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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

May 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation by Reverend Charles Kyker, Christ United Methodist Church

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

NA A. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring Hickory's Traditional Building Communities Day – Presented to Members of the Traditional Building Community. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**

NA B. Presentation of a Proclamation for National American Public Works Week – Presented to Public Works Staff. **(Exhibit IV.B.)**

NA C. Presentation of a Proclamation for Tourism Week – Presented to Hickory Metro Convention Center & Visitors Bureau, President and Chief Executive Officer Mandy Hildebrand. **(Exhibit IV.C.)**

NA D. Presentation of a Proclamation for National Police Week 2026- Presented to Hickory Police Department Staff. **(Exhibit IV.D.)**

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

A. Ms. Keisha Collins, 815 3rd Street Court SW, addressed Council as a concerned resident speaking on behalf of the Ridgeview community. She shared her concerns that there had been visible advocacy against the proposed school merger, particularly from first voices like Councilman Freeman and Reverend Roberts claiming to stand in support of the Black community. Yet those same efforts had not been consistently applied when it came to protecting that very same community in other critical areas. Specifically, she was referring to the decision to remove Section 8 housing opportunities within Ridgeview. She discussed the accountability of the City's affordable housing initiatives.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A A. Special Meeting of April16, 2026. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**

A B. Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026. **(Exhibit VI.B.)**

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 17. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

A2 B. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 26-02 for Property Located at 112 2nd Street SE from Office-Institutional (OI) to Planned Development (PD). (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

A2 C. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 26-03 for Property Located on 10th Street NE Containing Approximately 1.07-Acres from Industrial (IND) to High-Density Residential (R-4). (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 Cemetery Deed Transfer from William F. Fox and wife, Sally M. Fox to Larry Todd Taylor and wife, Karen Taylor, Located in Oakwood Cemetery, Containing 240 Square Feet, Being 6 Graves, Designated as Plot M, Lot 1, Section 49. (Prepared by Raven M. Barron, Attorney at Law). **(Exhibit VIII.A)**

A B. Approval of the Post Approval Documentation, the 2027 Urgent Repair Program Assistance Policy, and the Procurement and Disbursement Policy. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff requests approval of the post-award documentation for the City's Urgent Repair Program (URP27), including the Assistance Policy and the Procurement and Disbursement Policies required by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The City has been awarded $165,000 to provide urgently needed home repairs for approximately 10 very low-income homeowners, with assistance capped at $15,000 per home. The City will contribute an additional $5,000 in matching funds, bringing the total program budget to $170,000. Upon Council approval, these policies will be submitted to the Agency to finalize the grant agreement and allow disbursement of funds so repairs may begin.

PH C. Call for a Public Hearing to Consider the Community Development Block Grant 2026 Annual Action Plan. (Authorize the Public Hearing for May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

A1 D. Budget Revision Number 18. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

1. *To appropriate $30,481 in grant revenues from the United States Tennis Association towards a lighting project at Hickory City Park.*
2. *To appropriate $5,825 in donations revenue for library programming.*
3. *To appropriate $165,000 in Urgent Repair Program funds for administrative and material expenses in FY26-27.*
4. *To appropriate $100,000 in additional revenues towards repaving the parking lot for the Public Services Department.*
5. *To appropriate $200,000 in additional revenues to begin the RFQ process for a professional services agreement for Hickory by Choice 2050.*

X. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Items

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

A 1. Consider the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Located at 350 and 356 14th Avenue SW, Containing Approximately 1.24 Acres, Identified at PINs 3702-14-33-0149 and 3702-14-33-0299, Owned by Blue Collar Properties, LLC. – Presentation by Planning Manager Cal Overby. (Exhibit XI.A.1.)

Consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of properties totaling 1.24 acres in size and located at 350 and 356 14th Avenue SW, identified as PINs 3702-14-33-0149 and 3702-14-33-0299. The applicant has petitioned for the voluntary contiguous annexation to obtain future City services. The properties are currently located within the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and zoned R-3

Residential. The applicant has requested the zoning of the properties remain unchanged and intends to construct one detached single-family residence on each lot. The current tax value of the properties is $13,300. Tax revenue generated by annexation of the property would be $60.52. Upon completion of the homes previously outlined, tax values and revenues would increase. Upon analysis, staff have determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff find the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommend approval of the petition.

Notice of the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on April 25, 2026.

B. Departmental Reports

NA 1. Quarterly Financial Report – Presented by Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller

NA 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

Caucasian (Council Appoints)	VACANT
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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)	VACANT

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

At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints) (Michael McLamb Resigned 4-6-2026)	VACANT

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

Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) (Michael McLamb Resigned 4-6-2026)	VACANT

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

Ward 6 (Patton Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints)	VACANT

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

Homeschool Representative	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. 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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