

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

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

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.
- II. Invocation by Reverend Christy Lohr-Sapp, St. Andrews Lutheran Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Hickory Elks Lodge 1654 Public Service Awards – Presentation by Major Charlie Self, US Air Force (Retired) and Major Jay Tate, US Army (Retired)

2020-2021 Firefighter of the Year – Firefighter Jonathan Fox
2020-2021 Police Officer of the Year – Officer Jaleel D. Smith
2020-2021 NC State Trooper of the Year (Troop F) – Trooper Brett A. Hilton

Mayor Guess introduced representatives from the Hickory Elks Lodge. He introduced first Mr. Gary Gantt, President of Hickory Lodge 1654. He had served the country in the United States Marine Corps. He had also been elected by the Elks Lodge of North Carolina State Associations Western District to serve as the Western District Vice President for the year 2021-2022. He commented to Lodge President Gantt that it was an honor to have him in attendance this evening.

Mayor Guess recognized Mr. Charlie Self, Major United States Air Force retired. Major Self flew signal intelligence missions out of Danang Airbase in 1972 piloting the EC-47.

Mayor Guess recognized Mr. Jay Tate, who was also a Major, United States Army retired and the Lodge Americanism Chairman and the Veterans Committee Chairman. Major Tate flew combat assault missions with 101st Airborne/Airmobile Division from November of 1970 to October of 1971, piloting Huey helicopters. Major Self and Major Tate were both Vietnam Veterans.

Mayor Guess recognized from the Elks Lodge, Mr. Mickey Lail, United States Airforce retired Master Sergeant and past Lodge President. He mentioned that Mr. Lail had been put in charge of taking photographs tonight.

Mayor Guess commented it was their honor and privilege to have, not only these four gentlemen with them tonight, but anyone else in the audience who had served in the military. He asked for those who had served in the military to raise their hand. A number of citizens in attendance raised their hands. He thanked them for their service. Mayor Guess called on the Lodge President, Mr. Gary Gantt for the introduction of the Hickory Elks Public Service Awards.

Hickory Elks Lodge President Mr. Gary Gantt thanked the Hickory City Council and the Mayor for inviting them to the meeting. They had some special heroes that they wanted to recognize: the Hickory Firefighter of the Year, the Police Officer of the Year, and the State Trooper of the Year. These young men serve our community and keep us safe. He saluted them and thanked them very much from all the people at the Hickory Elks Lodge. They appreciated what they do.

Major Charlie Self, United States Airforce retired commented that he worked with these men in choosing the correct person for the year. The first one that they worked with was Chief Matt Hutchinson. He asked Chief Hutchinson to the podium to present the winner of the Firefighter of the Year.

Fire Chief Matt Hutchinson advised the recipient was Firefight Jonathan Fox. Mr. Jonathan Fox had been a member of the Hickory Fire Department since February 1, 2013. He started his career as a volunteer firefighter at Bethlehem Community Fire and Rescue, where he had been a member since January of 2010. During his fire service career, Jonathan had obtained numerous certifications through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, including Firefighter I and II, Airport Firefighter Hazardous Materials Operations, all the technical rescue specialties, which were quite a few, Fire Officer I and II, General Instructor level I and II, and Emergency Medical Technician. Jonathan currently served the City on Engine 6 in the Viewmont community of Hickory and his crew were present. In January of 2019, Jonathan began a military career by enlisting in the North Carolina Air National Guard, where he was assigned to

the 145th Civil Engineer Squadron in Charlotte, North Carolina. After graduating from Lackland Air Force Base for basic military training, Jonathan continued to strive for excellence. He obtained his certification in driver operator, which led to driver operator ARF, which was Airport Rescue Firefighting and mobile water supply. It was not long after returning from basic training that Jonathan was deployed to Kuwait in January of 2020. He served there with the 386th Expeditionary Wing of the United States Air Force as a firefighter. During his deployment he continued his training where he received his Hazardous Materials Technician, Incident Safety Officer and Fire Inspector level one through the International Fire Rescue Accreditation Congress and Pro Board Certifications. He was assigned to the rescue truck where he operated as a Crew Chief at the United States Air Force Central Command's largest fire department, Ali Al Salem Air Force Base. Ali Al Salem was an active airfield that supports the war against terrorism by conducting missions in Afghanistan, Syria, and Iraq. After completing his deployment, Jonathan was nominated and awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for his outstanding achievement as a Fire Protection Crew Chief. On top of receiving this honorable award, Jonathan and his unit received the Meritorious Unit Award for their outstanding performance in military operations. It was for all of these achievements and his willingness to serve his country that the Fire Department was proud to recognize Jonathan as the Hickory Elks Firefighter of the Year.

Firefighter Jonathan Fox accepted the award. Photos were taken.

Mayor Guess asked if he would like to recognize any family members that he may have present.

Firefighter Jonathan Fox recognized his wife Heather Fox, and Mr. Andy Webster, who had been a big mentor for him through his fire service career.

Chief Hutchinson advised that Mr. Webster was a retired Hickory Firefighter.

Firefighter Jonathan Fox thanked the Hickory Elks Lodge for the award and also Chief Hutchinson for nominating him.

Mayor Guess thanked him for his service.

Major Charlie Self asked Police Chief Thurman Whisnant to the podium to make the presentation for the Police Officer of the Year

Police Chief Thurman Whisnant thanked the Hickory Elks Lodge. It was always a pleasure to be a part of this. He knew they were missing that wonderful breakfast this year, but maybe they would get that back. It was his honor to present Officer Jaleel Smith, who was chosen as their Elks Exceptional Police Officer of the Year. This recognition at the Hickory Police Department was a distinct honor, because each year the recipient of the award was nominated and chosen by his peers. This year, the staff of Hickory Police Department (HPD) nominated and overwhelmingly chose to recognize Officer Jaleel Smith as the recipient. Officer Smith was a native of Greenville, South Carolina, and joined HPD in July of 2018 after serving several years with the York South Carolina Police Department. Prior to pursuing his policing career, he attended Wade Hampton High School in South Carolina and then completed an Associate and Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University. Smith was described by his peers as someone whose demeanor and quality of work were worthy of praise. One of his nominees had this to say, serving as a field training officer, he has set a high standard on how new officers are to be trained. He stands for what is right and always strives to do better and also makes everyone around him better. Along with being professional, Officer Smith speaks and interacts with citizens with a great level of compassion. He cares for the well-being of his partners and his supervisors. He was always ready and willing to build relationships with the community, partnering agencies and new staff at HPD. Another nominee described Officer Smith as a leader among his peers who exemplifies the core values of HPD on a daily basis. He promotes excellent teamwork and forms excellent relationships with his coworkers. He has even gone so far as to promote fellowship on the shift by getting food and desserts to celebrate birthdays and promotions of his coworkers. Officer Smith truly does represent the department and his coworkers well, in fact so well that he was chosen to be one of the officers featured in a recent HPD video that was produced to show perspectives from both sides of the badge when officers conduct traffic stops. The video, entitled "How a Traffic Stop Feels", can be viewed on HPD's official YouTube channel. Officer Smith also just recently applied for and was selected to serve on a newly created specialized unit within HPD that will utilize community policing and intelligence led policing strategies to focus on areas of repeated calls for service and repeat offenders. He was chosen out of a large pool of candidates who were interested in a position for the unit. When not serving in uniform, Jaleel enjoys spending free time with his wife, Kayla, and their two children, and they were extremely fortunate to have him as part of their HPD family and honored to recognize him tonight as the Elks Exceptional Police Officer of the Year for 2021.

Officer Jaleel Smith received his award and photos were taken. He recognized his wife Kayla, and his father in law.

Major Charlie Self asked Sergeant Brian Black to the podium for the next presentation.

NC State Trooper Sergeant Brian Black thanked everyone on behalf of the Highway Patrol for having them. It was an honor. In 2014, Trooper Brett Hilton joined the Highway Patrol. Trooper Hilton had consistently reported for duty, ready to help the public, correct traffic violators behaviors and assist his peers. Too often the public was subjected to a driver placing them in danger by their choices and actions while engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle. During 2020 alone Trooper Hilton made over 900 citizen contacts while working in Catawba County, some of which were impaired drivers. Some were involving illegal drugs, weapons, and presenting some other danger to the motoring public. Trooper Hilton led the district of F5 Catawba County with the arrest of 52 impaired drivers and 35 other alcohol related violations. Through Hilton's efforts local citizen's freedoms were protected without them even knowing or realizing the fruits of his enforcement efforts. Trooper Hilton was the epitome of honor regarding how he had conducted himself on behalf of the North Carolina Highway Patrol and the citizens of North Carolina. Trooper Hilton was honest and fair in his dealings with the citizens within the community he deserves. It was his honor to present the Hickory Elks Lodge Trooper of the Year to Trooper Brett A. Hilton.

Trooper Brett A. Hilton received his award and photos were taken.

Mayor Guess asked Trooper Hilton if he would like to recognize anyone present.

Trooper Hilton recognized his wife, Megan, his daughter Mackenzie, and his parents.

Mayor Guess commented on behalf of the Hickory Elks Lodge they wanted to thank them for the presentation. They thanked them for not only this but for all they do in our community. They appreciated them very much.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Meeting of February 23, 2021

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderman Williams that the Special Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.

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

A. Budget Revision Number 15. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

B. Consideration of Amending Chapter 6, Section 6-3 of the Hickory City Code of Ordinances. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

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

A. Approved a Proclamation for Arbor Day, March 19, 2021.

B. Approved the Purchase of a 2022 Mack Granite Tandem Dump Truck with Snowplow and Salt Spreader from TranSource Truck & Trailer Centers in the Amount of \$189,243.29.

Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a 2022 Mack Granite tandem dump truck with snowplow and salt spreader in the amount of \$189,243.29 from TranSource Truck & Trailer Centers. This price includes a 60-month/300,000-mile warranty. The

Public Services Street Division currently uses a 1992 Ford tandem dump truck. Equipment on that unit is outdated, no longer working, and parts are difficult to find. This equipment is being replaced as a component of the Public Services Street Division's normal Capital Budget. A tandem truck with snowplow and salt spreader purchase is budgeted for this fiscal year. Specifications were prepared by the Street and Fleet Divisions to ensure the purchase of the equipment would best serve the Division. Selection of equipment was made using the NC State Contract-NC DOT-070E and the North Carolina Sherriff's Association Contract for pricing. Staff recommends Council's approval of the purchase of a 2022 Mack Granite tandem dump truck with snowplow and salt spreader in the amount of \$189,243.29 from TranSource Truck & Trailer Centers.

- C. Approved a Professional Services Agreement with Clayton Engineering and Design in the Amount of \$94,000 for Assessment and Design of the Henry Fork River Sewer Crossing at Old River Trails.

Staff requests Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement for the assessment and design of the Henry Fork River sewer crossing at Old River Trails to Clayton Engineering and Design for a lump sum fee of \$94,000. Due to the removal of the old Shuford Mills Dam in 2015, the banks of the Henry River and the riverbed above the previous dam have eroded. The sewer aerial crossing serving the Old River Trails Subdivision has been damaged numerous times and repaired. Continued erosion and higher flows in the river than previous designs have made it a necessity to reevaluate the crossing and design an alternative method of crossing the river. Staff recommends Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement for the assessment and design of the Henry Fork River sewer crossing at Old River Trails to Clayton Engineering and Design for a lump sum fee of \$94,000.

- D. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 16.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-07
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 16

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 noted herein.

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Public Safety	735,750	-
Culture and Recreation	489,376	-
Other Financing Uses	27,425	-
TOTAL	1,252,551	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous Revenues	15,750	-
Other Financing Sources	3,725,348	2,488,547
TOTAL	3,741,098	2,488,547

SECTION 2. To amend the Trivium East Capital Project Ordinance (#B1B004), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	54,850	-
TOTAL	54,850	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Intergovernmental Revenues	27,425	-
Other Financing Sources	27,425	-
TOTAL	54,850	-

SECTION 3. To amend the Project Enzyme Roadway Infrastructure Capital Project Ordinance (#B1B003), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	240,000	-
TOTAL	240,000	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Intergovernmental Revenues	240,000	-
TOTAL	240,000	-

SECTION 4. To amend the Lackey Park Capital Project Ordinance (#62007), the expenditures shall be changed as follows.

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	2,950,500	-
TOTAL	2,950,500	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	2,950,500	-
TOTAL	2,950,500	-

SECTION 5. To amend the Ridgeview Library Expansion Capital Project Ordinance (#63001), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	281,607	-
TOTAL	281,607	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	281,607	-
TOTAL	281,607	-

SECTION 6. To amend the ARC Grant – 9th Ave Dr NW Capital Project Ordinance (#546016), the expenditures shall be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	1,300,000	-
TOTAL	1,300,000	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	1,300,000	-
TOTAL	1,300,000	-

SECTION 7. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

- IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None
- X. Informational Item
- XI. New Business:
 - A. Public Hearings
 - B. Departmental Reports:
 - 1. Bond Construction Update – Presentation by Executive Assistant Manager Yaidee Fox
 - a. Approved Change Order Number One to the Professional Right of Way Acquisition Services Agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Services Related to EB-5977 9th Street NW Multi-Use Trail in the Amount of \$19,878.03.

Staff requests Council's approval of change order number one to the Professional Right of Way Acquisition Services Agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for survey services including right-of-way staking and services related right-of-way acquisition for EB-5977 in the amount of \$19,878.03, contingent upon North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) concurrence. The 9th Street NW Multi-Use

Trail Project is one of the projects envisioned in the Bond Referendum and is intended to provide improved connectivity from City Walk to the Old Lenoir Road Multi-Use Trail. This project has received Federal funding at an 80/20 ratio, Federal and City respectively. Change order number one for the 9th Street NW Multi-Use Trail identifies services that include survey work along the project corridor to stake easements and existing right-of-way, and services that include right-of-way acquisition along the corridor. City of Hickory's portion of the fees will be funded by Bond proceeds. Staff recommends Council's approval of change order number one to the Agreement for Professional Right of Way Acquisition Services with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for survey services and right-of-way acquisition services related to EB-5977 in the amount of \$19,878.03, contingent upon NCDOT concurrence.

City Manager Warren Wood asked Executive Assistant Manager Yaidee Fox to the podium to present Council with a bond construction update. He advised Council there were two items for action that would include an amendment to the agreement with the engineering firm for surveying and right of way acquisition services.

Executive Assistant Manager Yaidee Fox presented a PowerPoint presentation. She discussed bond construction updates. She advised she would only give some highlights. She reminded everyone that this was put forth through a variety of planning over the years to increase the opportunities for business opportunities, increase our jobs and tax base, population, and of course, improve the quality of life for our citizens. She advised in 2014 the bond initiative had come forward with \$40 million dollars and had passed, and they leveraged that with an additional \$50 million dollars in grant funding over the years. She noted that housing had actually improved by over 1,000 units since 2018, which was a six percent increase on the total units. They had been working a lot on industrial development with the Trivium Corporate Center and also some speculative building partnerships as well.

Ms. Fox recapped on a few of the items that already had completed: the US 321 gateway, she referred to a photo on the PowerPoint, to make sure that people know when they're coming into Hickory; the downtown Union Square block, she referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a before and after photograph. The Union Square photo showed the highlight that they wanted to make sure to focus on which was lighting. They made sure during the design process to increase the outdoor dining space but focused heavily on many opportunities for outdoor spaces for people to be in. The City Walk was not complete, but it was under construction. She referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a photo where it started out on the Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard portion. She advised it was a 10-foot multipurpose pathway. She pointed out the focus on the lighting. She displayed a photo of what was happening right over 127. She pointed out the rendering of what it would look like once it was completed, and a photo of some of the work which had been done. Obviously, weather was a factor on all of these construction projects, but you could see on pretty days they were quite busy.

Ms. Fox commented that one of the focuses with the bond projects had been to have some economic development opportunities and, of course, One North Center was right next door and they see that all the time. She displayed a rendering of what it was going to look like. She showed a photo and commented it was coming right along and was very exciting. She advised it was a \$19 million dollar investment project with over 90 apartments. She was sure they're moving pretty quickly to try to get that opened up soon. She displayed another photo of One North Center from the lower angle.

Ms. Fox discussed the Book Walk. She advised every bond project was now either under construction or under design. The Book Walk connects to the City Walk. They had worked with the community to get some feedback on the design. They are now into the right of way phase. They received authorization from North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and were currently moving towards beginning that process. Additionally, this project was going to go out for construction this year. Another development opportunity that was right off of the Book Walk was a multimillion-dollar investment with 50 apartments. She referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the location of the apartments and pointed out One North Center and City Walk

Ms. Fox advised that the Riverwalk was also under construction. She referred to the PowerPoint and showed a photo of the on-land portion. She advised as they move forward to looking at the construction on this one, you could see it was going to provide some access to the waterfront, allowing the natural beauty and the terrain of the area to be minimally disturbed while still allowing the opportunity for people to be able to really see what was there. That was one of the focuses with the Riverwalk. She referred to the photo and advised it was the on-land portion. This project would connect to an overwater bridge, which was on one side, and to a public/private partnership that was on the other side. Construction for this part of the project was expected to be completed in the summer of this year. On the end of one of the sides of the on-land portion of the Riverwalk was the Lackey Project. She mentioned that all of this information was out on the website, hickorync.gov under bond information, as well as craftinghickory.com.

Ms. Fox referred to the PowerPoint and displayed photos of the latest renderings from the Lackey Project, which was on the end, which was a public/private partnership allowing opportunities for a restaurant, event space and a public access area. On the opposite side of the Riverwalk on-land portion was the overwater portion. She advised this bridge was designed by Miquel Rosales who did the Liberty Bridge in Greenville, South Carolina. This project was moving right along. They were in the permitting stages at the moment, but this one was expected to be completed in the summer of 2022.

Ms. Fox advised if you go across the 321 bridge, you will get over to MDI who was actually also working on an expansion project to create 111 new jobs and increase their space by 200,000 square feet. They certainly we're very excited about that as well.

Ms. Fox mentioned the Old Lenoir Walk was also in the design phase and they were currently waiting on NCDOT to give them right of way authorization, which could happen any day now. This project was also set to go out to construction this year because they are in that process now of getting ready to start right of way.

Ms. Fox advised that Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard had a streetscapes project and some enhancements right on I-40. She pointed those out on a photo on the PowerPoint. She noted that was also in progress as well. The Lenoir-Rhyne Boulevard streetscapes was currently under design and was actually expected to go into construction this year as well.

Ms. Fox discussed Trivium Corporate Center which now has five tenants. She referred to the PowerPoint photo and noted there was a lot of activity going on there. This was a 270-acre park that was a partnership with Catawba County and Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC). They had been very fortunate with the progress that had been going on there as well.

Ms. Fox discussed Aviation Walk or the BUILD Grant. This was a grant that allowed them to be able to extend the City Walk. She pointed out the location on the PowerPoint. It extended the City Walk and connected over to 11th Street and it also connected Old Lenoir Walk to go all the way over to the LP Frans Stadium and the Hickory Regional Airport. She pointed out the location of those connections on the PowerPoint. This also provided an opportunity for a spec building, which she referred to a rendering on the PowerPoint. This was the Lake Park shell building. She pointed out the photo of what it currently looks like right now. Things were moving forward. She pointed out the area that it was located in right off of the Aviation Walk.

Ms. Fox advised that a couple of years ago they decided to come up with some goals to make sure that everyone could see what was moving forward and all the great progress. They worked with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and came up with some goals to look at creating 8,000 new jobs, 1,750 in new housing units, increase the population by 3,500 and increase private investment by \$500 million dollars. This goal was to be done by 2035. They were excited to say that since they had started, there were \$371 million dollars in private investment. They had created 3,091 construction related jobs, over 1,331 permanent jobs, and 397 new housing units in that buffer area of the trace.

Ms. Fox discussed Old Lenoir Walk which was two segments because it was a grant funded project. She advised EB 5977 which was 9th Street NW and EB 5911, which was Old Lenoir Road. She pointed out the location of these segments on the PowerPoint. The contract for design was with Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers. They were waiting currently for right of way approval from NCDOT. Once that happens, they will need to be moving forward, and they were at that stage now where they need to start doing survey and right of way acquisitions. She advised because of that; this was something that they couldn't do ahead of time. They have to do that at a certain process during the design. There were multiple different properties along that whole entire stretch. They wanted to make sure that everything was accounted for. She advised they were bringing forward a request for a change order to be able to do EB 5977, which was 9th Street NW in the amount of \$19,878.03 and EB 5911 for Old Lenoir Road in the amount of \$348,009.79. She reminded Council that they had done that for the Aviation Walk as well. It gets to a certain process and they can't do it ahead of time, but they get to a certain point to where it was time to do it. She asked for Council's approval for the change orders for those two different components.

Mayor Guess asked if it was an 80/20 split between the City and the Federal Government. He asked if that was how that worked.

Ms. Fox explained for eligible items, it was an 80/20 split with NCDOT on the Old Lenoir Walk.

Alderwoman Williams clarified that these were costs that just all of a sudden arose. Correct. Or was it part of the process of the point of time where they have to allocate this.

Ms. Fox responded yes, ma'am, that's correct. They knew going in that this was something that was going to come up and they prepared for that in advance. Certainly, along the way, they are communicating with the design firm to get those estimates. She asked for any other questions.

City Attorney John Crone felt that it would be appropriate for Council to move on each change order separately.

Mayor Guess asked for any further discussion or questions concerning the presentation by Ms. Fox.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of change order one, for EB 5977 with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approved Change Order Number One to the Professional Right of Way Acquisition Services Agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Services Related to EB-5911 Old Lenoir Road Multi-Use Trail Project in the Amount of \$348,009.79.

Staff requests Council's approval of change order number one to the Professional Right of Way Acquisition Services Agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for survey services including right-of-way staking and services related to right-of-way acquisition for EB-5911 in the amount of \$348,009.79, contingent upon North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) concurrence. The Old Lenoir Road Multi-Use Trail Project is one of the projects envisioned in the Bond Referendum and is intended to provide improved connectivity from City Walk to Riverwalk and Aviation Walk. This project has received Federal funding at 80/20 ratio, Federal and City respectively. Change order number one for Old Lenoir Road Multi-Use Trail identifies services that include survey work along the project corridor to stake easements and existing right-of-way, and services that include right-of-way acquisition along the corridor. 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 Right of Way Acquisition Services with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for survey services and right-of-way acquisition services related to EB-5911 in the amount of \$348,009.79, contingent upon NCDOT concurrence.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams approval of change order one, EB 5944 with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 3 (Mayor Appoints) VACANT
Position 9 (Mayor Appoints) (Unexpired Term of Rebecca Clements) VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

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

FTF	VACANT
HCAM	VACANT
HHS	VACANT
Homeschool	VACANT

Mayor Guess reminded everyone that they have a few openings. Citizens could always visit the City's website or contact any Council member and they would be happy to direct them and answer any questions that they may have concerning the City's Boards or Commissions.

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

Alderman Wood commented after the presentation and all the great things that they saw here, they say this often, but they can't say it enough was thank you to the staff. The amount of volume of work that had been added to the staff, not only just the normal day to day stuff, but these projects was incredible. To be able to assume that workload without making dramatic increases to overhead headcount, those types of things, they just couldn't say thank you enough for that. He hoped that everybody that was involved in this understood that they were laying fingerprints on this City. They were doing work that was leaving an indelible positive mark on the City. He just wanted to say thank you.

Mayor Guess thought they all echoed that. He commented the City has got the finest staff of any city that he knew, and he was honored and privileged to be a part of it. He commended everyone for everything. He requested for them to please let everyone know. He knew that it was usually the same staff that was present at the Council meetings. He asked if they would please reiterate Council's thanks and appreciation to all of the coworkers. He knew that there was a lot of them that they don't ever get to see, or they don't never get to tell them personally thank you. If they would do that on Council's behalf, they would certainly appreciate that.

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XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk