

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 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, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, and Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.
- II. Invocation by Rabbi Dennis Jones, Temple Beth Shalom
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
 - A. Mr. James Hoffman, 1955 10th St PI NW, Hickory, NC 28601, advised he would like to see the noise ordinance changed. He stated there needs to be some inclusion of decibel levels. There was no definitive way of choosing what was allowed and what was not allowed. He could play music next to his neighbor and she could run her lawnmower and his music could be playing full blast and her lawnmower was above the sound of his music. He stated if her lawnmower was not running, she complained that his music was too loud. He thought it was an appropriate time to have police officers have decibel meters. The ordinance should be looked at in a different way as to leaf blowers, various noisy things, for example motorcycles cranking up. He suggested looking into definitive hours that would be more of a peaceful time for everybody and looking at this as an overall way of coming up to the current time of using technology in decibel meters.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of June 21, 2022.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of June 21, 2022 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
 - A. Budget Revision Number 1. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Williams that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

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

 - A. Approved a Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and the Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC Grant for the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Staff requests Council's approval of Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) and approval of the Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC grant for the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility. Staff has identified opportunities to seek Federal funding to assist in making improvements to provide resiliency to critical infrastructure. The Federal Government provides funding through the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. The BRIC grant program requires a 25% local match and provides funding to mitigate risks to infrastructure to better protect public investment and the environment. Due to the significant damages and environmental impact resulting from flooding events over the past several years, these projects qualify for grant funding. In February 2021, Council approved a Resolution authorizing Public Utilities to apply for a FEMA BRIC grant. FEMA approved this application and awarded the City of Hickory, through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, a grant in the amount of \$5,407,285.22 on March 16, 2022, for flood hardening and streambank restoration along Falling Creek at the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility. This grant requires the designated applicant agent be the same individual who submitted the grant application as well as an

agreement between NCDPS and the City of Hickory to disburse funds and administer the grant. Staff recommends Council's approval of the Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) and approval of the Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA BRIC grant for the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-37
Designation of Applicant's Agent
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management
(Resolution No. 22-37 on file in the City Clerk's Office) which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the minutes.

- B. Approved Applying for the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$16,903 and Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Catawba County Sheriff's Office.

Hickory Police Department requests approval to apply for the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant. The City of Hickory received notification of approval to receive \$16,903 under the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG Program is a formula-based grant through the Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that utilizes Uniform Crime Reporting statistics of all law enforcement agencies to determine eligibility for direct Federal grant awards. There is no match required. Hickory Police Department will use the grant funds for annual licensing fee for two Grayshift forensic devices in collaboration with Catawba County Sheriff's Office. The JAG legislation requires counties to remain a partner with the local jurisdictions receiving funds and must be a signatory on a required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Hickory Police Department recommends approval to apply and partner with Catawba County Sheriff's Office for the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$16,903. Hickory Police and Catawba County Sheriff's Office will share the remaining expense of the annual licensing fee to use two Grayshift forensic devices for the FY2023-2024.

- C. Approved a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Camantha Corsi, Owner of Wildskeins Yarn in the Amount of \$4,000.

Staff requests approval of a microenterprise grant agreement with Camantha Corsi – Owner of Wildskeins Yarn. In its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This includes a program to provide microenterprise grants to businesses looking for funding necessary to take their business to the next level. The 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan has \$4,000 allocated towards assistance for entrepreneurial activities with another \$30,000 remaining from previous plan years. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, a microenterprise is a business that has fewer than five employees, one of whom is the owner of the business. The program offers grants of up to \$4,000 for low to moderate income business owners for business property, inventory, necessary fixed assets, marketing and business promotion, or other improvements approved by the Business Development Committee. Applicants are required to submit a business plan and have a counseling session with a local business support organization. Camantha Corsi has applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and enhance her existing small business, Wildskeins Yarn. Wildskeins Yarn is a local yarn shop that offers a variety of hand and commercially dyed yarns as well as knitting and crochet tools to complete almost any type of fiber arts project. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of the grant in the amount of \$4,000. The grant funds will be used to purchase an online point of sale systems called Shopify as well as developing a more cohesive user-friendly website to allow the business to expand their online sales presence. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the Microenterprise Grant agreement with Camantha Corsi, owner of Wildskeins Yarn.

- D. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer between Glenn Alvin Bumgarner aka Glen A. Bumgarner, Widower, to Glenda Gail Bumgarner, unmarried, Oakwood Cemetery, Section 58, Plot E9, Lot No. 3. (Prepared by Kimberly H. Whitley, Patrick, Harper & Dixon, L.L.P.)

- E. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with KCI Associates of North Carolina, P.A. in the Amount of \$254,200 for the Henry River Basin Pump Station Upgrades Project.

Staff requests Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement with KCI Associates of North Carolina, PA, for the Henry River basin pump station upgrades project in the amount of \$254,200. The Henry River Basin sewer pump stations have seen increased flow as a result of development occurring in the City of Hickory. An evaluation of the Henry River Basin sewer pump stations was completed in October 2021 which recommended updates to these pump stations to allow for the anticipated growth in the basins they serve. KCI Associates, PA was tasked with the evaluation of these pump stations in July 2021 and delivered an evaluation with recommendations and a proposal for the design, permitting, bidding and contract administration of this upgrade

project. City staff believes that this firm is the best positioned to complete the project based on their understanding of both the project and City of Hickory public utilities infrastructure. The pump stations serve the Trivium Corporate Center and Trivium Corporate East site and are integral to the available capacities for development of these sites. Catawba County and the City of Hickory will share the cost of this design 50/50. Staff recommends Council’s approval of a Professional Services Agreement with KCI Associates of North Carolina, PA, for the Henry River basin pump station upgrades project in the amount of \$254,200.

- F. Approved the North Carolina Department of Transportation Municipal Maintenance Agreements.

Staff request Council’s approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Municipal Maintenance Agreements for signs, markings, and signals to be upheld by Public Services. The City of Hickory maintains NCDOT roadways, signalized and unsignalized intersections, and a signal system within the City limits. NCDOT reimburses the City for this maintenance based upon a fee schedule that is used by all municipalities in the State that have such an agreement. This agreement is for one-year and eligible for automatic renewal every year for five-years. After the end of five-years, the contract would be reevaluated and renewed. The Transportation and Engineering Manager has worked with NCDOT to ensure the City would be reimbursed the full amount available for work performed on their roadways and intersections, both signalized and unsignalized within the City limits, as well as maintaining the signal system. Detailed records are kept and submitted to NCDOT quarterly for work performed. It is through these reports that reimbursement is issued. Without renewal of the Maintenance Agreement, the City would not receive any monies from NCDOT for work performed. Staff recommends Council’s approval of the NCDOT Municipal Maintenance Agreements for signs, markings, and signals to be upheld by Public Services.

- G. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 2.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-26
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 2

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, 2023, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2022-23 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Public Safety	12,789	-
Culture & Recreation	67,185	-
TOTAL	79,974	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	79,974	-
TOTAL	79,974	-

SECTION 2. To amend the Water/Sewer Capital Projects Fund within the FY 2022-23 Budget Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	127,100	-
TOTAL	127,100	-

To provide funding for the above, the Water/Sewer Capital Projects Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	127,100	-
TOTAL	127,100	-

SECTION 3. To establish the Henry River Pump Basin (#803310) Capital Project the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Water & Sewer Capital Projects	254,200	-
TOTAL	254,200	-

To provide funding for the above, the Henry River Pump Basin (#803310) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	127,100	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	127,100	-
TOTAL	254,200	-

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

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by Michael and Sandra Lilly, Containing .724 Acres, Located at 547 29th Avenue Drive NW, PIN 3704-11-56-7036. - Presentation by Planning Director Brian Frazier.

Consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of 0.724 acres of property located at 547 29th Avenue Drive NW petitioned by Michael and Sandra Lilly. This property is identified as PIN 3704-11-56-7036. Annexation area includes right-of-way of 5th Street Place NW. The annexation is being requested to connect to sanitary sewer. The subject property is currently located with Hickory’s extra-territorial jurisdictional area (ETJ) and zoned R-2 Residential and the Lake Hickory Water-Supply Watershed and is 0.724 acres in total size. The current R-2 zoning, and water-supply watershed districts permit residential uses at a density of two (2) dwelling units per acre. The subject property is currently occupied by a single-family residence and is not intended to change. The current tax value of the property is \$181,200. If annexed with its present value, the property would generate additional tax revenues of \$1,137. Upon analysis, staff has determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff finds the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommends approval of the petition.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on June 24, 2022.

City Manager Warren Wood asked Planning Director Brian Frazier to the podium to present Council with a voluntary contiguous annexation of property owned by Michael and Sandra Lilly, containing .724 acres, being located at 547 29th Avenue Drive NW.

Planning Director Brian Frazier presented a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed the voluntary contiguous annexation of property located at 547 29th Avenue Drive NW, containing .724 acres of property, owned by Michael and Sandra Lilly. The current and future development was single family residential. He noted that nothing would be changed for the annexation. The purpose of the annexation was due to the home being built around 1970 and had a failed septic system. The only reason for the request was to obtain connection to the City’s sanitary sewer system. The property was in Belle Terra Subdivision south of Hickory Christian Academy. He referenced the map and pointed out the properties located in the City, and across the road all the properties located in the extra territorial jurisdiction. The property was totally surrounded by R-2 single-family residential. The voluntary annexation petition complied with all applicable annexation statutes. There were adequate public services available in sufficient quantities. The annexation of the property would not cause available public services to fall below acceptable levels. Based upon the findings, staff recommended approval of the requested annexation.

Alderman Wood asked how long the process would take from the time it was approved.

Mr. Frazier responded it would take several months depending on who does the work and what the schedule was for that contractor.

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. Mayor Guess 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 Alderman Zagaroli approval of the voluntary contiguous annexation of property located at 547 29th Avenue Drive NW. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 476
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE (CONTIGUOUS)
Michael and Sandra Lilly

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to the sufficiency of said request, and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of July 2022; and

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, as amended, the following-described contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Hickory as of the 31st day of July 2022:

Contiguous Annexation
by the City of Hickory
of the property owned by
Michael B. Lilly and Sandra P. Lilly

That certain parcel or tract of land lying and being about 3.12 miles north of the center of the City of Hickory. Bounded on the north by the existing City of Hickory city limits shown in Plat Book 57 Page 97; on the east by the existing City of Hickory city limits as shown in Plat Book 43 at Page 15 and the 60' right-of-way of 29th Avenue Drive NW; on the south by the lands of Tammy Denise Dabbs and Scott Wayne Dabbs as described in Deed Book 3699 at Page 323; on the

west by the lands of Michael R. Laughter and Susan S. Laughter as described in Deed Book 1874 at Page 1061 and Lot "A" as shown in Plat Book 42 at Page 57 and the 60' right-of-way of 5th Street Place NW and more particularly described as follows, to wit.

Beginning at a 5/8" rod in the south right-of-way line of 5th Street place NW, said rod having N.C. grid coordinates (NAD 83/2011) of N 746,123.8304, E 1,305,646.9357, and being located a grid bearing and distance of South 86 degrees 42 minutes 15 seconds West 897.33 feet from N.C.G.S. Monument "Myrtle" having N.C. grid coordinates (NAD 83/2011) of N 746,072.24, E 1,304,751.09 and running thence, as a new City of Hickory city limits line and crossing 5th Street Place NW, North 14 degrees 35 minutes 24 seconds West 59.61 feet to a 5/8" rod in the north right-of-way of 5th Street Place NW and in the existing City of Hickory city limits as shown in Plat Book 57 Page 97; thence, with said right-of-way and existing City of Hickory city limits the following calls: North 75 degrees 01 minutes 51 seconds East 105.00 feet to a point; thence, as a convex curve to the left, said curve having a delta angle of 96 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds, a radius of 21.64 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North 26 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 32.31 feet to a 5/8" rod in the west right-of-way of 29th Avenue Drive NW and in the existing City of Hickory city limits shown in Plat Book 43 at Page 15; thence with said right-of-way and existing City of Hickory city limits the following calls: South 22 degrees 52 minutes 19 seconds East 110.62 feet to a 1/2" pipe; thence South 22 degrees 54 minutes 07 seconds East 143.54 feet to a 1/2" pipe, the northeast corner of the lands of Tammy Denise Dabbs and Scott Wayne Dabbs as described in Deed Book 3699 at Page 323; thence leaving the existing City of Hickory city limits and as a new City of Hickory city limits line with the north line of Dabbs, South 78 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds West 150.16 feet to a 3/4" pipe, the northwest corner of Dabbs in the west line of the lands of Michael R. Laughter and Susan S. Laughter as described in Deed Book 1874 at Page 1061 and Lot "A" as shown in Plat Book 42 at Page 57; thence, with the east line of Laughter, North 19 degrees 18 minutes 24 seconds West 158.71 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.724 acres more or less.

Section 2. Upon and after the 31st day of July 2022, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the City of Hickory and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Hickory. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10, as amended.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory described herein shall become part of Ward No. 6 of the City of Hickory.

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

ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY 2022.

2. Approved the proposed Annexation Agreement with the City of Newton. Presentation by City Manager Warren Wood.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on July 8, 2022.

City Manager Warren Wood presented a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed a proposed annexation boundary agreement with the City of Newton. He stated it had been a while since one of these types of agreements had been done. He discussed some background of what the agreement related to. There was a possible economic development project that would require City of Hickory water and sewer services that would drive annexation by the City of Hickory. The project location was outside of Hickory's annexation area and closer to the City of Newton. This was what created the need for a boundary agreement. North Carolina General Statutes required an annexation boundary agreement be approved by both Hickory and Newton in order for Hickory to serve and annex the potential site. The City of Newton approved the Annexation Boundary Agreement on July 12, 2022. Catawba County adopted a resolution of support on July 18, 2022. The City of Hickory would need to approve the Annexation Boundary Agreement to become official and effective. If the project does not occur the agreement would be null and void. If the project occurred and met the

investment and job thresholds to be described in an Economic Development Agreement, Hickory would pay Newton a total of \$15 million in property tax revenue produced by the project over the course of 20-years. If the project occurred but did not meet the investment and job thresholds, Hickory did not owe the payments to Newton. The boundary agreement automatically expired after 20-years unless it was renewed by both parties. Other properties along the boundary agreement may be developed in the future. Hickory could annex anything on its side of the boundary agreement. He referenced a map and pointed out the location of the boundary line. Newton would have everything to the east and Hickory would have everything to the west. The potential project was to the west and would be on the Hickory side of the boundary agreement. He referred to an Ordinance which was in the agenda packet. He asked if there were any questions.

There were no questions from Council members.

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

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams approval of the proposed annexation agreement with the City of Newton. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-27
ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to adoption of this Ordinance prescribed in NCGS Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 6 have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Hickory City Council has taken into consideration the statements presented at the public hearing held on July 19, 2022 on the proposed Annexation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Hickory City Council has concluded and hereby declares that it is appropriate and desirable for the City of Hickory to enter into the Agreement.

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

1. The proposed Annexation Agreement between the City of Hickory and the City of Newton is hereby approved and ratified, and the Mayor is directed to execute the Agreement with the Mayor of the City of Newton, to become effective as provided therein.
2. The approved Agreement is attached to this Ordinance and is incorporated herein, and this Ordinance and the executed Agreement shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.
3. This approving Ordinance is effective upon adoption.

B. Departmental Reports:

1. Economic Development Updates – Presentation by Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar

City Manager Warren Wood asked Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar to the podium to update Council on Economic Development.

Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President Scott Millar presented a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Millar discussed some of the things pertinent to economic development and the activities that were underlying behind economic development. The Economic Development Corporation's mission was to build a diversified economic base throughout Catawba County by recruiting new business and industry by retaining existing business and industry and helping them grow, and to foster the creation of jobs. The EDC had helped in creating \$3.6 billion dollars' worth of investment across Catawba County and 5,360 jobs. This had been very impactful in the City of Hickory and its leadership and participation had been responsible for helping those numbers be as high as they were.

Mr. Millar referred to a PowerPoint on the analysis of Hickory specifically over the last 10-years. The data was based on FY2012-2022. Building permits in fiscal year 2012-2013 had around 600 permits for different types of building activities. The last two or three years were substantially higher than they were eight to ten years ago. He stated this was a good indicator to what had been going on within the City of Hickory and the policies behind that. The value of building permits from FY2012-2013 was roughly \$50 million dollars applied for that year. FY2021-2022 was \$240 million dollars' worth of permit activities and that was basically double what it was two years ago. He referred to the PowerPoint and discussed the development of the concept of Park 1764, now Trivium Corporate Center, in June of 2014, in planning the business park and determining the value of 100 direct jobs, the 100 jobs created in the business park had a total of 177 impact jobs. There were 36 indirect jobs created for suppliers, vendors, and professional services in the facilities. An additional 40 induced jobs created in the community due to the fact that those employees had money to spend. He discussed the impact to gross regional product. For every 100 jobs created that could impact \$17.5 million dollars' worth of new income to the community as a result of those 100 jobs. That result was the same as if you gave a one-dollar bill to every citizen of North Carolina, South Carolina and half of Tennessee and had them spend that dollar bill in Catawba County.

Mr. Millar discussed Trivium (formerly Park 1764) that had Corning (Project Wave and Project Checkmate) having 310 good jobs; ITM - 137 promised jobs at an average salary of \$65,000 per year; Cataler promised 151 jobs and would be opening their facility soon. Gusmer's grand opening event was very impressive promising 73 jobs and would be a very good neighbor. American Fuji Seal had created 101 jobs.

Mr. Millar discussed MDI as a good Catawba County headquartered company. These were specific to Caldwell County investments but were still in the City of Hickory. A total of 136 new jobs would be created. Atriax, a strong engineering architecture company, was also creating new jobs. He stated these businesses created over one thousand jobs.

Mr. Millar discussed the purpose and benefit of good economic development. It builds a diversified, stable, and long-term economic base. It spreads governmental costs, and it recruits new business/industry. He referred to the PowerPoint and discussed the recent private investments to the City of Hickory. Trivium Business Park, formerly Park 1764, now having Corning (Project Wave and Project Checkmate) a \$217 million private investment; ITM a \$17 million private investment; Cataler a \$42 million private investment; Gusmer \$38.2 million private investment; and American Fuji Seal a \$52 million private investment. He referred to the PowerPoint for other entities in the City of Hickory with private investments one being MDI with \$155 million within the last two years. Preston Ridge had a \$35 million private investment; and One North Center had a \$19 million private investment.

Mr. Millar referred to the PowerPoint and discussed housing and other investments in the City of Hickory. He mentioned \$90 million dollars in projects within the bond impact area. Some of those projects were Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU) Stadium, AppState@Hickory, Regional Workforce Facility/Aviation Museum, Preston Ridge at Startown/CVCC, The Lodge, Center Street Crossing, and the Lackey Project.

Mr. Millar mentioned that last week he worked with Dana Kaminske, City of Hickory, Communication Director, on getting a quote from Gusmer that was in Trivium Business Park to go into a publication. Marla Gusmer Jeffrey, President of Gusmer Enterprises, Inc. quoted "Gusmer is thrilled to open our newest manufacturing operation in Trivium Corporate Center. The entire Gusmer team is proud of our long-term collaborative partnerships, and we look forward to continuing to grow and develop successfully with the entire Hickory NC community." Gusmer's family business was 100 years old and were now the leading manufacturer/supplier of fermentation and filtration products for the food, beverage, and pharmaceutical industries. He stated that was diversification. Good business opportunities were here in the City of Hickory and Catawba County for the next years. Gusmer stated to him they were very lucky to be in the City of Hickory community and pleased with the process to get here.

Mr. Millar stated that the EDC had worked to develop the City of Hickory with a stable resilient and diversified economy as the long-term plan. The EDC would continue to seek new promising sectors such as life sciences, pharmaceutical, technology opportunities, augmented reality, virtual reality, just like the training center that Dr. Hinshaw and others were working on at the Regional Workforce Center. Automotive and new energy opportunities were substantial at this time.

They were also trying to provide a workforce that was capable of going for the new job opportunities so that there was an economy that continued to move forward as these new institutes were developed. Developing the mind sets that have always been here were great but also there were needs to develop those that were here now for the opportunities of the future. He thanked Council and staff for their cooperation, friendship, and the partnership as the opportunities were developed. He asked for any questions.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions. He thanked Mr. Millar and his staff for the hard work and great partnership.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) VACANT
 At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints) VACANT
 At-Large (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)
 Catawba County Representative (1)
 (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Catawba County VACANT
 A Candidate is Under Consideration by Catawba County

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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

Mayor Guess nominated Charlton Seaver as At-Large Representative on the Public Art Commission.

RECREATION AND SPORTS TOURISM COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) VACANT
 Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) VACANT

Alderwoman Patton nominated Charlie Hayes as Ward 6 Representative on the Recreation and Sports Tourism Commission.

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 At-Large Not Including ETJ (Council Appoints) VACANT
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YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Fred T. Foard High School Representative VACANT

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

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

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- XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)
- XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature
- XIV. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that Council go into closed session to consult with the attorneys to discuss the items below. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of June 21, 2022 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)
- 2. Discussion of Personnel Matter - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6)

Council convened to closed session at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Council reconvened to open session at approximately 7:47 p.m.

No action was taken upon return to open session.

- XV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk