



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

August 4, 2026
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Bill Schreiber, Deacon, St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - NA** A. Proclamation for National Health Center Week 2026 – Presented to Kintegra Family Health Community Resource Advocate, Sybil Schneider, and Practice Manager Ben Mace. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**

Mayor Guess read and presented the Proclamation for National Health Center Week 2026 to Kintegra Family Health representatives.
 - NA** B. Presentation of the Business. Well Crafted. Legacy Award to HSM Solutions – Presented by Business Development Director, Dave Leonetti.

Business Development Director Dave Leonetti presented the Business. Well Crafted Legacy Award to HSM Solutions recognizing their 80 years in business.
 - NA** C. Update on Increasing Demand for Health Care – Presented by Guy J. Guarino, Jr., Chief Development Officer, and CEO Dennis Johnson, Catawba Valley Health System.

Guy J. Guarino, Jr., Chief Development Officer, and CEO Dennis Johnson, Catawba Valley Health System discussed increasing demands for healthcare.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A** A. Regular Meeting of July 21, 2026. **(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 1. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 26-05 for Property Located at 929 9th Street Drive NE 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. This item was moved to “IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda”, Approval of the Mutual Termination and Release Agreement for Economic Development Agreement with Microsoft Corporation. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

The City of Hickory and Microsoft Corporation entered into an Economic Development Agreement dated November 9, 2022. The Microsoft Corporation has not requested, and the City has not paid any incentives pursuant to the terms of the Economic Development Agreement. Microsoft Corporation now desires to forego the incentives available to the company under the Economic Development Agreement. The City and Microsoft Corporation have reached a mutual understanding and agreement of all things and matters arising out of the Economic Development Agreement and the termination. Council's approval requested of the Mutual Termination and Release Agreement with Microsoft Corporation.

- A** B. Approval of the Purchase of a 2027 Mack TE64R Cab/Chassis utilizing the Sourcewell Contract Number 110223-THC in the Amount of \$397,717. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff request Council's approval of the purchase of a 2027 Mack TE64R Cab/Chassis, with a Heil DuraPack 40 cubic yard Half Pack Full Eject Refuse Body, per the Sourcewell Contract #110223-THC in the total amount of \$397,717 from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., utilizing the Sourcewell contract number 110223-THC. The City uses these front loader trucks for collection of refuse with dumpster service. The Commercial Solid Waste Division's capital budget includes the replacement of a front load refuse truck in FY26-27. Staff recommend approval of the purchase from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$397,717.

- A** C. Approval of the Purchase of a 2027 Freightliner M2106 Cab/Chassis utilizing the N.C. Sheriffs Association Bid Number 26-10-0422R in the Amount of \$292,982. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a 2027 Freightliner M2106 Cab/Chassis with a Pac Mac 25 yard chassis mounted automated leaf collection unit utilizing the N.C. Sheriffs Association bid number 26-10-0422R in the amount of \$292,982 from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. The City uses automated leaf trucks for efficient collection of loose leaves within the Recycling Division's yard waste service. The approved Solid Waste Recycling Division's capital budget includes the purchase of the unit in FY26-27. Staff recommend approval of the purchase from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$292,982.

- A** D. Approval of the Purchase of a 2026 Battle Motors LET2-40 Cab/Chassis utilizing the Heil/Sourcewell Contract Number 110223-THC in the Amount of \$341,981. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a 2026 Battle Motors LET 2-40 Cab/Chassis with a Heil Dura Pack 5000 25 yard rear loading refuse body, utilizing the Heil/Sourcewell contract number 110223-THC, from Carolina Environmental Systems Inc., in the amount of \$341,981. The City uses rear loading trucks for collection of bulky waste from the curb for residential service. The approved Residential Solid Waste Division's capital budget includes funding for the purchase of the unit in FY26-27. Staff recommend approval of the purchase from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$341,981.

- A** E. Approval of the Purchase of a Hurco 600D Vacuum-Valve Turner Combo Trailer utilizing the NCSA Contract in the Amount of \$127,590. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a Hurco 600D vacuum-valve turner combo trailer, utilizing the NCSA contract, from Southern Vac in the amount of \$127,590. The City uses various types of equipment in the operation, maintenance, and management of the water distribution system. The proposed Hurco 600D trailer until will supplement the existing unit and provide added valve turning capabilities. This will help increase the speed of emergency response and support efforts to implement a more proactive valve exercising

program. The unit purchase was budgeted in the Distribution Division's capital budget. Staff recommend the purchase from Southern Vac in the amount of \$127,590.

- A** **F.** Approval of the Purchase of a 2026 Mack Dump Truck utilizing the NCDOA State Contract in the Amount of \$125,452.01. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a 2026 Mack dump truck, utilizing the NCDOA State contract number STC-2158A, from TranSource, in the amount of \$125,452.01. The City uses various types of equipment in the operation, maintenance, and management of the water distribution system. The proposed 2026 Mack dump truck was budgeted in the Distribution Division's capital budget to replace an existing unit that has become ineffective due to mechanical wear and age. Staff recommend the purchase from TranSource in the amount of \$125,462.01.

- A** **G.** Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Offer of Public Dedication of the Streets within The Falls Residential Community. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

Staff request approval of the Resolution accepting the offer of public dedication of lands and improvements within The Falls residential subdivision, including 37th Avenue Lane NE and 13th Street NE which are described as 50 foot rights-of-ways as recorded in Plat Book 86, Pages 94-99 of the Catawba County Registry. The streets have been completed, inspected, and found to be compliant with City specifications. For public use and maintenance of the street rights-of-ways, City Council must formally accept the offer of public dedication by means of a duly executed Resolution as outlined in the North Carolina General Statutes, as well as the City's Land Development Code. Staff recommend City Council's approval of the Resolution to accept the streets within The Falls residential community.

- A** **H.** Approval of the Issuance of Pyrotechnic Display Permits to Contracted Pyrotechnics for Fireworks Displays at Lenoir-Rhyne University. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

Staff request approval to issue pyrotechnic display permits to Contracted Pyrotechnics for fireworks displays at Lenoir-Rhyne University for August 28, September 5, September 19, October 3, October 17, and November 7, 2026. Mitch Capelle, Senior Associate Athletic Director at Lenoir-Rhyne University submitted a request to obtain permission to conduct public fireworks displays. The North Carolina Fire Code requires an operational permit for the use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. The Hickory Fire Department Fire & Life Safety Division shall review all required documentation for the event, including Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm's (ATF) License, Operator and Assistant Operators Permits from North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (NCOSFM), Site Plan, and the one-million-dollar liability insurance policy. The Fire & Life Safety Division will also inspect the pyrotechnics display area before the event to ensure compliance with NCOSFM Guidelines, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, and NFPA 1126 Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience (if applicable). Staff recommend approval of the above pyrotechnics displays, subject to drought conditions and the Fire Marshal's final approval.

- A** **I.** Approval of a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with True Jiu-Jitsu and Fitness, LLC in the Amount of \$4,000. **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

Staff requests approval of a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with True Jiu Jitsu and Fitness, LLC. In its 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This includes a program to provide microenterprise grants to businesses looking for funding necessary to take their business to the next level. 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. Daniel Fredell applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and enhance

his existing small business, True Jiu-Jitsu and Fitness, a martial arts and fitness training business that provides Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instruction and functional fitness training for both adults and youth. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of the grant in the amount of \$4,000. Staff recommend City Council's approval of the Microenterprise Grant agreement with True Jiu Jitsu and Fitness, LLC.

A1 J. Budget Revision Number 2. **(Exhibit VIII.J.)**

1. *To appropriate \$68,303 in General Fund Balance from FY26 sale of vehicle revenue and insurance reimbursements to be used for vehicle repairs at the Hickory Fire Department.*
2. *To appropriate \$300 in donation revenues to be used for library programming.*
3. *To appropriate \$9,857 in USTA grant revenues to be used for tennis court resurfacing at Taft Broome and Kiwanis Park.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – Item “A”

Item “A” was removed from the consent agenda for discussion and approved.

X. Informational Items

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

- A1** 1. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 26-07 for Property Located at 2536 Startown Road – Presented by Senior Planner Mike Kirby. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

Staff requests Council's consideration of rezoning petition 26-07 for property located at 2536 Startown Road, from medium density residential (R-2) to planned development (PD). The property is currently zoned R-2 and is occupied by a single family resident. The property owners have petitioned to rezone the property with the intention of constructing a single-family subdivision requesting approximately four units per acre on 42 lots. The Hickory Regional Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 22, 2026 to consider the petition and voted 6-0 for approval of the petition. Staff concur with the recommendation of the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

Notice of the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on July 25, and August 1, 2026.

B. Departmental Reports

- NA** 1. Sanitary Sewer Overflows – Presented by City Manager Warren Wood

- A** 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

VACANT

Alderman Patton nominated Brian Riggins as an At-Large Representative on the Business Development Committee

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council
Small Cities Project Area (Council Appoints)

VACANT

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council
Ward 2 (Williams Appoints)
At-Large (Council Appoints)

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Caucasian (Council Appoints)
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Caucasian (Council Appoints)
Other Minority (Council Appoints)

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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)
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)
Ward 5 (Dula Appoints)
At-Large (1) (Mayor Appoints)
At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints)

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PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints)
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints)
At-Large (Council Appoints)
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UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large Not Including ETJ (Council Appoints)

VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Homeschool
St. Stephens High School

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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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