of Hickory’s Community Development Block Grant program. Approval of the Agreement will allow them to continue to provide housing and financial counseling for low to moderate income individuals. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory, North Carolina, and Family Care Center.

- A F. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Hickory Soup Kitchen, Inc. in the Amount of \$8,000. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Approval of an agreement between the City of Hickory and Hickory Soup Kitchen, Inc. for FY 2023-2024 funding through the City’s Community Development Block Grant Program. In February 2023, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City’s Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 2, 2023. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and the Hickory Soup Kitchen to ensure that all applicable Federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to provide salary support for kitchen staff at the Soup Kitchen to ensure that they are able to provide hot meals and food pantry services to those in need. The Hickory Soup Kitchen has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$8,000 through the City of Hickory’s Community Development Block Grant program. Approval of the attached Agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed nutritional services to the City of Hickory’s homeless and/or low-income community. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory, North Carolina and Hickory Soup Kitchen, Inc.

- A G. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club in the Amount of \$8,000. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

Approval of an agreement between the City of Hickory and Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club for FY 2023-2024 funding through the City’s Community Development Block Grant Program. In February 2023, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City’s Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 2, 2023. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club to ensure that all applicable Federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to provide salary support for staff that run the summer day camp and after school program to low income and at-risk youth. The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$8,000 through the City of Hickory’s Community Development Block Grant program. Approval of the Agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed youth services to the City of Hickory’s low income and at-risk youth in the community. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory, North Carolina, and Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.

- A H. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with AIDS Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance, Inc. in the Amount of \$10,000. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

Approval of an agreement between the City of Hickory and AIDS Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance, Inc. for FY 2023-2024 funding through the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In February 2023, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the

Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 2, 2023. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and AIDS Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance to ensure that all applicable Federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to provide support for a medical case manager position, which will assist people living with HIV and AIDS to ensure that they remain in medical care and also receive other services as they are available. AIDS Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$10,000 through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant program. Approval of the Agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed medical case management services to persons living with HIV and AIDS. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory, North Carolina, and AIDS Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance, Inc.

- A I.** Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Catawba Science Center in the Amount of \$8,000. **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

Approval of an agreement between the City of Hickory and Catawba Science Center for FY2023-2024 funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant Program. In February 2023, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City's Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 2, 2023. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and the Catawba Science Center to ensure that all applicable Federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to provide support to staff at the Catawba Science Center to ensure that they are able to provide educational opportunities to low- and moderate-income children and families. The Catawba Science Center has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of \$8,000 through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant program. Approval of the attached agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed educational services to the City of Hickory's homeless and/or low-income community. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement between the City of Hickory, North Carolina, and the Catawba Science Center.

- A J.** Approval of the Retiring Canine Agreement with Master Police Officer Chris Berry to Adopt Retired Canine Zip. **(Exhibit VIII.J.)**

The Hickory Police Department requests approval to allow Master Police Officer Chris Berry to adopt his retired canine partner Zip. The Hickory Police Department will retire canine Zip on June 12, 2023. With the specialized training of Zip, he will not be safe for public adoption. MPO Chris Berry is the handler of Zip and is willing to provide care for him after retirement. Full care and liability for retired canine Zip will be the legal responsibility of MPO Chris Berry. It is common to allow the handler to adopt his canine when it is retired from service. Canine Zip has worked for the police department for almost four years and is eight and a half years old. Due to recent court decisions surrounding police canines alerting on legalized hemp, canine Zip can no longer be fully utilized as a drug detecting canine. Zip is trained to alert on cannabis and therefore will alert on legalized hemp. MPO Chris Berry will sign an agreement and take full responsibility for Zip if the adoption is approved by City Council. Hickory Police Department recommends approval to retire canine Zip on June 12, 2023 and allow MPO Chris Berry to adopt and take full responsibility for him.

- A K.** Approval of a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Steven E. Bowman, and Eugene P. Bowman to Steven E. Bowman and wife, Vicki Vasgaard Bowman and Eugene P. Bowman and wife, Mary Todd Bowman, (Oakwood Cemetery, Section 19, Lot 6) (Prepared by Kevin C. McIntosh, Attorney). **(Exhibit VIII.K.)**

A L. Approval to Apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant in the Amount of \$50,000. (Exhibit VIII.L.)

Staff requests Council's approval to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. The City is in the process of purchasing the .016-acre parcel at 204 11th Street NW (PIN 370317006666). This location has been a rental property under the current ownership since 2010, but the property has been vacant since at least August 2019, when the last water service was active. Since that time the property has fallen into disrepair. This property has most recently been a haven for recreational drug use and has become a property that is negatively impacting the area to the extent that it was recently condemned. In order to renovate this parcel and make it functional for the citizens of Hickory, staff wishes to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant in the amount of \$50,000. This grant will fund the asbestos removal and demolition of the two structures on this property as well as the construction of a mini trailhead for the City Walk to which it is adjacent. Since this property is very small and current setbacks prevent the building of another properly zoned structure, the City would like to construct a mini trailhead as an access point to City Walk and all trails associated with it (Riverwalk and OLLE Art Walk). This trailhead will include several parking spaces along with a green space with picnic tables and areas of rest along the 10 plus miles of multi-modal trail. The City Walk mini trailhead will tie together a number of ongoing trail projects and the broader Hickory Trail will provide bicycle and pedestrian safety while connecting popular destinations and amenities. The trail, along with the City's culture of providing an atmosphere for dynamic growth and robust development, will be a major asset in the community's effort to craft a strong economy, provide good jobs, and create a desirable quality of life for residents. Staff recommends Council's approval of the City's application for T-Mobile Hometown Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

A M. Approval to Apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant in the Amount of \$200,000 to Create a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. (Exhibit VIII.M.)

Staff requests Council's approval to apply for Safe Streets for All Grant. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program, with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the goal of zero roadway deaths. Planning and Demonstration Grants provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality. Planning and Demonstration Grants also fund supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities that inform the development of a new or existing Action Plan. Communities can use Planning and Demonstration Grants to develop or complete an Action Plan. The comprehensive safety action plan that a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant funds includes key components such as goal setting, safety analysis, equity, and engagement and collaboration. Once the City of Hickory has a comprehensive safety action plan, it may then apply for the Safe Streets for All funding for implementation activities to make improvements for safety on roadways and at intersections. Staff would like to apply for funding to create a comprehensive safety action plan in the amount of \$200,000 with an 80/20 Federal match. Staff recommends Council's approval of the City's application for the Safe Streets for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan in the amount of \$200,000 with an 80/20 Federal match.

A N. Approval of a Partial Assignment of the Joint Economic Development Agreement between SEIS FBP, LLC and SEIS FBP SPEC, LLC. (Exhibit VIII.N.)

Staff requests Council's approval of SEIS FBP, LLC's partial assignment of the Joint Economic Development Agreement to SEIS FBP SPEC, LLC. On October 4, 2022, Council approved a Joint Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with SEIS, LLC. The primary term of the EDA is the sale of 16.61 acres located at 2084 Fairgrove Church Road SE and 20th Avenue SE to SEIS, LLC to develop two industrial buildings on the site. After Council approved the EDA, SEIS, LLC created a new corporation, SEIS FBP, LLC. SEIS,

LLC intends for the new corporation to hold title to the 16.61 acres per the purchase agreement and also the EDA and any rights and privileges it creates for SEIS, LLC. This agreement was assigned to SEIS FBP, in December 2022. SEIS FBP wishes to assign the portion of the agreement that pertains to Parcel 2 of the Economic Development Agreement to SEIS FBP SPEC, LLC. The developer wishes to have a separate entity hold title to each building constructed. Section III, Paragraph 21 of the EDA states that the EDA may only assign the agreement with the prior written approval of the City. The EDA states the City will not unreasonably withhold its approval of the requested assignment. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the Partial Assignment of the Joint Economic Development Agreement.

A/PH O. Call for a Public Hearing – Consideration of Closing a Portion of Southgate Corporate Parkway SW. **(Authorize Public Hearing for July 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.O.)**

A P. Approval of the Acceptance of Change Order Number 2 to the Contract with JS Haren in the Amount of \$4,312 for the Lyle Creek Sewer Pump Station Project. **(Exhibit VIII.P.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of change order number 2 to the contract with JS Haren in the amount of \$4,312 for the Lyle Creek sewer pump station project. In October 2022, Council approved the contract for construction of the Lyle Creek sewer pump station to JS Haren for \$1,679,000. Change order number two reflects a change to accommodate the size of the magnetic flow measuring device from its original size. The change in vault size will better fit the installation and have a more serviceable future for staff. Staff recommends Council's approval of change order number 2 with JS Haren in the amount of \$4,312 for the Lyle Creek sewer pump station project.

A Q. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with McGill Associates, P.A. Funded by Catawba County ARPA Funds, in the Amount of \$1,400,000 for the Hickory-Catawba Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion, Engineering, and Design Project. **(Exhibit VIII.Q.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement with McGill Associates, P.A. for the Hickory-Catawba Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion, engineering, and design project in the amount of \$1,400,000. The City of Hickory is in partnership with Catawba County to operate and maintain a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). This project will be funded through an ARPA appropriation from Catawba County. Council approved an agreement with Catawba County for the Hickory-Catawba WWTF expansion project on February 21, 2023. Public Utilities Division Staff posted solicitations for Request for Qualifications in January 2023, and advertised for this project. Qualifications were received on February 3, 2023, with two engineering firms responding to the request: KCI Associates of NC, PA, and McGill Associates, Inc. Staff reviewed the qualifications packages from each firm and determined that each firm was responsive to the required elements of the RFQ. McGill Associates, P.A. was selected as the firm to complete the design of the Hickory-Catawba WWTF Expansion Project due to their vast experience and knowledge of both the project and City of Hickory Public Utilities Infrastructure. Staff recommends Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement with McGill Associates, P.A. for the Hickory-Catawba Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion, engineering, and design project in the amount of \$1,400,000.

A R. Approval to Write-Off Uncollectible Accounts Totaling \$137,283.88 in Accordance with North Carolina General Statutes. **(Exhibit VIII.R.)**

Staff requests City Council's approval to write off uncollectible accounts totaling \$137,283.88. In accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes, a list of accounts to be written off is submitted for Council approval each year, in conjunction with the annual audit. North Carolina General Statutes establish that all street assessments, demolitions, nuisance violations, and property taxes that are over ten years old are no longer collectible and should be written off in conjunction with the annual audit. For the current fiscal year 2022-2023, there are \$66,025.41 in unpaid property taxes which exceed the ten-year

limitation. The City of Hickory's Accounting Division requires all other accounts that are over eighteen months in arrears be written off to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in order to represent financial assets of the City more fairly on the balance sheet. For the current fiscal year, this amount is \$71,258.47. Current fiscal year write-offs total \$137,283.88, compared to \$146,296.62 for FY 2021-2022. Even though these accounts will be written off, the Finance Department will continue to pursue collection of the debts. All eligible accounts over \$50 are submitted to the North Carolina Debt Setoff Program for collection. As of May 16, 2023, the City of Hickory has collected \$28,454.69 from the garnishment of North Carolina State income tax refunds and North Carolina State lottery winnings during this current fiscal year. Staff recommends approval to write-off uncollectible accounts for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

- A S. Approve of Delco Partners, LLC Assignment of the Joint Economic Development Agreement and Purchase Agreement to One Eleven Main, LLC. **(Exhibit VIII.S.)**

Staff requests City Council's consideration of the approval of Delco Partners, LLC's assignment of a Joint Economic Development Agreement and Purchase Agreement to One Eleven Main, LLC. On January 3, 2023, Council approved a Joint Economic Development Agreement with Delco Partners, LLC. The primary term of the EDA is the sale of 1.6 acres located at 111 Main Avenue NE and 131 Main Avenue NE to develop a mixed-use apartment building and additional commercial space on the sites. After Council approved the EDA, Delco Partners, LLC created a new corporation, One Eleven Main, LLC. Delco Partners, LLC intends for the new corporation to hold title to the 1.6 acres and the EDA; along with any rights, privileges, and responsibilities it creates for the entity. Section 18 of the EDA states that the agreement may only be modified by written agreement of the parties. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the Assignment of Joint Economic Development Agreement and Purchase Agreement.

- A1 T. Budget Revision Number 24. **(Exhibit VIII.T.)**

- 1. To appropriate \$500,000 from the sale of the Hwy 70 property (formerly Buffalo's) to be used for future economic development activities.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

- A. Public Hearings

- A 1. Consideration of the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by LPA N. Hickory Land, LLC, Located at 4331 and 4405 North Center Street Hickory, PIN 3715-18-30-6570, Containing Approximately 19.413-Acres - Presented by Planning Director Brian Frazier. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

Staff requests Council's consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of 19.413 acres of property located at 4331 and 4405 North Center Street. This property is identified as PIN 371518306570. The property is currently located within the City's extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and zoned Planned Development (PD). The planned development was approved as Rezoning Petition 22-03 on April 5, 2022. The master plan for the development contains 210 residential dwelling units which consist of a mixture of apartments, townhomes, and cottages. The property owners/developers are tied to this master plan, and any major modification would require Planning Commission's review and City Council's approval. The annexation is being requested so the approved development can be started and completed in the way it was previously approved. In order for the development to occur as approved, the property would need to be served by City services, including sanitary sewer. City policy requires properties be annexed in order to connect to the City's sanitary system. The annexation of the property and

subsequent development of the property represents a significant private investment in the City's housing inventory, and an increase in the City's overall population. Surrounding properties are zoned R-2 Residential, Neighborhood Commercial (NC), and Planned Development (PD). The current tax value of the property is \$774,500. Tax revenue generated by annexation of the property would be \$4,860. Upon completion of the development previously outlined, tax values and revenues would increase significantly. Upon analysis, staff determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff finds the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommends approval of the petition.

The public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on June 8, 2023.

B. Departmental Reports

A 1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT
 At-Large (Council Appoints) Steven Kiger
 Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
 Small Cities Project Area (Council Appoints) Mark Huggins
 Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again

Alderman Freeman appointed Wesley Christopher as an At-Large Representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Ward 1 (Wood Appoints) VACANT
 Ward 2 (Williams Appoints) Cliff Moone
 Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
 At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints) VACANT

Alderman Williams reappointed Cliff Moone as Ward 2 Representative on the Community Appearance Commission.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 African American (Council Appoints) VACANT
 African American (Council Appoints) Daria Jackson
 Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
 Caucasian (Council Appoints) VACANT
 Other Minority (Council Appoints) Leslie Mancilla
 Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
 Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
 Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
 Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
 Differently Abled (Council Appoints) VACANT

Alderman Seaver reappointed Daria Jackson, as an African American Representative on the Community Relations Council.

Alderman Freeman appointed George Rhinehardt as a Differently Abled Representative on the Community Relations Council.

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Term Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Junior Hedrick
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Rev. Wallace Johnson
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
Burke County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Burke County) VACANT

Alderman Seaver reappointed Junior Hedrick as Ward 3 Representative on the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

Alderman Zagaroli reappointed Rev. Wallace Johnson as Ward 5 Representative on the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Historic Properties Owner VACANT
Building Trades Profession Simon Lucas
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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

Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) VACANT
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) Allison Little
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Dianne Straley
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
At-Large (1) (Mayor Appoints) VACANT
At Large (2) (Mayor Appoints) Michael McLamb
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again

Alderman Zagaroli reappointed Dianne Straley as Ward 5 Representative on the Library Advisory Board.

PARKS RECREATION AND SPORTS TOURISM

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

Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Grover Linebarger
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) Timothy Shuford
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
At-Large (1) Council Appoints Elaine Seaver
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
At-Large (4) Council Appoints VACANT

Mayor Guess appointed Douglas Locascio as the At-Large(4) Representative on the Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism Board.

Alderman Seaver reappointed Grover Linebarger as Ward 3 Representative, and Elaine Seaver as an At-Large (1) Representative on the Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism Board.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) VACANT
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) Wesley Christopher

Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Brittany Marinelli
Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) VACANT

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

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by Mayor)
Position (4) Dr. Michael Wimberly Eligible for Reappointment
Tenant Representative Velecia Wynette Hackett Eligible for Reappointment

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Elaine Seaver Eligible for Reappointment
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) Deborah Hollingsworth Eligible for Reappointment
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints) William Bost Eligible for Reappointment
At-Large (Council Appoints) Tawana Thomas Eligible for Reappointment
At-Large (Council Appoints) Bill Garrard Resigned Effective 7-1-2023 VACANT

Alderman Seaver reappointed Elaine Seaver as Ward 3 Representative on the Recycling Advisory Board.

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
City of Hickory Appointments:
At-Large (Not Including ETJ) Initial Term 2-Years –
Constance Snyder Eligible for Appointment
At-Large (Not Including ETJ) Initial Term 2-Years –
Eric Trent Wood Eligible for Appointment
At-Large (Not Including ETJ) Initial Term 1-Year –
Taylor Newton Eligible for Appointment

Alderman Wood appointed Constance Snyder, Eric Trent Wood, and Taylor Newton as an At-Large Representatives on the University City Commission.

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Addison Cox	St. Stephens High School Representative
Joel Barham	At-Large Representative
Britnee Bensinger	At-Large Representative
Sam Bridges	At-Large Representative
Lucas Packard	Hickory High School Representative
Samuel Pitts	Hickory High School Representative
Emma Pitts	Hickory High School Representative
Addison Duke	At-Large Representative
Mebane White	Hickory High School Representative
Evelyn Gerrard	At-Large Representative
Anna Gscheidmeier	At-Large Representative
Kimberly Garcia	Fred T. Foard High School Representative
Micaela Pope	Hickory Career & Arts Magnet Representative
Kathleen Bridges	Hickory High School Representative
Aliza Kaplan	At-Large Representative
Emma Sparks	At-Large Representative

Harper White	At-Large Representative
Miriam Wood	At-Large Representative
Harley Buff	Challenger High School Representative
Clint Powers	Hickory High School Representative
Draven Haedorens	Homeschool Representative
Caroline Sprinkle	Private School Representative
Arianna James	Hickory High School Representative
Tucker Bland	St. Stephens High School Representative
Cooper Meadlock	Private School Representative
Mallory Bond	St. Stephens High School Representative
Lauren Ly	St. Stephens High School Representative
Samantha Midea	St. Stephens High School Representative
Riley Caudle	St. Stephens High School Representative
Sarah Starr	St. Stephens High School Representative

Mayor Guess appointed all of the above-named recommended Representatives for the Youth Council.

CATAWBA COUNTY EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HICKORY

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

Hickory Representative

Jeff Cline Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again

Mayor Guess reappointed Jeff Cline to the Catawba County EDC Board of Directors for Hickory, Hickory Representative.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

Demonstrates Interest

VACANT

TRIVIUM CORPORATE CENTER BOARD

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

Hickory City Council Member David Zagaroli Eligible for Reappointment

Mayor Guess reappointed David Zagaroli as a Hickory City Council Representative on the Trivium Corporate Center Board.

- 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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