



**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 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Emma Shell, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, St. Luke's United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
 - A. Mr. Mark Smith, Shannonbrook Drive, Newton, NC, discussed his concerns with public housing, drug dealers, congregation of people at Keating Pointe, who do not live in the complex, and the need for law enforcement in the area.
 - B. Ms. Robin Martinez, Viewmont area of Hickory, NC, discussed truth and transparency of town's leadership, the needs of children in government housing, and drug issues within the City.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A** A. Regular Meeting of August 4, 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 2. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Consideration of the Rezoning Petition 26-07 for Property Located at 2536 Startown Road from Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Planned Development (PD). **(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.
 - PH** A. Call for a Public Hearing for Consideration of the FY2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Submission as Required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. **(Authorize Public Hearing for September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.A.)**
 - A** B. Approval of the Bid and Award the Contract to JT Russell & Sons, Inc. for Asphalt Resurfacing in the Amount of \$1,393,700. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff request Council's approval of the bid and award the contract to JT Russell & Sons, Inc. for asphalt resurfacing in the amount of \$73.75 per ton for S9.5B asphalt surface, \$74.50 per ton for S9.5C asphalt surface, \$86 per ton for asphalt parking lots for S9.5B, \$915 per ton for binder (liquid asphalt), \$90 per ton for levelling course, \$174 per ton for patching, \$5.65 per square yard for edge milling, \$27.25 per square yard for asphalt milling (100-1,000 square yards), \$10 per square yard for asphalt milling (1,001-3,000 square yards) and \$7.50 per square yard (3,001-6,000 square yards) totaling \$1,393,700. This project is awarded based on unit prices to allow for a variation of quantities that the City will pay to complete the project. Staff will work with contractors to provide quality control. The funds are budgeted in the Street Division's FY 26-27 budget.

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

The mission of the City of Hickory's Community Development Division is to preserve the existing housing base, enhance ownership opportunities for all of its citizens to obtain decent housing, and provide a quality environment conducive to the safe and healthy growth of its citizenry. The seven-member Citizens' Advisory Committee was formed to provide for citizens' input in the facilitation of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, as well as any other similar community enhancement funding the City may receive. The following requests were considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on August 6, 2026:

- *Thomas & Betty Wilson, located at 647 7th Avenue Place SE, were recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program.*
- *Mary Miller, located at 485 14th Avenue NE, Hickory was recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program.*
- *Judith Jacumin, located at 934 8th Street NE, Hickory was recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program.*
- *Larry Martin, located at 130 18th Street SW, Hickory was recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program, contingent on confirmation of disability by NCHFA.*

The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned requests for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.

- A1** D. Budget Revision Number 3. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

1. *To appropriate \$165 in donation revenue to be used for the purchase of books for the Library.*
2. *To appropriate \$15,809 in insurance reimbursement funds to be used for vehicle repairs at the Fire Department.*
3. *To appropriate \$21,000 in State Revolving Funds towards a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with KCI Technologies for the Henry Fork Streambank and Sewer Improvements Project.*
4. *To appropriate \$400,000 in interest earnings from the General Capital Project Fund to be used for construction costs associated with the Aviation Walk Connector Project.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Items

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

- A** 1. Consideration of a Renew NC Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funding (CDBG-DR) Application in the Amount of \$3,819,696 for the

Henry Fork Streambank Restoration and Sewer Improvement Project – Presented by Public Utilities Director, Will Hamblin. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

Staff requests Council's consideration of a Renew NC CDBG-DR grant application in the amount of \$3,819,696 to supplement funding for the Henry Fork Streambank Restoration and Sewer Line Improvement Project. Prior to Hurricane Helene, the City contracted with McGill Engineering to conduct a study to identify areas of sewer line exposure and streambank erosion. This funding request would support the replacement and relocation of sewer lines, the rehabilitation of manholes, and the restoration and hardening of streambanks to prevent future issues and enhance resilience. The total estimated cost of the project is \$8,819,696. In late 2025, the City applied for and received a \$5,000,000 loan with principal forgiveness of the first \$5,000,000 from the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Hurricane Helene (CWSRF-Helene). Since the total cost of the project is estimated at \$8,819,696, the City would like to apply for \$3,819,696 in CDBG-DR funding to complete the project. Staff recommends Council approval of the application in the amount of \$3,819,696 to complete the project. There is no local match. Staff also recommend approval of the Resolution for designated agents for the CDBG-DR application process.

Notice of the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on August 8, 11, and 15, 2026.

B. Departmental Reports

NA

1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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)

VACANT

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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

VACANT

Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)

VACANT

Ward 6 (Patton Appoints)

VACANT

At-Large (Council Appoints)

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At-Large (Council Appoints)

VACANT

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

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St. Stephens High School

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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