

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

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

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.
- II. Invocation by Reverend Christy Lohr Sapp, St. Andrews Lutheran Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Mayor Guess advised that when City Council meetings were held there was still accessibility for those who would like to attend, listen, or want to be present. There were other rooms available and the public could come if they so choose to do so, and watch from another space at City Hall. That was available. No one was present to be heard.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of April 21, 2020

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that the Minutes of April 21, 2020 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.

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

A. Budget Revision Number 22. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. 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 Wood requested that Item "F" be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item "F". The motion carried unanimously.

A. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Gail Price Huffman, widowed to Gail Price Huffman, widowed, Fairview Cemetery (fka Houck's Chapel Cemetery) Lot No. 72, Block B. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Attorney at Law)

B. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Harry Whiteside McComb, and wife Elizabeth Inman McComb; Richard Craig McComb, unmarried; Betty McComb Hammer and husband Jerry Lynn Hammer; and Mary McComb Turner, widowed to Mary McComb Turner, Oakwood Cemetery, Plot Nos. 7 & 8, Lot No. 2-P, Section 46. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Attorney at Law)

C. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Harry Whiteside McComb, and wife Elizabeth Inman McComb; Richard Craig McComb, unmarried; Betty McComb Hammer and husband Jerry Lynn Hammer; and Mary McComb Turner, widowed to Betty McComb Hammer and husband, Jerry Lynn Hammer, Oakwood Cemetery, Plot Nos. 5 & 6, Lot No. 2-P, Section 46. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Attorney at Law)

D. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Harry Whiteside McComb, and wife Elizabeth Inman McComb; Richard Craig McComb, unmarried; Betty McComb Hammer and husband Jerry Lynn Hammer; and Mary McComb Turner, widowed to Harry Whiteside McComb and wife, Elizabeth Inman McComb, Oakwood Cemetery, Plot Nos. 3 & 4, Lot No. 2-P, Section 46. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Attorney at Law)

E. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Harry Whiteside McComb, and wife Elizabeth Inman McComb; Richard Craig McComb, unmarried; Betty McComb Hammer and

husband Jerry Lynn Hammer; and Mary McComb Turner, widowed to Richard Craig McComb, unmarried, Oakwood Cemetery, Plot Nos. 1 & 2, Lot No. 2-P, Section 46. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Attorney at Law)

- F. Removed from the Consent Agenda and Approved Under "IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda" a Cemetery Deed Transfer from A. William Loehr and wife, Lynn Hiatt Loehr to Michael Anthony Wood and wife, Lanie P. Wood, Oakwood Cemetery, Section 45A, Plot 18, Lots A & B. (Prepared by Attorney John W. Crone)
- G. Approved a Proclamation for Building Safety Month – May 2020.
- H. Approved a Proclamation for National Police Week - May 10-16, 2020.
- I. Approved a Proclamation for National American Public Works Week – May 17-13, 2020.
- J. Approved the Work Authorization with Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Inc. for Construction Administration and Resident Project Representative Services for the On-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal Project.

Staff requests City Council's approval of Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Inc.'s Work Authorization in the amount not to exceed \$168,132.26 regarding North Carolina Department of Transportation – Department of Aviation (NCDOT-DOA) Grant 36237.66.7.2 for the construction administration and full-time resident project representative services for the on-airport tree obstruction removal within the approach and departure surface of Runway 6/24. This Work Authorization will provide the construction administration and full-time resident project representative services for the on-airport tree obstruction removal project using FAA non-primary entitlement (NPE) funds in an amount not to exceed \$168,132.26. The obstruction removal associated with this project will include the removal of obstructions located on airport property in the approach to runway 6 and runway 24. The construction administration services include, but are not limited to the development the of contract scope and fee, schedule, and cash flow, grant procurement assistance, reviewing and processing of contractor pay requests, grant administration assistance, conducting progress meetings and the final inspection, and assisting with the grant closeout. The full-time resident project representative will be provided to observe the construction and conduct other responsibilities in accordance with "Section IV - Duties, Responsibilities and Limitations of Authority of the Resident Project Representative" from the Master Contract. Full-time resident project representative will be completed on a not-to-exceed basis. For budgetary purposes, the contract assumes sixty hour work weeks over the ninety calendar day contract time allotment and also assumes ten hour work days for eighteen days to complete all punch list items. This project is a continuation of the airfield improvement program as recommended by the Airport's Task Force and the future extension of runway 6/24. The NCDOT-DOA has approved Grant 36237.66.7.2 in the amount of \$171,633; Federal Share of 90 percent equal to \$154,469 and a Local Share of 10 percent equal to \$17,164. Staff recommends approval of Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Inc.'s Work Authorization regarding Grant 36237.66.7.2 in the amount of \$168,132.26.

- K. Approved the Grant Agreement for Project 36237.66.7.2 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the On-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal.

Staff requests City Council's approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36237.66.7.2 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the On-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal – CA/RPR services. The City submitted a Request for Aid (RFA) with the NCDOT on April 7, 2020 for the construction administration and full-time resident project representative (RPR) services to proceed with the on-airport obstruction clearing based on FAA guidance for all approach and departure surfaces for Runway 6/24. The removal of all obstructions is necessary for the safety of air traffic. By letter dated April 13, 2020 NCDOT approved the request for aid for a Federal Share of 90 percent equal to \$154,469 and a Local Share of 10 percent equal to \$17,164. The grant will provide funding for the construction administration and resident project representative services associated with the removal of the on-airport obstructions within the approach and departure surfaces of Runway 6/24 based on FAA guidance. This project is a continuation of the airfield improvement program as recommended by the Airport's Task Force and the future extension of Runway 6/24. General fund balance will be used for the local share. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36237.66.7.2 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

- L. Approved the Application for the COVID-19 Response Mini-Grant from the State Library of North Carolina in the Amount of \$1,500.

Staff requests approval of the Hickory Public Library's application for the COVID-19 Response Mini-Grant from the State Library of North Carolina. While Hickory Public Library's buildings have been closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, library staff has continued to work and is providing limited public services. As staff continues current services and plan for opening again to the public, staff wants to follow public health

guidelines for social distancing and for cleaning and disinfecting the facilities. Needed items include masks for library staff, cleaning supplies, and dividers to allow for social distancing at public service desks. The State Library of North Carolina is providing grant funds for supplies that allow libraries to make their facilities and services safer for staff and community members. Hickory Public Library is eligible for a grant of up to \$1,500. No matching funds are required. Staff recommends approval of the COVID-19 Response grant application.

- M. Approved the Vacant Building Performance Agreement with Riding the Rails, LLC in the Amount of \$20,000.

Staff requests approval of a Vacant Building Revitalization Performance Agreement for Riding the Rails, LLC. City Council established the Vacant Building Revitalization and Demolition Forgivable Loan Program on September 16, 2008. The program provides forgivable loan funding up to \$20,000 for projects to renovate and rehabilitate vacant buildings within the Urban Revitalization Area and targeted industrial buildings in other areas of the City. Riding the Rails, LLC has applied for a funding in the amount of \$20,000 to assist in the renovation of the vacant building at 703 Main Avenue SW. The applicant plans to renovate the 11,342 square foot building for use as an office for an architecture and engineering firm. The applicant plans to invest at least \$1.2 million in real property improvements to rehabilitate the building and to install a sprinkler system. This makes the project eligible for a \$20,000 forgivable loan. The applicant plans to make extensive renovations to the property including a complete interior renovation to convert the former motorcycle parts store for office use, construction of a new parking lot, and upgrades to the exterior façade. No payments will be required on the loan provided that the building remains occupied for at least three years. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the Vacant Building Performance Agreement with Riding the Rails, LLC.

- N. Approved the Agreement with North Carolina Department of Commerce and Riding the Rails, LLC to Accept a Building Reuse Grant for 703 Main Avenue SW in the Amount of \$75,000.

The Building Reuse Grant is offered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce to provide funding to businesses looking to occupy existing buildings. The total funding amount is based on a formula involving the number and type of jobs created. The program pays 50 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs up to a maximum of \$500,000. Atriax proposes to create 11 jobs that pay above the median wage for Catawba County. They have been awarded \$75,000 in building reuse grant funding from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. City Council authorized a resolution to submit the grant application at its February 18, 2020 meeting. The grant was awarded by the North Carolina Department of Commerce on April 16, 2020. The grant requires a five percent match from the City of Hickory, which amounts to \$3,750. Catawba County has agreed to pay half of the required match. Atriax plans to invest at least \$1,200,000 in building improvements to the 11,372 square foot building located at 703 Main Avenue SW. Atriax is an architecture, engineering, and construction management firm that is currently located in downtown Hickory. They have 28 existing jobs and plan to create 11 additional jobs at the new facility. The property is owned by Riding the Rails, LLC, which is owned and managed by Atriax partners and employees. There are two agreements that must be approved by the City Council to finalize and accept the grant. The first contains the agreement with the North Carolina Department of Commerce which describes the requirements for both the City, the property owner, and business to receive the funding. In addition, this agreement contains commitments from the property owner to make the improvements and create the jobs. There is an additional agreement between the property owner and the City that states that the City will not request grant funding until the improvements have been completed and the jobs have been created and maintained for a period of six months. This minimizes the risk to the City and property owner in the event Atriax fails to create the required jobs. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the agreements with North Carolina Department of Commerce, and Riding the Rails, LLC to accept a Building Reuse Grant for 703 Main Avenue SW.

- O. Approved Applying for a Grant for Bullet Proof Vest.

Staff requests permission to apply for a grant to assist in funding the purchase of bulletproof vests for police officers. The City of Hickory will receive up to 50 percent reimbursement for each vest purchased. Since 1999, the Bullet Proof Vest Grant program has provided an opportunity for law enforcement agencies to apply for a grant to receive up to 50 percent funding on the purchase of ballistic vests. In order to be eligible, the agency must have a policy in effect making it mandatory for uniformed officers to wear the vests while on duty. Hickory Police Department has the mandatory wear policy in effect and has been a recipient of this grant for numerous years. Monies are placed in the police department budget uniform line item annually to purchase vests for police officers. Life expectancy of each vest is approximately five years. The Police Department would recommend the submission of this grant to receive up to 50 percent funding to purchase

bulletproof vests for police officers. Notification was sent to apply April 23, 2020, and the due date to apply by is June 8, 2020.

- P. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 23.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-20
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 23

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, 2020 and for the duration of the Project Ordinances noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2019-20 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Public Safety	1,200	-
Transportation	300,000	-
Culture and Recreation	74,000	-
Contingency	-	91,164
Other Financing Uses	17,164	-
TOTAL	392,364	91,164

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,200	-
Other Financing Sources	300,000	-
TOTAL	301,200	-

SECTION 2. To amend the Capital Reserve Fund within the FY 2019-20 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	300,000	-
TOTAL	300,000	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	300,000	-
TOTAL	300,000	-

SECTION 3. To amend the Land Acquisition/Obstruction Removal Runway 6-24 Capital Project Ordinance (#650027), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	171,633	-
TOTAL	171,633	-

To provide funding for the above, the Project revenues will be established as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues	154,469	-
Other Financing Sources	17,164	-
TOTAL	171,633	-

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.

- IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – Item “F”

City Attorney John Crone advised that Alderman Wood was requesting to be excused from voting on this issue because it concerns approval of a Cemetery Deed of which he was a grantee.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Mayor Guess that Alderman Wood be recused from voting on Item “F”. The motion carried unanimously. Alderman Wood left Council Chambers.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of Item “F”. The motion carried unanimously. Alderman Wood returned to Council Chambers.

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved the Community Development Block Grant 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan – Presentation by Community Development Manager Karen Dickerson.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines the City of Hickory as an entitlement community due to status as a principal city within the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton Metropolitan Statistical Area. As an entitlement community, the City of Hickory receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funding. The City is required to submit a five-year Consolidated Plan identifying community needs and funding priorities in order to receive annual funding. The Consolidated Plan is a 5-year strategic vision for housing and community development needs within the City. The plan will cover program years 2020-2024. The Consolidated Plan also contains an Annual Action Plan that describes the projected use of 2020 funding. In 2020, the City of Hickory will receive approximately \$330,809 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and approximately \$90,000 in program income for a total of \$420,809. Funds will be used to develop stronger communities by providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for people of low and moderate incomes. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2020. As the City's strategy for administering 2020 federal funds for community development and housing, the proposed budget line items are as follows:

Housing Rehab/Purchase Program	\$90,000
Park Improvements	100,000
Public Infrastructure Improvements	110,000
Small Business Assistance	10,000
ALFA	10,000
Exodus	7,000
Family Care Center	7,000
Family Guidance Center	10,000
Hickory Soup Kitchen	10,000
Fair Housing Activities	1,400
Program Administration	61,200
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>4,209</u>
Total CDBG	\$420,809

The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed the draft action plan budget at their meeting on March 5, 2020 and recommended approval of the proposed budget. Staff recommends that City Council approve the Community Development Block Grant 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on April 5 and 25, and May 5, 2020.

City Manager Warren Wood asked the City's Community Development Manager Karen Dickerson to the podium to present Council with the Community Development Block Grant 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Community Development Manager Karen Dickerson presented a PowerPoint presentation. She discussed the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and also the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. She discussed some background. Every five years, HUD grantees, which the City was an entitlement city, are required to complete a consolidated plan which was a strategic plan for housing and community development needs. Keep in mind the City was also part of the Unifour Home Consortium, which was preparing a plan at the same time for home funds as well as the Council of Governments (COG) administers that, and they are also doing their plans for both the cities of Lenoir and Morganton at the same time. She advised Council that was how the City had acquired the money to build the two homes over in Ridgeview. This Consolidated Plan would essentially provide a roadmap for how the City spends the money that they receive from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) over the next five years. During this planning process staff had two neighborhood meetings on January 23rd and January 29th. One was held at City Hall and one was held at the Ridgeview Library. Staff had extensive conversations with non-profit providers and also City staff, the Parks and Recreation Department, the maintenance department for Parks and Recreation, streets and public services, in addition to many nonprofits. She met with all of the City's traditional nonprofit partners and also some other organizations within the

community, such as Centro Latino and the NAACP. These two meetings and additional research from demographic data, which some of that was provided by HUD from the American Community Survey, and also a portion of it was provided from Taylor Dellinger at the COG. This information helped staff to look at this plan and try to figure out what they needed to do over the next few years. This plan was actually created within an online software called IDIS, which was a HUD required template. The items that staff identified were plan items for the next five year period: preservation of the City's housing stock that was through the City's rehab programs, as well as hopefully building additional houses after these two that they had already begun. Public infrastructure and facility improvements in low/mod area census tracts. Try to help increase homeownership, homelessness services, and services for persons with HIV and AIDS through the City's partnership with ALFA. Youth services, small business entrepreneurship, which was through the City's small business loan and microenterprise grant. Removal of dilapidated structures and, of course, fair housing outreach and education.

Ms. Dickerson discussed notable projects during the last plan year, because staff does a consolidated plan, and then every year they also do an annual Action Plan for that actual year, because they don't know what their allocation would be until that funding year. For the 2019-2020 plan, staff did street resurfacing on 7th Avenue which included bike lanes and sharrows where applicable. The Taft Broome Park renovation included a new picnic shelter, tables, benches, grills, and trash receptacles. She advised that it looked really nice and encouraged Council to take a look at it. In addition to the standard rehabs that they do, they had done approximately three homeowner rehabs and eight urgent repairs through some of the City's funding. They really try to figure out the best way to spend the money to help the majority of the citizens in the community.

Ms. Dickerson advised in the 2020-2021 annual Action Plan, the City of Hickory would receive \$330,809 from HUD. Staff was expecting approximately \$90,000 in program income, which gives them a total budget of \$420,809. For the next fiscal year, starting July 1st staff had set aside \$90,000 for housing rehab and purchase; \$210,000 for public infrastructure and facility improvements that included both streets and parks, that number was lumped together; small business assistance programs, had been allocated \$10,000 because they had money left over from the last plan year. Allocations to non-profits: \$10,000 to ALFA; \$7,000 to Exodus; \$7,000 to Family Care Center; \$10,000 to Family Guidance; \$10,000 to Hickory Soup Kitchen; and an administrative budget of \$61,000 for salaries and other expenses that come with managing this; \$1,400 for Fair Housing; and \$4,209 for contingency in case they need any additional items.

Ms. Dickerson advised the City was planning on doing additional improvements for Taft Broome Park. If everything goes as planned they plan on building a parking lot across from the library in those empty lots that the City owns, which would help with the expansion of the library and other things that are going on there at Taft Broome. Funding for street resurfacing and sidewalks, staff was looking at hopefully doing 5th Avenue Southwest and a portion of 7th Avenue Southwest on the other side, and maybe possibly 17th Street over near Civitan Park. Those were the two that were up for consideration. The City would also continue to support the five local nonprofit organizations that they partner with. She asked Council if they had any questions.

Alderman Williams asked about the improvements at Taft Broome Park. He asked if the only improvements were the parking lot across from the library.

Ms. Dickerson advised that was for this year. They finished the park last year where they did the picnic shelter, new tables, benches, new grills, and trash receptacles. There was the one large shelter, but they tore down the little shelter at the back near the playground and completely redid that one. They did that this past year and then for 2020 they were planning to do the parking lot.

Alderman Williams asked if she had seen the playground equipment.

Ms. Dickerson replied she had seen it. It probably needs to be updated. She commented that was a good idea, so they would take that into consideration for their future funding years because they want to continue to make improvements in that park.

Mayor Guess advised that he had noticed there was some graffiti in that park.

Alderman Williams thought that with the Book Walk coming through there, and with all the improvements that it would be great to take advantage of this opportunity to update the playground equipment as well as everything else in that area.

Ms. Dickerson responded that staff could also look to see how much funding they had because money carried over from year to year. She would look at what their allocations were last year, and if there was anything left, maybe that was something they could look at doing. If not this year, then they could at least put it in the plan for future years for sure.

Alderman Seaver questioned the funding for CDBG, he knew there were some low interest rate loans, and the City granted some of that out too.

Ms. Dickerson explained the housing rehabilitation program used to be low interest loans, but it was changed early last year, in 2019. They restructured that program to create a deferred loan program, it was a loan but they make no payments. The only time that anything was paid out was if the person passes away and the house goes into an estate, if they refinance it, or sell it. It was a five year period of forgiveness. If they pay it for five years, the remainder was forgiven.

City Manager Warren Wood advised that some of the \$90,000 program income was from programs that the City was in.

Alderman Wood asked what the source was for that \$90,000 program income.

Ms. Dickerson advised that amount had actually decreased because they City was not doing those loans like that with that four percent interest. They were still doing small business loans and getting some interest payments on that, but that amount probably would go down a little bit. Staff felt like a lot of these people are already in hardship anyway, so why do you want to tack on another loan for them? It just made more sense to do it that way. That was the source of that program income from those old payments.

Alderman Zagaroli asked if there was any need for the City to support the two houses that they were going to build. He asked if the builder had already been established for those two new houses.

Ms. Dickerson replied, yes, they had, that was through the money that was funded to the City from the Home Consortium through the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. They were already under construction. There was an affordable housing initiative page on the City's website. She encouraged Council to look at it, because there were some nice drone shots that the COG had supplied. You could see they already had the footers poured. She thought at this point, the next step was the brick. She thought they were waiting on their brick subs who was working on some other job.

Alderman Zagaroli asked if the same contractor was building both houses.

Ms. Dickerson responded no, one was J&H Development and the other one was Habitat for Humanity. They actually bid on the project as a builder.

Alderman Williams questioned the location of the graffiti.

Mayor Guess advised it was on the building at Taft Broome Park the graffiti was on the backside of it. He mentioned that it had already been reported, it may have been repaired by now, that was last week.

Alderman Williams commented that shouldn't inhibit them from wanting to improve the area.

Mayor Guess replied no, it doesn't.

Alderwoman Williams questioned the non-profits. She asked how those were vetted. She asked if they were just continuous relating to our priorities, or do we sometimes have opportunities to include other ones, or switch out.

Ms. Dickerson explained the process. Applications go out. It was made public. Not only was it on the City's website, but they sent it to the partners they had already worked with. She was a part of the Continuum of Care Organization, which was the housing visions where a lot of non-profits come together, and she makes sure that they know to fill out an application if they have a need. Then it was vetted by the City's Citizens Advisory Committee. All of those were approved through that action with the Citizens Advisory Committee before it comes to Council. This last year they had Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center. That was the first time they had worked with them. It just depends on who applies. They have great working relationships with those that they had worked with, and

they would love to have more. If Council heard of others, please make sure they know to apply.

Alderman Seaver asked if this money was the result of the outside agencies that spoke to Council requesting funds or was that separate.

Ms. Dickerson advised it was different.

Mayor Guess commented that it was advertised.

Ms. Dickerson responded of course it was advertised. It was on the website. It was in the paper. They do social media post.

Alderman Seaver asked if there was a certain type of non-profit that it was geared toward, or just any non-profit.

Ms. Dickerson advised that it really needed to help either low or mod income individuals, the homeless, or people living with HIV and AIDS. Those were the strategic priorities that HUD really sets aside for use of CDBG funds.

City Council thanked Ms. Dickerson.

Mayor Guess declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. He asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess closed the public hearing.

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the Community Development Block Grant 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Departmental Reports:

1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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
Differently-Abled and is African-American or Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
(Appointed by City Council)
Brookford (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Brookford) VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Alderman Williams Appoints) VACANT
(Randall Williams No Longer Eligible to Serve)

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Alderman Williams Appoints) VACANT
(Randall Williams No Longer Eligible to Serve)

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 3 (Mayor Appoints) (Matthew Fallaw Resigned 11-6-19) VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

Alderman Wood nominated Joseph Straley as an At-Large Representative on the Recycling Advisory Board.

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large (not including ETJ) (Council Appoints)

(Matthew Maulding Resigned 11-9-2019)

VACANT

At-Large (not including ETJ) (Council Appoints)

(Rob Taylor Resigned 11-18-2019)

VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

Hickory Career Arts Magnet

VACANT

At-Large

VACANT

WESTERN PIEDMONT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICY BOARD

John Marshall – Current Primary

Cameron McHargue – Current Alternate

Recommendation of Karen Dickerson as Primary and John Marshall as Alternate

Mayor Guess nominated Karen Dickerson as Primary, and John Marshall as Alternate on the Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority Policy Board.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the above nominations. 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

Mayor Guess commented if they had heard the Governor today we are in phase one as of Friday at 5:00 for two weeks and then the possibility of phase two after that. He advised he went to Hickory High School this morning, stayed six feet apart from each other, and recognized the lunch staff and the bus drivers who had been delivering lunches to the school students during this time. They reported they had delivered over 100,000 lunches during this time. Roughly 50 staff members who had been doing that. Dr. Adell and Mayor Guess went there this morning and recognized them. They had donuts as thanks to them for taking that need and doing something with it. Without them there would have been a significant loss in nutrition. He applauded them for doing that.

Alderman Seaver commented there would have also been a loss of that food they had stored to serve. That would have been a double whammy if they hadn't done something like that.

Mayor Guess mentioned that Mike Johnson contributed \$5,000 towards that. He commented they appreciated everyone in the community and how they step up during times like this. He commented that was just one instance. He knew there had been many more, and they recognized them that morning. He mentioned that Mother's Day was coming up on Sunday and he wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day, and all of the grandmothers. It was going to be different this year. They wouldn't have to worry about the crowds at the restaurants for Mother's Day.

Alderman Seaver commented that some of the restaurants had some takeout deals for that too.

XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk