

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	Hank Guess	Anthony Freeman
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	Arnita Dula
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Warren Wood, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, City Attorney Timothy Swanson, 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 Charles Kyker, Christ United Methodist Church

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

A. Presentation of a Proclamation to Bill McBrayer.

Mayor Guess welcomed Mr. Bill McBrayer and his wife Laura. He asked Mr. McBrayer to the podium. He commented that they were very blessed in the City of Hickory to have a number of citizens who volunteer their time, their talent, and sometimes they even contribute some of their treasures to the City of Hickory on various boards and commissions. He hated to say this, but it was true, they do not give them enough praise and enough thanks. Tonight they wanted to recognize Mr. Bill McBrayer for a lot of his contributions that he has made to the City. They encourage all of their citizens to be active, engaged, and educated, and Bill certainly filled all of those categories. On behalf of the entire City Council, staff, and citizens, they wanted to especially recognize Bill tonight for all of his community service and all that he has contributed to the City of Hickory.

Mayor Guess mentioned that he had spoken to Bill earlier, and it was not a secret, Bill and his wife were moving to be closer to family, and they could certainly understand and appreciate that, but he and his family were not moving too far away. They were just going to be across the hill in Shelby. He was not moving that far, and he was sure that they would be visiting from time to time. He mentioned that Bill's son Thomas was unable to be present, he thought most of them knew Thomas. Mayor Guess did not know their other son as well, but he knew that they would be back visiting Hickory from time to time, and this would always be their home, and they would always be welcome here.

Mayor Guess read and presented a Proclamation to Mr. McBrayer. Photos were taken.

Mr. Bill McBrayer commented that 45 years was a long time. He would be back for LR football and LR basketball. He probably would not attend the Planning Board meeting, but his brother-in-law just happened to be the Chair of the Planning Board in Shelby, so he was trying to finagle him on that, but he had to take a little break because he thought 19 years, whatever, was long enough. He enjoyed it and thanked them all.

Alderman Wood commented that he was thinking about Bill and his service and their friendship, and the word that came to his mind was inheritance. Inheritance was a gift, right? Whether it was deserved or not. Bill had been an inheritance to him. He inherited Bill because Councilman Lail originally appointed Bill to be the Ward 1 Representative on the Planning Commission. He had gotten to know Bill over the years. They had become friends. What really comes to his mind was that he is a man of character and he had made him a better person through his character. He was a gift. He had been a gift to him and to this City. He could not thank him enough. He enjoyed getting to know Bill and Laura and he wished him the best. He knew they were kindred spirits when he found out that they both have 1987 Mazda B2000 trucks. It was not everybody that could drive those around and be respectful, but they pulled it off somehow. Thank you so much. He was a dear friend.

Mr. McBrayer thanked Alderman Wood and City Council members.

B. Presentation of a Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month to Centro Latino Hickory, Program Coordinator, Soraya Valdez Place.

Mayor Guess asked Program Coordinator Soraya Valdez-Place and also Administrative Manager Samantha Rangel to the podium. This was Hispanic Heritage Month, and they were both representing Centro Latino Hickory. He mentioned the two lovely little ladies that were with them. They valued their community partners as well, and the City of Hickory had long had a standing relationship with Centro Latino, and they were so proud of that relationship and were so proud to be able to honor them during the coming months. He noted that he had two Proclamations one was in Spanish and one was in English. He commented this was a very special occasion, and they were always honored to be able to honor this day and this month as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Hickory. Mayor

Guess read and presented the Proclamation to Ms. Valdez-Place and Ms. Rangel. Photos were taken.

Centro Latino Hickory, Program Coordinator, Soraya Valdez Place appreciated the recognition. It was very important for them to be recognized as they were going through very difficult times, but they appreciated them and they felt their support. She invited everyone to their festival.

Administrative Manager Samantha Rangel advised their festival this year was going to be in the City of Newton, on September 26th from 3:00 p.m. until 8: p.m. Everybody was welcome, and they also needed volunteers. She thanked Council, it meant a lot to their community.

Ms. Valdez-Place advised this year they moved the festival to Newton, but eventually they would come back to Hickory, because they were trying to move it around to different cities to give the opportunity for everybody to enjoy it. Everybody was welcome.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

- A. Mr. Cliff Moone, 4340 North Center Street, Unit 304. Hickory, North Carolina, commented they had tolerated him very well over the years to speak close to this date and close to the 15th of December. Two days from now they would be hopefully celebrating, they would, Constitution Day. The City has always been so great about recognizing that and keeping it because it was so important. In this 250th year of our Country, it is very special and important to think about those things, and they knew why.

Mr. Moone wanted to introduce a little quirky thing. He just finished a book recently by a fellow named Jesse Wegman, who on Thursday night would actually be on a podcast, called The Lost Founder: James Wilson And the Forgotten Fight for a People's Constitution. He did not know how many of them knew who James Wilson was. He would not ask them to show him because James Wilson was a man that they do not necessarily know very well from this. And yet, James Wilson, who was born in Scotland near Edinburgh. He came to this country, to Philadelphia, and came out of poverty in Scotland. He came here and became a premier lawyer. He became one of the best lawyers in the country and got very wealthy doing it, but he had one bad trait. This was very popular, including with their first president, with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and others, but he was addicted to land speculation. He basically lost everything, and at the end of his life in scandal, in debt, hundreds of thousands of dollars in that time, in debt, he died in Edenton, North Carolina, at a tavern, from malaria. That was not what he wanted them to know about James Wilson, because this book was a really good book, and he would hope they would read it sometime. He read the following: On September 17th, 1787, for the second time in 11 years, a group of several dozen men gathered around a low table at the front of the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House to sign what would become, along with the Declaration of Independence, one of the most cherished covenants in the history of democracy. In all, 89 delegates put their names to the Constitution and the Declaration. Of those 89, only 6, only 6 signed both documents, and of those 6, only 1 understood the 2 documents as inextricably linked. "All men," James Wilson said, "are by nature equal and free. No one has a right to any authority over another without his consent,". These were the words that James Wilson had written in 1768 in an essay and published in 1774, and he never stopped trying to carve them into the foundation of a truly democratic America. They were the words Thomas Jefferson adopted, with only slight alterations, in the preamble to the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Today, the lines of the preamble are sacred and chiseled to our collective political consciousness. But for nearly all the founders, the preamble, like the Declaration as a whole, was an afterthought, with one exception. None of them, not Madison, nor Adams, nor Washington, nor Hamilton, not even Jefferson, its primary author, ever cited its words in public through the end of the 18th century. The only exception was James Wilson. He thought that most people thought that the Declaration that they just celebrated, the 250th year, as the beginning of their nation. But technically, if they read the Declaration, it was only the United Colonies independent that declared their independence from Great Britain. But it was on the 17th of September, 1787, that they became truly a nation. Indeed, that was what James Wilson said at the Pennsylvania ratifying convention in order to successfully be the first big, large state to ratify the Constitution. Again, it was a little history lesson. He hoped they did not mind his sharing it with them. He recommended this book if they want to know one of the Lost Founders. Thank you.

- B. Ms. Park Inglefield, 510 11th Avenue Place NW, wanted to bring up a couple of things she had seen from other cities that she thought would be super cool to see Hickory do. One was this Thursday; Newton City Council was having a community meeting. Community meetings offer Newton residents an open conversational forum to share ideas and concerns directly with the City Council, with Council members responding to each speaker individually. She thought that would be a great way to address. Council was not really able to respond. That was just how the procedure went. She thought it would be amazing

to have an opportunity of a community discussion where they could really have a back and forth. They could listen. She thought it was really important that everyone was able to hear the responses. She would love for Council to check in on that. She was going to go if she was able. She thought that could be a really great thing for Hickory. Just get people involved, get them in the conversation. And a way for people who do not typically come to City Council meetings.

Ms. Inglefield advised she attended Long View City Council yesterday, and they were implementing a transparency portal on their website for flock cameras. She thought that was a great idea. It was a way on their website for people to see where the cameras were, and what agencies have access to them. She would really encourage the City, if they had not considered that yet, to consider putting a transparency portal just so people were aware of these things and could check for themselves. Thank you.

Mayor Guess thanked Ms. Inglefield. He asked if anyone else present would like to address the Council. No one appeared. He advised as always, they have this opportunity during each Council meeting, but also all of Council make themselves available, and if they would contact them he was sure they would make time available if they could not make it to a Council meeting, or if they knew someone, they would make themselves available and have a conversation with them at some other time.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of September 1, 2026.

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton that the Minutes of September 1, 2026 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 Dula that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Budget Revision Number 4. (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.

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

A. Approved a Commercial Use Permit and Lease Agreement with The Nest at HKY, LLC for Hangar and Office Space at Hickory Regional Airport.

Staff requests approval of a Commercial Use Permit and Lease Agreement with The Nest at HKY, LLC. The City currently leases hangar S-5 at the Hickory Regional Airport to The Nest at HKY, LLC. The tenant operates an Aircraft Management and Pilot operation. Due to significant growth the tenant has a need for additional hangar and office space. The Nest at HKY, LLC intends to increase their rental space by renting hangar S-1, located at 2910 2nd Avenue NW, on the south tamp of the Airport. The leased premises consist of hangar space, office space, restroom space, and storage space. The proposed annual rent amount will be \$75,600 with a 2.5% annual increase. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the commencement date and continue for an initial term of four years, unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Agreement. Tenant shall have one option to renew this Agreement for one additional term of five years by providing the City with written notice of its election to renew no later than one hundred twenty days prior to the expiration of the initial term. The renewal term shall be on the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided herein. Staff recommend City Council's approval.

Notice of the lease was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on August 13, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-45
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BY THE CITY
OF HICKORY PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 160A-272

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory desires to lease to The Nest HKY, LLC ("Tenant") a portion of Hangar S1 at the Hickory Regional Airport, located at 2910 2nd Avenue NW, Hickory, North Carolina 28601, consisting initially of approximately 9,600 square feet of aircraft storage space, 870 square feet of office and restroom space, and

1,160 square feet of storage space (collectively, the “Leased Premises”), together with the non-exclusive right to use approximately 342 square feet of lobby and restroom space (the “Common Space”), as more particularly described in Exhibit A to the Commercial Use Permit and Lease Agreement (the “Lease Agreement”), for an initial term beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2030, with one (1) option to renew for an additional five (5) years, at an initial annual rental of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$75,600.00), which shall increase by two and one-half percent (2.50%) annually beginning October 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement further grants Tenant a conditional option to lease approximately 3,200 square feet of additional hangar space and approximately 120 square feet of additional office space within Hangar S1 (the “Option Space”) if and when the Option Space becomes available during the Term, at the rental rates set forth in Exhibit B to the Lease Agreement, and further provides that, upon Tenant’s timely exercise of such option, the Option Space and the Common Space shall automatically be incorporated into the Leased Premises, with the Common Space thereafter being for the exclusive use and occupancy of Tenant for the remainder of the Term; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reported that the City will not need the Property for City purposes during the term of the proposed Lease Agreement and recommends that the City Council authorize execution of the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 160A-272 authorizes the City to lease property owned by the City for such terms and upon such conditions as the City Council may determine, provided that the term does not exceed ten (10) years and the City Council determines that the property will not be needed by the City during the term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 160A-272 further provides that such property may be leased only pursuant to a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council authorizing execution of the Lease Agreement after thirty (30) days’ public notice describing the property to be leased, stating the annual rental or lease payments, and announcing the City Council’s intent to authorize the lease at its next regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed lease was published on August 13, 2026, describing the Property to be leased, stating the annual rental payments, and giving notice that the City Council intended to consider a resolution authorizing execution of the Lease Agreement at its regular meeting on September 15, 2026, all in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 160A-272.

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

1. The City Council hereby determines that the Leased Premises, the Common Space, and, if and when leased pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, the Option Space, will not be needed by the City for City purposes during the applicable term of the Lease Agreement.
2. The City Council hereby authorizes the lease of the Leased Premises, together with Tenant’s non-exclusive right to use the Common Space, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease Agreement, including Tenant’s conditional option to lease the Option Space and the resulting incorporation of the Option Space and the Common Space into the Leased Premises upon Tenant’s exercise of such option in accordance with the terms of the Lease Agreement, all pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-272.
3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hickory, the Lease Agreement with Tenant for the lease of the Leased Premises, together with the non-exclusive right to use the Common Space, for an initial term beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2030, with one (1) option to renew for an additional five (5) years, upon the terms and conditions approved herein, including an initial annual rental of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$75,600.00), which shall automatically increase by two and one-half percent (2.50%) on October 1, 2027, and on October 1 of each year thereafter. The Lease Agreement shall further include Tenant’s conditional option to lease the Option Space if it becomes available during the Term, at the rental rates set forth in Exhibit B to the Lease Agreement, and shall provide that, upon Tenant’s timely exercise of such option in accordance with the terms of the Lease Agreement, the Option Space and the Common Space shall automatically be incorporated into the Leased Premises, the Common Space shall thereafter be for the exclusive use and occupancy of Tenant, and the annual rent shall automatically increase in accordance with Exhibit B to the Lease Agreement, all without the necessity of further action by the City Council.

4. The City Manager is further authorized and directed to execute any acknowledgment, notice, certification, or other document contemplated by or necessary to implement the terms of the Lease Agreement, including Tenant's exercise of the option to lease the Option Space, and to approve and execute any minor, non-substantive revisions to the Lease Agreement that are consistent with the intent of this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney and pre-audit certification by the Chief Financial Officer, if required by law.

(Exhibits "A" and "B" are on file in the City Clerk's Office and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the minutes)

- B. Approved a Resolution to Declare Surplus 2,789 Discarded Library Items to be Given to the Friends of Hickory Public Library to be Sold at the Friends "Corner Book Store" at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and/or Special Book Sales.

The Friends of Hickory Public Library collect donated books and other materials on an ongoing basis to be sold at seasonal book sales and/or the Corner Book Store, the proceeds from which provide funds for library programming and other special activities. For many years, the library has been giving the Friends of Hickory Public Library materials that have been removed from the collection because they are out of date, in poor condition, or no longer needed to meet the collection development goals of the library. The sale of donated and discarded books is the primary fundraising activity of the Friends of Hickory Public Library, and discarded library materials comprise a significant portion of their inventory. The sale of these items ultimately benefits the library and is an appropriate means of disposing of unneeded materials. The library requests that discarded library materials be declared surplus and given to the Friends of Hickory Public Library for their use at the "Corner Book Store" and/or seasonal book sales.

Public notice declaring surplus library materials and authorizing the donation to the Friends of Hickory Public Library was posted on September 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-46
A RESOLUTION OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
DECLARING SURPLUS LIBRARY MATERIALS AND
AUTHORIZING DONATION TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Hickory Public Library declares a list of 2,789 discarded library materials which are out of date, in poor condition, or no longer needed to meet the collection development goals of the library; and

WHEREAS, the Library wishes to dispose of said property to The Friends of Hickory Public Library. Books will be sold at the Friends "Corner Book Store" at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and/or at special book sales.

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-280 allows the city to donate to another governmental unit within the United States, or a nonprofit organization incorporated after advertising and Council approval.

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

SECTION 1. That authorization is given to the Hickory Public Library to dispose of the declared surplus in a manner serving the best interest of the City.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

- C. Approved a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Golden Rule Music School, LLC in the Amount of \$4,000.

In its 2025-2029 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 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. Jamie Stephens applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and grow his existing small business, Golden Rule Music School. 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 equipment and business expansion. Staff recommend that City Council approve the Microenterprise Grant agreement with Golden Rule Music School, LLC.

- D. Approved a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Maven Med Scrubs, LLC in the Amount of \$4,000.

In its 2025-2029 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. Britiney Perry applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and grow her small business, Maven Med Scrubs. Maven Med Scrubs is a medical apparel brand specializing in premium, comfortable scrubs. 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 for business equipment, inventory, and marketing and business promotion. Staff recommend that City Council approve the Microenterprise Grant agreement with Maven Med Scrubs, LLC.

- E. Approved a Lease Agreement with Hickory Downtown Development Association for City Owned Property Located at 24 1st Avenue NE.

Staff requests Council's approval of a lease agreement with the Hickory Downtown Development Association to lease property owned by the City of Hickory, located at 24 1st Avenue NE. The property has been leased to the Hickory Downtown Development Association for several years. The terms for the proposed lease will be for 9 years and 3 months in the amount of \$1 per year. The lease will run through December 31, 2035. The City will continue to provide all utilities and maintenance to the building. The Lessee will be responsible for the payment of all utilities furnished to the property. Staff recommend City Council's approval of the resolution of intent to lease property and the lease agreement with the Hickory Downtown Development Association.

Notice of the lease was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on August 15, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-47

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HICKORY AND HICKORY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC. FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24 1ST AVENUE NE, HICKORY, NC PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. § 160A-272

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Hickory desires to lease that certain City-owned tract or parcel of real property commonly known as 24 1st Avenue NE, Hickory, Parcel ID #370207694868, REID #2346, to Hickory Downtown Development Association Inc., for 9-years, 3-months term beginning October 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2035, at a total rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of operating a downtown development organization; and

WHEREAS, City staff reports that the City does not have a need for the property for City purposes during the term of the proposed lease and recommends that City Council authorize execution of the lease; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 160A-272 authorizes the City to lease or rent property owned by the City for such terms and upon such conditions as City Council may determine, but not for longer than 10 years and only if City Council determines that the property will not be needed by the City for the term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 160A-272 provides that such property may be leased only pursuant to a resolution of City Council authorizing execution of the lease agreement adopted at a regular City Council meeting upon 30 days' notice describing the property to be leased, stating the annual lease payments, and announcing City Council's intent to authorize the lease at its next regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, notice was published on August 15, 2026, describing the above-described property to be leased, stating the annual lease payments, and announcing City Council's intent to authorize the lease at its regular meeting scheduled for September 15, 2026, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 160A-272.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council for the City of Hickory hereby determines that the above-described property which is the subject of the proposed lease agreement between City of Hickory and will not be needed by the City for City purposes during the term of the proposed lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City is hereby authorized to lease the above-described real property to Hickory Downtown Development Association Inc., at the consideration provided herein pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-272.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and the Clerk to City Council are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Hickory, a lease agreement of the

above-described property with Hickory Downtown Development Association Inc. for 9-years, 3-months term at a total rent of \$1, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the City Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

- F. Approved Awarding the Service Weapon and Police Badge to Sergeant Cam Anderson Upon His Retirement from the City of Hickory Police Department.

Hickory Police Department requests that City Council award Sergeant Cam Anderson his service weapon (Glock Model 45, Serial # CDAM805) and badge upon his retirement on October 1, 2026. Sergeant Cam Anderson will retire from the City of Hickory Police Department after completing over 24 years of qualifying service to the citizens of Hickory. By authority of the NC General Statutes, City Council may award the service weapon and police badge to Sergeant Cam Anderson upon his retirement from the Hickory Police Department. Upon approval from City Council, the police badge and service weapon will be declared surplus and removed from the City's fixed asset inventory. Staff recommends approval to award the service weapon and police badge to Sergeant Cam Anderson upon his retirement from the City of Hickory Police Department.

- G. Approved the Citizens' Advisory Committee Recommendation for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs.

The mission of the City of Hickory's Community Development Division is to preserve the existing housing base, enhance ownership opportunities for all of its citizens to obtain decent housing, and provide a quality environment conducive to the safe and healthy growth of its citizenry. The seven-member Citizens' Advisory Committee was formed to provide for citizens' input in the facilitation of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, as well as any other similar community enhancement funding the City may receive. The following requests were considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on September 3, 2026:

- Marjorie Linebarger, located at 725 7th Avenue Court SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program.
- Patricia Sullivan, located at 1014 16th Street SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program.
- Isavel Figueroa, located at 408 18th Street Place SW, Hickory was recommended for approval of up to \$15,000 under the City of Hickory's 2026 Urgent Repair Program.
- Isavel Figueroa, located at 408 18th Street Place SW, Hickory was also recommended for approval of up to \$25,000 under the City of Hickory's Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program.

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

- H. Approved Soliciting a Request for Qualifications for On-Call Professional Engineering Services Related to Water and Sewer Infrastructure.

Staff requests Council's approval to solicit a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Professional Engineering Services related to water and sewer infrastructure. The City owns and operates public water and wastewater infrastructure serving Hickory and surrounding service areas. The City anticipates a continuing need for professional services relating to rehabilitation, replacement, expansion, regulatory compliance, asset management, and capital improvement delivery. The purpose of this RFQ is to identify firms with the technical breadth, personnel, capacity, municipal experience, and responsiveness to support water and sewer assignments that may arise during the three-year qualification period. The City of Hickory's Purchasing Policy and NC General Statute requires professional services greater than \$50,000 to be procured by a qualified based selection process. The City intends to establish a pool of one or more qualified firms that may be engaged during a three-year qualification period. Selection under this RFQ would not award a specific project, guarantee any minimum amount of work, or obligate the City to issue a contract or task order. Each assignment will be authorized only by a separately negotiated and executed contract, task order, or amendment, subject to applicable law, appropriation, and required City approvals. This solicitation is intended to implement qualifications-based selection under Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Firms will be evaluated on demonstrated competence and qualifications without regard to fee. After ranking, the City may negotiate scope and a fair and reasonable fee with the best-qualified firm for an agreement or assignment. Staff recommends Council's approval to solicit a Request for Qualifications for On-Call Professional Engineering Services related to water and sewer infrastructure.

- I. Approved a North Carolina Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division Multimodal Program Grant in the Amount of \$72,500 to Update the City's 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Staff requests Council's approval of the grant agreement for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Integrated Mobility Division Multimodal Program Grant using HDR as the consultant to update the City of Hickory's 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Since the development and adoption of the 2020 Bike and Pedestrian Plan, significant changes have transpired in Hickory. Since the City's Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan is now almost six years old and significant changes have occurred, the City applied for and was awarded the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division's (IMD) Multimodal Grant Program (MMPG) to update the City's 2020 Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan earlier this year. NCDOT IMD has assigned HDR as the consultant to help the City with these revisions and necessary modifications, taking into consideration the progress achieved thus far. Staff recommend Council's approval of the grant agreement with NCDOT IMD, with HDR serving as the City's consultant. The grant amount is \$72,500, with NCDOT providing \$56,750 and a local match of \$15,750.

- J. Approved a Resolution Declaring Surplus Fire Equipment and Selling Equipment to Bandys Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, Sugar Loaf Fire Department, and Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department of Catawba County, Inc.

City of Hickory Fire Department staff requests approval to declare as surplus a 26 piece Rescue 42 Strut Kit and the sale of the kit to Bandys Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$2,500. Staff request approval to declare as surplus one Hurst Hydraulic Power Unit, one Combination Spreader/Cutter, one Telescopic Ram, two Hydraulic Hoses, and the sale of the equipment to Sugar Loaf Fire Department for \$1,500. Staff request approval to declare as surplus a 44 piece Rescue 42 Strut Kit and sale of the kit to Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3,000. These fire departments are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The revenue from the sale of the equipment will be used towards the associated costs for new technical rescue equipment for the fire department. The sell of this equipment will be in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-267. Staff recommend approval of the Resolution declaring the equipment surplus and the sale of the equipment at the negotiated amounts.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-48
A Resolution of the Hickory City Council
Declaring Surplus Fire Equipment and
Authorizing the Sale to Bandys Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, Sugar Loaf Fire
Department, and Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Hickory Fire Department declares surplus a 26 piece Rescue 42 Strut Kit.

WHEREAS, the Hickory Fire Department wishes to sell said equipment to Bandys Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department at a negotiated price.

WHEREAS, the Hickory Fire Department declares surplus one Hurst Hydraulic Power Unit, one Combination Spreader/Cutter, one Telescopic Ram, and two Hydraulic Hoses.

WHEREAS, the Hickory Fire Department wishes to sell said equipment to Sugar Loaf Fire Department at a negotiated price.

WHEREAS, the Hickory Fire Department declares surplus a 44 piece Rescue 42 Strut Kit.

WHEREAS, the Hickory Fire Department wishes to sell said equipment to Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department at a negotiated price.

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-267 allows the City to dispose of property by private sale at a negotiated price after Council's approval and advertisement.

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

SECTION 1. That authorization is given to the Hickory Fire Department to dispose of the declared surplus in a manner serving the best interest of the City.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

- K. Approved a Resolution Authorizing the City to Apply for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant in an Amount up to \$2,000,000, (up to \$1,000,000 from the ORLP Grant and up to \$1,000,000 City of Hickory Local Match), for the Catawba River Environmental Education Center (CREEC) Project.

Staff requests Council's approval of a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for the ORLP Grant for the Catawba River Environmental Education Center: Outdoor Science, Heritage and Recreation Gateway Project. The National Park Service administers the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. This program specifically targets eligible urban communities with populations over 25,000 to create or significantly improve outdoor recreation spaces in areas that lack adequate park access. The City of Hickory owns three parcels along the Catawba River in Burke County identified as (Parcel IDs: 2783788894, 2783785060, and 2783886713) designated for the project site. The project's eligible grant expenses will focus on the construction of passive and active recreation amenities, including a paved walking path, boat dock, kayak launch, trails, outdoor classrooms, amphitheater, educational signage, drop-off pavilion, site furnishings, a scenic overlook and natural restoration areas. The ORLP grant program requires a minimum 50% non-federal match. A grant application covering eligible opportunities could be submitted in an amount of up to \$2,000,000 with up to \$1,000,000 from the ORLP Grant, and up to \$1,000,000 from the City of Hickory as a local match. The anticipated grant project cycle begins in October 2028. Staff recommends Council's approval of a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for the ORLP Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-49
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HICKORY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000,000 AND PROVIDE A MATCH OF UP TO \$1,000,000 FOR ORLP GRANT FUNDS FOR CATAWBA RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER: OUTDOOR SCIENCE, HERITAGE AND RECREATION GATEWAY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the National Park Service administers the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant Program under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to provide matching reimbursable grants to eligible urban communities for park development and land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory qualifies as an eligible urban area with a population exceeding 25,000 residents according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Catawba River Environmental Education Center: Outdoor Science, Heritage and Recreation Gateway Project, known as the “CREEC” project, will significantly enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in our community, including the following amenities:

A paved walking path, boat dock, kayak launch, natural and gravel trails, outdoor classroom, amphitheater, wetland boardwalk, overlook, educational signage, drop-off pavilion, site furnishings, restoration areas and overlook located at City-owned Parcel IDs 2783788894, 2783785060, and 2783886713. The City will pursue additional master planned amenities in future phases as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the ORLP program requires a minimum 50 percent non-federal match, and the City of Hickory has identified the matching funds in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 to meet this requirement; and

WHEREAS, a core condition of receiving ORLP funding is that the assisted park site must be maintained and accessible exclusively for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hickory is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in an amount up to \$2,000,000 and will commit up to \$1,000,000 as a match for the project.

D. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 5.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-31
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 5

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, 2027, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2026-27 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Government	10,000	-
Public Safety	35,578	-

Contingency		41,050
Transportation	72,500	-
Other Financing Uses	25,300	-
TOTAL	143,378	41,050

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Sales and Services	10,000	-
Other Financing Sources	35,578	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	56,750	-
TOTAL	102,328	-

SECTION 2. To amend the Solid Waste Fund within the FY 2026-27 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	5,884	-
TOTAL	5,884	-

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

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	5,884	-
TOTAL	5,884	-

SECTION 3. To amend the CREEC Project (#83317) Grant Project Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Water & Sewer Capital Projects	25,300	-
TOTAL	25,300	-

To provide funding for the above the CREEC Project (#83317) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	25,300	-
TOTAL	25,300	-

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 Items
- XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved the Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation of Property Located at 964 and 970 Airport Rhodhiss Road, and an Unaddressed Parcel to the East, Identified as Burke County PINs 2783785060, 2783788894, and 2783886713, the Catawba River Environmental Education Center (CREEC), Owned by the City of Hickory – Presented by Planning Manager Cal Overby.

Staff requests Council’s consideration of the voluntary non-contiguous annexation of property owned by the City of Hickory, located in Burke County, containing approximately 24.39 acres, located at 964 and 970 Airport Rhodhiss Road and an unaddressed parcel to the east. The City’s intention is to use the properties for the future location of the Catawba River Environmental Education Center (CREEC). Staff determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary non-contiguous annexation and adequate public services are available. Staff recommends approval of the petition.

Notice of the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on September 5, 2026.

City Manager Warren Wood advised the public hearing tonight was consideration of the voluntary non-contiguous annexation of property located at 964 and 970 Airport Rhodhiss Road, and an unassigned parcel to the east, and it was for the

Catawba River Environmental Education Center site, also known as CREEC, owned by the City of Hickory. It will be presented by Planning Manager Cal Overby.

Planning Manager Cal Overby gave a PowerPoint presentation. He advised the request was by the City to annex approximately 25 acres of property under City ownership in Burke County. The property was located again at 964 and 970 Airport Rhodhiss Road, as well as a vacant parcel to the left. The property was closest to Ward 5, which would be Alderwoman Dula. It was about a half a mile away there. The property was currently zoned R-3 residential by Burke County. As City Manager Warren Wood said the City was looking at constructing the CREEC Center there. The City would entertain rezoning the property to planned development, which their Planning Commission would consider next week on the 23rd. Currently there was a home on part of the property, and the remainder of the property was vacant. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a map, he explained it showed the current City jurisdictional areas. He pointed out the properties under consideration, the area located in Burke County's jurisdiction, the area in Hickory's extraterritorial area, and Hickory City limits. He advised they were about half a mile from the airport, which was the closest point of the proper City limits of the City. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a current zoning map of the property. Most of the area in Burke County was on residential in one fashion or the other. He pointed out the properties that were zoned R-3 residential, which was the majority of the County zoning in that area. There were some commercial and some other types of higher density for the County. He noted also that Hickory had some heavy commercial and industrial, which the airport was zoned such. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed an aerial photo of the area. He pointed out that it was mainly vacant and residential properties through there, with the exception of the airport to the east. He advised staff found that the petition met the standards for annexation, and he would entertain any questions Council may have.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions for Mr. Overby?

Alderman Wood asked who owned the buffer between the property that was being considered for annexation and the Catawba River?

Planning Manager Cal Overby commented that the rail line runs through there.

City Manager Warren Wood advised Caldwell County Railroad.

Planning Manager Cal Overby commented that the rail line was basically running along the shore.

City Manager Warren Wood commented interestingly that this property actually has lake access. It was on Drowning Creek and there was a railroad trestle bridge that goes over Drowning Creek, so there would be lake access underneath that.

Mayor Guess thanked Mr. Overby. He 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 Alderman Seaver approval of the voluntary non-contiguous annexation of City-owned property located in Burke County.

Mayor Guess commented they were extremely excited about the future possibilities of this Catawba River Environmental Education Center, and they were looking forward to public input and to what was going to happen there at that location. He thought it was going to be something that was going to compare to the population that they were seeing at the Aviation Museum once it was up and running. They look forward to a lot of future discussions about that, and they were looking forward to the grand opening of that. They were not going to put a date or anything on it. They had learned their lesson about doing that. It would probably be next year, he would say, sometime next year. Just keep that in mind.

Mayor Guess advised there was a motion and a second. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 524
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE (NON-CONTIGUOUS)
CITY OF HICKORY

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO
GENERAL STATUTES 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED (NON-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 Chamber of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th day of September 2026; 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.
- e. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area within the primary corporate limits of the City of Hickory.

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 non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Hickory as of the 30th day of September 2026:

Satellite Annexation
of the City of Hickory property located at
970 Airport Rhodhiss Rd. Hickory, N.C. 28601
964 Airport Rhodhiss Rd. Hickory, N.C. 28601
and Lot 2 Plat Book 32 at Page 132

Those certain parcels or tracts of land lying and being about 3.70 miles northwest of the center of the City of Hickory. Bounded on the north by Lake Hickory; on the east the lands of Cathy Darlene Winkler as described in Deed Book 1462 at Page 132, Stacy Winkler Morgan as described in Deed Book 1462 at Page 711 and Sia T. Yang and wife Ye X. Yang as described in Deed Book 1666 at Page 869; on the south by the lands of Henry Oliver Landry as described in Deed Book 2745 at Page 159, Michael L. Hart as described in Deed Book 2225 at Page 934 and Deed Book 810 at Page 487; on the east by the lands of Derrick C. Paparone and wife Alice H. Paparone as described in Deed Book 1563 at Page 198 and Deed Book 1698 at Page 467, Gwyn Wesley Wilson as described in Deed Book 2403 at Page 343, C. Rice and Associates, LLC as described in Deed Book 2841 at Page 773, Ronald B. Herman as described in Deed Book 2028 at Page 855, Monroe Levi Keller as described in Deed Book 723 at Page 174, Monroe Levi Keller and James Russell Keller as described in Deed Book 730 at Page 402 and Harvey Phil Houser as described in Deed Book 2116 at Page 967 and more particularly described as follow, to wit.

Beginning at a point in Airport Rhodhiss Rd. and in the north line of the Henry Oliver Landry lands as described in Deed Book 2745 at Page 159, said point being located South 09 degrees 39 minutes 29 seconds West 22.50 feet from a ½" rebar, said rebar having N.C. grid coordinates (NAD 83/2011) of N 738,020.50, E 1,287,966.38 and running thence, with Airport Rhodhiss Rd. and the north line of Landry, North 80 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds West 65.02 feet to a point; thence, North 80 degrees 08 minutes 51 seconds West 17.73 feet to a point; thence, North 81 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds West 99.00 feet to a point; thence, leaving Airport Rhodhiss Rd., South 87 degrees 02 minutes 26 seconds West, passing a ½" rebar, the northwest corner of Landry and the northeast corner of the Michael L. Hart lands as described in Deed Book 2225 at Page 934, at 90.43 feet, for a total distance of 92.83 feet to a 1" pipe; thence, with the north line of Hart, South 67 degrees 53 minutes 22 seconds West 99.10 feet to a 1" x 1 ¼" flat iron, the northeast corner of the Michael L. Hart lands as described in Deed Book 810 at Page 487; thence, with the north line of Hart, South 66 degrees 42 minutes 31 seconds West 89.97 feet to ½" rebar; thence, North 29 degrees 50 minutes 55 seconds East, passing a ½" rebar at 73.06 feet, said rebar being located North 83 degrees 33 minutes 38 seconds West 30.87 feet from a right-of-way monument, a total distance of 116.05 feet to a 5/8" rebar, the southeast corner of the Derrick C. Paparone and wife Alice H. Paparone lands as described in Deed Book 1563 at Page 198; thence, with east line of Paparone the following calls: North 00 degrees 02 minutes 08 seconds East 19.38 feet to a point in Airport Rhodhiss Rd.; thence North 05 degrees 45 minutes 44 seconds East 38.04 feet to a 1" pipe, said pipe being located South 89 degrees 20 minutes 53 seconds West 60.32 feet from a right-of-way monument; thence N 14 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds East 57.49 feet to a point; thence North 22 degrees 22 minutes 53 seconds East 26.49 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 07 seconds East 72.13 feet to a point; thence North 23 degrees 06 minutes 16 seconds West, passing a 5/8" rebar at 29.29 feet, a total distance of 60.12 feet to a point; thence North 15 degrees 15 minutes 08 seconds East 31.44 feet to a point; thence North 17 degrees 32 minutes 58 seconds West 70.95 feet to a point; thence North 27 degrees 12 minutes 54 seconds West 51.45 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees 21 minutes 58 seconds West 80.92 feet to a nail at the base of a 1" pipe; thence North 27 degrees 01' 14" West 45.96 feet to a 1" pipe, the southernmost corner of the Gwyn Wesley Wilson lands as described in Deed Book 2403 at Page 343; thence, with the south line of Wilson, North 18 degrees 18 minutes 52 seconds East 80.08 feet to a point in Drowning Creek; thence with the run of Drowning Creek the following calls: with the southeast line of Wilson, North 56 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East 50.00 feet to a point; thence North 56 degrees 44 minutes 37 seconds East 256.19 feet to a point in the southeast line of the C. Rice and Associates, LLC lands as described in Deed Book 2841 at Page 773; thence, with the east line of C. Rice and Associates, LLC and the Ronald B. Herman lands as described in Deed Book 2028 at Page 855 and the Monroe Levi Keller lands as described in Deed Book 723 at Page 174, North 18 degrees 59 minutes 04 seconds East 226.00 feet to a point in the east line of Keller; thence with the east line of the Monroe Levi Keller and James Russell Keller lands as described in Deed Book 730 at Page 402 and the Harvey Phil Houser lands as described in Deed Book 2116 at Page 967, North 01 degrees 07 minutes 41 seconds West 357.00 feet to a point; thence North 19 degrees 42 minutes 19 seconds East 87.26 feet to a point at the mouth of Drowning Creek, the northwest corner of Tract 1 of the City of Hickory lands as described in Deed Book 2718 at Page 667; thence, along the bank of Lake Hickory, South 66 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds East 805.28 feet to a ¾" pipe; thence South 75 degrees 21 minutes 37 seconds East 377.29 feet to a point in Lake Hickory; thence North 78 degrees 32 minutes 23 seconds East 90.98 feet to a point in Lake Hickory, the northeast corner of Tract 2 of the City of Hickory lands and the northwest corner of the Cathy Darlene Winkler as described in Deed Book 1462 at Page 132; thence, with the west line of Winkler, South 12 degrees 00 minutes 51 seconds West 600.41 feet to a point in the Duke Energy right-of-way, in the north line of the Stacy Winkler Morgan lands as described in Deed Book 1462 at Page 711; thence, with the Duke Energy right-of-way and the north line of Morgan, North 61 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West 294.73 feet to a ¾" pipe in the Duke Energy right-of-way and the easternmost corner of the Sia T. Yang and wife Ye X. Yang lands as described in Deed Book 1666 at Page 869; thence, with the northeast line of Yang, North 07 degrees 43 minutes 54 seconds West 41.61 feet to a 1/2" rebar, the northeast corner of Yang in the north line of the Duke Energy right-of-way; thence, with the north line of Yang and Duke Energy, North 61 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds West 171.43 feet to a nail at a ½" rebar, the southeast corner of Tract 2 of the City of Hickory lands as described in Deed Book 2718 at Page 667; thence, continuing with the north line of Yang and Duke Energy, North 61 degrees 11 minutes 43 seconds West 313.67 feet to a nail at a ½" rebar, the northwest corner of Yang in the north line of the Duke Energy right-of-way; thence, with the west line of Yang, South 09 degrees 39 minutes 29 seconds West 884.63 feet to a ½" rebar; thence, continuing with the west line of

Yang, South 09 degrees 39 minutes 29 seconds West 22.50 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 24.39 acres more or less.

This description was drawn from a map by James E. Carswell, P.L.S. L-4494, titled “Satellite Annexation of the City of Hickory property located at 970 Airport Rhodhiss Rd. Hickory, N.C. 28601, 964 Airport Rhodhiss Rd. Hickory, N.C. 28601 and Lot 2 Plat Book 32 at Page 132” dated August 14, 2026.

Section 2. Upon and after the 30th day of September 2026, 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. 5 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 Burke 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.

B. Departmental Reports

1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

<u>CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council Small Cities Project Area (Council Appoints)	VACANT
<u>COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council Ward 2 (Williams Appoints)	VACANT
<u>COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)	
Caucasian (Council Appoints)	VACANT
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Caucasian (Council Appoints)	VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints)	VACANT
<u>HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION</u> (Term Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms with Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council) Burke County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Burke County)	VACANT
<u>LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)	
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)	VACANT
Ward 5 (Dula Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (1) (Mayor Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (2) (Mayor Appoints)	VACANT
Alderwoman Dula Nominated Tammy Hefner as Ward 5 Representative on the Library Advisory Board.	
<u>PUBLIC ART COMMISSION</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council) Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints)	VACANT
<u>RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)	
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)	VACANT
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints)	VACANT
<u>UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION</u> (Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council) At-Large Not Including ETJ (Council Appoints)	VACANT

Alderwoman Williams Nominated Karen Montgomery as an At-Large Representative on the University City Commission.

<u>YOUTH COUNCIL</u>	
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)	
Homeschool	VACANT
St. Stephens High School	VACANT

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

- C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests
- XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)
- XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature
- Alderman Freeman knew Todder had been working on what was called Ballfield Music Bingo, which would take place on Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It would be on the Samuel Williams Davis Senior Multipurpose Field. There would be raffles, prizes, giveaways, cornhole, dominoes, uno, traditional card games, and variety board games that would be taking place. That was called Ballfield Music Bingo.
- City Manager Warren Wood referred to Ms. Inglefield’s discussion regarding the Flock portal that Long View was working on. He advised that the City’s would be up by the end of this week as well. They were having that put in place.
- XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk