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NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied**

## **ACTION AGENDA**

Hickory City Council  
76 North Center Street

September 17, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Dr. Alderman Freeman
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Presentation of a Proclamation to Lenoir-Rhyne University's Head Softball Coach Shena Hollar. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
  - A. Ms. Keisha Collins, 815 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW, Hickory, expressed her concerns with issues that she is having with City officials.
  - B. Mr. Cliff Moone, 4340 North Center Street, Hickory, discussed Constitution Week.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A** A. Regular Meeting of September 3, 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. Approval of an Ordinance Amendment Adding Section 23-9 to the Hickory Code of Ordinances for Nonresidential Fees. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
  - A2** B. Approval of the Implementation of a Speed Limit Reduction to 25mph along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drive NE, and along 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
  - A2** C. 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.
  - A/PH** A. Call for a Public Hearing to Consider the Preliminary Assessment Roll for Curb and Gutter Petition 24-01, for Property Located at 525 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Hickory, and Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Preparation of the Assessment Roll **(Authorize Public Hearing for October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).** **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

- A B. Authorization to Apply for Rural Community Capacity Building Funding from the North Carolina Department of Commerce in the Amount of \$45,000. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

*Staff requests that the City Council authorize staff to apply for Rural Community Capacity Building Funding from the NC Department of Commerce. The Rural Community Capacity Building program provides technical assistance to communities in North Carolina to assist their ability to apply for grants and spur economic development in their communities. City staff has been attending this training since May 2024, and the program concludes in September 2024. As part of the program, the City is eligible to apply for a \$45,000 grant to promote economic development. In the City's original application to participate in the program, staff requested using the implementation funds to update the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan. This plan was approved by City Council in December 2017. Given the construction of the Hickory Trail, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on employment and commuting patterns, along with construction of significant housing in downtown Hickory, and additional issues, the plan is ready for an update. The funds will be used to hire a consultant to assist staff in updating the plan and ensure it meets the City's current economic development needs. Staff recommends that City Council authorize staff to apply for Rural Community Capacity Building Funding from the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$45,000.*

- A1 C. Budget Revision Number 5. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

1. *To appropriate \$6,752 in revenues from the sale of a vehicle within the Building Services Department towards building maintenance costs.*
2. *To appropriate \$1,220 from General Fund Balance to roll forward remaining funds from the Community Navigator FY 23-24 budget.*
3. *To appropriate a total of \$3,336 in sponsorship revenues for programming and event costs within the Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism Department.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

- A 1. Consideration of the FY2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Submission as Required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Presented by Business and Community Development Manager. **(Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

*Consideration of the FY 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for submission as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City of Hickory, as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding recipient, to report on CDBG monies spent within the previous fiscal year. The CAPER evaluates the effectiveness of the use of resources in addressing identified goals and objectives cited in the Annual Action Plan which is prepared before the fiscal year begins. CDBG resources were used for the following activities: Housing Rehabilitation - \$168,887.45; Housing Rehab Administration - \$36,850.82; ALFA - \$10,000; Exodus Homes- \$8,000; Family Care Center - \$6,500; Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club - \$8,000; Hickory Soup Kitchen - \$8,000; Catawba Science Center - \$8,000; Public Infrastructure Improvements - \$188,992.55; Fair Housing - \$1,419; and Program Administration- \$64,180.49; for a total of \$508,830.31. The City of Hickory, in complying with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's requirements, is preparing the CAPER, for submission to HUD. The CAPER outlines the City's CDBG expenditures from July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024.*

*Notice of the availability of this document for public review and notice of the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on August 31, September 7, and September 14, 2024.*

B. Departmental Reports

NA 1. Update on Various City of Hickory Projects

A 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

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**COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION**

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

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
African American (Council Appoints)  
Caucasian (Council Appoints)  
Caucasian (Council Appoints)  
Other Minority (Council Appoints)  
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Alderwoman Williams Nominated Christy Lohr Sapp as a Caucasian Representative on the Community Relations Council.

**HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

(Term Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms with Unlimited Appointments) (Appointed by City Council)  
Burke County Representative (Mayor Appoints with Recommendation from Burke County)

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
Historic Properties Owner (Council Appoints)

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**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
Ward 1 (Wood Appoints)  
At-Large (Mayor Appoints)  
At-Large (Mayor Appoints) (Dana Andreasson Resigned 9-5-2024)

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**RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)  
Ward 5 (Zagaroli Appoints)  
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints)  
At-Large (Council Appoints)  
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**YOUTH COUNCIL**

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

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Homeschool VACANT

- 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
- 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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