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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

November 3, 2026
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation by Alderwoman Dula

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

VI. Approval of Minutes

A A. Regular Meeting of October 20, 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 7. **(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 Expressing Appreciation to the Members of the North Carolina General Assembly for the Enactment of House Bill 850 (S.L. 2025-74) Regarding the Interbasin Transfers. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

The resolution acknowledges the importance of the Catawba River Basin to Hickory and expresses concern about Charlotte's proposed increase in interbasin water transfers. It highlights that House Bill 850 (Session Law 2025-74) places a temporary moratorium on new or expanded transfers and directs the UNC Collaboratory to study and improve the IBT process. The Hickory City Council thanks members of the North Carolina General Assembly—especially local representatives and senators—for supporting the legislation and for considering the long-term water supply, economic development, and growth needs of Western Piedmont communities.

A B. Approval of Updates to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments' Charter and Bylaws. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) request approval of the updates to their Charter and Bylaws. The summary of changes adds explicit language regarding the COG's authorization to act as the regional public housing authority (Article VI, Section 1). This was recommended to clarify authority to assist in bonds (no obligation to WPCOG or local governments) for tax advantages for developers of affordable housing projects. Original authorization for the WPCOG to act as a regional public housing authority was

given in 1977. Changes the vote threshold for action to a simple majority instead of a two-thirds majority. (Article VII, Section 4; Article XI, Section 4). This is consistent with local government voting procedures. Eliminates the Treasurer position, while adding another at-large position on the Executive Committee (Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2). This is consistent with common local government structure. Eliminates the Secretary position while adding another at-large position on the Executive Committee and add reference to a staff Clerk to the Board (Article VIII, Section 2). This is consistent with common local government structure. A reference to the WPCOG finance officer was added. (Article X, Section 3). WPCOG is subject to the NC Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act like its municipalities and counties. Minor language clarifications that don't impact the intent or structure of a section. As outlined in the Charter and Bylaws, any modification must be sent to each member of government for ratification, with approval by three-fourths of the members of the WPCOG required (21 of the 28 members). Following approval by member governments, a second reading of the changes must be held at the next regular Policy Board meeting, at which time actions of the members will be reported and accepted.

A C. Approval of a Resolution Accepting the Streets Within Lachlan Village Residential Community. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of a Resolution for acceptance of lands and improvements within Lachlan Village residential subdivision including 48th Avenue NE, described as a 50-foot right-of-way as recorded in Plat Book 90, at Page 109 of the Catawba County Registry. The streets have been completed, inspected and found to be compliant with City specifications and in good repair. Public use and maintenance of street right-of-way cannot occur unless City Council formally accepts 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 recommends approval of the Resolution.

A D. Approval of Amendment Number One to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with McGill Associates, P.A., in the Amount of $684,000 for the Henry Fork Stream Bank and Sewer Improvements. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of amendment number one to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with McGill Associates, P.A., in the amount of $684,000 for the Henry Fork stream bank and sewer improvements. Amendment one consists of surveying, environmental review, sewer and stream restoration design, floodplain, and floodway modeling, geotechnical investigations, structural design, permitting, DWI coordination and preparation of full bidding documents. The Department of Environmental Quality has received over $253 million in appropriations earmarked specifically for wastewater projects in areas affected by Hurricane Helene. The City of Hickory has qualified for a $5 million dollar loan with 100% principal forgiveness. Staff recommends Council's approval of amendment one with McGill Associates, P.A.

A E. Approval of a Cemetery Deed from the City of Hickory to Irene Suddreth and spouse, Benjamin Suddreth located in Southside Cemetery, Containing 80 square feet, and Designated as Lot No. E, Section 6, Spaces 22, and 23. (Prepared by the City of Hickory) **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

A F. Approval of a Resolution Accepting an Offer to Sale Two City-Owned Parcels to Legacy Home Builders, North Carolina, LLC in the Amount of $25,000. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of a Resolution accepting an offer from Legacy Home Builders North Carolina LLC in the amount of $25,000 for two City-owned parcels located in the 400 block of 3rd Street SW. The parcels are identified as GIS PINs 3702-06-47-8534 and 3702-06-47-8520, containing a total of .15 acres in size and are currently undeveloped. The combined tax value of the parcels is $3,600. Legacy Home Builders North Carolina LLS has offered $25,000 for the parcels. The property would be sold subject to the upset bid statute to allow other interested parties to bid on the property. Staff recommends that

Council adopt a Resolution accepting the offer from Legacy Home Builders North Carolina LLC and authorize staff to advertise for upset bids.

A1 G. Budget Revision Number 8. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

1. *To appropriate $79,121 in Duke Energy reimbursements to be used for capital improvements at the Airport.*
2. *To appropriate $684,000 in state revolving loan funds towards a professional engineering services agreement with McGill and Associates for Henry Fork streambank and sewer improvements.*
3. *To appropriate $249 in donation revenue to the Library for book purchasing and programming costs.*
4. *To appropriate $7,000 in equipment sale revenue to be used for the purchase of new firefighting equipment for the Fire Department.*
5. *To appropriate $199,691 in donations from the State Bureau of Investigation for the Police Department to be used for personnel costs.*
6. *To appropriate $300,000 in General Fund Balance to be used for the purchase of land for the Police Department.*
7. *To appropriate a total of $2,781,462 in revenues to be used for the Springs Road Sidewalk Project for a construction services contract with Cardinal Civil Contracting. $1,925,557 will come from Federal Grants with a local match of $855,905 from General Fund Balance.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Items

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports

NA 1. Sandy Pines Park Update – Presented by Assistant City Manager Steve Miller

A 2. Acceptance of the Bid and Award the Contract to Cardinal Civil Contracting, LLC in the Amount of $2,781,461.33, for the Construction of the Springs Road Sidewalk, Contingent upon North Carolina Department of Transportation Concurrence – Presented by Assistant City Manager Steve Miller. **(Exhibit XI.B.2.)**

Staff requests Council's acceptance of the bid and award the contract to Cardinal Civil Contracting, LLC, for the construction of BL-0066 - Springs Road Sidewalk, in the amount of $2,781,461.33, contingent upon North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) concurrence. The City applied for and received State Transportation Block Grant – Directly Attributable (STBG-DA) funding approval from the Greater Hickory MPO and NCDOT for sidewalk improvements on Springs Road from Sandy Ridge Road to McDonald Parkway. Adding sidewalk in an area that is already used by pedestrians provides a safer connection and would enhance access. Bids were advertised for the project and three bids were received: Cardinal Civil Contracting, LLC - $2,781,461.33; M&M Construction of Banner Elk - $4,797,178.80; and TP Howards Plumbing Co. Inc. - $3.249,000. Staff recommends Council's acceptance of the bid and award the contract to Cardinal Civil Contracting, LLC.

A 3. 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

Alderman Seaver Nominated Jeff Davidson as the Small Cities Project Area Representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council
Ward 2 (Williams Appoints) VACANT

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

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) VACANT
At-Large (1) (Mayor Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints) VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) (Wes Christopher resigned 10-13-26) VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) VACANT
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT

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