A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

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

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, City Attorney John Crone, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Deisy Zavala and Deputy City Clerk Crystal Mundy.

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

II. Invocation by Retired Clergy, Reverend Bill Garrard

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of June 16, 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. Approval to Amend the Traffic Ordinance by Adjusting the Speed Limit along Old Lenoir Road (SR 1314) to 35 MPH. (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 Alderman Seaver approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.


RESOLUTION NO. 20-20

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 SV Hickory, LLC requesting annexation of an area described in a petition was received on June 10, 2020 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 SV Hickory, LLC located on 279 Performance Drive SE between 243 Performance Drive SE and 2555 Tate Boulevard SE, Hickory North Carolina, containing 4.623 acres more or less, and identified as PIN 3722-10-27-9937.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Hickory this 10th day of June, 2020.

/s/ Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

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 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2020 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 SV Hickory, LLC, located at 279 Performance Drive SE between 243 Performance Drive SE and 2555 Tate Boulevard, SE, Hickory, North Carolina, containing 4.623 acres more or less, and identified as PIN 3722-10-27-9937.

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. 20-22

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE INTENT TO ANNEX INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY SV HICKORY, LLC AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SAME

WHEREAS, SV Hickory, LLC is the owner of certain real property as described herein, which property is located on 279 Performance Drive SE Hickory, North Carolina between 243 Performance Drive SE and 2555 Tate Boulevard SE, containing 4.623 acres more or less, and identified as PIN 3722-10-27-9937; 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 July, 2020, 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 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2020 in the Council
July 21, 2020

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 SV Hickory, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 1 Existing City Boundary, subject property outlined in red; SV Hickory, LLC Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 2, Current Zoning subject property outlined in red; SV Hickory, LLC Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 3, Aerial Photo, 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.

B. Called for a Public Hearing – Consideration of Closing a Portion of 8th Street Place SE. (Authorized Public Hearing for August 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

RESOLUTION NO. 20-23
RESOLUTION OF INTENT

A Resolution Declaring the Intention of the City Council of the City of Hickory to Consider the Closing of a Portion of 8th Street Place SE

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-299 authorizes the City Council of the City of Hickory to close public streets and alleys; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory considers it advisable to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of giving consideration to the closing of a portion of 8th Street Place SE, Hickory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hickory that:

1. A Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 18th day of August, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina to consider a resolution closing of a portion of 8th Street Place SE, Hickory.

2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution of Intent once a week for four successive weeks in the Hickory Daily Record.

3. The City Clerk is further directed to transmit by registered or certified mail to each owner of property abutting upon that portion of said street a copy of this Resolution of Intent.

4. The City Clerk is further directed to cause adequate notices of this Resolution of Intent and the scheduled public hearing to be posted as required by G.S. 160A-299.

C. Approved Change Order Number 2 with Hoopaugh Grading Company, LLC in the Decreased Amount of $41,621.70 for Construction Services Related to Project Cure, aka Isotopen Technologien Munchen AG (ITM), Grading and Road Development.

Staff requests Council’s approval of Change Order 2 with Hoopaugh Grading Company, LLC in the decreased amount of $41,621.70 for construction services related to Project Cure, aka Isotopen Technologien Munchen AG (ITM), grading and road development. Trivium Corporate Center is the business park recognized in the bond projects to receive money from bond proceeds for development. The City of Hickory, Catawba County and Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) have worked on development of the project to a condition that is receptive to marketing. Change Order 2 represents a correction to the value of the construction contract based on corrective quantities and delaying final topcoat on the road surface to a more suitable time. This Change Order represents a reduction in the overall contract with Hoopaugh Grading Company, LLC in the amount of $41,621.70. This agreement is funded from bond proceeds and will be split equally between the City and County per a joint funding agreement. Staff recommends Council’s approval of Change Order 2 with Hoopaugh Grading Company, LLC in the decreased amount of $41,621.70 for construction services related to the Project Cure (aka ITM) grading and road development.

D. Approved the Purchase and Up-Fit Ten 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Asheville Ford in the Amount of $480,646.10.

Hickory Police Department requests approval to purchase and up-fit ten specialized police package emergency vehicles. Hickory Police Department (HPD) has funds budgeted in the 2020-2021 CIP for replacement and up fitting of police vehicles. HPD staff and the City of Hickory Fleet Manager have researched and reviewed independent comparison studies
Staff recommends City Councils approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36237.66.7.4 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the Amount of $28,765 for Hangar Reconstruction at Hickory Regional Airport.

Staff requests City Councils approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36237.66.7.4 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Hangar Reconstruction – CA and Grant Administrative Services. The City submitted a Request for Aid (RFA) with the NCDOT on June 9, 2020 for the construction and grant administrative services to be performed by engineering firm Talbert, Bright & Ellington for the hangar reconstruction project. By letter dated June 24, 2020, NCDOT approved the RFA for a Federal Share of 90 percent equal to $28,765 and a local share of 10 percent equal to $3,197. The grant will provide funding for the construction and grant administrative services associated with the reconstruction of hangar N1 located on the north ramp. This project is a continuation of the airfields improvement program as recommended by the Airport’s Task Force and the future economic development of the airport. The funds have already been allocated for this project via Budget Revision #20. Staff recommends City Councils approval of the Grant Agreement for Project 36237.66.7.4 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Staff requests approval to issue a pyrotechnic display permit to Pyro Shows for the below listed dates. Douglas Locascio, General Manager of the Hickory Crawdads, has submitted a request to obtain permission to conduct a public fireworks display for Edge Dance Studio dancers and graduates on the following dates: Friday, July 24, 2020 and the following would be rain dates: Saturday, July 25, 2020. The North Carolina Fire Code requires an operational permit for the use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. The Hickory Fire Department Fire & Life Safety Division shall review all required documentation for the event, including Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms License, Operator and Assistant Operators Permits from North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (NCOSFM), Site Plan, and the one million dollar liability insurance policy. The Fire & Life Safety Division will also inspect the pyrotechnics display area before the event to ensure compliance with NCOSFM Guidelines, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, and NFPA 1126 Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience (if applicable). Staff recommends approval of the above pyrotechnics displays.

Staff requests Council to consider the corrective special warranty deed from Publix for the property located at 36 29th Avenue NE. In 2017, upon learning 207 square feet of property located at their 36 29th Avenue NE main entrance encroached upon a portion of the City’s right of way on 29th Avenue NE, Publix conveyed the small parcel to the City in a special warranty deed. While performing their post-development work this year, Publix became aware that an additional 329 square feet also should have been conveyed to the City of Hickory in 2017. Publix is now conveying the additional parcel to the City in a corrective warranty deed. Staff recommends Council accept Publix’ corrective warranty deed conveying an additional 392 square feet of property to the City.

Staff requests approval of a Partnership Agreement with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Hickory, N.C., Inc. Pepsi will receive sponsor signage on seven City of Hickory recreation field scoreboards: three at Stanford Park, three at Kiwanis Park and one at Jaycee Park. Pepsi will pay the City of Hickory $5,000 a year for each year of the ten-year agreement. Staff recommends City Council approve the Partnership Agreement with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, N.C., Inc.
I. Approved the 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 July 2, 2020.

- Keith Freeman, 1204 14th Street NE, Hickory, was recommended for approval for a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens’ Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed $25,000 for repairs to his house. Assistance would be in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan.
- John & Norma Vaughn, 926 8th Street NE, 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 their house. Assistance would be in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan.

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 following applicant is being recommended for approval for assistance under the City of Hickory’s 2019 Urgent Repair Program. This program provides qualified low-income citizens with assistance for emergency-related repairs not to exceed $10,000.

- Clarence England, 731 5th Avenue SW, Hickory, up to $10,000. The Citizens’ Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned requests for assistance through the City of Hickory’s housing assistance programs.

J. Accepted the 2020 Urgent Repair Program Grant and Approved the Assistance and Procurement Policies.

In December 2019, the City of Hickory Community Development Division applied for funding through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency’s Urgent Repair Program. The City of Hickory has been awarded $75,000 through this program in order to assist approximately eight very low-income homeowners with urgently needed repairs in an amount not to exceed $10,000 per housing unit. The City of Hickory will provide an additional $5,000 in matching funds, which are available from Rental Rehabilitation program income. The total program budget will be $80,000. NC Housing Finance Agency requires the City of Hickory to prepare Assistance and Procurement Policies. These policies must be made available to the public and explain the guidelines of the URPI9 program. The City of Hickory Community Development Department, in complying with the N.C. Housing Finance Agency’s funding requirements for URP20, has prepared an Assistance Policy and Procurement Policy. These policies incorporate program requirements, applicant eligibility standards, and program capabilities. Upon approval by Hickory City Council, these policies will be submitted along with additional required information to the NC Housing Finance Agency. Upon receipt and acceptance by NCHFA, funds will be dispersed to the City of Hickory in order to begin repairs to eligible homes.

Staff recommends City Council’s acceptance of the 2020 Urgent Repair Program Grant and approval of the Assistance and Procurement Policies.

K. Approved Change Order No. 8 with Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. in the Amount of $169,774 for the Addition of the Fire Suppression Room Off the Side of the Hangar being Constructed on the North Ramp of the Airport.

Staff requests City Council’s approval of Change Order No. 8 with Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. in the amount of $169,774 for the addition of the fire suppression room off the side of the hangar being constructed on the north ramp of the airport. The hangar was originally designed with a conventional wet sprinkler system and the room to hold this system was to be built within the confines of the hangar. Due to the hangar being constructed as one structure without a dividing wall instead of the two (2) connecting hangars as what was destroyed by the tornado, the fire protection code requires a hangar of this size to have a foam fire suppression system. The foam fire suppression system will not fit into the interior room as originally planned and therefore, a larger room will be added to the exterior of the hangar preventing the loss of interior hangar space and the potential interference of aircraft maneuvering operations. The change order itemizes the various costs for the fire suppression room along with a number of credits from the original conventional wet sprinkler system quote. This change order will be utilizing Airport State Grant Funds ($20,169), Airport CARES Act Funds ($119,736) and Water & Sewer funds ($29,869). Staff recommends City Council’s approval of Change Order No. 8 with Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. in the amount of $169,774 for construction of the room to house the foam fire suppression system.

L. Approved Change Order No. 10 with Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. in the Amount of $33,327 for the Addition of Curb & Gutter and Underground DS Drains Related to the Hangar Replacement Project at the Airport.
Staff requests City Council’s approval of Change Order No. 10 with Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. in the amount of $33,327 for the revision of curb and gutter and underground DS drain work related to the hangar replacement project at the Hickory Regional Airport. Change Order No. 10 contains a revision to the labor and materials of curb and gutter for a total of 460 linear ft. of concrete for the hangar replacement project in addition to labor and materials for underground storm drainage work. Moss-Marlow indicates these revisions will increase the contract time by three days. The change order itemizes the various costs for the revisions along with credits for handrails and concrete from the original design. Funding will come from Airport State Grant Funds ($29,994 and the Water & Sewer Fund ($3,333). Staff recommends City Council’s approval of Change Order No. 10 with Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. in the amount of $33,327 for revisions to the curb and gutter and underground storm drainage work related to the hangar replacement project.

M. Approved the Special Events Activities Application for Downtown Hickory Art Crawl, Amy Ogle, Executive Director Hickory Downtown Development Association, August 15, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Union Square, 3rd Street NW, 2nd Street NW, 1st Avenue NW, 1st Avenue SW, 2nd Avenue SW, an Government Avenue.

N. Approved the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (Cares Act) Funding Agreement with Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry in the Amount of $155,684.

Approval of the agreement between the City of Hickory and Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry for funding to prepare for, prevent and respond to the coronavirus through the City’s Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus (CDBG-CV). In May 2020, the City of Hickory Community Development Division requested applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the CARES Act portion of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV). City Council approved the amended 2019 Annual Action Plan on June 2, 2020 that allows the City to receive this funding. The CDBG-CV funding in the amount of $155,684 must be used to meet the standard national objectives of assisting those that are low to moderate income and used to prepare for, prevent and respond to coronavirus in the City of Hickory. The Community Development Block Grant funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry to ensure that all applicable federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to provide funding to assist in the payment of water and/or sewer utility bills for those citizens of Hickory who have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus. Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry has requested and been approved for funding in the amount of $155,684 through the City of Hickory’s Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) program. Approval of the agreement will allow them to provide services to assist those that have been most negatively affected by the coronavirus. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG-CV funding agreement between the City of Hickory and Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry.

O. Accepted the Bid and Authorized the City Manager to Execute the Contract in the Amount of $887,819.25 to Chatham Civil Contracting, LLC for the Construction of Trivium Parkway and Trivium Court.

Staff requests Council’s acceptance of the bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for the construction of Trivium Parkway and Trivium Court to Chatham Civil Contracting, LLC in the amount of $887,819.25. The City of Hickory identified an area in southeast Hickory that is large enough and conducive to development of a business park, convenient to major roadways and adjacent to significant utility infrastructure. The City of Hickory, Catawba County and Catawba County Economic Development Corporation have worked on development of this area as a business park for several years and the City and County have agreed to split the cost of development. Trivium Corporate Center is the business park identified for bond proceeds from the bond referendum that passed by the City of Hickory citizens. The project generally consists of the construction of approximately 400 linear feet of Trivium Parkway and 400 linear feet of Trivium Court; including grading, storm drainage, 30’ concrete curb and gutter, 5’ wide concrete sidewalks, street trees, erosion control measures, seeding, grassing and restoration, and 800 linear feet of 12-inch diameter water mains including hydrants, valves and appurtenances in the southern development area of Trivium Corporate Center. Bids were received for a single prime contract. Bids were on a lump sum and unit price basis. Bids were advertised and received on July 16, 2020. Bids from contractors were submitted as follows: Chatham Civil Contracting, LLC - $887,819.25; Maymead, Inc. - $1,033,703.75; Neil Grading and Construction Company, Inc. - $892,966.50; and Triangle Grading and Paving, Inc. - $941,820. Staff recommends Council’s acceptance of the bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for the construction of Trivium Parkway and Trivium Court to Chatham Civil Contracting, LLC, in the amount of $887,819.25.

P. Accepted the Bid and Approved the Contract with Neill Grading and Construction Co. Inc., in the Amount of $946,800 for Construction of the Civil Portion and Alternate One of Bruce Meisner Park.

Staff requests Council’s acceptance of the bid and approval of a construction contract with Neill Grading and Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of $ 946,800 to construct the civil
portion of Bruce Meisner Park and alternate number one. Staff developed a bid package for a new City park located on Cloninger Mill Road. This contract, for the civil portion of that park, includes clearing and grubbing, grading, ABC stone, asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, gravel walking paths, graveled trail, and site amenities. Alternate number two in this bid package: playground equipment, fitness equipment, and paving the gravel pathway. City Council previously approved the engineering and design contract with Alfred Benesch & Company, Inc. for Bruce Meisner Park. Staff developed and advertised a request for bid package for constructing the civil portion of Bruce Meisner Park. Four responsive contractors submitted quotes on the project on July 9, 2020. The contractors and base bid amounts were: Neill Grading and Construction Co. Inc. - $931,000; Kemp Sigmon Construction - $943,000; Hilton, Inc. - $1,067,680; and M & M Construction of Banner Elk - $1,085,000. Staff has reviewed all bid documents and has determined that all documents are in proper order. Staff recommends Council’s acceptance of the bid and approval of a construction contract with Neill Grading and Construction Co. Inc. in the total amount of $946,800, which includes the base bid amount for the civil portion and alternate 1 - paving promenade walk ($15,800) for Bruce Meisner Park. The City received a donation form Outward Bound in the amount of $900,000 to be used for the park. The additional funds needed will come from General Fund Balance.

Q. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with TGS Engineers for Design Services Related to BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Design in the Amount of $294,500.

Staff requests Council’s approval of change order number one to the agreement for professional services with TGS Engineers for design services related to BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Design in the amount of $294,500 for the acquisition of right of ways, appraisals and title opinions. The Hickory Reconnected through Transportation Infrastructure Investment BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant project is an element of the City initiative to activate various parts of the City through multimodal path interconnection. This project is an approximately 1.7-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail and a bridge over US 321, and a 0.9 mile complete streetscape loop in downtown Hickory. Right of way acquisition services, appraisals and title opinions were not included in the original agreement due to Federal, State and City staff not being able to quantify the actual number of properties to be potentially impacted. These parcels have now been identified, (50 parcel acquisition, 40 appraisals and 40 title opinions) and can be quantified with a cost of service. Staff agreed during negotiation of the BUILD Grant agreement that this would be determined at a later date. The necessary funds for this was considered during development of the project. Reimbursement by the BUILD Grant for a portion of this expense is eligible. City of Hickory’s portion of fees will be funded by Bond proceeds. Staff recommends Council’s approval of change order number one the agreement for professional services with TGS Engineers for design services related to BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Design in the amount of $294,500 for the acquisition of right of ways, appraisals and title opinions.

R. Approved Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Services with TGS Engineers for Design Services Related to BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Design in the Amount of $24,145.75.

Staff requests Council’s approval of change order number two to the agreement for professional services with TGS Engineers for design services related to BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Design in the amount of $24,145.75 for replacement of the project. Reimbursement by the BUILD Grant for a portion of this expense is eligible. City of Hickory’s portion of fees will be funded by Bond proceeds. Staff recommends Council’s approval of change order number two to the agreement for professional services with TGS Engineers for design services related to BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Design in the amount of $24,145.75 for replacement and abandonment of monitoring wells on parcel 040, contingent on NCDOT approval.

S. Approved Change Order No. 1 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the Amount of $18,970.27 for Additional Survey Services Related to the Book Walk South Project.

Staff requests Council’s approval of change order number one to the agreement for professional services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional survey services related to EB-5938 in the amount of $18,970.27, contingent upon North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) concurrence. The City of Hickory Bond Commission and City Council approved a group of projects that were voted on by the
citizens of Hickory to complete with a $40 million dollar bond referendum. These projects are intended to identify Hickory as a prospering and vibrant City to enjoy, do business in and hopefully move to. The Book Walk Project is an element of the bond referendum that was to be added in the future as a continued development of the multiuse path around the City that connected all parts of the City for citizens and visitor’s enjoyment. This project has received NCDOT funding at an 80/20 ratio, NCDOT and City respectively. Change order number one Book Walk South identifies additional services that include additional survey work along the project corridor to stake easements and existing right-of-way. City of Hickory’s portion of fees will be funded by bond proceeds. Staff recommends Council’s approval of change order number one to the agreement for professional services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional survey services related to EB-5939 in the amount of $18,970.27, contingent upon NCDOT concurrence.

T. Approved Change Order No. 2 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the Amount of $25,078.31 for Additional Survey Services Related to the Book Walk Project.

Staff requests Council’s approval of change order number two to the agreement for professional services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional survey services related to EB-5937 in the amount of $25,078.31, contingent upon North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) concurrence. The City of Hickory Bond Commission and City Council approved a group of projects that were voted on by the citizens of Hickory to complete with a $40 million dollar bond referendum. These projects are intended to identify Hickory as a prospering and vibrant City to enjoy, do business in and hopefully move to. The Book Walk project is an element of the bond referendum that was to be added in the future as a continued development of the multiuse path around the City that connected all parts of the City for citizens and visitor’s enjoyment. This project has received NCDOT funding at an 80/20 ratio, NCDOT and City respectively. Change order number two for Book Walk identifies additional services that include additional survey work along the project corridor to stake easements and existing right-of-way. City of Hickory’s portion of fees will be funded by bond proceeds. Staff recommends Council’s approval of change order number two to the agreement for professional services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional survey services related to EB-5937 in the amount of $25,078.31, contingent upon NCDOT concurrence.

U. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 1.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-27
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 1

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, 2021 and for the duration of the Project Ordinances noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2020-21 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

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SECTION 4. To amend the Transportation Fund within the FY 2020-21 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

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SECTION 6. To amend the Ridgeview Library Expansion Capital Project Ordinance (#630001), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

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SECTION 7. To amend the Bruce Meisner Park Capital Project Ordinance (#620008), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

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SECTION 8. To amend the BUILD 9th / 11th Street BikePed Capital Project Ordinance (#B1N001), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

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SECTION 9. To amend the Trivium Corporate Center Capital Project Ordinance (#B18001), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

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SECTION 10. 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

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved on First Reading Rezoning Petition 20-01 for Property Located at 913 9th Avenue NE, Containing .58 Acres – Presentation by Planning Director Brian Frazier.

Crystal Rogers petitioned for the rezoning of 0.58 acres of property located at 913 9th Avenue NE. The request is to rezone the property from Industrial (IND) to High Density Residential (R-4). The subject property has been zoned Industrial (IND) since at least 2000, and is occupied by a residential structure. The use of the property for residential uses is not permitted within an Industrial (IND) district, so the current use is considered a grandfathered non-conforming use. The property owner has requested the property be rezoned to High Density Residential (R-4), so that the current use of the property would be considered a conforming use. This change would aide in financing for future sales of the property. The Hickory Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on June 24, 2020 to consider the petition. During the public hearing, the property owner spoke in favor of the petition. An adjacent neighbor spoke during the public hearing, but did not cite concerns about the petition. Upon closing the public hearing, the Hickory Regional Planning Commission voted unanimously (10-0) to affirm the petition’s consistency with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and recommended City Council approval of the petition. Staff concurs with the recommendation of the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on July 10 and 17, 2020.

City Manager Warren Wood asked the City’s Planning Director Brian Frazier to the podium to present Council with Rezoning Petition 20-01 for property located at 913 9th Avenue NE, containing .58 acres.

Planning Director Brian Frazier presented a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed Rezoning Petition 20-01. The owner of the property was Crystal Rogers and was located at 913 9th Avenue Northeast. The current zoning was industrial (IND). The property was just over half an acre. The subject property was currently zoned IND and was occupied by a grandfathered nonconforming single-family residential structure. The applicant requested consideration of rezoning of the property to high density residential R-4 rezoning. The property would make the existing single-family residence a conforming use under the Land Development Code.

Mr. Frazier referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out on a map the subject property as being in a cross hatch in the future land use plan. The future land use plan identified this area as high density residential. He referred to an aerial map of the property and the existing zoning map. A lot of this area was IND and had a
historical pattern of manufacturing growth and development in Hickory. A lot of these houses were built as houses for the mill employees and their families.

Mr. Frazier advised it had changed with less manufacturing in that area. The property was currently zoned IND and was occupied by the grandfathered nonconforming single-family residential structure. Tax records indicated the property existed since 1918 and the industrial zoning had been in place since the late 1990s. As mentioned previously, the rezoning of the property to high density residential R-4 would make the existing residence a conforming use. Hickory by Choice 2030 classified the area as high density residential, so the rezoning request, in Mr. Frazier’s opinion, was consistent with the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 plan. It was not anticipated that the rezoning of the property would negatively affect the provision of public services nor heavily affect any adjacent properties. Hickory by Choice 2030 plan identified the area again and high density residential was consistent. Mr. Frazier advised the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on June 24, 2020 to consider the request. During the public hearing one person and property owner Mrs. Rogers spoke in favor of the petition. One adjacent neighbor spoke during the public hearing having some questions but did not cite any specific concerns to the rezoning. She wanted to know what Mrs. Rogers was looking at doing with the house. What she was looking at doing was to renovate the existing single-family structure and keep it as such. She had no plans for any other development on the property. Going to a financial institution whether it be a bank or Credit Union and trying to get a residential mortgage loan of any type with anything but that “R” designation signifying residential was difficult to almost impossible. Closing the public hearing at the Planning Commission last month, they voted unanimously 10-0 to affirm the petitions consistency with Hickory by Choice and recommended that City Council approve the petition. Planning Staff concurred with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Mr. Frazier asked if there were any questions concerning the petition.

Alderman Williams had a question not pertaining to this petition. He requested to speak with Mr. Frazier after the meeting. Alderman Williams advised he asked in a meeting prior for some help for small businesses. He had asked staff to look into doing something to help with the zoning with feather flags or something just to help small businesses to advertise. He would still like to get the findings and what could be done to help small businesses. Alderman Williams commented small businesses out here need help bad.

Mayor Guess commented staff would look into that and get back with more information. Mayor Guess explained the rules for conducting the public hearing. He 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 rezoning petition 20-01 for property located at 913 9th Avenue NE. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE OFFICIAL HICKORY ZONING ATLAS TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.58 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 913 9TH AVENUE NE FROM INDUSTRIAL (IND) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-4).

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2.2 of the Hickory Land Development Code provides for amendments to the Official Zoning Atlas; and

WHEREAS, the City has petitioned to rezone approximately 0.58 acres of property located at 913 9th Avenue NE, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto, to allow a High Density Residential (R-4) district; and

WHEREAS, the Hickory Regional Planning Commission considered the proposed rezoning during a public hearing on June 24, 2020 and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Hickory Land Development Code requires findings the proposed rezoning is in response to changing conditions and is reasonably necessary to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found Petition 20-01 to be in conformance with the City’s Land Development Plan and Zoning Ordinance,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hickory, North Carolina, THAT THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 913 9TH AVENUE NE, AND DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A is approved.

SECTION 1. Findings of fact.

1. The subject property is located at 913 9th Avenue NE, and further identified as PIN 3713-13-12-8515.

2. The rezoning request is intended to further implement the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

3. The rezoning of the property is consistent with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or provisions of the Hickory City Code which are not in conformance with the provisions of the Amendment occurring herein are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Consistency Statement

Upon considering the matter, the Hickory City Council found:

1. The general area is classified as High Density Residential by the Hickory By Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan

2. The High Density Residential classification is characterized as an area with small building lots, short building setbacks, and pedestrian friendly roads near mixed use and commercial areas. The classification includes small lot single-family residential, duplexes, multi-family residential, parks and open space, as well as, occasional office and institutional uses.

3. The R-4 zoning district is listed as the implementing zoning district for the High Density Residential land use classification, and as such, should be considered to be consistent with the plan’s recommendations.

4. Any and all improvements that are to take place on the property will be required to follow all applicable development regulations;

5. Public infrastructure currently in place in the area is sufficient to handle the type of development possible on the subject property;

6. Any future development that takes place on the subject property will be regulated by current and future development standards duly adopted by the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina; and

7. Any future development occurring on the subject property will be required to adhere to all state and local building, fire, and flood zone related development regulations. Such regulations will ensure proper protections are provided to ensure surrounding residents, and property owners are properly protected as prescribed by law.

Based upon these findings, the Hickory City Council has found Rezoning Petition 20-01 to be consistent with the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

B. Departmental Reports

1. Approved the Bids and Accepted the Contract with Neill Grading and Construction Company in the Amount of $1,138,900 for the Construction of the Ridgeview Branch Library Renovation and Expansion Project - Presentation by Library Director Sarah Greene.

Staff requests Council’s acceptance of the bid and approval of the contract with Neill Grading and Construction Company in the amount of $1,138,900 for the construction of the Ridgeview Branch Library renovation and expansion project. The City of Hickory owns and operates two libraries within the City. The Ridgeview Branch Library is located on 7th Avenue SW in the same area as a recreational facility, park and the Samuel Davis ballfield. This is a much utilized branch library, which needs updating, reconfiguration and the addition of some space for additional services and opportunities for the community. In order for the library to continue to grow and meet the communities’ needs, staff previously completed a Space Needs Assessment at the Ridgeview Branch Library. This study is the basis
of design for renovations and an expansion of the Ridgeview Library. McMillian/Pazdan/Smith Architecture was the consultant responsible for the design and bid for this project. The project generally consists of the addition of a community room, group study room, group study area, an exterior courtyard and a second set of doors. Among the alternatives bid were new airlock, staff workroom renovation and existing restroom renovation. Sealed bids were received on June 30, 2020, and tabulations were as follows: Neill Grading and Construction Company - $1,138,900; Frank L. Blum Construction - $1,249,452; H&M Constructors - $1,406,100. McMillian/Pazdan/Smith Architects have reviewed all bids and submitted information and have determined that Neill Grading and Construction Company is the lowest responsible bidder. McMillian/Pazdan/Smith Architects recommends award of the contract to Neill Grading and Construction Company. This project is a planned improvement in the City's Capital Project's program for the Library Department. Staff recommends Council's acceptance of the bid and approval of the contract with Neill Grading and Construction Company in the amount of $1,138,900 for the construction of the Ridgeview Branch Library renovation and expansion project.

City Manager, Warren Wood requested approval of the bids and acceptance of the contract with Neill Grading and Construction Company in the amount of $1,138,900 for the construction of the Ridgeview Branch Library Renovation and Expansion Project. He asked Library Director Sarah Greene to the podium to present.

Library Director Sarah Greene presented a PowerPoint presentation. She discussed the plans for the Ridgeview Branch renovation and expansion project. She advised the Ridgeview Branch Library was located at the corner of 1st Street Southwest and 7th Avenue Southwest. The current building opened in June of 1998. Staff does a good job of offering as many services and materials as they can in that facility. Hearing for years from community members and staff the serviced offered has outgrown that space. She referred to the PowerPoint and advised the project included expansion or possible expansion of that branch along with strategic plans in 2015 and in 2019. It had been known for a while, with the services available, that it was not a large amount of space for the community. Ms. Greene advised the City had hired CBSA in 2019 to complete a space needs study. The analysis of that plan confirmed that there was a need for expansion and it helped to identify what those needs were. As part of all the community meetings and surveys that were completed some things came through repeatedly about what the community really wanted to see in their Library. The community wanted a dedicated space for children rather than having computers and books mixed in with those for adults. A larger meeting space preferably with an outside entrance. A small group study quiet space for individual study and then parking was always an issue. The parking lot at that location was a shared space with the Ridgeview Recreation Center. If there are multiple events or sometimes even if there was just one large event the parking lot could get full. Library staff really wanted to see their staff work areas improved and have some workspace that was not part of the public space. With all of the services that has been added, there were more things that needed to be stored.

Ms. Greene discussed hiring David Moore and his team with MacMillian/Pazdan/Smith Architects last fall. She expressed being very pleased with the final design by the firm. She referred to the PowerPoint showing the floor plan and pointed out the building having a 2,500 square foot addition to the left side towards 1st Street Southwest. The schematic included a space for a meeting room that would hold 100 people; it showed a kitchenette to prepare for meal functions, separate restrooms, a separate outside entrance, and a hallway that would connect to the main library. This would allow for keeping the space open or lock the doors and separate that space depending on what was going on. She pointed out on the right side of the rendering the existing building, which would be reconfigured to make the space more functional. The current meeting room would be turned into a children’s room with computers, books and a seating area. As part of the addition, a small group study space would be added for up to four people that might want to meet there or an individual who may want a quiet space. Computers, study tables, seating and books would be added in the middle of the area. The drawing included adding a wall to create a staff work area and some storage space. The new design would add a second set of doors to create an airlock at the existing front entrance and the current restrooms would be updated with new finishes and fixtures. She referred to another slide on the PowerPoint and showed a rendering by the architects of what the exterior would look like after completion of the renovation. The bids were put out in early June and were opened June 30, 2020. Ms. Greene requested Council’s acceptance and approval of the contract for the renovations. She asked Council if there were any questions from the presentation.
Mayor Guess commented this was exciting and something the Ridgeview community had anticipated for quite some time. Mayor Guess was glad this had moved forward.

Alderman Williams asked about the timeframe for completion of the project now that the bids were taken and all these other good things.

Ms. Greene responded the timeframe would be around a year for construction. She did not have exact dates.

Alderwoman Williams asked if there was a start date for the renovation project.

Ms. Greene responded once the contract was accepted a start date would be decided.

Mayor Guess commented the City owns property adjacent to the Ridgeview Library for future parking expansion.

Ms. Greene responded that parking was not addressed in this plan because a parking lot had been planned across 7th Avenue Southwest as part of the Book Walk project.

Alderman Williams thanked Ms. Greene for the great job she has done at the Library.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the bids and acceptance of the contract with Neill Grading and Construction Company in the amount of $1,138,900 for the construction of the Ridgeview Branch Library renovation and expansion project. The motion carried unanimously.

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)

Mayor Guess nominated Eddie Salyards and Hank Eimer for reappointment as At-Large Representatives on the Business Development Committee.

**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)

Mayor Guess nominated Mary Young for reappointment as an At-Large Representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large (Outside City but within HRPA) (Council Appoints) VACANT

**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)
African-American (Council Appoints) Clise Johnson Plant (Not Eligible for Reappointment)
Caucasian (Council Appoints) Sandi Fotheringham (Eligible for Reappointment)
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
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Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Differently-Abled and is African-American or Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Alderwoman Patton nominated Leslie Marid Chavez Mancilla for appointment as an Other Minority Representative on the Community Relations Council.
Mayor Guess nominated Daria Jackson for reappointment as an African-American Representative and Sandi Fotheringham for reappointment as a Caucasian Representative on the Community Relations Council.

**HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
(Appointed by City Council)
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Rev. Wallace Johnson
(Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
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/Willing to Serve Again/Longview Approved)
Mayor Guess nominated William Pekman for reappointment as a Catawba County Representative and Randall Mays for reappointment as Longview Representative on the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

Alderman Zagaroli nominated Rev. Wallace Johnson for reappointment as a Ward 5 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)
Mayor Guess nominated Simon Lucas for reappointment as a Building Trades Representative on the Historic Preservation Commission.

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) Elliott Neil Walker
(Eligible for Reappointment)
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) William Joe Fox
(Eligible for Reappointment/Willing to Serve Again)
At-Large (1) (Mayor Appoints) Rick Martin
(Eligible for Reappointment)
At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints) Whitney Coble
(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)
Mayor Guess nominated Rick Martin for reappointment as an At-Large (1) Representative and Michael McLamb for appointment as an At-Large (2) Representative on the Library Advisory Board.

Alderman Zagaroli nominated William Joe Fox for reappointment as Ward 5 Representative on the Library Advisory Board.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (4) (Council Appoints) Joyce Beard
(Eligible for Reappointment/ Willing to Serve Again)
Mayor Guess nominated Joyce Beard for reappointment as an At-Large (4) Representative on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Kathryn Gunter
(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) Carolyn Sinclair
(Not Eligible for Reappointment)
Alderwoman Patton nominated David Paul Vines for appointment as the Ward 6 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
(Eligible for Reappointment)
Position 3 (Mayor Appoints) VACANT
Mayor Guess nominated Dr. Sidney Myles for reappointment as the Position 2 Representative on the Public Housing Authority.

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

Mayor Guess nominated Tawana Thomas for reappointment 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)

Mayor Guess nominated Alderman Zagaroli for reappointment as the Hickory Representative on the SALT Block Foundation.

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

Mayor Guess nominated Alderman Zagaroli for reappointment as a Hickory Representative on the Trivium Corporate Center Board.

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 Williams nominated Timberly Wood for appointment as an At-Large Representative on the University City Commission.

Alderwoman Patton nominated Carolyn Sinclair for appointment as an At-Large Representative on the University City Commission.

Mayor Guess nominated Constance Snyder for reappointment as an At-Large Representative on the University City Commission.

YOUTH COUNCIL
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Chase Collins At-Large
Caylin Le At-Large
Sawyer Owens At-Large
Andrew Schultz At-Large
Nathaniel Walls At-Large
Klaire Starr At-Large
Perry Pate At-Large
Matthew Rostan At-Large
Samantha Hackney At-Large
Virginia Young UCHS
Lucas Osborne Challenger
VACANT FTF
VACANT HCAM
Aidan Negrelli HHS
Eric Schoellner HHS
Lorna Seddon HHS
Jack Tomlinson HHS
Madison Hamilton HHS
Annie Luong HHS
VACANT HHS
VACANT Homeschool
Peyton O'Neal Private School
Elizabeth Garmon Private School
Christine Alkoutami SSHS
Kailyn Day SSHS
Mackenzie Fairchild SSHS
Mayor Guess nominated the Above Youth Council Applicants for appointment to the Youth Council.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton 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

Alderwoman Patton appreciated everyone wearing a mask, and she encouraged everyone to encourage everyone to wear a mask and get rid of this disease, so everyone could get back to whatever was the new normal, everybody do your part way.

City Manager Warren Wood advised every summer the City has college interns for temporary summer internships. He commented there were three interns present. He asked each one of them to stand up and introduce themselves.

Intern Gabrielle Propst introduced herself. She grew up in Hickory, went to High Point University and had a degree in marketing. She was currently at Wake Forest School of Law entering into her second year. She was working in the Legal Department with Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula.

Intern Madison Whisnant introduced herself. She went to Appalachian State University and majored in Public Administration. She was working in the Planning Department with Planning Director Brian Frazier.

Intern Thomas McBrayer introduced himself. He went to Appalachian State University and was finishing his Masters Degree in Public Administration. He was working in the City Manager’s Office.

Mayor Guess congratulated all three of the interns and welcomed them. He also congratulated the Communications Department in winning three State Awards for excellence in communications. The Office of Communications does a great job every day and Council appreciated them. He also mentioned that Chad Austin, the videographer, was certainly a part of the City receiving those awards. Mayor Guess congratulated Mr. Michael Woods and Ms. Miranda Harris from the IT Department. They had just finished a yearlong program as Certified Government Chief Information Officers Program at the UNC School of Government. He congratulated them for doing a fine job and for what they continue to do for the City of Hickory.

Mayor Guess commented that in the last six weeks or so he joined a coalition of Mayors from across the State of North Carolina. He was a member of the Mayor's Association. They have all signed a Proclamation denouncing the things that are going on in our Country and in our State. He felt inclined to have a Proclamation that was specifically not just for the State of North Carolina but pertaining specifically to the City of Hickory. He read a Proclamation Opposing Racism, Discrimination, and Police Brutality.

Alderman Seaver recognized a Boy Scout in attendance at the Council meeting. His name was Jake Holbrook with Boy Scout Troop #381, and his mother accompanied him.

Alderman Williams appreciated the Proclamation. He commented it was wonderfully worded and wonderfully written but he did not support it. He would have liked to seen it done in a different way. Although, he appreciated how it was eloquently stated and what was said about racism. He greatly appreciated the Mayor for that.

XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Mayor

Deputy City Clerk