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A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred, NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

January 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Christy Lohr-Sapp, St Andrew's Lutheran Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- A** A. Annual Audit - Presentation by Kari Dunlap, Martin Starnes & Associates.
- NA** B. Ingrid Keller, Executive Director of the United Arts Council of Catawba County Introduction of the Presentation of an Economic Impact Study to be Presented by Board Immediate Past President Alan Jackson.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Regular Meeting of January 2, 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 to Implement a Speed Limit Reduction to 25mph along 9th Avenue NE between 16th Street NE and 20th Street NE. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** B. Approval to Implement a Speed Limit Reduction to 25mph along 7th Avenue NW between 4th Street Drive NW and 6th Street NW. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** C. Budget Revision Number 12. **(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 to Apply for a Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant in the Amount of \$25,000. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

Hickory Police Department requests approval to apply for a Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for officer overtime traffic enforcement. Hickory Police is requesting \$25,000. The Hickory Police Department is committed to reducing motor vehicle crashes, especially those involving injury and death. If awarded, 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. Increasing traffic enforcement efforts will allow Hickory Police to address the rising trend in motor vehicle crash fatalities, serious injuries, crashes caused by speeding and intersection traffic violations. Hickory Police Department recommends approval to apply for a Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for officer overtime traffic enforcement in the amount of \$25,000. There are no matching funds required for this grant if awarded.

A1 B. Budget Revision Number 13. (Exhibit VIII.B.)

1. *To appropriate \$20,000,000 in Transportation Emergency Reserve Fund revenues from NCDOT. \$5,000,000 will go towards the construction of T-Hangars and Group Hangars at Hickory Regional Airport, while the remaining \$15,000,000 will go towards the design of an EMAS system and runway extension on the West side of runway 6-24 at Hickory Regional Airport.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports

NA 1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

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

VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Other Minority (Council Appoints)
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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)
Building Trades Profession (Council Appoints)

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LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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

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RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

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

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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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