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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

March 5, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Cassandra Rawls, Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
  - A. Mr. Michael Anise, 2764 Pleasant Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708, to Discuss Denial of Replacing a Mobile Home due to a Zoning Ordinance.  
  
Mr. Michael Anise discussed his concerns regarding not being allowed to replace a mobile home that had been vacant for more than 60 days.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - A** A. Regular Meeting of February 20, 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 the Implementation of a Speed Limit Reduction to 25 mph along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between Main Avenue NE and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place NE, and along 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place NE, and along 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
  - A2** B. Revised Budget Revision Number 14. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
  - A2** C. Budget Revision Number 15. **(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.
  - PH/A** A. Call for a Public Hearing to Consider the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of 11.147-Acres Located at 2536 Startown Road, PIN 3721-1950-9129, Owned by Matthew Varney, and wife Yer Vang. **(Authorize Public Hearing for March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building). (Exhibit VIII.A.)**
  - A** B. Approval of a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Harold Dean Proctor and wife, Harriett Smith Proctor, and Rebecca Lea Proctor Ward and husband Richard Sterling Ward, to Rebecca Lea Proctor Ward and husband, Richard Sterling Ward, Oakwood Cemetery, Section 10,

Block F, Lot 1, Containing Eight Grave Sites, 1-8, (Grave Sites 1 and 2 are Occupied). (Prepared by Attorney John G. Fuller). **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

- A** C. Approval of a Resolution to Declare Surplus 10,438 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.*

*Notice was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on February 24, 2024.*

- A1** D. Budget Revision Number 16. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

1. *To appropriate \$5,359 in Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism donations to cover youth sports and senior games programming costs.*
2. *To appropriate \$3,000,000 in SCIF Grant Revenues to be used for the construction of the Hickory Aviation Museum & CVCC Workforce Innovation Center.*
3. *To appropriate \$1,700,000 in donations received by the Sabre Society of North Carolina to be used for the construction of the Hickory Aviation Museum & CVCC Workforce Innovation Center.*
4. *To reduce Catawba County revenues within the Trivium Corporate Center Project to correct a budget duplication error from Budget Revision #16 of fiscal year 2021.*
5. *To transfer a total of \$68,000 to the Stormwater Fund for stormwater drain pipeline repairs \$34,000 will come from General Fund Contingency, while the other \$34,000 will come from Water & Sewer Fund Contingency.*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

B. Departmental Reports

- A** 1. Approval of Updates to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program – Presented by Transportation & Engineering Manager, Caroline Kone. **(Exhibit XI.B.1.)**

*Staff requests Council's approval to update the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. City of Hickory Traffic Division staff has updated the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program policy after receiving comments from citizens and staff that have gone through the current traffic calming process. Traffic Division staff feel that it is time to update the policy that was last updated in January, 2019. The changes to the policy more clearly explain the policy and procedures than the previous version. Traffic Division staff received comments from citizens who have participated in the current Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program policy. The updated policy has been reviewed by appropriate City of Hickory staff to consider their comments and concerns, including addressing Fire Code Section 503.4.1*

*which requires traffic calming devices to be approved by a fire code official. Changes to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program include, removal of double yellow centerline and/or white edge lines; increased the required pavement width to 35 feet for on-street parking; added a statement allowing other traffic calming measures to be used at the discretion of the Traffic Engineer; changed minimum number of properties in favor of a speed limit reduction to 60%; changed the number of Council readings for measures other than speed limit reductions to one reading; added a statement clarifying that obstructions may be removed to allow proper line-of-sight for traffic calming measures. Staff recommends Council's approval of the updates to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.*

NA

2. 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)  
Caucasian (Council Appoints) Cliff Moone Resigned  
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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**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms (Appointed by City Council)  
Ward 1 (Wood Appoints) William Richter Resigned 2-28-2024

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**RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)  
Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)  
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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