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 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation by Senior Pastor Aryn Williams-Ruebel, St. Luke's Methodist Church

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

A. Mr. Kannan Shew, 221 15th Street SE, Hickory, discussed concerns with the Skate Park.

B. Mr. Danny Powell, 221 15th Street SE, Hickory, discussed concerns with the Skate Park.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A A. Regular Meeting of November 3, 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 8. **(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 the Purchase and Up-Fit of Nine Specialized Police Package Emergency Vehicles from Parks Ford, Utilizing the NC Sheriff's Association Contract, in the Amount of $611,065.76. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

Hickory Police Department requests Council's approval of the purchase and upfitting of nine all-wheel drive 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicles from Parks Ford utilizing the NC Sheriff's Association contract. This will include eight regular patrol vehicles and one canine use patrol vehicle for a total cost of $611,065.76. Funds are budgeted in the FY 2026/2027 CIP. Parks Ford has partnered with Brooks Network Services, LLC to provide the total turnkey up-fitting of these vehicles. Staff recommends approval of the purchase of these specialized emergency vehicles from Parks Ford.

A B. Approval of a Resolution Accepting an Offer to Sell a City-Owned Parcel to Legacy Home Builders, North Carolina, LLC in the Amount of $30,000. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of a Resolution accepting an offer from Legacy Home Builders, North Carolina, LLC in the amount of $30,000 for a City-owned parcel located at 401 2nd Street Place SW. The parcel is identified as GIS PIN 3702-07-57-1931, containing

a total of .27 acre in size and currently undeveloped. The tax value of the parcel is $6,300. Legacy Home Builders North Carolina LLC has offered $30,000 for the parcel. 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.

A C. Approval of a Resolution Supporting Two Supplemental Grant Applications to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization for Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds, for Total Supplemental Funding not to Exceed $1,240,000. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

Staff requests approval of a Resolution supporting two supplemental grant applications to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) for Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in amounts not to exceed $760,000 for BL-0066 – Springs Road Sidewalk and $480,000 for BL-0067 – Aviation Walk Connector, for a total supplemental funding request not to exceed $1,240,000. On September 23, 2026, the GHMPO issued a call for projects to agencies in its jurisdiction for supplemental applications. Funds are available to award among four different transportation modals: bicycle and pedestrian, intersections, roadway, and transit. The GHMPO has a supplemental call each year for local government to request additional project funding. The funding requires a minimum 20 percent match. Staff requests approval of the Resolution supporting the two supplemental grant applications to the GHMPO.

A D. Approval of a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Elite Fitness, LLC in the Amount of $4,000. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

Staff requests approval of a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Elite Fitness, LLC in the amount of $4,000. Laura and Parker Murray applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and enhance their new small business, Elite Fitness, LLC. Elite Fitness is a local, community-focused fitness and martial arts studio offering Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, self-defense, and strength training. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of the grant in the amount of $4,000. The grant funds will be used to purchase and install business equipment. Staff recommends Council's approval of the Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Elite Fitness, LLC.

A E. Approval of the Application to the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management Helene Local Government Capital Grant in the Amount of $5,737,500 for the Henry Fork Streambank Restoration and Sewer Improvement Project. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

Staff requests Council's approval to apply for up to $5,737,500 from the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) Helene Local Government Capital Grant Program to support the Henry Fork Streambank Restoration and Sewer Line Improvement Project. The project will address streambank erosion and sewer infrastructure damage exacerbated by Hurricane Helene, helping protect the sewer system, prevent future overflows, and improve long-term resiliency. Grant funds would supplement existing funding sources, including a $5 million NCDEQ CWSRF-Helene award and a pending CDBG-DR application. No local match is required. Staff recommend Council's approval to apply for the grant.

A F. Approval of a Contract with Clayton Engineering & Design for Design and Construction Administration Services for Group Hangar W7 in the Amount of $207,400. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Staff requests approval of a contract with Clayton Engineering & Design in the amount of $207,400 for design and construction administration services for Group Hangar W7 at Hickory Regional Airport. The project includes construction of a new 12,000-square-foot group hangar with aircraft storage, office space, and restroom facilities. The hangar supports recommendations from the Airport Task Force and is expected to increase airport revenue by expanding aircraft storage capacity and attracting corporate aviation tenants. Funding will be provided through FY 2026 tax revenues and anticipated FY 2027 airport revenues. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

A G. Approval of Task Order Number 3 with GMC North Carolina, PLLC in the Amount of $308,000 for the Shuford Sewer Lift Station. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of Task Order number 3 with GMC North Carolina, PLLC in the amount of $308,000 for design services associated with the Shuford Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project. The project will consolidate the existing Shuford 1 and Shuford 2 sewer lift stations into a single replacement facility, improving reliability and reducing maintenance needs within the City's sewer collection system. The scope of work includes preliminary engineering, detailed design, permitting, and bidding services. GMC North Carolina, PLLC, was selected as the most qualified firm through a competitive qualifications-based selection process. Staff recommend approval of Task Order Number 3.

A1 H. Budget Revision Number 9. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

1. *To appropriate $48,051 in additional PSAP revenue for the purchase of headsets and computer equipment at the 911 call-center.*
2. *To appropriate $14,850 in equipment sale revenue to be used for capital improvements at the Airport.*
3. *To appropriate a total of $207,400 in Burke County tax revenue, generated at the Hickory Regional Airport, to be used for a design and construction administration contract with Clayton Engineering and Design for the Hangar 7 project at the Airport. $166,917 will come from FY26 tax revenue and $40,483 will come from FY27 tax revenue.*
4. *To appropriate $5,000 in Walmart Spark Grant revenue to be used for the Cops for Tots program at the Hickory Police Department.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Items

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports

A 1. Approval of the Implementation of an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of 2nd Street NW and 8th Avenue NW – Presented by Assistant City Manager Steve Miller. **(Exhibit XI.B.1.)**

Property owners along 8th Avenue NW submitted a petition through the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program requesting traffic safety improvements. Traffic Division staff reviewed the petition and determined it met all program requirements, with 35 of 47 affected property owners supporting the request. Based on the petition results and staff analysis, an all-way stop is recommended for installation at the intersection of 2nd Street NW and 8th Avenue NW. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the proposed traffic-calming measure.

NA 2. Quarterly Financial Report – Presented by Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller

NA 3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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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