

RESOLUTION NO. 23-27

**AMENDMENT OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
CREATING THE UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Hickory City Council created the University City Commission by resolution for the purposes of broadening the relationship between the City of Hickory and Lenoir-Rhyne University; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to expand the Commission's membership and purposes to foster the relationship between the City of Hickory and other resident institutions of higher education located within the community, as well as promoting collaboration to assist student integration into the community through social engagement, volunteer service, and career development opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1: Amended

Section 2 Membership; Appointment; Terms; Compensation is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

2.1 Membership. The University City Commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) voting members and one (1) ex officio member.

2.2 Appointment. Members shall be appointed in accordance with the terms of this section.

a. voting members

i. The Hickory City Council shall appoint three (3) citizens of Hickory, not including ETJ residents, on an at large basis.

ii. The President of Lenoir-Rhyne University ("LRU"), or his/her designee, shall appoint two (2) faculty and/or staff persons and one (1) student.

iii. The President of Appalachian State University ("ASU"), or his/her designee, shall appoint two (2) faculty and/or staff persons and one (1) student.

iv. The President of Catawba Valley Community College ("CVCC"), or his/her designee, shall appoint two (2) faculty and/or staff persons and one (1) student.

v. . The Catawba County Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director or his/her designee shall serve as a voting member.

b. nonvoting members

i. The Hickory Downtown Development Association's Director shall serve as ex-officio member.

2.3 Terms. Members appointed by City Council or a higher education institution are eligible to serve two (2) year terms except that student members are eligible to only serve one year terms. The initial terms of these members will be as follows:

a. Two City Council appointees shall serve initial terms of two (2) years with said initial terms to end concurrently with the fiscal year of the city. These appointees shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. The remaining appointee shall serve an initial term of one year with said term to end concurrently with the fiscal year of the city. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term.

b. One LRU faculty and/or staff appointee shall serve an initial term of two (2) years with the term ending concurrently with the fiscal year of the city. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. One LRU faculty and/or staff appointee shall serve an initial term of one (1) year. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. The student appointee shall serve a one-year term.

c. One ASU faculty and/or staff appointee shall serve an initial term of two (2) years with the term ending concurrently with the fiscal year of the city. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. One ASU faculty and/or staff appointee shall serve an initial term of one (1) year. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. The student appointee shall serve a one-year term.

d. One CVCC faculty and/or staff appointee shall serve an initial term of two (2) years with the term ending concurrently with the fiscal year of the city. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. One CVCC faculty and/or staff appointee shall serve an initial term of one (1) year. This appointee shall be eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term. The student appointee shall serve a one-year term.

e. The Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director or his/her designee and the Hickory Downtown Development Association's Director are eligible to serve an unlimited number of two-year terms.

f. The terms of all current UCC members shall expire June 30, 2023. New members shall be appointed in accordance with this section.

2.4 Representation. It is the City Council's intent that the University City Commission shall be comprised of citizens and faculty or staff who have ties to LRU, ASU or CVCC, a passion for their respective institutions as well as a passion for Hickory, are active in Hickory business and/or cultural organizations and have the ability and relationships that will enable the Commission to accomplish specific objectives and outcomes.

2.5 Attendance. Any member of the University City Commission, without good and sufficient reason (illness or family emergency, not including business meeting or vacation) fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings shall be considered to have abandoned and forfeited membership. The term of office of such absentee shall thereby terminate, and the City Council shall thereupon appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term of such a person

2.6 Vacancy. Any vacancy caused by the death, dismissal, resignation, removal of residency, or in the case of a student a withdrawal or graduation a student shall be filled by the respective appointing entity for the remainder of such member's term.

2.7 One vote per member. Each voting member of the commission shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before any regular or called meeting in which such member is present, and provided a quorum is present at that time, as specified in section 2-133.

2.8 Quorum. The quorum consists of seven (7) members of the University City Commission. A quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of any official business by the commission.

2.9 Compensation. The members appointed shall serve without compensation except that members may be reimbursed from funds appropriated to the University City Commission for necessary travel expenses while engaged in the work of the University City Commission.

2.10 Officers named. The officers of the commission shall be a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

2.11 Duties of Officers-Chairpersons. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the commission and is eligible to vote on all matters coming before the commission. The chairperson shall appoint all committees, shall be responsible

for scheduling regular meetings, and shall have the sole responsibility for calling special meetings of the commission. He or she shall have the responsibility for preparing agendas and conducting all meetings in an orderly manner.

2.12 Same-Vice-chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall perform all duties and assume all responsibilities of the chairperson in his or her absence.

2.13 Expenditures. The University City Commission may receive contributions from private agencies, foundations, organizations, individuals and state or federal government, or any other source, in addition to any sums appropriated for its use by the City Council. It may accept and disburse these funds for any purpose within the scope of its authority and as herein specified.

Section 2: Effective Date.

This Amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED by the City Council of Hickory, North Carolina, in open session of a regularly scheduled meeting this the 16 day of May, 2023.

THE CITY OF HICKORY,

A North Carolina Municipal Corporation



Attest:

By: [Signature]
Hank Guess, Mayor

(SEAL)

[Signature]
Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

Approved as to form this 17th day of May, 2023.

[Signature]
Arnita Dula, Deputy City Attorney