A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

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

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Deputy City Clerk Crystal Mundy, and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.

II. Invocation by Reverend David Roberts, Morning Star First Baptist Church

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

VI. Approval of Minutes
   A. Special Joint Meeting of May 28, 2020.
      Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that the Special Joint Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2020 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
      Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver that the Minutes of June 2, 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.

   Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.
   A. Budget Revision Number 25. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
   B. Consideration of City Manager’s FY2020-2021 Recommended Budget. (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.

   Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
   A. Approved the Grant Agreement for Project 36244.33.14.1 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the North Ramp Reconstruction and Hangar Replacement Project in the Amount of $705,130.

   Staff requests City Council’s approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36244.33.14.1 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the North Ramp Reconstruction and Hangar Replacement Project. The City of Hickory filed a Request for Aid (RFA) with NCDOT on May 11, 2020 to assist in the reconstruction of the hangars lost in the 2017 tornado. The City’s insurance carrier’s settlement, City Water & Sewer funds in conjunction with this grant will fund the hangar reconstruction project. By letter dated May 27, 2020 NCDOT approved the RFA for a State Share of 90 percent equal to $705,130 and a Local Share of 10 percent equal to $78,348. The grant will provide funding to assist in the construction phase associated with hangar replacement. This project is a continuation of the airfield improvement program as recommended by the Airport’s Task Force. The replacement of the lost hangar is necessary for the future development of the airport and to provide hangar accommodations to the aviation community. The funds have already been allocated to the North Ramp Reconstruction and Hangar Replacement Projects (#650029 and #650030). Staff recommends City Council’s approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36244.33.14.1 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
   B. Approved on First Reading Amending the Traffic Ordinance by Adjusting the Speed Limit along Old Lenoir Road (SR 1314) to 35 MPH.
Staff requests Council’s approval to amend the Traffic Ordinance by adjusting the speed limit along Old Lenoir Road (SR 1314) to 35 MPH. In an effort to make the speed limit consistent along Old Lenoir Road, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting the speed limit ordinance be amended to post a speed limit of 35 MPH within the City Limits. NCDOT has evaluated speeds along Old Lenoir Road in the areas affected by this request and has determined that 35 MPH is appropriate. Public Services Traffic Division has worked with NCDOT regarding the new ordinances and agreed to the speed limit adjustment along Old Lenoir Road (35 MPH). Staff have already changed speed limit signage along these roadways reflecting new speed limits, as needed, at the request of NCDOT. Reimbursement per the Municipal Maintenance Agreement will apply from NCDOT for the sign installation. Staff recommends Council’s approval to amend the Traffic Ordinance by adjusting the speed limit along Old Lenoir Road (SR 1314) to 35 MPH.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-25
Ordinance to Repeal the Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1007247
Division: 12
County: Catawba
Municipality: Hickory
Type: Municipal Speed Zones
Road: SR 1314
Car: 45 MPH
Truck: 45 MPH
Description: Old Lenoir Road (SR 1314) northeastward to 7th Avenue Northwest.

Hickory City Council, pursuant to the authority by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, the repeal of speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-26
Ordinance to Repeal the Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1007248
Division: 12
County: Catawba
Municipality: Hickory
Type: Municipal Speed Zones
Road: SR 1314
Car: 45 MPH
Truck: 45 MPH
Description: 3rd Avenue Northwest (SR 1314) from 7th Avenue NW, Eastward to 10th Street Place Northwest.

Hickory City Council, pursuant to the authority by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, the repeal of speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

C. Approved a Resolution for Cancellation of the July 7, 2020 City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-17

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Hickory that the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting for July 7, 2020 be cancelled.

D. Approved a Resolution to Exchange Property with MDI Management, Inc.

The City of Hickory desires to purchase property to assist in the construction of the BUILD Grant spur of the Hickory Trail, which will connect the trail from Old Lenoir Road to LP Frans Stadium and the Hickory Regional Airport. MDI Management Inc. owns approximately 6.12 acres of property located between US 321 and Caldwell County Railroad right of way (Parcel ID: 279312785274). This property would serve as an excellent location for a park and landing spot for the bicycle and pedestrian bridge over US 321. The property assessed at $661,200 by Catawba County. This property recently appraised for $720,000. The City of Hickory owns approximately 95 acres of land along New Farm Road that is directly adjacent to property owned by MDI Management Inc. (Parcel ID: 2794379797). This property is across the road from the existing MDI distribution facility. The majority of the property is zoned IND and would potentially allow additional light industrial development in close proximity to their existing facility. The rear parcel contains approximately 24.38 acres and is zoned R-2 Residential to serve as a buffer with
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the adjacent River Bend Subdivision. This land is also located within the watershed, which limits the impervious coverage of development. The property assessed at $675,100 by Caldwell County. However, the property has significant development constraints, which depress its value. Extensive grading and sewer extension would be required to develop the property. The property recently appraised for $565,000. The properties in question, while different in character and location offer an excellent opportunity for partnership. The City of Hickory would have land to construct the bicycle and pedestrian bridge over US 321 along with parking and open space amenities. MDI Management, Inc. would gain additional land adjacent to their property in Caldwell County for future expansion or additional development opportunities. North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 160A-271 permits local governments to exchange real property for other real property for full and fair consideration. In accordance with North Carolina Department of Transportation requirements, the City of Hickory will exchange the two properties and pay the $155,000 difference to MDI Management, Inc. This represents full and fair consideration. Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution to exchange property with MDI Management, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-18
PROPERTY EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE CITY OF HICKORY AND MDI MANAGEMENT, INC.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to NCGS 160A-271, the City of Hickory does hereby state that MDI Management, Inc. and the City of Hickory have agreed to exchange property; and

WHEREAS, the MDI Management Inc. parcel on US 321 is approximately 6.16 acres in size and is assessed by Catawba County at $661,200 (Parcel ID: 279312765274). This property may serve as a parking area, park, and landing spot for the BUILD Grant bridge over US 321 to LP Frans Stadium and the Hickory Regional Airport. This property was appraised at $720,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory Parcel along New Farm Road is approximately 95 acres in size and is assessed by Caldwell County at $675,100 (Parcel ID: 27943797979). This property has significant development constraints, including, but not limited to, lack of utility infrastructure, watershed, and steep slopes. This property was appraised at $565,000; and

WHEREAS, the appraised value of the City’s property is significantly less than the appraised value of the MDI property; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-271 states the property exchange may include other consideration, the City of Hickory will pay MDI Management a $155,000 cash payment to compensate for the lower appraised value of its property. The City of Hickory considers the exchange of the two properties and additional cash payment from the City be full and fair consideration; and

WHEREAS, the proper notice of the exchange has been advertised in accordance with NCGS 160A-271.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Hickory does hereby agree to the exchange of property described above and authorizes the appropriate City Official to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this exchange.

E. Approved the Write-Off of Uncollectible Accounts for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

In accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes, a list of accounts to be written off is submitted for Council’s approval each year, in conjunction with the annual audit. North Carolina General Statutes establish all street assessments, demolitions, nuisance violations, and property taxes that are over ten years old, are no longer collectible, and should be written off in conjunction with the annual audit. For the current fiscal year 2019-2020, there are $84,387.91 in unpaid property taxes and $3,356.92 in unpaid demolition billings, which exceed the ten-year limitation. The City of Hickory’s Accounting Division requires all other accounts that are over eighteen months in arrears be written off to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in order to more fairly represent financial assets of the City on the balance sheet. For the current fiscal year, this amount is $99,393.81. Current fiscal year write-offs total $187,138.64, compared to $208,356.10 for FY 2018-2019. Even though these accounts will be written off, the Finance Department will continue to pursue collection of the debts. All eligible accounts over $50 are submitted to the North Carolina Debt Setoff Program for collection. As of May 31, 2020, the City of Hickory has collected $27,818.29 from the garnishment of North Carolina State income tax refunds and North Carolina State lottery winnings during this current fiscal year. Staff recommends approval to write-off uncollectible accounts for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

F. Approved Citizens’ Advisory Committee Recommendations for Assistance through the City of Hickory’s Housing Programs.
The following requests were considered by the Citizens’ Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on June 4, 2020.

- Laura Orren, 1010 13th Street SW, Hickory, was recommended for approval of a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens’ Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed $25,000 for repairs to her house. Assistance would be in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan.
- Chris Simmons, 1048 6th Avenue Drive NE, Hickory, was awarded a City of Hickory’s Deferred Loan in the amount of $15,000. The repairs are a little more than initially estimated. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee recommends to increase the loan by $5,000. The new loan amount would be $20,000.

Funds are budgeted for these items through the City of Hickory’s former Housing Rehabilitation Program income received in FY 2019 and/or program income received through the City of Hickory’s Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

G. Approved a Resolution Supporting the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable Grant Applications to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization with Commitment to a Twenty Percent Local Match.

The City plans to submit three Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable grant applications to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization:

- 2nd Avenue SE Intersection Improvements and Extension – Realign 2nd Avenue SE and extend to 3rd Avenue SE at Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd. Estimated Total Cost $2,500,000; 80 percent Federal Funding - $2,000,000; 20 percent Local Match - $500,000
- US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW Intersection Safety Improvements – Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by developing a high visibility signalized pedestrian crossing and safety improvements at US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW. Estimated Total Cost $500,000; 80 percent Federal Funding - $400,000, 20 percent Local Match - $100,000
- 17th Street NW Extension - Extend 17th Street NW from 9th Avenue NW to Clement Blvd NW. Estimated Total Cost $6,000,000; 80 percent Federal Funding - $4,800,000, 20 percent Local Match - $1,200,000

The City requests funding to realign 2nd Avenue SE and extend to 3rd Avenue SE at Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard. The traffic signal would be moved from the intersection at 3rd Avenue SE to the intersection at 2nd Avenue SE. The relocation of the traffic signal will help the EMS Base safely make left turns north onto Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard while providing an improved pedestrian crossing at 2nd Avenue SE and Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard. The intersection at 3rd Avenue SE would become a right-in and right-out turn only with Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard. The City requests funding for intersection improvements and a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW. This intersection has high accident rates for vehicles and pedestrians. This project will support EB-9398, which constructs a multi-use path from the Ridgeview Community to the Neighborhood Walmart Grocery Store at US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW. The City requests funding to extend 17th Street NW from 9th Avenue NW to Clement Boulevard NW. The extension would provide a continuous route from US 70 to Clement Boulevard NW and could provide a parallel alternative to US 321. The connection from the 17th Street NE Extension would also provide a safer route for cyclist to reach Aviation Walk that includes a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over US 321 north of Clement Boulevard. Staff requests Council’s approval of the resolution supporting the grant applications and committing the 20 percent match.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-19
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HICKORY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,200,000 FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT – DIRECT ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR “2nd Avenue SE Intersection Improvements and Extension” “US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW Intersection Safety Improvements” “17th Street NW Extension”

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2020 the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) issued a call for projects to agencies in its jurisdiction for Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable Funding (STBG-DA). Funds are available to award among four different transportation modal: bicycle and pedestrian, intersections, roadway, and transit. Each agency may submit no more than three (3) projects of not less than $200,000 each for possible reward. The funding requires a minimum 20 percent local cash match.
The City of Hickory is applying for funding for the following projects:

- The City requests funding to realign 2nd Avenue SE and extend to 3rd Avenue SE at Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd. The traffic signal would be moved from the intersection at 3rd Avenue SE to the intersection at 2nd Avenue SE. The relocation of the traffic signal will help the EMS Base safely make left turns north onto Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd while providing an improved pedestrian crossing at 2nd Avenue SE and Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd. The intersection at 3rd Avenue SE would become a right-in and right-out turn only with Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd.
  - 80% Federal Funding - $2,000,000
  - 20% Local Match - $500,000
- The City requests funding for intersection improvements and a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW. This intersection has high accident rates for vehicles and pedestrians. This project will support EB-5938 which constructs a multi-use path from the Ridgeview Community to the Neighborhood Walmart Grocery Store at US 70 and 4th Street Drive SW.
  - 80% Federal Funding - $400,000
  - 20% Local Match - $100,000
- The City requests funding to extend 17th Street NW from 9th Avenue NW to Clement Blvd NW. The extension would provide a continuous route from US 70 to Clement Blvd NW and could provide a parallel alternative to US 321. The connection from the 17th Street NE Extension would also provide a safer route for cyclists to reach Aviation Walk that includes a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over US 321 north of Clement Blvd.
  - 80% Federal Funding - $4,800,000
  - 20% Local Match - $1,200,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hickory is hereby authorized to submit STBG-DA applications in the amount of $7,200,000 and will commit $1,800,000 as a cash match for the three projects.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda
X. Informational Item
XI. New Business:

A. Departmental Reports

1. Quarterly Financial Report – Presentation by Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller

City Manager Warren Wood asked Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller to the podium to present the quarterly financial report for January, February and March months, the third quarter.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller presented a PowerPoint presentation. He advised he would present the third quarter financial report, which covered the period of July 1st of the fiscal year through March 31st. He apologized for the delay. Typically, he would have it in April, but without the meetings and with the limited number of participants, he waited until tonight to present. The general fund was the main operating fund of the City. Through March 31st he had listed the primary revenues associated with the general fund. He referred to the PowerPoint and explained the middle column was what the City had received year to date, through nine months, compared to the annual budget. The far right column was where the City was at last year through March 31st. He noted that ad valorem taxes, with a budget of $29,525, the City was almost there through March. The tax revenue was considerably higher, than the prior year. The reason for that was the City raised the tax rate this past year to pay for the general obligation debt. The City raised it 2.1 cents, which was a little over a million dollars. He told Council that since it was June and they had collected through May they were well over the budgeted amount for the fiscal year as of today. He discussed other taxes, which was primarily sales taxes. He referred to City Manager Warren Wood’s budget presentation that also included the occupancy tax revenues. Those were considerably down the last two months, primarily as our hotel revenue had been almost nonexistent. That revenue comes into the general fund, and then was sent back to the TDA (Tourism Development Authority) to manage the Convention Center activities. The rest of City’s revenues actually looked good. He pointed out the investment earnings. In spite of interest rates declining the last few months, they City had exceeded the budget amount through March, 307 compared to 258. Miscellaneous revenues were basically the same as last year. Those were minor, that could be insurance adjustments, donations, it could be a whole host of things. He advised this was the consolidated spreadsheet for Council. He discussed other financing sources in the amount of $4.1 million dollars. Those were revenues that the City might transfer from the Capital Project fund from Capital Reserve, or other
Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller discussed the City's main source of revenue, property tax revenues. He referred to the PowerPoint and advised that he had broken that out for the last five years. He noted that it was a good trend to go up. Staff keeps reminding on back when we had the great recession and when property tax revenues were stale or declining certainly you are not able to continue that same level of service. He was happy to report that the City was able to do that. He referred to the Powerpoint and pointed out on the bottom budget revenues of $29.525. The City increased the property tax rate this year to 58.75 cents. The sales tax revenues had also increased. He noted that typically when he presents this report the totals were a month behind sales taxes. He advised that those had included a month ahead. Those numbers included 10 months that the City received. He advised he wanted to do that because staff was concerned and still are about the sales tax revenues dropping off. This included April tax revenues, and April revenues were only down seven percent, and staff expected those to be 15 to 20 even, maybe 25 percent. For April, they were only down 7 percent. If you included those in the last column, he pointed out that when they were at $9.4 million dollars, the City was still almost $400,000 higher than where they were through April of last year. He advised there was two more months to go. He and City Manager Warren Wood saw a report that said May retail sales nationally were actually higher than April’s. They were certainly hopeful that that trend continued here locally.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller discussed building permit activity. He could not stress enough how the local economy, even before this pandemic was performing and still within the pandemic, he felt it was still performing admirably well. He referred to the Powerpoint and noted the top section was residential permits. Those were actually the number of permits. It could be new residential property or renovations to the property, both residential and commercial. He pointed out this was through May, through 11 months of the fiscal year, the City's residential building permit numbers were up to 356 compared to 281 last year. He noted that commercial had a 57 percent increase over last year. A total building permit activity of 712 compared to 508 last year. He pointed out in apartments and condos, the City had more than doubled the amount of apartments and condos this year compared to what they had last year. He also pointed out last year was better than the year before. Last year was actually a very good year for the City from an economic development perspective. The value of those permits was almost $28 million dollars in value for residential compared to about $24 million dollars the year before. In commercial, the City had almost hit $100 million dollars so far this year, and they hoped to do that by June's end. It was $92 million dollars compared to $79 million dollars the year before. The City hit $120 million dollars with one more month to go in permitting activity. He was very pleased about that. He referred to the PowerPoint and explained some of the activities listed. He advised that he and Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley rode by the Lodge yesterday, it had windows in, and they were just finishing the interior, so it was going to be ready soon. The Gates at Highland were already leasing. One North Center across the street from City Hall, it was amazing what staff sees out their window every day. Preston Ridge, off Startown Road, and One North Center were going to include about 50,000 square feet of commercial space. Sweetwater Townhomes, that first building was up and almost complete and was located behind Fire Station 5. Mavis Discount Tires was actually already complete. Viewmont Square office was looking for a tenant across from Fork. There was an addition to U-Haul, a new Mexican restaurant on 127 in the corner of the Walmart Shopping Center at Springs Road. He referred to Corning and Stonemont that Council had previously took action on, and advised grading had commenced out at Trivium. Everett Chevrolet was embarking on a diesel repair building. Brook near fire station 7 and Grandview Middle School had planned 485 homes. Center Crossing at Woda expected to start next month or later this summer, which was locate right off of Center Street. Second Street Inn was the Jaconimie property, 19 units. The Home to Suites Hilton construction had paused temporarily, obviously, in light of what was going on today. He mentioned that was the only one that had stopped their construction on that list. Staff was hopeful that the rest of these would continue. He referred to the PowerPoint and noted ITM
and Cataler, which completed the projects at Trivium. Mosteller Estates, the building was being demolished last week. K&M Collision, off Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard was in their second phase of their expansion. Atriax, a new headquarters to downtown Hickory. He noted that Atriax, Woda, One North Center, and Second Street were all downtown. Those four projects were within a four-block area of downtown. They were seeing some momentum there as well, and they were talking to a host of folks that were interested and have plans of doing some work downtown.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller discussed the water and sewer fund, similar to the general fund. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the revenues, the year to date actual compared to the budget and then compared to last year. He advised the City had collected about $24.3 million dollars in revenues, compared to a $42 million dollar budget. He listed some of the major expenditures compared to last year. The City had hit almost $26 million dollars in expenditures. He advised the expenditures were over revenues at this point through March, the primary reason for that was the City had two major capital projects going on. Those had been encumbered. The first was Lenoir-Rhyne University/Highland Water Project. A press release went out yesterday or late last week which advised a portion of “F” Avenue was going to be closed for that project in anticipation of that. The other one was a sewer project off Section House Road, the Murray Basin sewer project that was $4 million dollars. Those two projects were included in these numbers. That was the reason the amount was $6 million dollars higher than the year before.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller discussed the City’s investment report through March. The City had held on with the interest rates at least through March. April and May, they had declined significantly, but through March, the City was still earning a 1.56 percent interest rate on all of their investments. The City had earned almost $1.3 million dollars in investment interest on those investments through March. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out a list of those investments. He advised that Section 159-30 of the General Statutes allowed certain investments that cities and counties could invest in. The City was certainly investing in those eligible investments. He commented that Alderman Wood had asked the question about borrowing short-term. He advised North Carolina Capital Management Trust was a short-term investment and those maturities go from zero to 30 days on the term portfolio, the cash portfolio was actually a daily rate. It was almost like a sweep account. They had a sizeable amount of money in there. That was where the City used that short-term money in case there was a major expenditure, or if Council needed to do an incentive, or a planned purchase that was not known about in the budget, those dollars were available to the City. He advised there was $96 million dollars in investments that were currently earning interest. He noted on the last report there was a 2018 general obligation bond category that he showed Council back in January. The City had spent the 2018 general obligation bonds. He reminded Council the City had borrowed $15 million dollar, and netted about $16 million dollars with interest. They had spent that so far on the bond projects. Now the City was starting to spend the 2019 bonds. With interest rates, the way they were the City actually received $16.7 million dollars through March. He advised through May that was down to about $13 million dollars in 2019 GO Bonds that the City had not yet spent. He noted that Council could see along City Walk, they were ready to spend those, so they were making good progress on City Walk. He concluded his report and asked Council for any questions.

Mayor Guess asked Council for any questions.

Alderman Wood asked if Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller anticipated making up the revenue on the water and sewer fund.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller replied we do. They appropriated quite a bit of fund balance in the year. He looked at those revenues over expenditures prior to the meeting. The City was slightly behind, meaning expenditures were still over revenues through May, but he thought they would recover that and basically put a little money in the bank so to speak at the end of June in water and sewer.

City Manager Warren Wood commented that April, May and June are typically big water consumption months.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller commented people start using more water in that period of time. He commented on the article in the newspaper, which reported a $100,000 in revenues that the City was losing a month from the Governor’s Executive Order, in spite of that, he still thought the City would recover all of that by June 30.

Mayor Guess asked for any further questions.
Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller commented staff was pleased with the April sales tax revenues.

Alderwoman Patton asked when he would next report to Council on the next sales tax so that they would know.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller advised it would probably be in Council’s small groups that he would let them know, because the next quarterly report would be the audit. They would not have that completed until late August or early September.

Alderwoman Patton asked if Council could have that information by the next Council meeting.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller commented they could either report it to Council or City Manager Warren Wood could send that to Council.

Alderwoman Patton thought that it would be reassuring to see where the City was going.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller referred to the budget message, and reminded Council they had frozen a number of items because of the concern of the City’s revenues, to make sure the revenues were coming in.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3 Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
- At-Large (Council Appoints) Eddie Salyards (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
- At-Large (Council Appoints) Hank Eimer (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
- At-Large (Council Appoints) Mary Young (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
- At-Large (Outside City but within HRPA) (Council Appoints) Yvonne Setzer (Not Eligible for Reappointment)
- Small Cities Project Area (Council Appoints) Shannon Auer (Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

Alderwoman Patton nominated Clise Plant as an At-Large Representative for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Alderman Seaver nominated Mark Huggins as the Small Cities Project Area Representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
- Ward 2 (C. Williams Appoints) Cliff Moore (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
- At-Large (Outside City but within HRPA) (Council Appoints) VACANT

Alderwoman Williams nominated Cliff Moore for reappointment as the Ward 2 Representative on the Community Appearance Commission.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
- African-American (Council Appoints) Rev. Antonio Logan (Not Eligible for Reappointment)
- African-American (Council Appoints) Daria Jackson (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
- African-American (Council Appoints) Clise Johnson Plant (Not Eligible for Reappointment)
- Caucasian (Council Appoints) Sandi Fotheringham (Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
- Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
- Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
- Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
- 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)
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(Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Junior Hedrick
(Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Rev. Wallace Johnson
(Catawba County (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from County)) William M. Pekman
(Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again/Catawba County Approved)

Brookford (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Brookford) VACANT
(Longview (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Longview) Randall Mays
(Eligible for Reappointment/Waiting on Longview Recommendation)

Alderman Seaver nominated Junior Hedrick for reappointment as Ward 3 Representative on the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms (Appointed by City Council))
Building Trades (Council Appoints) Simon Lucas
(Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) Elliott Neil Walker
(Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Eligible for Reappointment)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) William Joe Fox
(At-Large (1) (Mayor Appoints) Rick Martin
(At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints) Whitney Coble
(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Junior Hedrick
(Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (1) (Council Appoints) Lloyd F. Coley Jr.
(At-Large (4) (Council Appoints) Joyce Beard
(Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)

Alderman Seaver nominated David Moser as Ward 3 Representative and Elaine Seaver as At-Large (1) Representative on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Beth Schaubel
(Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Kathryn Gunter
(Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) Carolyn Sinclair
(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

Alderman Seaver nominated Beth Schaubel for reappointment as Ward 3 Representative on the Public Art Commission.

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 2 (Mayor Appoints) Dr. Sidney Myles
(Position 3 (Mayor Appoints) VACANT

Alderman Seaver nominated Dr. Sidney Myles for reappointment as Position 2 Representative on the Public Housing Authority.

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Elaine Seaver
(Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) Deborah Holingsworth
(At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT
(Eligible for Reappointment)

Alderman Seaver nominated Elaine Seaver for reappointment as Ward 3 Representative on the Recycling Advisory Board.
Alderman Zagaroli nominated Nathan Bost as an At-Large Representative on the Recycling Advisory Board.

**SALT BLOCK FOUNDATION**  
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
Hickory Representative: Alderman Zagaroli  
(Eligible for Reappointment)

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
Current Delegates: Mayor Guess and Alderman Zagaroli  
Two Alternate Delegates: VACANT  
Mayor Guess nominated Alderwoman Williams and Alderwoman Patton as Alternate Delegates on the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**TRIVIUM CORPORATE CENTER BOARD**  
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
Hickory Representative: Alderman Zagaroli  
(Eligible for Reappointment)

**UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION**  
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
At-Large (not including ETJ) (Council Appoints): Constance Snyder  
(Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)  
At-Large (not including ETJ) (Council Appoints): VACANT  
At-Large (not including ETJ) (Council Appoints): VACANT  
Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of the above nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 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. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk