

A G E N D A

HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2025



6:00 p.m.



AGENDA
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Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

February 4, 2025
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Matthew Prince, Senior Pastor, Lifepoint Church of Hickory
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Proclamation for SkillsUSA Week February 2-8, 2025 – Presented to Tammy Muller, Executive Director, Strategic Business Partnerships and SkillsUSA, and Gary Muller, Executive Dean, Economic Development and Corporate Education, Catawba Valley Community College. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025. **(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.
 - A. Budget Revision Number 13. **(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. Approval of the Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC Grants for the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility and Snow Creek Pump Station. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC grants for the Northeast WWTF and Snow Creek Pump Station. The Federal Government provides funding through the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. In 2021 and 2022, Council approved a Resolution authorizing Public Utilities to apply for FEMA BRIC grants. FEMA approved the applications and awarded the City of Hickory, through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, two grants; one for flood hardening and streambank restoration along Falling Creek at the Northeast WWTF and one to relocate the Snow Creek Pump Station. This grant requires designated applicant agents to disburse funds and administer the grant. Staff recommend Council's approval of the Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC grants for the Northeast WWTF and Snow Creek Pump Station.

B. Approval of the Unifour Hazard Mitigation Plan as Required by FEMA. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

Hazard mitigation plans are required by FEMA and are also required to be updated every five years. The continual updates are required for the jurisdictions covered under such plans to remain eligible for federal mitigation and public assistance funding. To simplify and enhance planning efforts for the jurisdictions in the four-county region, Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties along with all municipalities joined together to complete these processes. AECOM was contracted by the State to update the current Unifour Hazard Mitigation Plan. The local committee involved with this initiative was informed the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management approved the draft plan, with the next step being adopted by each elected body in the four-county region and finally forwarded to FEMA. In the most recent version of the plan, the City of Hickory provided twenty (20) mitigation strategies it would commit to undertake. Those strategies are outlined in Section 7 of the plan. The plan, in its entirety, is in excess of 800 pages of data, analysis, and other information from participating local governments. The complete 2024 Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan can be found at:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:va6c2:9f16fb99-6ffb-40a3-bb7b-8a120ce5b653?viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>

Staff recommend adoption of the 2025 Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

C. Approval of the Purchase of a 2026 MackHD GR64FR Dump Truck/Plow from TranSource in the Amount of \$220,014.39. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

Staff requests Council's approval to purchase from TranSource a 2026 MackHD GR64FR dump truck/plow with warranty on the cab and chassis in the amount of \$220,014.39. The equipment is being replaced as a component of the Public Services Street Division's Capital Budget. The 2026 MackHD GR64FR dump truck/plow is budgeted in this Fiscal Year in Street Division (5460) Capital Budget. Specifications were prepared by the Street and Fleet Divisions to ensure the purchase of the type of equipment that would best serve the Division. The proposed dump truck is a 2026 MackHD GR64FR dump truck/plow meeting all specifications. NC State Contract Number NCSA 24-08-0421R, Item #452. Staff recommend Council's approval of the purchase from TranSource of the a 2026 MackHD GR64FR dump truck/plow with warranty on the cab and chassis in the amount of \$220,014.39.

D. Approval of Budget Revision Number 14. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

1. *To appropriate \$173,281 from the Water & Sewer Fund Balance to the Sludge Fund for operational costs of the new Biosolids Facility. As the existing facility is decommissioned, and the Biosolids Facility is brought online.*
2. *To appropriate \$300 in donations to the library for library programming.*
3. *To appropriate \$25,908 for six streetlights for the Trivium East Project, \$12,954 is being paid from General Fund Balance and the remaining \$12,954 is being paid from Catawba County.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Consideration of the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of .62-Acres of Property Located at 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, Identified as PIN 3714-16-72-8864, owned by Northway Homes, LLC – Presented by Planning Director Brian Frazier. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

Consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of .62 acres of property located at 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, identified as PIN 3714-16-72-8864. The property is currently vacant and located within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Hickory and zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential. Property zoned R-2 can be utilized primarily for residential purposes, at a maximum density of 4 dwelling units per acre. If annexed, the property owners have requested the construction of one single-family detached home. Surrounding properties are zoned City of Hickory R-2 Residential and are occupied by detached single-family residences. The current tax value of the properties is \$21,900. If annexed, the semi-vacant property would generate \$99.65 in additional tax revenues. 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 voluntary contiguous annexation.

Notice of the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on January 25, 2025.

B. Departmental Reports

1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

At-Large (Council Appoints)

VACANT

At-Large (Council Appoints)

VACANT

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

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

At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints)

VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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

Other Minority (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints) Leslie Chavez Resigned 1-17-2025

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Historic Properties Owner (Council Appoints)

VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

Ward 1 (Wood Appoints)

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

At-Large (Council Appoints)

VACANT

WESTERN PIEDMONT SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

(2-Year Terms with 3-Term Limit) (Appointed by City Council)
Two Representatives for City of Hickory

Replacement of Hickory Representative Christoph Klingspor

VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Homeschool

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. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

1. *Approval of Closed Session Minutes of January 7, 2025 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)*
2. *Consult with Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege - NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3)*

XV. 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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Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** February 2-8, 2025, has been designated by the SkillsUSA national association as SkillsUSA Week; and
- WHEREAS,** career and technical education provides students with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong and educated workforce that fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to leadership in the national and global economies; and
- WHEREAS,** career and technical education and SkillsUSA give high school students empowering experiences in the meaningful application of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, as well as the development of SkillsUSA framework skills including personal skills, workplace skills, and technical skills grounded in academics, thus improving the quality of their education, providing increased motivation to learn and giving all students leadership opportunities in their career fields, schools and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** career and technical education offers students opportunities to learn skills and have career experiences that may lead to further education or meaningful employment; and
- WHEREAS,** the cooperative efforts of career and technical educators working with business and industry stimulate the vitality of our nation's economy by preparing graduates for careers forecast to experience the largest growth within the next decade; and
- WHEREAS,** SkillsUSA is a national organization for students preparing more than 372,000 students annually enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations in middle schools, high schools, and colleges/postsecondary programs to be high-performance workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Hank Guess, Mayor of the City of Hickory, on behalf of Hickory City Council do hereby proclaim the week of February 2-8, 2025 as

SkillsUSA Week

in the City of Hickory and urge all its citizens to acquaint themselves with the mission of SkillsUSA and to give support to the members who are working hard to achieve the goals that will make them outstanding skilled workers in our communities.

Dated this 4th day of February 2025.

Hank Guess, Mayor

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	Hank Guess	Anthony Freeman
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Warren Wood, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Yaidee Fox, City Attorney Timothy Swanson, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.
- II. Invocation by Student Pastor Juan Soler, Christ United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Recognition of the Hickory Water Treatment Facility by the North Carolina Division of Water Resources for the N.C. Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for 2023 by Weston Johnson, Environmental Specialist II, Division of Water Resources – Public Water Supply Section, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Mayor Guess mentioned at their last Council meeting, they had a presentation by the City Manager concerning their water resiliency initiative, and it highlighted many of their water and sewer projects and the tremendous job that their coworkers perform to maintain those operations. He asked Public Utilities Director Will Hamblin to the podium to introduce the special presentation.

Public Utilities Director Will Hamblin introduced Mr. Weston Johnson, Environmental Specialist II, Division of Water Resources – Public Water Supply Section, NCDEQ, to present the award.

Environmental Specialist II, Division of Water Resources, Public Water Supply Section, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Weston Johnson presented the award to Wesley Boyd and his excellent staff of the Hickory Water Treatment Plant. He gave them a little history on the AWOP Award, the Area Authorization Optimization Program, which reflects on turbidity removal. Since 1998, EPA had introduced increased stringent regulations aimed at reducing the risk of biological contaminations while also managing the use of disinfecting chemicals and their byproducts. They support water systems in meeting these evolved standards achieving purer water quality. The AWOP program was established as a joint initiative between EPA and State agencies. North Carolina had proudly participated in AWOP since 2000. Working collaboratively with water treatment facilities to optimize existing equipment and treatment processes with strong focus on improving turbidity removal, a criteria factor in maintaining safe, clean drinking water. The Hickory Water Treatment Plant staff had demonstrated this outstanding dedication, expertise and perseverance in not only meeting but exceeding these rigorous standards. Their commitment to operational excellence continued to evolve to insure that the community received the highest quality drinking water possible. This award reflected the countless hours and the hard work and attention to detail in unwavering commitment to public health and safety. Additionally, it was important to also acknowledge the challenges they had faced in maintaining high water quality standards during extreme weather events such as Helene. And now they were experiencing extreme cold weather that also presented problems with the saline turbidity out in the said basins. He proudly recognized the success of the team and their staff members, Wesley Boyd, and the entire water treatment plant.

Public Utilities Director Will Hamblin thanked Mr. Johnson and introduced Wesley Boyd, Water Treatment Plant Laboratory Supervisor; David Cox, Environmental Manager; Shane Mayfield, Water Treatment Plant Senior Operator; and Max Simmons, Water Treatment Plant Laboratory Supervisor. This was just a fraction of the team of the 24/7 operation to make sure they were providing clean drinking water. They were really proud of these folks. This was the award for 2023, but during Hurricane Helene in 2024, they were still able to produce drinking water that exceeded all the standards. They were able to provide a lot of relief to neighboring communities who were not functioning for the days and weeks following. They totaled about 15 million gallons of water that they were able to share with their neighbors during their time of need. They were really proud of this group of folks. He thanked Council. Photos were taken.

Mayor Guess reiterated they had a presentation at their last Council meeting about the importance of the water. Not only the water itself, but the quality and quantity of the water and the fact that they were a regional water provider, and water affects each and every one of us. It was very, very important. They appreciated the fact that they were on the job 24/7. He thanked the staff in attendance.

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- B. Presentation of the GFOA's Triple Crown Award. This award recognizes governments who have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The Distinguished Budget Award is for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023. This is the twenty-ninth consecutive year the City has received this recognition – Presented to Budget Analyst Matt Dellinger. Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Award. This is the twenty-eighth consecutive year the City has received this recognition - Presented to Finance Director Kari Dunlap.

Mayor Guess asked Budget Analyst Matt Dellinger and Finance Director Kari Dunlap to the podium. This was a presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's Triple Crown Award. These awards recognized governments who had received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, and Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Award. These were for the year beginning July 1, 2023. And this was the 29th consecutive year that the City had received this recognition. He presented the award for Distinguished Budget Presentation and the award for Popular Annual Financial Reporting, to Budget Analyst, Mr. Matt Dellinger, and his entire team. He presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Award to Finance Director, Ms. Kari Dunlap and her team.

Finance Director Kari Dunlap introduced staff in attendance, Budget Analyst Mr. Matt Dellinger; Analyst Management, Ms. Breanna Ikard; Ms. Alyssa Wadham; and Assistant Finance Officer Mr. Cameron McHargue. It was a team effort; they could not do it without everyone in the City and keeping track of their finances. They appreciated it.

Mayor Guess commented the fact that it had been 28 consecutive years, he thought spoke of the entire team, not only the present team, but the team that they had in the past as well. And of course, their Deputy Finance Manager Rodney Miller was a part of that team as well. Photos were taken.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

- A. Ms. Fannie Pinkston, 1214 2nd Street SE, Hickory to Discuss Minority Owned Businesses

Ms. Fannie Pinkston was unable to attend and would reschedule at a later time.

- B. Mr. Cliff Moone, 4340 North Center Street, Unit 304, Timberwood Townhomes, advised earlier this evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Community Appearance Commission presented the annual 2024 Community Appearance Commission Beautification Awards. He wanted to let Council know about the awards and what they did. It was his privilege to be the Chair of that Commission and to be present tonight. He listed the members of the Community Appearance Commission: Vice Chair Nancy Zagaroli, Tony Jackson, Delores Deal, Sharon Crosby, Doug Dickson, Lynn Sampson, Yareli Saucedo-Garcia, and himself, Chair Cliff Moone. They presented nine awards this year and in the following categories: residential landscape, professionally installed or maintained, residential renovation and/or restoration, non-residential landscape, non-residential renovation and/or restoration. Their newest category this year, was the Beautifying Hickory Award which they presented to two. They started a new project from April to October. He wanted everybody to know this, because they could self-nominate for these things. Where people who plant landscapes and plant their flowers and beautify the wonderful City, they could nominate for a monthly award of that. They could recognize up to 20 people in the City per month. They had not done that many but had done a number. They recognized two people for the annual award out of that group. He thought they had 20-25 different people that they recognized. A few years ago, the Mayor had instigated a Project which they worked on back then and had continued to work on and wanted everybody to look up and know about. There was a litter quitter project in Hickory, and it continued, and it grew, and it had been wonderful. He asked citizens to go onto the website, look it up, because they could participate in it in a lot of ways. They would be happy to help facilitate that as the City was well aware that they do. They presented that award this year to Ronald and Beverly Chapman. The award was recommended by a person many of them would recognize the name, Todd Byrd, who had taken upon himself to organize litter projects around the City. He wanted to notify Council that the winners of this would be listed online, and he thought it would go in the paper as well. Again, they take self-nominations from folks all year long and so please do not hesitate in these different categories. They could find the categories online as well. He thanked Council.

Mayor Guess thanked Mr. Moone. He asked him to please let each of those individual winners know how proud they were and how glad they were that they serve in this voluntary capacity to the City.

- C. Mr. Doug Auer, 1036 15th Avenue NW, Hickory, advised in August of 2024, the City Council approved Hickory's Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies five-year strategic plan. He mentioned they may recall that creating outdoor recreation economies (CORE), was a

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North Carolina Commerce Department Statewide initiative. With the City's rich manufacturing heritage, Hickory was selected to submit a CORE Strategic Plan. CORE was aimed at attracting new businesses to Hickory, fostering an entrepreneurial environment for up-and-coming businesses, as well as vigorously supporting existing enterprises, all in the outdoor recreation space. Setting aside CORE for a moment, the City of Hickory, day in and day out manifests its commitment to economic growth through the Business and Community Development Office managed by Dave Leonetti and the citizen's Business Development Committee, which he was Chair this year. Annually the HDC sponsors a networking event promoting available local and State resources. This year they were combining that HDC event with their nascent CORE initiative in addition to local agencies they were pleased to announce that members of the Asheville based Outdoor Business Alliance would be participating. The OBA was a leading national organization supporting outdoor recreation. To conclude the outdoor recreation business networking event was Thursday, January 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event was hosted by Innovative, Inc., located at 391 10th Avenue Drive NE. That was midway between Hickory High and Lenoir-Rhyne. Please join them as leaders of the City, and they looked forward to seeing them next week. He thanked Council.

Mayor Guess asked if anyone else wished to address City Council. No one appeared.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of January 7, 2025.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that the Minutes of January 7, 2025 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

A. Budget Revision Number 12. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Alderman Freeman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Approved Closing both Locations of Hickory Public Libraries on May 9, 2025 for Staff Training.

Staff requests approval to close both locations of Hickory Public Libraries from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025, for staff training. The public library staff regularly interact with the public and, to provide the best possible customer service, it is necessary to periodically provide training opportunities in which all staff participate at the same time. This year staff will receive training in library resources, hear updates from community partner agencies, and prepare for upcoming library programs. Customer service training specific to each library department will be included. All library staff, both full-time and part-time, interact daily with the public and, therefore, need periodic opportunities to participate in staff development training to re-energize, acquire new skills, and improve their ability to work together as a team. To allow all coworkers to participate, it is necessary to schedule the training during a workday. Staff determined that Friday, May 9, 2025 is a date that would create as little disruption as possible in service to the public. Staff recommends the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and the Ridgeview Branch Library be closed on Friday, May 9, 2025, to allow time for all library employees to participate in staff training.

B. Approved Awarding the Service Weapon and Badge to Retiring Hickory Police Lieutenant John Wienbrock.

Hickory Police Department requests City Council's approval to award Lieutenant John Wienbrock his service weapon (Glock Model - Serial # UHF226) and badge upon his retirement March 1, 2025. Lieutenant John Wienbrock will retire from the City of Hickory Police Department, after completing over 16 years of qualifying service to the citizens of Hickory. By authority of NC General Statutes, City Council may award the service weapon and police badge to Lieutenant John Wienbrock upon his retirement from Hickory Police Department. Upon approval from City Council, the police badge and service weapon will be declared surplus and removed from the city's fixed asset inventory. Staff recommends approval of awarding the service weapon and police badge to Lieutenant John Wienbrock upon his retirement from Hickory Police Department.

- C. Called for a Public Hearing to Consider the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of .62-Acres of Property Located at 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, Identified as PIN 3714-16-72-8864, owned by Northway Homes, LLC. (Authorized the Public Hearing for February 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED
UNDER G.S. 160A-31 AND/OR 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition from Northway Homes, LLC requesting annexation of an area described in a petition was received on January 6, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Hickory; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 and G.S. 160A-58.1 provide that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

THAT, the Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

I, Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31 and/or G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended:

Property of Northway Homes, LLC, containing .62-acres more or less, located at 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, and identified as PIN 3714-16-72-8864.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Hickory this 6th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 25-02
RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION,
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 OR G.S. 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory has, by Resolution, directed the clerk to investigate the sufficiency thereof; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Clerk as to the sufficiency of said petition has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

Section 1: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 4, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.

Section 2: The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Property of Northway Homes, LLC, containing .62-acres more or less, located at 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, and identified as PIN 3714-16-72-8864.

Section 3: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in the Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03
A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE INTENT TO ANNEX INTO THE CORPORATE
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY NORTHWAY
HOMES, LLC AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SAME

WHEREAS, Northway Homes, LLC is the owner of certain real property as described herein, which property is located at 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, and identified as PIN 3714-16-72-8864 containing .62-acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, such property is currently located in the City’s extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex such property into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory as authorized by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-31; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hickory City Council, sitting in open session this 21st day of January, 2025, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of said Council, duly called and posted in accordance with the statutes of the State of North Carolina, as follows:

- Section 1: That the Hickory City Council does determine that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex the property described hereinafter into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.
- Section 2: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 4, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.
- Section 3: The same being that property reflected on map entitled Northway Homes, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 1, Current City Boundary, subject property outlined in red; Northway Homes, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 2, Current Zoning, subject property outlined in red; Northway Homes, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation, Map 3, Aerial View, subject property outlined in red.
- Section 4: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in The Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

D. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 13.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 13

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Public Safety	9,592	-
General Government	-	21,499
TOTAL	9,592	24,499

To provide funding for the above, the General Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	9,592	-
Other Financing Sources	21,499	-
TOTAL	31,091	-

SECTION 2. To amend the Airport Fund within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Transportation	40,000	-
TOTAL	40,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Airport Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	40,000	-
TOTAL	40,000	-

SECTION 3. To amend the Solid Waste Fund within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	82,000	-
TOTAL	82,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Solid Waste Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental	82,000	-
TOTAL	82,000	-

SECTION 4. To amend the Capital Reserve Fund within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	-	962,000
TOTAL	-	962,000

To provide funding for the above, the Capital Reserve Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	962,000	-
TOTAL	962,000	-

SECTION 5. To amend the Water/Sewer Fund within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	962,000	-
TOTAL	962,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Capital Reserve Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	962,000	-
TOTAL	962,000	-

SECTION 6. To amend the Springs Road Sidewalk (#54620) Capital Project Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	57,768	-
TOTAL	57,768	-

To provide funding for the above, the Springs Road Sidewalk (#54620) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	11,553	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	46,215	-
TOTAL	57,768	-

SECTION 7. To amend the Aviation Museum Connector (#70015) Capital Project Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	49,731	-
TOTAL	49,731	-

To provide funding for the above, the Aviation Museum Connector (#70015) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	9,946	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	39,785	-
TOTAL	49,731	-

SECTION 8. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

- IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None
- X. Informational Item
- XI. New Business
 - A. Public Hearings
 - B. Departmental Report
 - 1. Approved the Resolution to Abolish Hickory Public Housing Authority – Presented by City Manager Warren Wood.

City Manager Warren Wood gave a PowerPoint presentation. He advised on October 1, 2024, City Council first considered a Resolution abolishing the Hickory Public Housing Authority and transferring their responsibilities to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Council postponed that decision. It was back before them tonight. He would discuss much of what he covered at that October 1st meeting. The statutory relationship between the City of Hickory and the Hickory Public Housing Authority was defined by the North Carolina General Statutes. They were, in general, cities could create public housing authorities. The City created this one years ago. Cities could abolish their public housing authority and transfer to a regional authority. That was what Council was going to consider tonight. Authorities were considered local governments, just like the City was, and they follow the same statutory guidelines. Across the State of North Carolina, the Mayor of a city makes the appointment to that city's Housing Authority board. Mayor Guess makes appointments to that board for them. The Mayor may also remove Housing Authority board members. Those were in essence the main statutory obligations or abilities that they have related to their Hickory Public Housing Authority.

City Manager Warren Wood advised the Housing Authority operates as an independent governmental unit. Although the Mayor appointed their board members, they were independent of the City. The Hickory Public Housing Authority was not a department of the City. Its personnel were not City employees. The City does not manage their funds. The City does not fund the Hickory Public Housing Authority. That funding comes primarily from HUD and the City does not direct Hickory Public Housing Authority operations. Their finances were audited annually just like the City of Hickory were. Outside of the relationship with board appointments, the City and the Public Housing Authority operate as independent governmental units from one another. For the last seven years or so, the Hickory Public Housing Authority had not owned the public housing units in Ridgeview, Ridgecrest or West Hickory. What they think of as public housing was not, it was owned by a non-profit named Nu-Dimensions and had been so for the last seven years or so. The Housing Authority no longer owned any bricks and mortar housing units in the City limits. The Housing Authority was now responsible for administering their Section 8 housing vouchers from HUD. Those were those folks that were low to moderate income people that need help with housing, and they administer that program with private sector apartment owners. However, Nu-Dimensions had a contract with Hickory Public Housing Authority to manage and maintain the housing units formerly known as public housing. Even with that, the Housing Authority's main mission was to administer the Section 8 housing vouchers issued from HUD.

City Manager Warren Wood advised tonight Council has a Resolution before them considering the abolishment of the Hickory Public Housing Authority and transferring those responsibilities to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, which was authorized by the North Carolina General Statutes. In this Resolution it would be effective July 1, 2025, the City would abolish the Hickory Public Housing Authority, and the City would authorize the Western Piedmont Council of Governments to exercise all appropriate powers related to a public housing authority within the jurisdiction of the City. The Hickory Public Housing Authority itself and any person or organizations administering the program and/or assets of the authority was directed to transfer all funds, files, titles, equipment and other assets to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments in a cooperative manner. Within this Resolution, the Mayor and the City Manager were authorized

to execute any necessary documents to implement this transfer to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. One caveat was, if Council chose to take this action, it still needs final approval from HUD. That was another step in the process. Pursuant to the general statute, City Council would appoint the Executive Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments as the interim Executive Director of the Housing Authority to work with the Housing Authority to facilitate the transfer of all funds, files, titles, equipment and other assets of the Housing Authority to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. The Executive Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments shall serve as interim director of the authority until the transfer to the COG was complete. Again, that would be ideally effective July 1, 2025, with the approved of HUD. If Council chose to do this tonight, the City Attorney had come up with some language that he would suggest being used in making the motion to make that transfer to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. He asked for any questions.

Mayor Guess asked Council for any questions. In light of the information that City Manager Warren Wood had shared, he moved that Council adopt the Resolution abolishing the City of Hickory Public Housing Authority effective July 1, 2025, transferring all powers related to a Public Housing Authority within the City of Hickory to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, ordering the transfer of all funds, files, titles, equipment, and other assets to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and appointing the Executive Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments as the interim director of the Housing Authority until the transfer was complete. Alderwoman Patton seconded the motion. Mayor Guess asked for any further discussion.

Alderman Freeman wanted to stress to his community because this fell certainly in his ward. He wanted to certainly say not just as a City Councilman, not just as a Pastor, but also as a concerned advocate for positive progress and change. It was no secret that he started with this comment back on June 24, 2024, and it had always been about serving people. His conviction now was even stronger as it was when it first began with him on June 24th.

Mayor Guess asked for any other discussion. He advised there was a motion and a second. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF HICKORY PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE TRANSFER TO THE WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") provides funds for the provision of affordable housing through its public housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory Public Housing Authority ("PHA") was created to administer said funds and manage all associated assets with the public housing program; and

WHEREAS, HUD issued reports in 2012 and 2015 detailing a lack of adequate housing authority board oversight and administration and the City continues to receive complaints about the PHA; and

WHEREAS, HUD encourages the consolidation of public housing authorities to provide better administration of HUD programs and funds; and

WHEREAS, a regional public housing authority provides greater economic and housing mobility for program clients; and

WHEREAS, the Western Piedmont Council of Governments ("WPCOG") has been designated as a regional public housing authority since January 1, 1978 pursuant to Chapter 157 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §§ 160A-475 and 157-4.1A authorizes the City of Hickory to delegate by resolution any powers to the WPCOG, including the transfer of its public housing authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The City of Hickory, effective July 1, 2025, hereby abolishes the City of Hickory Public Housing Authority pursuant to Chapter 157 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. The City of Hickory authorizes the WPCOG to exercise all appropriate powers related to a public housing authority within the jurisdiction of the City.
3. The PHA itself, and any person or organization administering the programming and/or assets of the PHA, is directed to transfer all funds, files, titles, equipment and other assets to the WPCOG in a cooperative manner.
4. The Mayor and City Manager are authorized to execute any necessary documents to implement this transfer to the WPCOG.
5. The City of Hickory requests that HUD approve this transfer with an effective date of July 1, 2025.
6. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 157-4.1A(e), City Council appoints Anthony W. Starr, or if he is unable to serve, his successor as Executive Director of the WPCOG, as interim executive director of the PHA to work with the PHA to facilitate transfer all funds, files, titles, equipment and other assets of the PHA to the WPCOG. Mr. Starr or his successor shall serve as interim director of the PHA until the transfer to WPCOG is complete. Mr. Starr or his successor, as interim executive director of the PHA, shall have all the powers and duties granted to an executive director pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 157-5(e) along with the rules, regulations, and policies of the PHA.

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

City Manager Warren Wood asked Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Rodney Miller to the podium to present the finance report for first half of this fiscal year.

Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Rodney Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed the quarterly financial report for the second quarter which ended December 31, 2024. He had a brief presentation for Council. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a slide which was their total revenues and expenditures for the general fund. That was the main operating fund of the City. He pointed out the middle column was the current fiscal year activity. As a reminder, that was July 1st through June 30th as their fiscal year. They received about \$47.6 million in revenues through December. They had an annual budget of about \$86 million. They were about 60% into the budget for this year and that compared to last year they were at \$44.8 million last year at this time. The second row was expenditures, \$48.1 million spent. Compared to an \$86 million dollar budget and compared to last year \$45.2. The third row, they saw a negative. That was revenues under expenditures, creating a negative number there. Similarly, last year, about a half a million dollars revenues under expenditures. They were probably asking why. This was fairly typical for two primary reasons. Number one, the City's general fund, the primary revenue source was property tax revenues. Those were not due until January 6th of each year. They received about \$8 million in December. They would receive about \$8 million in January and that was the bulk of the property tax revenues. That \$8 million in January was not reflected in this report because it only runs through December 31st. The second reason in the expenditure category was, they were all well aware of their general obligation bond referendum and the \$40 million. They had three bond sales, and they have to pay that debt. All three of those debt instruments were paid on October 1st. They had a significant debt expenditure which was reflected in that \$48.1. Obviously those payments, they would have another interest payment due in April. But it was significantly less than the principal payment that they had already made.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller referred to the next slide on the PowerPoint which was their property tax revenues. He pointed out a little over \$30 million dollars had been received through December. He pointed out the budgeted revenues of \$39.1 million. He mentioned at the end of January they would probably add about \$8 million to that property tax revenue. Typically, in February or March, based on their conservative budgeting, they should hit their budgeted revenue figure for this fiscal year. He pointed out they would also notice a fairly steady climb on that, in one of his subsequent slides, they would see their development continued to be strong and they were certainly thankful for that. Their property tax base was increasing, which of course generated the main property tax revenue source they had for the general fund.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller discussed their second largest revenue source sales tax revenue. That was \$7.3 million through December. He noted these were on a lag. They got those 45 days after the end of the month. They had only received five months of the fiscal year, \$7.3 million. They receive about \$1.4 to \$1.5 million a month in sales tax revenue. It was typically the same throughout the

year. They budgeted revenues of a little over \$17 million this year. They were on track to exceed that budget. Again, they budgeted very conservatively in this area. They typically budget what they collected last year. They felt like they were in good shape for this particular revenue source. He mentioned, if they would note the first two bars there, they would see they had increased those first two years. In the last three years, they were relatively flat. As he had told them before, the Internet and online sales that they had received were the primary culprit, or reason that they were increasing those first two years. Those were now “cooked into the cake”, so to speak. The growth they would be getting were retail establishments, food shopping, etc. Occupancy tax was another source. As they grow in the City, those sales tax revenues would grow.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller discussed the water and sewer fund. They had collected about \$20.4 million through December 31st. They had a \$42.1 million dollar budget compared to \$19.9 collected last year. Their expenditures \$19.3, again compared to a \$42.1 million budget and \$21.9 million expended last year. He noted that so far through December, they were ahead of the game. This was fairly unusual. Typically speaking, their heavy revenue months were in the spring and summer months. Two things on this, 1) on the expenditure side, they would note they were actually lower than last year. That was primarily because there were some significant capital dollars that were spent in the first half of last year. Those were not repeated so far this first six months of this year. 2) the board adopted in their fee schedule July 1, an increase in capacity fees for water and sewer. Those revenues were reflected in that \$20.45 million so far through this year. Again, with the development, those capacity fees that the developers pay contribute to that revenue source.

City Manager Warren Wood commented just a side note on that, those funds for system development fees, they go back in to help fund capital projects.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller confirmed that was correct. He had mentioned building permit activity. He had a little test he would test them with. This compared the first six months of last year and the first six months of this year. They would note, just from the number of building permits, and this could be a new project or renovations to projects. That was why there were so many of those. They were about 50% higher on the residential projects or building permits so far compared to last year. They would note their commercial permits had decreased some and then on the dollar value, they would see that impact. Basically, they had doubled their value of permitting for residential projects and they were about half of where they were this time last year on commercial projects. He referred to the PowerPoint and advised that he filled up that page and it was going to have to get smaller and smaller the more projects that happen. He tried to get as many projects as possible that were significant on the list. He pointed out that the bulk of these were residential projects and they were all under some sort of site work and/or going vertical in construction. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the two hotels that were certainly under construction. Those were major and those were significant changes to their economy. As that tourism comes in and people stay in hotels, that increases their occupancy tax revenue. He referred to the PowerPoint and advised the bottom three had not been permitted. The Red Barn property had just got a grading permit. They would see that near Moore's Ferry. The Microsoft Data center off of Highway 10 that had a grading permit, no building permit. And then the Blueberry Farm was a residential project down near Fire Station 7 off of Catawba Valley Boulevard. Those three do not have permits yet, but they were under some form of grading or site work.

Mayor Guess added that they had the ribbon cutting today for the Hamptons at Hickory.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller referred to the PowerPoint and noted three more carwashes coming. He was sure everyone was excited about that, especially based on the weather they had. City projects, the Hickory Aviation Museum and CVCC Innovation Center. It was well underway and looking great. Different status of the residential projects and frankly they were all across the City. Every quadrant had significant building going on. That was a good thing for the City of Hickory. Their test. Time flies, and he knew, they may not recall, he started back with the City in 2015. Some of them were on Council, some of them were not. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a list he presented at one of his first quarterly financial reports. What were they building in 2010? He could tell them there was 38 projects there, and there were 12 on the list 10 years ago. They would recall that the City passed the bond referendum in late 2014. In all of 2015, they probably were not going to remember, but at least he would take a couple guesses before he would tell them the truth. They were probably not going to get it right. One was very, very close to this building. It had a blue roof. The Summit Credit Union next to City Hall was built 10 years ago.

Mayor Guess commented that it used to be the funeral home.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller mentioned a few more, Publix in Viewmont, 10 years ago. Sam's Express Car Wash, St. Stephen's folks there on Springs Road. Hobby Lobby, which was a big deal. Obviously, they had a smaller store, but it was built. And of course, Mattress Firm. They had a lot of mattress projects going up during that time. He just wanted to bring that up. Time flies, that was 10 years ago. What was not on his list in 2015, there were zero residential projects on his list. They had come a long way and hoped that continued.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller discussed the investment report, weighted average yield of the City's investments, 3.64%. They had earned about \$2 million in interest income, which was significantly higher than they did in 2015. They were not earning that; he could promise them. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed the list of investment securities. He noted the market value and the percentage of their portfolio. He mentioned, they had probably seen towards the end of last year, the Federal Reserve had cut rates three times. They cut one percentage point. Mortgage rates were about 7%. Back to the building permits. That did not mean all those homes were sold. Right. People had to get mortgages. Typically, they were going into a 7% mortgage. They did not know how many of those would sell. Obviously, they had to be very conservative in their numbers. He mentioned that inflation was a hot topic. They were still hovering around 2 1/2 to 3%. The Fed's goal was 2%. And they were not there yet, but still they were under 3%, which was good. They were seeing some relief on City products. They were not having that significant growth. They were still having difficulty finding vehicles. They would see in their budget, especially fire trucks. Those were not only expensive, but there was almost a two-year delay on fire trucks. That was causing them some operational challenges. They might recall last year, the year before, police vehicles, they could not get any white police vehicles, so they got gray. They purchased eight gray police vehicles. Keep an eye on the roads, if they see a gray vehicle, it may be their police cars. He asked for any questions.

Mayor Guess asked if there were any questions for Mr. Miller.

Alderman Wood asked about the challenges to the property tax valuations. When that happened, had all of that been resolved? To use Mr. Miller's phrase, "is it baked into the cake" now for them? Because that was a significant number, right?

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller advised that Catawba County revalued their property. That was probably what he was talking about. Catawba County was the bulk of their property. In Hickory, they had 50 or so million dollars in appealable value. To his knowledge, they had settled all those. They had a whole year to work those out. Those were "baked into the cake". He would double check. He did not think there was any outstanding that then went to the Property Tax Committee locally, and then it could go to the Property Tax Commission in Raleigh. Some did, but he did not think, unless they had heard, he had not heard of any that were still outstanding, but he would certainly ask and find that out and let them know.

Mayor Guess asked for any other questions.

Alderman Seaver asked if there were any projections for the next 10 years.

Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller joked that he would guess that most of them were not going to be here in 10 years that were on this Council, but he could be wrong. Some of them were very young.

Mayor Guess commented they had more control over him than he did over his prediction.

Alderman Wood commented that there was always a nugget in this presentation. There was just always a nugget.

3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

<u>CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>		
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council		
At-Large (Council Appoints)		VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints)		VACANT
<u>COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION</u>		
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)		
At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints)		VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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

Caucasian (Council Appoints) VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Mayor Guess nominated Jessica Phillips as a Caucasian Representative on the Community Relations Council.

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Historic Properties Owner (Council Appoints) VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

Ward 1 (Wood Appoints) 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

At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT

WESTERN PIEDMONT SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

(2-Year Terms with 3-Term Limit) (Appointed by City Council)

Two Representatives for City of Hickory

Replacement of Hickory Representative Christoph Klingspor VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Homeschool VACANT

Mayor Guess moved seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the above nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Alderman Freeman wanted to say thank you, to the Mayor, and those that participated in the Martin Luther King celebration, marching from Lenoir-Rhyne University to the Ridgeview Recreational Center. He wanted to say thank you for that.

Mayor Guess commented in addition to that, their partners, Lenoir-Rhyne University, of course, the Hickory NAACP was the sponsor, and the Community Relations Council. He knew that there were others, but those were the three that came to his mind right now that were highly active and helped tremendously to make that a success. Thanks to each of those organizations as well.

Alderman Freeman recognized Dr. Ida Clough that received the Martin Luther King Honors Award on Sunday afternoon at Lutheran Trinity Church. They recognized her.

Mayor Guess advised Ms. Clough was in attendance. He thanked the current members of the Hickory Housing Authority Board. Some of them were present. He also thanked the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Executive Director, who was also present as well. He wanted to say thanks to both of those individuals and to both of those units.

XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

COUNCIL AGENDA MEMOS

To: City Manager's Office

From: Will Hamblin, Public Utilities Director

Contact Person: Will Hamblin, Public Utilities Director

Date: February 4, 2025

Re: FEMA BRIC Grant Designation of Applicant Agent for Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility and Snow Creek Pump Station

REQUEST

Staff requests Council approval of Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC grants for the Northeast WWTF and Snow Creek Pump Station.

BACKGROUND

The Public Utilities Department identifies areas within the City of Hickory service area annually for condition assessment and improvement. This practice has been established so that Staff for the Public Utilities Department may evaluate portions of the System annually to determine necessary repairs and improvements in manageable portions. Due to the increased frequency of significant damaging flood events, Staff has identified opportunities to seek Federal funding to assist in making improvements to provide resiliency to critical infrastructure.

The Federal Government provides funding through the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. The BRIC grant program requires a 25% local match and provides funding to mitigate risks to infrastructure to better protect public investment and the environment. Due to the significant damages and environmental impact resulting from flooding events over the past several years, these projects qualify for grant funding.

ANALYSIS

In 2021 and 2022, Council approved a Resolution authorizing Public Utilities to apply for FEMA BRIC grants. FEMA approved the applications and awarded the City of Hickory, through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, two grants; one for flood hardening and streambank restoration along Falling Creek at the Northeast WWTF and one to relocate the Snow Creek Pump Station.

This grant requires designated applicant agents to disburse funds and administer the grant.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approval of Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC grants for the Northeast WWTF and Snow Creek Pump Station.

BUDGET ANALYSIS:**Budgetary Action**

Is a Budget Amendment required?

Yes

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No

☒**LIST THE EXPENDITURE CODE:****Reviewed by:**

<u>Will Hamblin</u> <i>WHT</i>	<u>01/23/2025</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>1/28/25</u>
Initiating Department Head	Date	Asst. City Manager Yaidee Fox	Date
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>1/27/25</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>1/28/25</u>
Asst. City Manager, R. Miller	Date	Asst. City Manager, R. Beasley	Date
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>1/29/25</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>1-28-25</u>
Finance Officer, Kari Dunlap	Date	Deputy Finance Officer, Cameron McHargue	Date

Recommended for approval and placement on _____ Council agenda (as
Consent, Public Hearing, Informational, Department Report, etc).

[Signature]

City Manager, W. Wood

1.29.25

Date

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT AND APPLICANT ASSURANCES

ORGANIZATION NAME (HEREAFTER NAMED ORGANIZATION)

City of Hickory

PRIMARY AGENT	SECONDARY AGENT
AGENT'S NAME Warren Wood	AGENT'S NAME William Hamblin
ORGANIZATION City of Hickory	ORGANIZATION City of Hickory
OFFICIAL POSITION City Manager	OFFICIAL POSITION Public Utilities Director
MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 398	MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 398
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PAGER OR CELLULAR NUMBER	PAGER OR CELLULAR NUMBER 828-409-1058

THE ABOVE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AGENTS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND FILE APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING CERTAIN STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT, (PUBLIC LAW 93-288 AS AMENDED) OR OTHERWISE AVAILABLE. THIS AGENT IS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT AND ACT FOR THE ORGANIZATION IN ALL DEALINGS WITH THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR MATTERS PERTAINING TO SUCH DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENTS AND ASSURANCES PRINTED ON THE SECOND ATTACHED PAGE.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	CERTIFYING OFFICIAL
NAME Rodney Miller	OFFICIAL'S NAME Hank Guess
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APPLICANT'S STATE COGNIZANT AGENCY FOR SINGLE AUDIT PURPOSES (IF A COGNIZANT AGENCY IS NOT ASSIGNED, PLEASE INDICATE):

APPLICANT'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) START

MONTH: 07

DAY: 01

APPLICANT'S FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

56-6001244

APPLICANT'S STATE PAYEE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

- -

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE

APPLICANT ASSURANCES

Exhibit VIII.A.

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that he will comply with the FEMA regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements including OMB's Circulars No. A-95 and A-102, and FMC 74-4, as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this Federally-assisted project. Also, the Applicant gives assurance and certifies with respect to and as a condition for the grant that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct the proposed facilities; that it is duly authorized pursuant to appropriate applicant authority and/or a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body and that the agents and officials designated herein are duly authorized under North Carolina law to act on behalf of the organization in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to the disaster assistance required by the agreements and assurances contained herein.
2. It will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order 11988, relating to Floodplain Management and Executive Order 12148, relating to Protection of Wetlands.
3. It will have sufficient funds available to meet the non-Federal share of the cost for construction projects. Sufficient funds will be available when construction is completed to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facility for the purpose constructed.
4. It will not enter into a construction contract(s) for the project or undertake other activities until the conditions of the grant program(s) have been met.
5. It will provide and maintain competent and adequate architectural engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to insure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications; that it will furnish progress reports and such other information as the Federal grantor agency may need.
6. It will operate and maintain the facility in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by the applicable Federal, State and local agencies for the maintenance and operation of such facilities.
7. It will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
8. It will require the facility to be designed to comply with the "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by the Physically Handicapped," Number A117.1-1961, as modified (41 CFR 101-17-7031). The applicant will be responsible for conducting inspections to ensure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.
9. It will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification from the approving Federal agency that funds have been approved and will see that work on the project will be prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence.
10. It will not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests in the site and facilities during the period of Federal interest or while the Government holds bonds, whichever is the longer.
11. It agrees to comply with Section 311, P.L. 93-288 and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and in accordance with Title VI of the Act, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. If any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
12. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
13. It will comply with the requirements of Title II and Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of Federal and Federally assisted programs.
14. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Federal grantor agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements approved in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, P.L. 93-288 as amended, and applicable Federal Regulations.
15. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act, as amended, 5 USC 1501 et. seq. and 7324 et. seq., which limit the political activity of employees.
16. It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq., as they apply to hospital and educational institution employees of State and local governments.
17. (To the best of his knowledge and belief) the disaster relief work described on each Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Project Application for which Federal Financial assistance is requested is eligible in accordance with the criteria contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206, and applicable FEMA Handbooks.
18. The emergency or disaster relief work therein described for which Federal Assistance is requested hereunder does not or will not duplicate benefits received for the same loss from another source.
19. It will (1) provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements and rights-of-way necessary for accomplishments of the approved work; (2) hold and save the United States free from damages due to the approved work or Federal funding.
20. This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, reimbursements, advances, contracts, property, discounts of other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Applicant by FEMA, that such Federal Financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear on the reverse as authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the applicant.
21. It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234, 87 Stat. 975, approved December 31, 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 40001 et. seq.. Further, Sections 102 and 103 (42 U.S.C. 4012a and 4015) required, on and after March 2, 1975, the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that has been identified by the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.
22. It will comply with the insurance requirements of Section 314, PL 93-288, to obtain and maintain any other insurance as may be reasonable, adequate, and necessary to protect against further loss to any property which was replaced, restored, repaired, or constructed with this assistance.
23. It will defer funding of any projects involving flexible funding until FEMA makes a favorable environmental clearance, if this is required.
24. It will assist the Federal grantor agency in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 306108 (former 16 U.S.C. 470), Executive Order 11593, and the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1966 or 1974, 54 U.S.C. 312501 et. seq. (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.) by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
25. It will, for any repairs or construction financed herewith, comply with applicable standards of safety, decency and sanitation and in conformity with applicable codes, specifications and standards; and, will evaluate the natural hazards in areas in which the proceeds of the grant or loan are to be used and take appropriate action to mitigate such hazards, including safe land use and construction practices.

STATE ASSURANCES

The State agrees to take any necessary action within State capabilities to require compliance with these assurances and agreements by the applicant or to assume responsibility to the Federal government for any deficiencies not resolved to the satisfaction of the Regional Director.

COUNCIL AGENDA MEMOS

To: City Manager's Office

From: Office of Business Development – Planning and Development

Contact Person: Cal Overby, Planning Manager

Date: February 23, 2025

Re: 2024 Unifour Hazard Mitigation Plan

REQUEST

Consideration of adoption of the 2024 Unifour Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND

Hazard mitigation plans are required by FEMA and are also required to be updated every five years. The continual updates are required for the jurisdictions covered under such plans to remain eligible for federal mitigation and public assistance funding. To simplify and enhance planning efforts for the jurisdictions in the four county region, Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties along with all municipalities joined together to complete these processes.

AECOM was contracted by the State to update the current Unifour Hazard Mitigation Plan. The local committee involved with this initiative was informed the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management approved the draft plan, with the next step being adopted by each elected body in the four county region, and finally forwarded to FEMA.

ANALYSIS

In the most recent version of the plan, the City of Hickory provided twenty (20) mitigation strategies it would commit to undertake. Those strategies are outlined in Section 7 of the plan, and attached for review. The plan, in its entirety, is in excess of 800 pages of data, analysis, and other information from participating local governments. The complete 2024 Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan can be found at

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:va6c2:9f16fb99-6ffb-40a3-bb7b-8a120ce5b653?viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>.

By and large, the activities related to the mitigation of hazards involve activities of the City's Police, Fire and Public Services and Planning Departments; and involve prevention of hazards, preparation for emergencies, and the continual upgrade and improvement of public infrastructure. The strategies include funding sources for the identified activities, but those are not new or additional costs the City is to incur. These have been listed to demonstrate the City's effort in emergency preparedness and mitigation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the 2025 Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BUDGET ANALYSIS:**Budgetary Action**

Is a Budget Amendment required?

Yes

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No

☒**LIST THE EXPENDITURE CODE:****Reviewed by:**

Brian M. Frazier 2/23/2025
Initiating Department Head Date

Asst. City Manager R. Miller
Date

Finance Officer, M. Miller
Date

Deputy City Attorney, A. Dula
Date

Asst. City Manager R. Beasley
Date

Asst. City Manager
Date

Recommended for approval and placement on _____ Council agenda (as
Consent, Public Hearing, Informational, Department Report, etc.).

City Manager, W. Wood
Date

1.29.25
Date

Section 7: Mitigation Actions

7.17.City of Hickory

City of Hickory Mitigation Actions										
Mitigation Action #	Description	Type of Mitigation Action	Hazards Addressed	Lead Agency & Department Responsible	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding	Implementation Schedule	Priority	2024 Status	2024 Status Description
1	Continue the enforcement of the City of Hickory 2007 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This ordinance regulates construction and development activities within SFHAs and limiting development in the floodways according to NFIP standards.	Prevention	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Planning and Development Services Department	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	This is a continuous process that is monitored regularly to maintained NFIP compliance.
2	Monitor and enforce the provisions of the City of Hickory's NPDES Phase 2 Stormwater Control Ordinance and continue to provide community outreach on the importance of stormwater management.	Prevention	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Public Services Department, Engineering Division	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	This is a continuous process that is monitored regularly and reviewed annually.
3	Coordinate with willing, voluntary owners of repetitive loss properties to apply for hazard mitigation funding to implement projects that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of future flood damages. This may be accomplished through property buyouts, elevation, or retrofit projects that remove or alter insured, at-risk repetitive loss structures.	Property Protection	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Planning and Development Services Department	To be determined	Federal and State Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants	5 Years	Moderate	In Progress	No measurable progress due to lack of staff and resources. Will be reviewed annually.
4	Remove obstructions from public drainage ways or where threats to public infrastructure	Prevention	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Public Services Department	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	This is a continuous process that is monitored as necessary.

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	have been identified. The removal of obstructions will lessen the risk of flooding and damage to roadway and bridges.									
5	Purchase 11 four-wheel drive vehicles with off-road capabilities. These vehicles will be utilized to reach citizens who become stranded or cut-off from services due to flooding, winter weather, or similar events.	Emergency Services	Riverine Flooding; Snow; Ice	City of Hickory Police and Fire Departments	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	Complete	Purchases have been completed and vehicles are in use.
6	Realignment of Fire Department command structure to add an additional Incident Commander per shift. This position will allow for better management of simultaneous multiple incidents and provide scene safety after a hazard event.	Emergency Services	All Hazards	City of Hickory Fire Department	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	Complete	The position was created. Position structure will be reviewed annually.
7	Continue to provide educational outreach to civic groups, neighborhood groups, school children, and similar persons on the importance of fire safety and prevention.	Public Information and Awareness	Wildfire	City of Hickory Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	Moderate	To Be Continued	Fire education is provided throughout the calendar year to school children, civic groups and neighborhood groups. This is completed annually.
8	In coordination with the Catawba County Emergency Services Department, conduct outreach to the public regarding the County's Community Alert System to educate them about how to obtain information both	Public Information and Awareness	All Hazards	City of Hickory; Catawba County Emergency Services Department	Minimal	General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	Coordination will occur annually and the outreach will continue as needed.

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	pre- and post-event and about mitigation strategies.									
9	Maintain continued compliance with the NFIP through implementation of the following specific actions: Evaluate permit application forms to determine possible modifications focused on flood hazard prevention; Develop a checklist for review of building/development permit plans and for inspection of development in floodplains; Sponsor a periodic NFIP workshop for local surveyors and builders; Encourage or require certain local staff positions to obtain and maintain CFM certification; and develop handouts for permit applications on specific issues such as installation of manufactured homes in flood hazard areas according to HUD installation standards, or guidance on improving/repairing existing buildings to better withstand potential hazards.	Public Information and Awareness	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Planning and Development Services Department	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	City staff has received additional training in flood prevention.
10	Contact owners of repetitive loss properties to inform them of the technical assistance and hazard mitigation grant funding assistance made available to owners of repetitively flooded	Public Information and Awareness	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Planning and Development Services Department	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	In Progress	No measurable progress has been made due to lack of resources and staff.

City of Hickory Mitigation Actions										
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	properties through the NCEM and FEMA This includes information on the pre-disaster grant funding program provided by FEMA through its HMA programs, and particularly the RFC program that can provide up to 100% in federal funds for eligible hazard mitigation activities.									
11	Continue to enforce the requirements of the City of Hickory's 2007 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This ordinance regulates construction standards for development activities within SFHAs.	Prevention	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Planning and Engineering Departments	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	This is a continual activity that is updated annually and or as needed.
12	Monitor and enforce the provisions of the City of Hickory's NPDES Phase 2 Stormwater Control Ordinance and continue to provide community outreach to the public as to the ordinance's requirements and the importance of adequate stormwater control.	Prevention	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Engineering Departments	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	These educational opportunities are provided annually at several public events.
13	Remove obstructions from drainage ways were located on public property or where a threat to a public improvement such as a road or drainage structure is identified.	Prevention	Riverine Flooding	City of Hickory Public Services Department	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	Hickory Public Utilities was recently awarded a BRIC grant to perform shoreline stabilization activities at Northeast WWTP. Stabilization will

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										protect public infrastructure from damage.
14	Designate emergency thoroughfares and update to necessary standards. Work with NCDOT representatives to identify emergency thoroughfares and identify necessary improvements to enhance safety and improve functionality during emergency events.	Emergency Services	All Hazards	City of Hickory Fire Department and NCDOT	To Be Determined	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	Review occurs to ensure new populations are accounted for in operations. Reviewed as needed and on a regular basis.
15	Continue to routinely prune trees and clear tree limbs hanging over rights of way to enhance safety and improve function during an emergency. In addition, continue policy requiring underground utility lines in new development and redevelopment projects.	Prevention	Hurricanes Winds; Thunderstorms Winds; Tornadoes; Snow; Ice	Hickory Planning and Public Services Departments	Minimal	City of Hickory General Fund and Private Developers	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	All development projects are required to install underground utilities, where practical and legal to do so.
16	Implement City of Hickory Police Department Radio Frequency Interoperability hardware, to prevent communication breakdowns due to compatibility issues between radio frequencies and telephone systems.	Emergency Warning Systems	All Hazards	City of Hickory Police Department	Medium	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	Complete	Complete
17	Implementation of Sky Tower by Hickory Police Department. Sky Tower is an elevated platform capable of supporting police	Emergency Services	All Hazards	City of Hickory Police Department	High	JAG Grant	5 Years	Moderate	Complete	Complete

City of Hickory Mitigation Actions										
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	personnel and/or surveillance equipment.									
18	Implement second ladder company within the City of Hickory Fire Department. A second ladder company will provide the city with the ability to reduce the existing 43 square mile coverage area for the single ladder company into two 21.5 square mile coverage areas for the two companies.	Emergency Services	All Hazards	City of Hickory Fire Department	High	Five- year federal grant followed by funding by City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	High	Complete	Complete
19	Takeover of duties of existing Hickory Rescue Light Rescue. The City of Hickory Fire Department will assume the responsibilities and response areas of the existing Hickory Rescue Light Rescue operated by Catawba County.	Emergency Services	All Hazards	City of Hickory Fire Department	To Be Determined	City of Hickory General Fund	5 Years	Moderate	Complete	Complete
20	Involve emergency preparedness staff in the development of all planning activities with hazard mitigation impacts.	Prevention	All Hazards	Catawba County Emergency Services Department; Planning Department; Economic Development; City of Hickory	Minimal	Catawba County General Fund	5 Years	High	To Be Continued	Other organizations are involved when necessary or advisable. Reviewed annually.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2024 UNIFOUR REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within the City of Hickory are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the City are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and.

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the City has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Hickory to fulfill this obligation in order that the City will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Hickory hereby:

1. Adopts the Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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2. Vests the Hickory Planning Department with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. Appoints the Hickory Planning Department to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Hickory City Council for consideration.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ORDAINED by the City Council of Hickory, North Carolina, this, the ____ day of _____, 2024.

(SEAL)

THE CITY OF HICKORY, a
North Carolina Municipal Corporation

Attest:

By: _____
Hank Guess, Mayor

Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

Approved as to form this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Attorney for the City of Hickory

This instrument has been preaudited
in the manner required by the Local
Government Budget and Fiscal
Control Act.


City of Hickory
Finance Officer

Resolution _____
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COUNCIL AGENDA MEMOS

Exhibit VIII.C.

To: City Manager's Office

From: Steve Miller, Public Works Director

Contact Person: Caroline M. Kone, PE, Transportation and Engineering Manager

Date: Jan. 27, 2025

Re: Equipment Purchase for replacement of Dump Truck with Plow

REQUEST

Staff requests Council acceptance and approval of a bid and award to TranSource for the purchase of a 2026 MackHD GR64FR Dump Truck/Plow with warranty on the cab and chassis in the amount of \$220,014.39.

BACKGROUND

The Public Services Streets Division operates various types of equipment in the practice of operating, maintaining, and managing roadway infrastructure. The Division regularly purchases replacement equipment as the existing equipment ages out of becomes costly to maintain. Continued maintenance and operation of this piece of equipment has become ineffective due to mechanical wear and age.

The equipment is being replaced as a component of the Public Services Street Division's Capital Budget.

ANALYSIS

The 2026 MackHD GR64FR Dump Truck/Plow is budgeted in this Fiscal Year in Street Division (5460) Capital Budget. Specifications were prepared by the Street and Fleet Divisions to ensure we purchase the type of equipment that would best serve the Division. The proposed Dump Truck is a 2026 MackHD GR64FR Dump Truck/Plow meeting all specifications. NC State Contract Number NCSA 24-08-0421R, Item #452.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council acceptance and approval of a bid and award to TranSource for the purchase of a 2026 MackHD GR64FR Dump Truck/Plow with warranty on the cab and chassis in the amount of \$220,014.39.

BUDGET ANALYSIS:**Budgetary Action**

Is a Budget Amendment required?

Yes

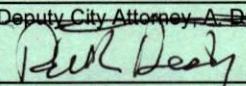
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 Steve Miller
 Initiating Department Head

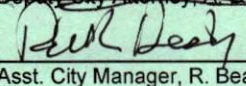
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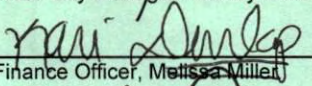
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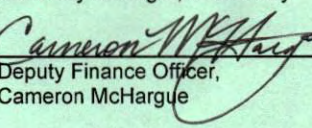
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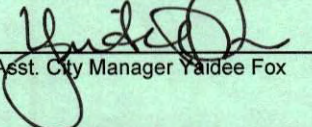
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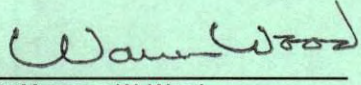

 Deputy Finance Officer,
 Cameron McHargue

 1/28/25
 Date


 Asst. City Manager Yadee Fox

 1/28/25
 Date

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 City Manager, W. Wood

 1.29.25
 Date



1/21/2025

Brad Abernathy
1441 9th Avenue dr NE
Hickory NC 28601
828-234-4583

Dear Brad Abernathy

Thank you for the opportunity to quote your New Truck needs with Transource-Mack Trucks in Hickory NC. Based on our conversation, I am providing you a quotation for:

1 2026 Mack HD GR64FR

Application- Chassis for 16' Dump/Plow
Engine- Mack MP8-425
Transmission- Allison 4500RDS
Front Axle- Mack 18k#
Rear Axle- Mack 40k# (camelback suspension)
Gear Ratio- 4.19
Wheelbase- 222"
Brakes- Drum
Tires- 315/80R22.5 front 11R22.5 rear
Wheels- Steel
Fuel tank- 66 Gallon
Paint- White
Interior- Steel Grey

Pricing Breakdown		
\$	158,500.00	Chassis
\$	57,014.39	Body / Other
\$	215,514.39	Truck Total
\$	-	FRET
\$	4,500.00	Extended Warranty

Included Extended Warranty
Allison 5 year
Mack Engine and Aftertreatment 60mo/250k Miles

Please look over attached Proposal for Full Specs

Priced on NCSA Contract 24-08-0421R, Item # 452

Price subject to surcharges due to market condition

Total Price Per Unit \$ 220,014.39

Note the above price does not include registration, taxes and tags

Thank you again for this opportunity to earn your business. We look forward to serving your transportation needs. Please let me know if you have any question. I hope you have a great day.

Respectfully,

Kris Kerley 828-896-7006 kris.kerley@transource.com

This instrument has been preaudited
in the manner required by the Local
Government Budget and Fiscal
Control Act.

Kari Durlap
City of Hickory
Finance Officer

ACCEPTANCE

Accepted by the City Council for and on behalf of the City of Hickory, North Carolina, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

THE CITY OF HICKORY,
A North Carolina Municipal Corporation

By: _____
Warren Wood, City Manager

Attest:

(SEAL)

Date: _____

Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

BUDGET REVISION # 14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and for the duration of the Project Ordinances noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the		Water/Sewer Fund	within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance, the	
expenditures shall be amended as follows:				
	FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Other Financing Uses		173,281		
General Government		46,460		
Environmental Protection		126,822		
	TOTAL	346,563		-
To provide funding for the above, the		Water/Sewer Fund	revenues will be amended as follows:	
	FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Other Financing Sources		346,563		
	TOTAL	346,563		-

SECTION 2. To amend the		General Fund	within the FY 2024-25 Budget Ordinance, the	
expenditures shall be amended as follows:				
	FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Culture & Recreation		300		
	TOTAL	300		-
To provide funding for the above, the		General Fund	revenues will be amended as follows:	
	FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Miscellaneous		300		
	TOTAL	300		-

SECTION 3. To amend the Trivium Corporate Center East (#B1B004) Capital Project Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:			
FUNCTIONAL AREA		INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses		12,954	
General Capital Projects		25,908	
TOTAL		38,862	-
To provide funding for the above, the Trivium Corporate Center East (#B1B004) revenues will be amended as follows:			
FUNCTIONAL AREA		INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources		25,908	
Restricted Intergovernmental		12,954	
TOTAL		38,862	-

SECTION 4. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor

Clerk

COUNCIL AGENDA MEMOS

To: City Manager's Office

From: Office of Business Development, Planning Division

Contact Person: Brian Frazier, Planning Director

Date: January 23rd, 2025

Re: Voluntary contiguous annexation of property owned by Northway Homes, LLC

REQUEST

Public hearing to be held February 4th, 2025, for the consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of .62 acres property located at 1706 30th Ave Ct NE. This property is identified as PIN: 371416728864.

BACKGROUND

The property is currently vacant and located within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Hickory and zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential. Properties zoned R-2 can be utilized primarily for residential purposes, at a maximum density of 4 dwelling units per acre.

ANALYSIS

If annexed, the property owners have requested the construction of one single-family detached home.

Surrounding properties are zoned City of Hickory R-2 Residential and are occupied by detached single-family residences.

The current tax value of the properties is \$21,900. If annexed, the semi-vacant property would generate \$99.65 in additional tax revenues.

Upon analysis, staff has determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommends approval of the petition.

BUDGET ANALYSIS:

Budgetary Action

Is a Budget Amendment required?

Yes

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No

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LIST THE EXPENDITURE CODE:

Reviewed by:

Brian Frazier
Initiating Department Head

Initiating Department Head

Asst. City Manager R. Miller

Asst. City Manager R. Miller
K. Dunlap
 Finance Officer, K. Dunlap

Finance Officer, K. Dunlap

 (Asst City Manager Yaldee Fox)

02/04/2025

Date
1/27/25
Date

Date
1/29/25
Date

Date 1/28/25

City Attorney, Tim Swanson

City Attorney, Tim Swanson
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 Asst. City Manager, R. Beasley

Asst. City Manager, R. Beasley
Cameron McHargue
 Deputy Finance Officer,
 Cameron McHargue

Deputy Finance Officer,
Cameron McHargue

Date _____

Date
1/28/25
Date

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1-28-25
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Date _____

Recommended for approval and placement on _____ Council agenda (as Consent, Public Hearing, Informational, Department Report, etc).

Warren Wood
City Manager, Warren Wood

City Manager, Warren Wood

1.29.25

Date

VOLUNTARY CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION ANALYSIS

APPLICANT: Northway Homes, LLC

AGENT: Northway Homes, LLC

PROPERTY LOCATION: 1706 30th Ave Ct NE

PIN: 371416728864

REQUESTED ACTION: The request is for a voluntary contiguous annexation.

WARD: If annexed, this property will be located in Ward 2 (Councilwoman Williams).

ACREAGE: .62 acres

DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL: The property is currently located within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Hickory and zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential. Properties zoned R-2 can be utilized primarily for residential purposes at a density of 4 dwelling units per acre. Owners wish to build a single-family dwelling.

TAX VALUE: The current tax value of the properties is \$21,900. If annexed, the vacant property would generate \$99.65 in additional tax revenues.

POPULATION INCREASES: The property is currently vacant. The owners/ developers have expressed their intentions to construct a single-family dwelling. This would result in 2.35 additional residents added to the City's current population. This estimate is based upon the U.S. Census Bureau's current residential household size estimate for single-family dwellings in the city, which is 2.35 persons per household.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS: The property is located within the jurisdictional area of the Catawba County Public School System, and located in the following school districts:

School Type	School District	Student Multiplier Per Dwelling	Number of Potential or Existing Dwelling Units	Potential Additional Students
Elementary	Clyde Campbell	0.27	1	0.27
Middle	Arndt	0.09	1	0.09
High	St Stephens	0.14	1	0.14

**Note: The student multipliers above reflect estimates and are for single-family dwellings.*

SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE (See Maps 2 & 3):

- **North:** The properties to the north are occupied by single family residential
- **South:** The properties to the south are single family residences.
- **East:** The properties to the east are occupied by single-family residences.
- **West:** The properties to the west are occupied by single-family residences.

UTILITY SERVICE: Water and sewer are available to serve the property.

ACCESS: Access to the subject property is from 30th Ave Ct NE, which is maintained by the City of Hickory.

DISTANCE FROM CITY LIMITS (See Map 1): The property is contiguous to the proper city boundary.

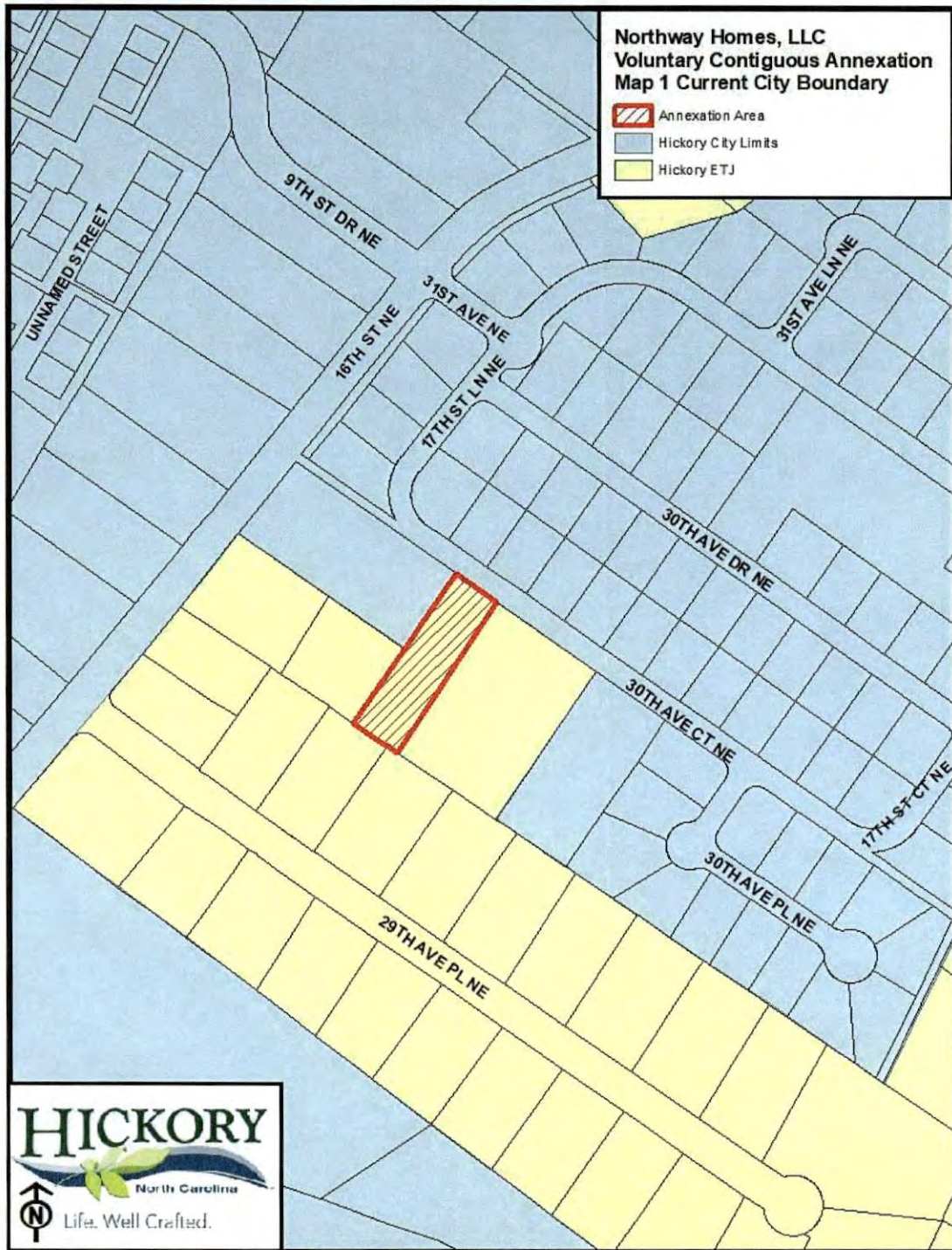
STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Fire:** Annexation of this property would not adversely affect the fire department's operations at this time. The property is currently adjacent to HFD Station 6's response area.
- **Police Department:** Annexation would not adversely affect the police department. The property, upon annexation, would be in Baker PACT.
- **Engineering:** No objections.
- **Planning:** No objections.
- **Public Services:** No objections.
- **Public Utilities:** Water and sewer are available on 30th Ave Ct NE
- **Legal:** No objections.
- **City Manager's Office:** No objections.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Upon evaluation staff has found the following:

1. The voluntary contiguous annexation petition complies with all applicable statutes regarding the voluntary annexation of contiguous properties.
2. Adequate public services are available in sufficient quantities to properly serve the property, subject to the comments provided above.
3. The annexation of the property will not cause available public services to fall below acceptable levels.

Based upon the findings provided above, staff recommends City Council approve the voluntary contiguous annexation petition.







CITY OF HICKORY
APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/18/2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

I (We), the undersigned, do hereby respectfully make application and petition for voluntary annexation into the municipal limits of the City of Hickory, and have provided an annexation plat meeting the requirements of the City of Hickory

1. The property be voluntarily annexed is located on 1706 30th Avenue Court NE, Hickory, NC 28601
between 1708 30th Avenue Ct and 1704 30th Avenue Ct
and is shown in more detail on the attached survey.

PIN NO. (S) : 371416728864

Physical (Street) Address: 1706 30th Avenue Ct NE, Hickory, NC 28601

2. The property is owned by: (please print) Northway Homes LLC
 (Attach a copy of the most recent deed, contract for purchase or other legal interest demonstrating an interest in the property.)

Owner Information:

Name: Northway Homes LLC

Address: 1800 Camden Rd Ste 107-240, Charlotte, NC 28203

Phone Number: 914-419-4199

3. The petition is submitted by: Northway Homes LLC
 (If the Petition is submitted by someone other than the owner, the attached agent authorization must be signed, notarized and submitted from the owner(s) authorizing the agent to act on his behalf.)

Agent Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

4. If annexation is approved by the Hickory City Council, and if the property(s) is not currently zoned by the City of Hickory, the applicant would request that the property be placed into a R-2 zoning district.

5. WATER AND SEWER AVAILABILITY AND CONNECTIONS

We, the undersigned property owner(s), hereby understand and agree we shall be responsible for all costs associated with providing for extensions and/or connections to the City of Hickory public utility system (water and sewer). This includes all design, permitting, construction, legal and applicable City of Hickory Tap Fees. Furthermore, we shall be responsible for obtaining any and all necessary easements and encroachment agreements needed to provide for such extensions or connections and provide those to the City of Hickory as appropriate.

The undersigned owner further acknowledges, they shall be responsible for any future utility extensions required to serve the property due to subdivision of the property.

6. APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

We, the undersigned property owners(s), hereby certify that the information contained herein and submitted in support of this application is true and correct and the property owner's list and associated envelopes were obtained using the most recent Tax Office property information and are true, correct and complete.

Cyrus Mojdehi (Member)

Printed Name of Property Owner(s)

1800 Camden Rd, Ste 107-240, Charlotte, NC 28203

Address of Property Owner(s)



Signature of Property Owner(s)

914-419-4199

Telephone Number of Property Owner(s)

(Please choose the appropriate notary block)

State of North Carolina – County of _____

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that _____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of this foregoing instrument for the purposes expressed herein. Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

State of North Carolina – County of Mecklenburg

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Cyrus Mojdehi personally came before me this day and acknowledged the he / she is the member of Northway Homes LLC corporation / limited liability corporation / general partnership / limited partnership (strike through the inapplicable), and that by authority duly given and as the act of such entity he / she signed the foregoing instrument in its mane on its behalf as its act and deed. Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal, this 2 day of Jan, 2025.

My Commission Expires: 6/5/2027

Notary Public



Contiguous Annexation
By the City of Hickory
of the property located at
1706 30th Avenue Court NE
Owner: Northway Homes, LLC

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CERTIFICATION:

I, CHEVS L. KING, CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT WAS DRAWN UNDER MY SUPERVISION FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION (DEED DESCRIPTION RECORDED IN BOOK 3810, PAGE 10332; THAT THE BOUNDARIES NOT SURVEYED ARE CLEARLY INDICATED AS DRAWN FROM INFORMATION FOUND IN BOOK 3810, PAGE 10332; THAT THE RATIO OF PRECISION OR POSITIONAL ACCURACY AS CALCULATED IS 1:10,000; THAT THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 47-30 AS AMENDED, WITNESS MY ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SEAL THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2024.

PRELIMINARY
NOT FOR SALES OR CONVEYANCES

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

L-5188

THAT THIS PLAT IS OF A SURVEY OF ANOTHER CATEGORY, SUCH AS THE RECOMBINATION OF EXISTING PARCELS, A COURT-ORDERED SURVEY OR OTHER EXCEPTION TO THE DEFINITION OF SUBDIVISION.



NOTES:

1. AREA CALCULATED BY COORDINATE COMPUTATION.
2. ADDING PROPERTY OWNERS NAMES WERE TAKEN FROM CATAWBA COUNTY TAX OFFICE RECORDS, AND ARE CONSIDERED AS NOW OR FORMERLY.
3. IRON RODS AT ALL CORNERS UNLESS NOTED.
4. THIS MAP IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE DEED RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY, UTILITIES AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND PRELIMINARY PLAN WHICH MAY BE OF RECORD.
5. ALL DISTANCES ARE HORIZONTAL GROUND DISTANCES, MEASURED WITH ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES.
6. LOT SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING ORDINANCES OF CITY OF HICKORY. BUILDER/OWNER MUST VERIFY THAT LOT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL COUNTY AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ZONING ORDINANCES PRIOR TO ANY LAND DISTURBANCE OR CONSTRUCTION.
7. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE SEARCH.
8. NO NCOS MONUMENT FOUND WITHIN 2000 FEET.
9. THIS PROPERTY MAY BE SUBJECT TO MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS AREA REQUIREMENTS BEFORE MAKING ANY RENOVATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THIS PROPERTY CHECK WITH THE LOCAL PLANNING OR ZONING DEPARTMENT FOR ANY RESTRICTIONS OR REGULATIONS IN PLACE.
10. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE NOT LOCATED AT THE TIME OF SURVEY. IF SHOWN, UTILITY LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE BASED ON LOCATIONS OF ABOVE GROUND APPURTENANCES. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES NOT SHOWN HEREON MAY EXIST.
11. TOTAL AREA PER THIS PLAT- 0.617 ACRES

LINE LEGEND:

BOUNDARY LINE	---
ADJOINER LINE	---
RIGHT OF WAY	R/W --- R/W
FENCE LINE	---X---X---X---X---
OVERHEAD UTILITY LINE	---OHU---OHU---OHU---OHU---
PIPE LINE	---

ABBREVIATIONS:

RF	REBAR FOUND
RS	REBAR SET
R/W	RIGHT-OF-WAY
SF	SQUARE FEET
MB	MAP BOOK
DB	DEED BOOK
PG	PAGE
FS	FRONT SETBACK
RY	REAR YARD
SY	SIDE YARD
C&G	CURB AND GUTTER
PTP	PINCH TOP PIPE

SYMBOL LEGEND:

- UTILITY POLE
SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE

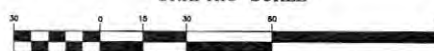
CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION

AT PROPERTY KNOWN AS
1706 30TH AVE CT NE, LOT 1
PB 86 PG 156
PARCEL ID # 371416728864, DB 3835 PG 0493
CITY OF HICKORY, CATAWBA COUNTY, NC
OWNER: NORTHWAY HOMES, LLC

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GRAPHIC SCALE



(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft

NO.	DATE	REVISIONS	BY

Job No.:	Drawn:	Checked:	Date:
24-732	TDA	CLK	12/16/24

FLOOD NOTE:

NO PORTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON LIES WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA PER F.E.M.A. FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP, COMMUNITY PANEL 37103714004, DATED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

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VICINITY MAP
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CATAWBA

I, A NOTARY PUBLIC OF THE COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, CERTIFY THAT PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME THIS DAY AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHE IS CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, A NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND THAT BY AUTHORITY DULY GIVEN AND AS THE ACT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT WAS SIGNED IN ITS NAME AND BY ITS MAYOR, SEALED WITH ITS CORPORATE SEAL, AND ATTESTED BY HER AS ITS CLERK.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL STAMP OR SEAL THIS ____ DAY OF ____ 20__

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

NORTH CAROLINA CATAWBA COUNTY

THE PROPERTY ON THIS PLAT WAS DULY APPROVED FOR ANNEXATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY ON THE ____ DAY OF ____ 20__ AND AN ORDINANCE DULY ADOPTED AND CERTIFIED AND THIS MAP IS HEREBY ORDERED TO BE RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCOS 160A-28.

BY: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF HICKORY

ATTEST: _____ CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CATAWBA

I, ON THIS ____ DAY OF ____ 20__, A REVIEW OFFICER OF CATAWBA COUNTY CERTIFY THAT THE MAP TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATION IS AFFIXED MEETS ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDING.

REVIEW OFFICER

DATE

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PER PB 86 PG 156



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Prepared by: Timothy Swanson, City Attorney, City of Hickory
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ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 512

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE (CONTIGUOUS)

Northway Homes, LLC

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO
GENERAL STATUTES 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED (CONTIGUOUS)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory desires to annex the area described herein, under G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of said annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to the sufficiency of said request, and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th day of February, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory further finds that the area described therein meets the standards of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit:

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three miles from the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another city than to the City of Hickory.
- c. The areas described are so situated that the City will be able to provide services on the same basis within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits.
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory does hereby find as a fact that said petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign and all other requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1 as amended, have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the annexation is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Hickory and of the areas proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, as amended, the following-described contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Hickory as of the 28th day of February, 2025:

Contiguous Annexation
By the City of Hickory
of the property located at
1706 30th Avenue Court NE
Owner: Northway Homes, LLC

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Section 2. Upon and after the 28th day of February 2025, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the City of Hickory and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Hickory. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10, as amended.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory described herein shall become part of Ward No. 2 of the City of Hickory.

Section 4. The Mayor of the City of Hickory shall cause to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Catawba County, and in the Office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 hereof, together with duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

Hank Guess, Mayor

Warren Wood, City Manager

CERTIFICATION OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

NORTH CAROLINA
CATAWBA COUNTY
CITY OF HICKORY

I, Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk of the City of Hickory, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the Annexation Ordinance of Northway Homes, LLC was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hickory City Council held on February 4, 2025, and that said Ordinance is in full force and effective on February 28, 2025.

City Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA
CATAWBA COUNTY

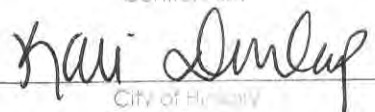
I, _____, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk for the City of Hickory, personally appeared before me this date and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing certificate for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

This instrument has been preaudited
in the manner required by the Local
Government Budget and Fiscal
Control Act.



City of Hickory
Finance Officer