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ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

June 18, 2024
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Retired Minister Cliff Moone
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Recognition of Retiring Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula

City Council Members and City Manager Warren Wood expressed their gratitude to Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula for her many years of service to the City of Hickory and the community.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A** A. Regular Meeting of June 4, 2024. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- 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.
 - A2** A. Budget Revision Number 22. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 24-09 for Property Located at 2301 21st Avenue NE, Owned by the City of Hickory. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Consideration of the City Manager's FY2024-2025 Recommended Budget. **(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.
 - A** A. Approval of the 2024 Urgent Repair Program Assistance Policy and Procurement and Disbursement Policy. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

In January of 2024, the City of Hickory Community Development Division applied for funding through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's Urgent Repair Program. The City of Hickory has been awarded \$120,000 through this program in order to assist approximately 8 very low-income homeowners with urgently needed repairs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 per housing unit. The City of Hickory will provide an additional \$5,000 in matching funds, which are available from Rental Rehabilitation program income. The total program budget will be \$125,000. NC Housing Finance Agency requires the City

of Hickory to prepare Assistance and Procurement Policies. These policies must be made available to the public and explain the guidelines of the URP24 program. These policies incorporate program requirements, applicant eligibility standards, and program capabilities. Upon approval, these policies will be submitted to the NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) in order to finalize the City's grant agreement. Upon receipt and final acceptance by NCHFA, funds will be dispersed to the City of Hickory in order to begin repairs to eligible homes. Staff recommends approval of the post approval documentation and the URP Assistance Policy and Procurement and Disbursement Policy.

A B. Approval of a Resolution to Cancel the Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting on July 2, 2024. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

A C. Approval of a Resolution to Declare Surplus 2,640 Discarded Library Items to be Given to the Friends of the Library to be Sold at the Friends "Corner Book Store" at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and/or Special Book Sales. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

The Friends of the 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 given the Friends 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 the 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 the Library for their use at the "Corner Book Store" and/or seasonal book sales.

Public Notice was posted June 4, 2024.

A D. Approval to Accept the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant in the Amount of \$26,000. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

The Hickory Police Department requests approval to accept the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$26,000 for officer overtime traffic enforcement. The Hickory Police Department is committed to reducing motor vehicle crashes, especially those involving injury and death. The overtime grant will fund extra duty efforts by the Hickory Police Department to conduct operations that will involve highly visible traffic enforcement for speeding, occupant protection devices, and other traffic violations. Conducting these traffic enforcement operations will allow Hickory Police Department to address the rising trend in motor vehicle crashes involving injury or death. The Hickory Police Department will use these funds to pay officers to work on these highly visible traffic enforcement operations and focus on speeding, occupant protection devices, and intersection traffic violations. The Hickory Police Department recommends acceptance of the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for officer overtime traffic enforcement in the amount of \$26,000. There are no matching funds required.

A E. Approval of the Agreement for Professional Services with Thomas-Gordan-Shook (TGS) Consulting Engineers in the Amount of \$198,825.25, Contingent on North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Approval. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with Thomas-Gordon-Shook (TGS), Consulting Engineers for preliminary engineering and design services related to the Aviation Museum Connector Multi-Use Trail Project – BL-0115 in the amount of \$198,825.25, contingent on North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) approval. The City applied for and received State Transportation Block Grant - Directly Attributable (STBG-DA) funding approval for \$2,400,000 with a 20% match of \$600,000, from the Greater Hickory MPO and North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Aviation Museum Connector Multi-Use Trail. The multi-use trail will connect the Aviation Museum to the Aviation Walk Connector and the rest of the Hickory

Trail System. The location of the proposed Aviation Museum is currently not served by sidewalk or other bicycle or pedestrian facilities. Aviation Museum Connector would link the new Aviation Museum to the rest of the Hickory Trail System and give visitors and citizens of Hickory a bike/ped option to enjoy the facility. The new museum building will also house the Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) Workforce Innovation Center. The proposed trail will connect the Appalachian State University (ASU) Campus with the CVCC Workforce Innovation Center and will support shared educational opportunities. Preliminary engineering is needed to design the Aviation Museum Connector. Staff requests Council's approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with Thomas-Gordon-Shook (TGS), Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$198,825.25, contingent on NCDOT approval.

- A** F. Approval to Write-off Uncollectible Accounts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the Amount of \$171,767.69 in Accordance with North Carolina General Statutes. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Staff requests the City Council's approval to write off uncollectible accounts totaling \$171,767.69. In accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes, a list of accounts to be written off is submitted for Council's approval each year, in conjunction with the annual audit. North Carolina General Statutes establish that all street assessments, demolitions, nuisance violations, and property taxes that are over ten years old are no longer collectible and should be written off in conjunction with the annual audit. For the current fiscal year 2023-2024, there was \$14,116.36 in unpaid property taxes which exceed the ten-year limitation. The City of Hickory's Accounting Division requires all other accounts that are over eighteen months in arrears be written off to comply with "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" in order to more fairly represent financial assets of the City on the balance sheet. For the current fiscal year, this amount is \$157,651.33. Current fiscal year write-offs total \$171,767.69, compared to \$138,207.07 for FY 2022-2023. Even though these accounts will be written off, the Finance Department will continue to pursue collection of the debts. All eligible accounts over \$50 are submitted to the North Carolina Debt Setoff Program for collection. As of May 21, 2024, the City of Hickory has collected \$21,230.18 from the garnishment of North Carolina State income tax refunds and North Carolina State lottery winnings during this current fiscal year. Staff recommends approval to write-off uncollectible accounts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

- A** G. Approval of the Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendations for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

The mission of the City of Hickory's Community Development Division is to preserve the existing housing base, enhance ownership opportunities for all 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 citizen input in the facilitation of the City's 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 a regular meeting on June 6, 2024.

- Maudie Hewitt, 232 10th Avenue SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed \$25,000 for repairs to her house. Assistance would be in the form of a 0% interest deferred loan.
- Tammy Conley, 433 3rd Street SW, Hickory, was recommended for approval of up to \$12,000 under the City of Hickory's 2023 Urgent Repair Program.
- Maudie Hewitt, 232 10th Avenue SE, Hickory was recommended for approval of up to \$12,000 under the City of Hickory's 2023 Urgent Repair Program.

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

- A** H. Approval of the Issuance of Pyrotechnic Display Permit to PyroStar Entertainment for a Fireworks Display at the Hickory Motor Speedway. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

Staff requests approval of the issuance of a pyrotechnic display permit to PyroStar Entertainment for fireworks display at Hickory Motor Speedway. Kevin Piercy, General Manager of Hickory Motor Speedway, has submitted requests to obtain permission to conduct public fireworks display on the following date July 13, 2024 (rain date October 5, 2024). The North Carolina Fire Code requires an operational permit for the use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. The Hickory Fire Department Fire & Life Safety Division shall review all required documentation for the event, including Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm's (ATF) License, Operator and Assistant Operators Permits from North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (NCSOFM), Site Plan, and the one-million-dollar liability insurance policy. The Fire & Life Safety Division will also inspect the pyrotechnics display area before the event to ensure compliance with NCSOFM Guidelines, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, and NFPA 1126 Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience (if applicable). Staff recommend approval of the above pyrotechnics displays.

- A** I. Approval of Change Order 1 with Neill Grading and Construction Co., Inc. for Trivium East Road Widening and Traffic Signal Design Project in the Amount of \$37,218.50. **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

Staff requests the Council's approval of change order number one with Neill Grading and Construction Co., Inc. for Trivium East Road Widening and Traffic Signal Design project in the amount of \$37,218.50. This project was designed in 2023 to meet the 2018 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Standard Specifications. After the project was bid the traffic signal plans were required to be updated to the 2024 NCDOT Standard Specifications. The change to 2024 NCDOT Standard Specifications changed the mast arm pole and signalization design, resulting in an increase in price. The costs will be split 50/50 with Catawba County and the City of Hickory. Staff recommends Council's approval of change order number one with Neill Grading and Construction Co., Inc. for Trivium East Road Widening and Traffic Signal Design project in the amount of \$37,218.50.

- A** J. Approval of a Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for Supplemental Grant Funds Under the NCEM Disaster Relief and Mitigation Grant in the Amount of up to \$736,523. **(Exhibit VIII.J.)**

Staff requests the Council's approval of a Grant Agreement between North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) and the City of Hickory for supplemental grant funds under the NCEM Disaster Relief and Mitigation grant in the amount of up to \$736,523. On January 21, 2024, Public Utilities applied for supplemental grant funding for an Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation grant through the NC Department of Public Safety. NCDPS approved this application and awarded the City of Hickory a grant in the amount of up to \$736,523 on May 3, 2024, for flood hardening and streambank restoration along Snow Creek at the Snow Creek Pump Station. Staff recommends Council's approval of a Grant Agreement between NCDPS and City of Hickory for supplemental grant funds under the NCEM Disaster Relief and Mitigation grant in the amount of up to \$736,523.

- A** K. Approval of a Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for Supplemental Grant Funds Under the NCEM Disaster Relief and Mitigation Grant in the Amount of up to \$901,609. **(Exhibit VIII.K.)**

Staff requests the Council's approval of a Grant Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) and the City of Hickory for supplemental grant funds under the NCEM Disaster Relief and Mitigation grant in the amount of up to \$901,609. On January 21, 2024, Public Utilities applied for supplemental grant funding for an Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation grant through the NC Department of Public Safety. NCDPS approved this application and awarded the City of Hickory a grant in the amount of up to \$901,669 on May 3, 2024, for flood hardening and streambank restoration along Falling Creek at the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility. Staff recommends

Council's approval of a Grant Agreement between NCDPS and City of Hickory for supplemental grant funds under the NCEM Disaster Relief and Mitigation grant in the amount of up to \$901,609.

A1 L. Budget Revision Number 23. (Exhibit VIII.L.)

1. *To appropriate \$171,744 in opioid revenues received during Fiscal Year 2024.*
2. *To reimburse \$531,000 to General Fund Balance from the CVCC Workforce Innovation Center for the CVCC matching grant as a result of additional state funding.*
3. *To reverse the funding of \$200,000 for the future Fairgrove Church Road Industrial Park Project until construction bids are received.*
4. *To appropriate \$40,000 in additional Fire Department revenues and transfer \$9,100 from the Rural Fire District budget to install a diesel exhaust system in Fire Station #4.*
5. *To appropriate \$736,523 in supplemental FEMA grant revenues for the Snow Creek Pumpstation Project.*
6. *To appropriate \$901,609 in supplemental FEMA grant revenues for the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.*
7. *To appropriate \$37,219 towards the Trivium East Project to cover increased construction costs. \$18,609 will come from General Fund Balance. The other \$18,610 will come from Catawba County.*

A M. Approval of the Sale of City-Owned Property Located On Amity Street To SPA Properties, LLC. (Exhibit VIII.M.)

The City owns approximately 39.78-acres of property located on Amity Street in Fairgrove Business Park. The property is further identified on the Catawba County Tax Maps as PINs 372116821582 and 372120718859. The City has owned this property since 2002. The property has been marketed for sale on the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation website for the past several years at an asking price of \$25,000 per acre. SPA Properties, LLC has offered \$25,000 per acre to purchase the property for future development. A sale to the private sector will place the property back on the property tax roll and allow for future development. The property is zoned Industrial (IND) and could be developed for a variety of distribution and manufacturing uses. North Carolina General Statutes require that surplus property be sold competitively. The property would need to be sold subject to the upset bid statute and allow other interested parties to bid on the property after the City Clerk places a public notice in the newspaper. Staff recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution accepting the offer from SPA, LLC and authorize staff to advertise for upset bids.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

A 1. Consideration of the Community Development Block Grant FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan – Presented by Community Development Specialist, Anna Beth Walker. (Exhibit XI.A.1.)

In program year 2024, the City of Hickory will receive \$340,621 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and approximately \$25,000 in program income from repayments of loans made with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a total of \$365,621. Funds will be used to develop stronger communities by providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for people of low and moderate incomes. The City of Hickory's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is

updated on an annual basis through the development of an Annual Action Plan. This plan sets priorities among these needs and sets out an action plan for use of available funds on a yearly basis. This provides for flexibility in determining priorities as the needs of the community change from year to year. The 2024 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development upon approval by the Hickory Council. The plan will serve as the City's strategy for administering 2024 federal funds for community development and housing. The proposed budget line items are as follows: Housing Rehab/Purchase Rehab Program - \$125,000; Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements - \$115,000; Small Business Assistance Program - \$4,000; Public Service Activities - \$60,000; Contingency - \$7,921; Program Administration and Fair Housing - \$53,700; Total CDBG - \$365,621. The Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed the draft action plan at their meeting on June 6, 2024 and recommended approval of the proposed budget.

The public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Hickory area on May 16, June 6, and June 18, 2024.

B. Departmental Reports

A 1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large (Council Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints)	VACANT

Alderwoman Patton nominated Alicia Wilfong as an At-Large Representative on the Business Development Committee.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) Appointed by City Council

At-Large (Council Appoints)	VACANT
At-Large (Council Appoints)	Vickie Wiley Eligible for Reappointment

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 1 (Wood Appoints)	Lynn Sampson Eligible for Reappointment
At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints)	VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

African American (Council Appoints)	Lakeisha Ross-Johnson Eligible for Reappt.
Caucasian (Council Appoints)	VACANT
Caucasian (Council Appoints)	VACANT
Caucasian (Council Appoints)	VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints)	VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints)	VACANT
Differently-Abled (Council Appoints)	George Rhinehardt Eligible for Reappt.

Mayor Guess nominated George Rhinehardt for reappointment as a Differently-Abled Representative on the Community Relations Council.

EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HICKORY

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms with Unlimited Appointments)

(Appointed by City Council)	
Hickory Representative	Frank Young Eligible for Reappointment

Mayor Guess nominated Frank Young for reappointment as a Hickory Representative on the EDC Board of Directors for Hickory.

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Term Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms with Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 1 (Wood Appoints) Bill McBrayer Eligible for Reappointment
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) Sam E. Hunt Eligible for Reappointment
Burke County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Burke County) VACANT
Catawba County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Catawba County) Catawba County Commissioners Approved the Reappointment of William Pekman.

Mayor Guess nominated William Pekman for reappointment as a Catawba County Representative on the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

Alderman Freeman nominated Sam Hunt for reappointment as Ward 4 Representative on the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Historic Properties Owner (Council Appoints) VACANT
Building Trades Profession (Council Appoints) VACANT
Recommendation of Adam Oakley as Building Trades Profession
Licensed Architect (Council Appoints) Ernest K. Sills Eligible for Reappointment
At-Large (2) (Council Appoints) VACANT
At-Large (3) (Council Appoints) Samuel E. Hunt Eligible for Reappointment

Alderman Zagaroli nominated Brett Shoemaker for appointment as At-Large (2) Representative on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Guess nominated Adam Oakley for appointment as Building Trades Profession Representative, reappointment of Ernest Sills as Licensed Architect Representative, and reappointment of Samuel Hunt as an At-Large Representative on the Historic Preservation Commission.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 2 (Williams Appoints) VACANT
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints) Pamela Kiefer Eligible for Reappointment
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) Charlie Hayes Eligible for Reappointment
At Large (3) (Mayor Appoints) Jennie Nichols Dulin Eligible for Reappointment

Alderwoman Williams nominated Suzanne Williams for appointment as Ward 2 Representative on the Library Advisory Board.

Alderwoman Patton nominated Charlie Hayes for reappointment as Ward 6 Representative on the Library Advisory Board.

Mayor Guess nominated Jennie Nichols Dulin for reappointment as an At-Large Representative on the Library Advisory Board.

PARKS RECREATION AND SPORTS TOURISM

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 1 (Wood Appoints) Susan Bisulca Eligible for Reappointment
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) Robert Grimes Eligible for Reappointment
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) Charlie Hayes Eligible for Reappointment
At-Large Minority (1) (Council Appoints) Phyllis Michaux Eligible for Reappt.

Mayor Guess nominated Phyllis Michaux for reappointment as an At-Large Minority (1) Representative on the Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism Board.

Alderman Zagaroli nominated Robert Grimes for reappointment as Ward 5 Representative on the Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism Board.

Alderwoman Patton nominated Charlie Hayes for reappointment as Ward 6 Representative on the Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism Board.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 1 (Wood Appoints) VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Appoints) VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Appoints) Dana Andreasson Eligible for Reappointment

Mayor Guess nominated Dana Andreasson for reappointment as an At-Large Representative on the Public Art Commission.

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by Mayor)

Position 5 Sherry Griffin Eligible for Reappointment

Mayor Guess nominated Sherry Griffin for reappointment as Position 5 Representative on the Public Housing Authority Board.

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints) VACANT

Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints) VACANT

Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) VACANT

At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT

At-Large (Council Appoints) VACANT

SALT BLOCK FOUNDATION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Hickory Representative (Council Appoints) Alderman Zagaroli Eligible for Reappt.

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

UNIVERSITY CITY COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 2-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large Not Including ETJ (Council Appoints) Taylor Newton Eligible for Reappt.

Alderwoman Williams nominated Taylor Newton for reappointment to the University City Commission as an At-Large Representative.

WESTERN PIEDMONT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appoint by City Council)

Karen Dickerson – Delegate

John Marshall – Alternate

Mayor Guess nominated Karen Dickerson as Delegate Representative, and John Marshall as Alternate Representative on the Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority Policy Board.

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

At-Large	Aastha Patel
At-Large	Anthem Avangeline
At-Large	Britney Zulueta
At-Large	Ella Sprinkle
At-Large	Melinda Cassell
At-Large	Nolan Tester
At-Large	Terry Liu
At-Large	Yareli Garcia
At-Large	Emma Sparks
At-Large	Addison Duke
Fred T. Foard	Kathryn Cinson
Hickory High School	Cole Caudle
Hickory High School	Abbi Smith
Hickory High School	Elizabeth Cruz
Hickory High School	Harper White
Hickory High School	Miriam Wood
Hickory High School	VACANT
Hickory High School	VACANT
St. Stephens High School	Amelia Gscheidmeier
St. Stephens High School	Tucker Bland
St. Stephens High School	Addison Cox
St. Stephens High School	Sarah Starr
St. Stephens High School	Brenna Laney
St. Stephens High School	Connor Dowdle
St. Stephens High School	Krish Shah
Challenger High School	Harley Buff
Hickory Career & Arts Magnet	Micaela Pope
Private School	Aliza Kaplan
Private School	Caroline Sprinkle
Homeschool	VACANT

Mayor Guess nominated all the above listed applicants as Youth Council Representatives.

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

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

City Council members voted to consider a matter not on the agenda, a letter from the Chair of the Community Appearance Commission.

Chair of the Community Appearance Commission read a letter from the members of the Community Appearance Commission in recognition and appreciation of Hickory City Council Members, the City Manager and staff, and the Hickory Bond Commission, for their efforts in the implementation of the City Walks, its extensions and the landscaping surround the walks.

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

XIV. Adjournment

***Hickory City Code Section 2-56. Public Address to Council:**

“When conducting public hearings, considering ordinances, and otherwise considering matters wherein the public has a right to be heard, when it appears that there are persons present desiring to be heard, the Mayor shall require those opposing and favoring the proposed action to identify themselves. Each side of the matter shall be given equal time. Those opposing the proposed action shall be allowed 15 minutes for presentation, followed by 15 minutes for those favoring the action, with the opponents then to have five minutes for rebuttal and the proponents to then have five minutes for surrebuttal. Those persons on either side shall have the right to divide their allotted time among them as they may choose. The Council, by majority vote, may extend the time for each side equally. On matters in which the person desiring to address the Council does not have a legal right to speak, the Council shall determine whether it will hear the person. The refusal to hear a person desiring to speak may be based upon grounds that the subject matter is confidential, that its public discussion would be illegal, that it is a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Council or for any other cause deemed sufficient by the Council. Any person allowed to speak who shall depart from the subject under discussion or who shall make personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who shall become boisterous while addressing the Council shall be declared out of order by the Mayor, or by vote of the Council, and barred from speaking further before the Council unless permission to continue shall be granted by a majority vote of the Council, under such restrictions as the Council may provide.”

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