

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	Hank Guess	Anthony Freeman
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Warren Wood, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Assistant City Manager Yaidee Fox, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy, and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present with the arrival of Alderman Seaver at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Invocation by Reverend Susan Smith, Assistant Executive Director of Exodus Homes, and Senior Associate Pastor of Exodus Missionary Outreach United Church of Christ
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
  - A. Presentation of a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month to Catawba Valley Association of Realtors, Karleta Sharisse Smith.

Mayor Guess asked Karleta Smith from Catawba Valley Association of Realtors to the podium. Mayor Guess commented that they all realize how important housing was, not only to our community but to all communities, particularly affordable housing, and fair housing for everyone. He wanted to recognize this month particularly at the National Association of Realtors celebrates equal choice in housing. He read and presented the Proclamation for Fair Housing Month to Ms. Smith. Photos were taken.

- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

- A. Mr. Clifton Bennett to Discuss the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.

Mayor Guess asked Mr. Clifton Bennett to the podium.

Mr. Clifton Bennett, Director of Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, located at 750 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Place SE, Hickory, North Carolina. He asked them to first of all, forgive the heavy accent, as he was from Taylorsville, North Carolina, originally. He spoke briefly on behalf of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club and about some of the great things that were going on over there. It had grown exponentially in the past three years that he had been Director there. They were doing some great things as far as providing some very healthy resources for the young men and women in the community. Over the past three years, their after-school program had grown from serving 28 club members to 55. Their year-end reporting for 2023 showed 187 club members, 132 summer day camp applicants and after school program applicants, 54 served through their athletic programs, which included high school football, basketball, and they also had a high school baseball program in 2023. They currently partner with local organizations such as Hickory Music Factory, Shooting Stars Gymnastics, Hickory Museum of Art, and Council of Adolescence to provide enrichment and educational resources. The vast majority of their demographic served was represented by low-to-middle income families. They currently receive some Federal funding through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Health and Human Services Alliances. However, with surveys continuing to show the worsening of mental health among youth, it was critically important that they seek as much support throughout the community and the State as possible to keep their organization going. Their ultimate goal as a community resource was to enrich and empower the lives of the youth in the community, provide underserved children and youth with opportunities otherwise they would not be able to afford, as well as raising awareness and the need to be intentional in their strategies to prevent their youth from facing possible addiction, incarceration, or homelessness. They strive to partner with other organizations in the community to produce productive citizens within the community. He thanked Council.

Alderman Freeman commented he was extremely proud of the work that Mr. Clifford Bennett was doing. He had the chance to take a tour on Monday of the Boys and Girls Club at the Salvation Army. He was not even aware of all that he was doing and how it was growing. He was certainly excited about the work he was doing in the City.

Mayor Guess asked if anyone else wished to address the Council. No one else appeared.

- VI. Approval of Minute

- A. Regular Meeting of March 19, 2024.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of March 19, 2024, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Freeman that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Budget Revision Number 17. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- B. Rezoning Petition 24-03 for Property Located at the Southeast Corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE, including 1630 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE from R-3 Residential to NC Neighborhood Commercial. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)
- C. Rezoning Petition 24-04 for Property Located at 2536 Startow Road, Containing 11.147-Acres from Catawba County R-20 Residential to City of Hickory R-2 Residential. (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.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Williams approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approved the Community Relations Council's Spring 2024 Grant Recommendations.

The Community Relations Council (CRC) requests the City Council's approval of the Spring 2024 grant cycle. As part of the CRC work plan and annual budget process, the Community Relations Council receives funds to disperse during the fiscal year through the CRC grant process. Non-profit agencies working with diverse populations in Hickory are eligible for grant funding. The grant proposal must show how the program under consideration fits into the CRC goals and mission and how the program will serve to improve human relations in the Hickory area. For the Spring 2024 grant cycle, the CRC received 9 grant applications for projects totaling \$13,500 and is recommending approval of 2 grants, The Salvation Army- \$1,500 and Catawba County Hispanic Ministry, Inc. - \$1,500, totaling \$3,000. Funds are available in the CRC budget for the recommended grant approvals. The Community Relations Council recommends funding of the 2 grants listed totaling \$3,000.

- B. Approved the Issuance of a Pyrotechnic Display Permit with Pyrotechnics for a Fireworks Display at Lenoir-Rhyne University on April 29, 2024.

Justin Hay, Deputy Director for External Relations at Lenoir-Rhyne University, has submitted a request to obtain permission to conduct public fireworks display on April 29, 2024, no rain date was requested. 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 (NCOSFM), 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 NCOSFM 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 pyrotechnics display permit.

- C. Approved the Donation of the VIPER Radio Network Expansion Equipment to the State of North Carolina at the Riverbend Road VIPER P25 RF Site in Catawba County.

Hickory Police Department requests approval to donate VIPER Radio Network Expansion equipment to the State of North Carolina at the Riverbend Road VIPER P25 RF site in Catawba County. Hickory Police Department is in the process of switching to the North Carolina Viper Radio Network. Hickory Police Department purchased VIPER Radio Network Equipment from Motorola Solutions to be installed at the Riverbend Road Viper P25 RF Tower site in Catawba County. This equipment is needed to expand the channel capacity at the Riverbend Road site to prepare for the future increased usage by the Hickory Police Department. The requested VIPER equipment list to be donated is as follows: 1 – GTR 8000 Expandable Site Sub-System Channel Addition Upgrade; 1 – 700/800 MHZ; 1 – GTR Base Radio; 1 – Astro 25 Site Repeater SW; and 1 – Astro System Release 2019.2. This equipment was purchased by the Hickory Police Department from Funds budgeted in the FY 2022/2023 CIP. The cost of this equipment was \$31,620. Once donated, the State of North Carolina will assume ownership of this equipment, be responsible for installation, future maintenance, and system upgrades as needed. North Carolina General Statute 160A-280 grants cities the authority to donate surplus, obsolete,

or unused equipment to other governmental entities after posting a five-day public notice, followed by City Council's approval in the form of a resolution. Notice was posted on the City's website on March 21, 2024. The donation of the VIPER equipment is required to allow the State to take possession of and assume the responsibility for all future updates and maintenance. The Hickory Police Department recommends that the above listed VIPER Radio Network Expansion equipment be donated to the State of North Carolina.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS HICKORY POLICE DEPARTMENT VIPER RADIO EXPANSION EQUIPMENT TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Hickory Police Department of the City of Hickory desires to donate Hickory Viper radio expansion equipment to the State of North Carolina Viper Network.

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

1. The Hickory Police Department (the "Department") is transitioning to the State of North Carolina Viper Radio Network.
  2. The Department purchased VIPER Radio Network Equipment ("Equipment") for the purpose of expanding the Department's radio channel capacity on the Viper Radio Network.
  3. The Equipment consists of a) a GTR 8000 Expandable Site Sub-System Channel Addition Upgrade, b) a 700/800 MHZ, c) a GTR Base Radio, d) an Astro 25 Site Repeater SW, and e) an Astro System Release 2019.2.
  4. The Equipment is valued at \$31,620.
  5. The Department desires to donate the Equipment to the State of North Carolina's Viper Radio Network.
  6. Upon receipt of the donated Equipment, the State will assume ownership and be responsible for the installation, maintenance, and upgrades of it.
  7. N.C.G.S. 160A-280 authorizes a municipality to donate personal property to another governmental entity by the governing body's adoption of a resolution authorizing the donation.
  8. In accordance with the statute, notice of the proposed donation was posted on the City of Hickory's website and
  9. The City Council hereby authorizes the Department to donate the Equipment to the State of North Carolina Viper Radio Network.
- D. Approved on First Reading an Ordinance Amending Section 1-2 and Adopting Sections 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 of the City of Hickory Code of Ordinances.

Staff requests the Council's approval of an Ordinance amending Section 1-2 and adopting Sections 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 of the City of Hickory Code of Ordinances. The City of Hickory has a significant governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its employees, customers, and the public and in preserving the public order. The City Council has determined that it is necessary and will serve the governmental interest to establish certain ground rules for aircraft located at the Hickory Regional Airport. Section 1-2 of the Hickory Code of Ordinances shall be amended to definitions. Section 3-30, "Ground Rules for Aircraft". Section 3-31 "Enforcement", and Section 3-32, "Penalties for Violations" shall be added to the Hickory Code of Ordinances. Staff recommends the City Council's approval of the Ordinance amending Section 1-2 and adopting Sections 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 of the City of Hickory Code of Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HICKORY  
AMENDING SECTION 1-2 AND ADOPTING SECTIONS 3-30, 3-31 AND 3-32  
OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory has significant governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of its employees, customers, and the general public and in preserving the public order; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that it is necessary and will serve the aforementioned governmental interest to establish certain ground rules for aircraft located at the Hickory Regional Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, BY CITY COUNCIL OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

1. Section 1-2 of the Hickory Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add the following definitions:

Airport. The term "airport" means the Hickory Regional Airport.

Airworthy or Airworthy Aircraft. The term "airworthy" or "airworthy aircraft" means an aircraft that has a current annual inspection and is operational and capable of self-propulsion, with the exception of aircraft that is non-operational or incapable of self-propulsion and is undergoing maintenance, repair and/or refurbishment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

2. Section 3-30 shall be added to the Hickory Code of Ordinances and shall read as follows:

Sec. 3-30. – Ground rules for aircraft.

(a) All aircraft located and/or stored on airport property shall be airworthy.

(b) No person shall park or otherwise leave any non-airworthy aircraft unattended anywhere on airport property except in designated repair and/or hangar facilities for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days while undergoing maintenance, repair and/or refurbishment.

(c) No person shall park or otherwise leave unattended any aircraft anywhere on airport property without the permission of the airport director.

(d) No person shall carry on or conduct any aircraft activity upon or from the airport or locate and/or store aircraft on airport property without first securing approval from the airport director and executing such lease, contract or other written agreement as may be required by the airport director. The airport director may require aircraft owners or operators to pay fees to the city as a condition of carrying on or conducting aircraft activity upon or from the airport and/or for locating or storing aircraft on airport property. In the event an aircraft owner or operator fails to pay fees within the time required by the airport director, the airport director may tow, store and/or dispose of that owner or operator's aircraft in accordance with Section 3-30(e).

(e) In addition to other penalties generally imposed for violations of this Code, any aircraft conducting activity upon or from the airport and any aircraft located and/or stored on airport property in violation of subsections (a) through (d) of this section may be towed, stored and/or disposed of by the city in accordance with the procedures set out in N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-303 or as otherwise provided under North Carolina law. Before the owner may take possession of any aircraft towed and/or stored by the city he or she must pay the city the entire reasonable costs incidental to removing and storing the aircraft and locating the owner.

3. Section 3-31 shall be added to the Hickory Code of Ordinances and shall read as follows:

Sec. 3-31. – Enforcement

The airport director shall have the power and duty to:

(a) Enforce this article;

(b) Collect fees, require deposits, and design and require the use of such forms necessitated by this article; and

(c) Establish such procedural rules as he shall, from time to time, deem necessary or conducive to the property and administration of this article.

4. Section 3-32 shall be added to the Hickory Code of Ordinances and shall read as follows:

Sec. 3-32. – Penalties for violations.

A violation of this section may be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor and be subject to a maximum fine not to exceed \$500.00 pursuant to G.S. 160A-175 and G.S. 14-4.

5. All ordinances or provisions of the Hickory City Code of Ordinance which are not in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed as of the effective date hereof.
6. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.
- E. Approved a Cemetery Deed Transfer from Charles Edward Hayes, Jr., and wife Kimberly C. Hayes to Adele Reese Barrier, and husband Neill Lee Barrier, Jr., Oakwood Cemetery, Plot A, Lot No. 4, Section 56, containing 80 square feet more or less. (Prepared by Susannah L. Brown, Attorney at Law).
- F. Approved the Acceptance of the Offer of Public Dedication of Street Right of Way for 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE.

Consideration of the acceptance of the offer of public dedication of street right-of-way, being 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE. In 2024 construction was bonded or completed on a new street providing access to a new hotel and restaurant off US Hwy 70 SE. As part of this development, a new street was constructed to provide access to new building lots. The City has been presented with an offer of public dedication of street right-of-way as shown on a plat recorded at Plat Book 84, Page 75 of the Catawba County Registry. The area offered for public dedication is a 45-foot-wide right-of-way known as 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE. The street will or has been constructed by the developer as part of a new commercial development. The street will be or has been properly inspected by the City of Hickory and found to meet the minimum design requirements necessary for public maintenance. Public use and maintenance of street right-of-way cannot occur unless the City Council formally accepts the offer of public dedication by means of a duly executed resolution. This requirement is outlined in the North Carolina General Statutes, as well as the City's Land Development Code. Staff recommends the City Council's approval of the resolution accepting the offer of public dedication of a 45-foot-wide right-of-way containing a newly constructed street known as 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive NE.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 24-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF PUBLIC DEDICATION OF LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS 14th AVENUE DRIVE NE, WHICH IS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A.

WHEREAS, NCGS §160D-806 and Article 2, Section 2.3.6 of the Land Development Code provide City Council may, by resolution, accept offers of public dedication made to the public of lands and facilities for streets, sidewalks, open spaces, and public utilities after verification from the City Engineer such properties and improvements are in a manner acceptable for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory has been provided an offer of dedication of lands and improvements known as 14th Avenue Drive NE, which is shown on "EXHIBIT A" as a 45-foot-wide right-of-way, and shown in more detail in Plat Book 84, Page 75 of the Catawba County Registry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hickory has reviewed the land and improvements placed upon them provided as part of the offer of public dedication, and such land and improvements have been found to conform with standards in place for such land and improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Hickory, North Carolina, the offer of public dedication for 14th Avenue Drive NE, which is described in detail within Exhibit A, is accepted, subject to the following terms and conditions:

#### SECTION 1. Terms and Conditions of Acceptance:

1. The developer shall guarantee all materials and workmanship for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of official acceptance by the City Council.
2. The acceptance by the City Council shall not be interpreted in any way to relieve any developer, contractor, subcontractor, insurance company, owner, or other person of his individual or several obligations under any ordinance, policy, or contract or to otherwise reduce or eliminate the rights of the city, its agents and employees against any other party connected with or in any way related to the development of the subdivision and facilities. The acceptance shall not be interpreted as a waiver of any defense or immunities that the city, its agencies, or employees may assert or be entitled to.
3. All rights, privileges and warranties of whatsoever nature and kind, for equipment, supplies, materials, goods, and services shall be assigned to the city and any and all benefits derived there from shall inure to the city, its agents, and employees. The acceptance of the lands and facilities shall be conditioned upon the owners covenanting and warranting that they are lawfully seized and possessed of all the lands and facilities

dedicated to the public; that they have good and lawful authority to dedicate the same to the public for the stated purpose; that the lands and facilities are free and clear of any deed of trust, mortgage, lien or assessments and that the dedicators for their heirs, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns, covenant that they will warrant and defend the dedication of such land and facilities against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

4. Acceptance of dedication of lands and facilities shall not obligate the city to construct, install, maintain, repair, replace, extend, improve, build, or operate any public facilities or utilities which are not in existence as of the date of the acceptance of the lands and facilities. Such acceptance shall not obligate the city to construct any main line, pipe, lateral, or other extension or permit connection to the city's water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, drainage, or other public utilities systems.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

G. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 18.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-14  
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 18**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2023-24 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Culture & Recreation	5,184	-
Public Safety	194	-
TOTAL	5,378	-

To provide funding for the above, the General Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Sales and Services	2,378	-
Miscellaneous	3,000	-
Other Financing Sources	3	3
TOTAL	5,381	3

SECTION 2. To amend the Solid Waste Fund within the FY 2023-24 Budget Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Environmental Protection	19,192	-
TOTAL	19,192	-

To provide funding for the above, the Solid Waste Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	19,192	-
TOTAL	19,192	-

SECTION 3. To amend the Airport Fund within the FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Transportation	905	-
TOTAL	905	-

To provide funding for the above, the Airport Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Miscellaneous	905	-
TOTAL	905	-

SECTION 4. To amend the CVCC Innovation Center (#700014) Capital Project Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Government	1,500,000	-

TOTAL	1,500,000	-
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To provide funding for the above, the CVCC Innovation Center (#700014) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental	1,500,000	-
TOTAL	1,500,000	-

SECTION 5. To amend the Justice Assistance 2022 (#G51107) Capital Project Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	3	-
TOTAL	3	-

To provide funding for the above, the Justice Assistance 2022 (#G51107) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Investment Earnings	3	-
TOTAL	3	-

SECTION 6. To establish the OSBM-SCIF 450k Flow-Thru (#G50182) Grant Project, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Economic & Community Development	450,000	-
TOTAL	450,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the OSBM-SCIT 450k Flow-Thru (#G50182) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental	450,000	-
TOTAL	450,000	-

SECTION 7. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved the Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation of 304.39-Acres Located at 2319 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE, PIN 3711-13-03-6026, Owned by the State of North Carolina – Presented by Planning Director Brian Frazier.

Consideration of the voluntary contiguous annexation of 304.39 acres of property located at 2319 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE, identified as PIN 3711-13-03-6026. The property is currently vacant and located within the City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction. The property is zoned R-1 Residential, which permits residential development at 2 dwelling units per acre. The property is currently owned by the State of North Carolina. The State of North Carolina has petitioned annexation so that the property can be located within Hickory’s corporate limits. While the property is slated to be a new State Park, no definitive park plans have been developed. Surrounding properties are zoned Catawba County R-20 Residential and City of Hickory R-1 Residential and occupied by single family homes, vacant or under development. The property is under the ownership of the State of North Carolina, and as such would not be taxable. The current listed tax value of the property is \$1,112,100. Upon analysis, staff has determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary non-contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff find the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommend approval of the petition.

The public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on March 23, 2024.

City Manager Warren Wood asked Planning Director Brian Frazier to the podium to present Council with a voluntary non-contiguous annexation of 304.39-acres, located at 2319 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE, owned by the State of North Carolina.

Planning Director Brian Frazier gave a PowerPoint presentation. He reiterated what City Manager Warren Wood had said, the State of North Carolina had petitioned for annexation so that the property could be located within the City of Hickory's corporate limits. The property was slated to be a new State Park, but no definitive park plans, or date had been developed at this time. What he was bringing before Council was the annexation with the City of Hickory as the applicant, basically the agent for the State of North Carolina, voluntary non-contiguous, about 304-acres, Alderman Seaver's Ward. The area is currently vacant, and the future development was for a State Park. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a map. He pointed out the annexation area, the Hickory ETJ (extra-territorial jurisdiction) and the Hickory City limits. This would be contiguous. He displayed a map of the current zoning. He pointed out the City of Hickory boundaries, the property located in the R-1 zoning district, which was the City's less dense district under the Land Development Code, and the property in question. He pointed out the back of the shopping center, Target, Dick's and Kohl's, and Grandview Middle School, Fire Station number seven, and some new proposed residential development in the area south of Catawba Valley Boulevard. Mr. Frazier discussed the staff's findings and recommendations. The annexation petition complied with all applicable State statutes. Adequate public services were available to serve the eventual State Park, and the annexation of this park property will not cause public services to fall below acceptable levels. Based on these findings, planning staff recommended approval of the requested annexation. He asked for questions from Council.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions.

Alderman Wood asked what the benefit of annexing the property was. What was the benefit to the State? Because there was no tax event, correct, associated with this. Was it public utility access?

Mr. Frazier advised there would be the need for water and sewer. It was a State administration, but the City would be the local agent, and would have full planning, zoning, and land use enforcement, as well as the utilities, police, and fire.

Alderwoman Williams asked if they had any idea what the timeframe was. She knew it was up in the air.

Mr. Frazier did not know. There were others that had been involved in this project more than he had. He was not aware of any time. They had heard lots of numbers and if he had listened, it would have been built already.

City Manager Warren Wood commented there had been some preliminary design work on what could be. The City owns about 150-acres that was undeveloped, that was contiguous to this, that if a State Park would come to pass, would go with it. It would be dependent upon funding from the State. They were looking at canoe/kayak launch, walking trails, maybe bike trails, parking lot, picnic shelter, that sort of thing, just kind of a low intensity sort of use. Henry Fork River runs right through it.

Mr. Frazier commented as City Manager Warren Wood indicated this would be more of a passive recreational use than active.

Mayor Guess commented regardless of when it happens it was exciting news.

Mr. Frazier agreed. He thought it was wonderful for the City, a great opportunity.

City Manager Warren Wood commented with all the development they had, preserving an open space was important.

Mayor Guess commented it was in a great location.

City Manager Warren Wood advised the main access would be off US 321 at the River Road exit.

Mayor Guess asked for any other questions or comments. He thanked Mr. Frazier. He declared the public hearing open. He explained the rules for conducting the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess asked if anyone in favor of the proposal wished to speak. No one appeared. Mayor Guess declared the public hearing closed. He asked for a motion or other discussion.



Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the voluntary non-contiguous annexation of 304.39-acres located at 2319 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE.

Alderwoman Patton thought it would be a great thing for Hickory.

Mayor Guess agreed that it would be. And not just for Hickory but the whole community, the entire unifour area. He asked for any other comments or discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 499  
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE (NON-CONTIGUOUS)  
State of North Carolina

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE  
CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO  
GENERAL STATUTES 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED (NON-CONTIGUOUS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory desires to annex the area described herein, under G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of said annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to the sufficiency of said request, and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held in the Council Chamber of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of April 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory further finds that the area described therein meets the standards of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit:

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three miles from the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another city than to the City of Hickory.
- c. The areas described are so situated that the City will be able to provide services on the same basis within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits.
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory does hereby find as a fact that said petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign and all other requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the annexation is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Hickory and of the areas proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, as amended, the following-described non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Hickory as of the 30th day of April 2024:

Satellite Annexation  
by the City of Hickory  
known as the State of North Carolina Property

Description of that certain parcel of land lying and being south of I-40, east of Hwy 321 and west of Robinson Road; bounded on the north by the Lee M. Seagle property recorded in Deed Book 344, Page 236 and in Nancy Frye Seagle property in Estate File# 092E-0366, on the east by the Claude Ray Shrum and Billie S. Shrum property recorded in Deed Book 3430, Page 641 and illustrated as Lots 1-41 of Shrum Acres recorded in Plat Book 77, Page 90, as well as the Wilburn F. Hahn and wife Margie Naomi Teague Hahn property recorded in Deed Book 1231, Page 596, then along the north side of a 60' right- of-way by the said Hahn property

and the Roger Wayne Crouch property recorded in Deed Book 3852, Page 101 and the Kristy Miller Saunders property recorded in Deed Book 3696, Page 637, on the east of the right-of-way by Robinson Road (SR 1148), and on the south of the right-of-way by the Ruth Bolick Pollard, widow and Michael Edward Pollard, married property recorded in Deed Book 3463, Page 608 – Tract 3 and the Samuel Ross Penland and wife, Holly T. Penland property recorded in Deed Book 3159, Page 1735 which continues to bound the overall property on the east as on the southeast by the Wayne M. Bach, Trustee of the Whitener Family Trust property recorded in Deed Book 3043, Page 1116, bounded on the south by the Ricky Allen Shook and wife, Mary Shortt Shook property recorded in Deed Book 1393, Page 756, the James Ray York and wife, Margaret A. York property recorded in Deed Book 1802, Page 624 and illustrated as Lot “E” of Plat Book 31, Page 175, the Nattlie Propst property recorded in Deed Book 3736, Page 1530, the Christopher F. Malinoski and wife, Amy F. Malinoski property recorded in Deed Book 3731, Page 309, the Malachi Morris property recorded in Deed Book 3840, Page 1704 – Tract Two and Tract One, the Richard M. Griffin Family Limited Partnership property recorded in Deed Book 2012, Page 9 – Tracts 1 thru 5, the Richard M. Griffin Family Limited Partnership recorded in Deed Book 2996, Page 875, on the southwest by the Dale Calloway, minor, Curtis Calloway, minor, and James B. Trapp, Jr, Guardian ad Litem property recorded in Deed Book 1435, Page 787 – Tract 3, the Dale Calloway and Joelle Moose property recorded in Deed Book 1995, Page 755 and the City of Hickory property recorded in Deed Book 2041, Page 1400, and on the west by the City of Hickory property recorded in Deed Book 895, Page 260 – Tract No. I, the Ronald Scot Shuford property recorded in Deed Book 1945, Page 1293 – Tract Two and Tract One, the Dennis Stewart Cloer and Darren Andrew Cloer property recorded in Deed Book 3719, Page 715 and illustrated as Lots 21-28 of Block “B” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Robert E. Kaylor and wife, Karen H. Kaylor property recorded in Deed Book 1968, Page 27 and illustrated as Lots 13-20 of Block “B” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Janet Reinhardt Burleson property recorded in Deed Book 1605, Page 164 and illustrated as Lots 5-12 of Block “B” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Jonathan Andrew Harrington and Devin Alexis Williams property recorded in Deed Book 2588, Page 844 and illustrated as Lots 1-4 of Block “B” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, a 60' right-of-way as illustrated in Plat Book 9, Page 24 between Blocks “A” and “B” of Hollywood Heights, and on the northwest by the Steven Clay Shuford property recorded in Deed Book 2928, Page 1029 and illustrated as Lots 18-23 of Block “A” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Scottish Brothers Investments, LLC property recorded in Deed Book 3803, Page 612 and illustrated as Lots 14-17 of Block “A” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Dietz & Dietz Realty, LLC property recorded in Deed Book 3575, Page 1231 and illustrated as Lots 9-13 of Block “A” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Jeffrey S. Stoker and wife, Tinita C. Stoker property recorded in Deed Book 2007, Page 1509 and illustrated as Lots 5-8 of Block “A” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Jeffrey S. Stoker property recorded in Deed Book 1999, Page 1148 and illustrated as Lots 3 & 4 of Block “A” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24, and the Jeffrey S. Stoker property recorded in Deed Book 1769, Page 689 and illustrated as Lots 1 & 2 of Block “A” of Hollywood Heights in Plat Book 9, Page 24 and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " existing iron pipe, the northeast corner of Lot #1, Block A of Plat Book 9, Page 24 and a corner in the Lee M. Seagle property recorded in Deed Book 344, Page 236 and in Nancy Frye Seagle property in Estate File# 092E-0366 and a corner in the property formerly owned by George B. Harris, et al recorded in Deed Book 1133, Page 954 and now owned by the State of North Carolina as recorded in Deed Book 3612, Page 931, said point having North Carolina grid coordinates of N=716,647.320', E=1,309,941.404', Elevation of 1,044.24', a convergence angle of N01°20'32"E, a scale factor of grid to ground=1.0000973194669, a combined scale factor of grid to ground=1.00014223162381, a geoid of -105.39, a horizontal datum of North American Datum of 1983 and a realization of 2011 (NAD83/2011), a vertical datum of North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88), and a geoid of the conterminous US of Geoid18; thence with the Lee and the State of North Carolina boundary line, Course #1, a grid bearing of S 84°20'51" E a distance of 1323.55' to an existing stone found in place of the 3rd corner of Deed Book 344, Page 236 and the 3rd corner of Deed Book 1133, Page 954 the fifteenth tract, and being on the side of the ridge about 75' east of the sewer line at the bottom of the bank; thence continuing with the Lee and the State of North Carolina boundary line, Course #2, turning an interior angle of 158°43'08" to a bearing of N 74°22'17" E a distance of 601.12' to a 2" existing “T” bolt found in place of a stone, said stone is approximately 40' different from the call in both of the aforementioned deeds, again both deeds having called for a stone, said “T” bolt is a corner in Lot #7 of the Claude Ray Shrum and Billie S. Shrum property recorded in Deed Book 3430, Page 641 and illustrated as Lots 1-41 of Shrum Acres recorded in Plat Book 77, Page 90;

thence leaving the Lee boundary and running with the aforementioned State of North Carolina boundary and the Shrum line along Lots 7, 8 and 9, Course #3, turning an interior angle of  $105^{\circ}34'31''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 31^{\circ}12'14''\ E$  a distance of 446.63' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap on the side of a steep slope and a large debris pile, said rebar is the common corner of Lot 9, Lot 11, and Lot 12 of Shrum Acres in said plat and the aforementioned State of North Carolina boundary; thence running with the aforementioned State of North Carolina boundary and the common lines of Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Shrum Acres subdivision, Course #4, turning an interior angle of  $100^{\circ}18'55''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 48^{\circ}28'50''\ W$  a distance of 418.38' to an existing 1/2" rebar in the aforementioned State of North Carolina boundary line and being the common corner of Lot 15 and Lot 16 of Shrum Acres; thence with the aforementioned boundary line of the State of North Carolina property and the line of Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Shrum Acres, Course #5, turning an interior angle of  $151^{\circ}37'29''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 76^{\circ}51'22''\ W$  a distance of 493.51' to an existing 3/4" iron pipe, the common corner of the aforementioned State of North Carolina tract and Lot 18 of Shrum Acres; thence continuing with the aforementioned State of North Carolina tract and Lots 18 and 19 of Shrum Acres, Course #6, turning an interior angle of  $105^{\circ}41'32''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 02^{\circ}32'54''\ W$  a distance of 340.74' to an existing 5/8" rebar east of the creek and west of a sanitary sewer maintenance hole, said rebar being a corner in Lot 19 of Shrum Acres; thence continuing with the aforementioned State of North Carolina boundary and Lots 19, 20 and 21 of Shrum Acres, Course #7, turning an interior angle of  $125^{\circ}42'10''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 51^{\circ}44'56''\ E$  a distance of 372.06' to an existing 1/2" rebar in place of a Willow tree on the east side of the creek called for in Deed Book 1133, Page 954 and being the common corner between Lot 21 and Lot 22 of Shrum Acres; thence leaving the Shrum Acres boundary and following the aforementioned State of North Carolina tract and a possible boundary of Hahn as no deed has been found to support this area, Course #8, turning an interior angle of  $59^{\circ}53'25''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 68^{\circ}21'39''\ W$  a distance of 95.20' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap, said rebar being in the aforementioned State of North Carolina line and in the boundary of Wilburn F. Hahn and wife Margie Naomi Teague Hahn recorded in Deed Book 1231, Page 596; thence with the aforementioned State of North Carolina boundary and the Hahn property, Course #9, turning an interior angle of  $101^{\circ}17'37''$  to a bearing of  $N\ 32^{\circ}55'58''\ W$  a distance of 121.86' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap in place of the 2nd corner of Deed Book 399, Page 404; thence with the Hahn boundary line and traversing through the aforementioned State of North Carolina, Course #10, turning an interior angle of  $101^{\circ}01'18''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 68^{\circ}05'21''\ W$  a distance of 299.97' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at the northwest corner of the aforementioned Hahn property and a corner of the State of North Carolina; thence continuing to the western line of the aforementioned Hahn Property and the eastern line of the aforementioned State of North Carolina, Course #11, turning an interior angle of  $79^{\circ}20'34''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 32^{\circ}34'06''\ E$  a distance of 120.26' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at the intersection of the aforementioned fifteenth tract in the western line of the Hahn Property and in the eastern line of the aforementioned State of North Carolina property; thence leaving the fifteenth tract and running the western line of the Hahn Tract and the eastern line of the State of North Carolina property, Course #12, turning an interior angle of  $180^{\circ}00'00''$  to a bearing of  $S\ 32^{\circ}34'06''\ E$  a distance of 687.89' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap on the northern edge of a 60' right-of-way and in the western line of the Hahn property and the eastern line of the State of North Carolina property; thence traversing through the aforementioned Hahn property along the northern line of the aforementioned 60' right-of-way recited in Deed Book 1872, Page 631, Course #13, turning an interior angle of  $89^{\circ}10'59''$  to a bearing of  $N\ 56^{\circ}36'53''\ E$  a distance of 299.86' to a DuraNail set in a small creek, the corner of the Hahn tract and the north edge of the aforementioned right-of-way; thence along the northern edge of the 60' right-of-way and traversing through the Hahn property, Course #14, turning an interior angle of  $178^{\circ}30'00''$  to a bearing of  $N\ 58^{\circ}06'53''\ E$  a distance of 440.15' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap in the northern edge of the 60' right-of-way; thence continuing to traverse through the Hahn property and along the 60' right-of-way, Course #15, turning an interior angle of  $160^{\circ}23'56''$  to a bearing of  $N\ 77^{\circ}42'58''\ E$  passing a 5/8" rebar set at 350.47' at the intersection of the Hahn property and the Roger Wayne Crouch property recorded in Deed Book 3852, Page 1011 and continuing a total distance of 352.42' to a 5/8" rebar set in the northern line of the 60' right-of-way; thence traversing along the 60' right-of-way and through the Crouch property, Course #16, turning an interior angle of  $178^{\circ}53'07''$  to a bearing of  $N\ 76^{\circ}36'05''\ E$  a distance of 606.19' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap in the northern edge of the right-of-way and inside the Crouch boundary; thence continuing to traverse through the Crouch boundary and along the northern edge of the right-of-way, Course #17, turning an interior angle of  $166^{\circ}59'10''$  to a bearing of  $N\ 89^{\circ}36'55''\ E$  a distance of 221.85' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap on the north edge of the aforementioned right-of-way and being located inside the Crouch boundary; thence continuing along the north edge of the right-of-way and through the Crouch boundary, Course #18, turning an

interior angle of  $176^{\circ}52'18''$  to a bearing of  $N 86^{\circ}29'13'' E$  a distance of 163.96' to a 5/8" rebar set on the north edge of the right-of-way, a common corner with Crouch and the Kristy Miller Saunders property recorded in Deed Book 3696, Page 637 and continuing a total distance of 167.49' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at a bend in the right-of-way and inside the Saunders boundary; thence continuing along the northern right-of-way and through the Saunders property, Course #20, turning an interior angle of  $179^{\circ}56'57''$  to a bearing of  $N 86^{\circ}32'15'' E$  a distance of 175.52' to a 5/8" rebar set with aluminum cap on the north edge of the right-of-way and inside the Saunders property; thence continuing along the northern right-of-way line and through the Saunders property, Course #21, turning an interior angle of  $168^{\circ}34'34''$  to a bearing of  $S 82^{\circ}02'19'' E$  a distance of 679.16' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap on the east edge of Robinson Road (SR 1148), a 20' paved surface secondary roadway; thence running south and east along Robinson Road with the east edge of the 60' right-of-way and through the Saunders property, Course #22, turning an interior angle of  $118^{\circ}11'20''$  to a bearing of  $S 20^{\circ}13'39'' E$  a distance of 68.07' to an existing cut-off power pole with a MagNail and stainless steel washer set, the common corner of the Saunders property, the Ruth Bolick Pollard (widow) and Michael Edward Pollard (married) property recorded in Deed Book 3463, Page 608, Tract 3 and the southern edge of the aforementioned 60' right-of-way; thence following the southern edge of the 60' right-of-way, the southern boundary of the Saunders property and the northern boundary line of the Pollard property, Course #23, turning an interior angle of  $61^{\circ}48'40''$  to a bearing of  $N 82^{\circ}02'19'' W$  a distance of 705.31' to an existing 1" iron pipe in a fence line on the southern edge of the 60' right-of-way, the southern edge of the Saunders property and the northern line of the Pollard property; thence continuing along the common boundary lines of Pollard, Saunders, and the southern line of the 60' right-of-way, Course #24, turning an interior angle of  $168^{\circ}34'34''$  to a bearing of  $S 86^{\circ}32'15'' W$  a distance of 169.50' to an existing 1/2" iron pipe in the fence line, the southwest corner of the Saunders property, the southeast corner of the aforementioned Crouch property, a corner in the property line of the Pollard property and the southern line of the 60' right-of-way; thence continuing along the Pollard and Crouch boundaries and the southern line of the 60' right-of-way, Course #25, turning an interior angle of  $179^{\circ}56'57''$  to a bearing of  $S 86^{\circ}29'13'' W$  a distance of 169.11' to an existing 1/2" iron pipe in the fence line, the Pollard boundary, the Crouch boundary and the aforementioned right-of-way; thence continuing to traverse along the fence, the Pollard boundary, the Crouch boundary and the southern edge of the 60' right-of-way, Course #26, turning an interior angle of  $176^{\circ}52'18''$  to a bearing of  $S 89^{\circ}36'55'' W$  a distance of 216.64' to an existing 3/4" pinched-top iron pipe in the Pollard boundary and in the southern line of the right-of-way; thence continuing along the Pollard and the right-of-way boundaries, Course #27, turning an interior angle of  $166^{\circ}59'10''$  to a bearing of  $S 76^{\circ}36'05'' W$  a distance of 599.93' to an existing 1/2" iron pipe the common corner of the Pollard property, the southwest corner of the Crouch property, the southeast corner of the aforementioned Hahn property, and in the southern line of the 60' right-of-way; thence continuing with the northern line of Pollard, the southern line of Hahn and the southern line of the 60' right-of-way, Course #28, turning an interior angle of  $178^{\circ}53'07''$  to a bearing of  $S 77^{\circ}42'58'' W$  a distance of 342.64' to an existing 1" angle iron on the southern line of the 60' right-of-way, the northwest corner of the Pollard property, a corner in the southern boundary of Hahn and the northeast corner of the Samuel Ross Penland and wife, Holly T. Penland property recorded in Deed Book 3159, Page 1735 and illustrated as Lot 1 of the O.B. Cline property recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 1; thence with the Penland property, the Hahn property and the 60' right-of-way property, Course #29, turning an interior angle of  $160^{\circ}23'56''$  to a bearing of  $S 58^{\circ}06'53'' W$  a distance of 396.76' to an existing 3/4" iron pipe the northwest corner of the aforementioned Penland property illustrated as Lot 2 of the O.B. Cline property recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 1, a corner in the Hahn property, a corner of the State of North Carolina property and east of a small branch; thence with the eastern boundary of the State of North Carolina property and the western boundary of Penland, Course #30, turning an interior angle of  $116^{\circ}56'29''$  to a bearing of  $S 04^{\circ}56'37'' E$  a distance of 834.89' to a 5/8" rebar set in the Penland and State of North Carolina boundary where a gas line right-of-way crosses the aforementioned boundary line; thence continuing along the aforementioned boundaries, Course #31, turning an interior angle of  $180^{\circ}00'00''$  to a bearing of  $S 04^{\circ}56'37'' E$  a distance of 32.89' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at the southwest corner of the Penland property and a corner in the State of North Carolina boundary; thence continuing with the State of North Carolina and Penland boundary, Course #32, turning an interior angle of  $110^{\circ}24'44''$  to a bearing of  $S 74^{\circ}31'53'' E$  a distance of 43.72' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap where the aforementioned gas line right-of-way crosses the common State of North Carolina and Penland boundary line; thence continuing along the State of North Carolina and Penland boundary line, Course #33, turning an interior angle of  $180^{\circ}00'00''$  to a bearing of  $S 74^{\circ}31'53'' E$  a distance of 17.28' to a 5/8" rebar set aluminum in the common State of North Carolina and Penland boundary line just south of the aforementioned gas line right-of-way; thence

continuing with the common line of State of North Carolina and Penland, Course #34, turning an interior angle of 176°02'00" to a bearing of S 78°29'53" E a distance of 99.00' to an existing ¾" pinched-top iron pipe, a common corner of the Penland and the State of North Carolina properties; thence continuing to traverse along the aforementioned boundaries, Course #35, turning an interior angle of 165°31'00" to a bearing of S 64°00'53" E a distance of 240.32' to an existing ¾" pinched-top iron pipe on the eastern edge of a high transmission power line; thence continuing along the common boundary of the State of North Carolina and Penland properties, Course #36, turning an interior angle of 150°01'52" to a bearing of S 34°02'45" E a distance of 479.15' to an existing ¾" pinched-top iron pipe east of the power line right-of-way and a common corner of the State of North Carolina, Penland and the Wayne M. Bach Trustee, Whitener Family Trust property recorded in Deed Book 3043, Page 1116; thence leaving the Penland property and following the State of North Carolina and Whitener Family Trust property line, Course #37, turning an interior angle of 59°51'15" to a bearing of S 86°06'00" W a distance of 40.79' to an existing ¾" pinched-top iron pipe, a corner of the State of North Carolina property and the Whitener Family Trust property; thence continuing with the Whitener Family Trust and the State of North Carolina property, Course #38, turning an interior angle of 68°46'26" to a bearing of S 25°07'34" E a distance of 1300.44' to an existing ½" iron pipe in the cross-country electric power transmission line right-of-way and being a corner of the Whitener Family Trust property, the southeast corner of the State of North Carolina property, and a corner of the Ricky Allen Shook and wife, Mary Shortt Shook property recorded in Deed Book 1393, Page 756; thence leaving the Whitener Family Trust property and traversing along the State of North Carolina and Shook property line, Course #39, turning an interior angle of 95°46'02" to a bearing of S 59°06'24" W a distance of 283.09' to an existing angle iron on the east edge of a 45' right-of-way, the northeast corner of the James Ray York and wife, Margaret A. York property recorded in Deed Book 1802, Page 624 and illustrated as Lot E recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 175, the northwest corner of the Shook property and a corner in the State of North Carolina boundary line; thence traversing along the York and the State of North Carolina boundary line, Course #40, turning an interior angle of 179°47'18" to a bearing of S 59°19'05" W a distance of 258.24' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap in the York and the State of North Carolina boundary line; thence leaving the York line and traversing into the State of North Carolina property, Course #41, turning an interior angle of 107°04'25" to a bearing of N 47°45'20" W a distance of 28.83' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap inside the State of North Carolina boundary; thence continuing through the State of North Carolina property, Course #42, turning an interior angle of 94°09'09" to a bearing of S 46°23'50" W a distance of 60.71' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap inside the State of North Carolina boundary, Course #43, turning an interior angle of 87°11'13" to a bearing of S 46°24'58" E a distance of 14.53' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap in the northern York boundary and the southern State of North Carolina boundary; thence with the York and the State of North Carolina boundary, Course #44, turning an interior angle of 74°15'57" to a bearing of S 59°19'05" W a distance of 181.23' to an existing angle iron, the common corner of York, the Nattie Propst property recorded in Deed Book 3736, Page 1350 and a bend in the State of North Carolina boundary; thence with the State of North Carolina and Propst boundary line, Course #45, turning an interior angle of 177°44'04" to a bearing of S 57°03'09" W a distance of 111.45' to an existing ½" iron pipe a common corner of the said Propst property and the State of North Carolina property boundary; thence with the Propst property line and the State of North Carolina boundary, Course #46, turning an interior angle of 178°10'55" to a bearing of S 58°52'14" W a distance of 213.56' to a 5/8" rebar set in the State of North Carolina and Propst boundary where the Piedmont Natural Gas line right-of-way recorded in Deed Book 3417, Page 1085 crosses; thence continuing with the Propst and the State of North Carolina common boundary, crossing into the Christopher F. Malinoski and wife, Amy F. Malinoski property recorded in Deed Book 3731, Page 309, Course #47, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of S 58°52'14" W a distance of 77.78' to a 5/8" rebar set in the opposite side of the aforementioned right-of-way in the State of North Carolina and Malinoski boundary line; thence continuing with the Malinoski and the State of North Carolina boundary line, Course #48, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of S 58°52'14" W a distance of 60.79' to an existing ½" iron pipe the northwest corner of the aforementioned Malinoski boundary, the northeast corner of Malachi Morris property recorded in Deed Book 3840, Page 1704, Tract Two and being located in the State of North Carolina boundary; thence with the State of North Carolina and Morris boundary, Course #49, turning an interior angle of 179°50'05" to a bearing of S 59°02'09" W a distance of 36.32' to an existing ¾" iron pipe, the northwest corner of the aforementioned Morris property, the northeast corner of the Malachi Morris property recorded in Deed Book 3840, Page 1704, Tract One and a corner of the State of North Carolina property; thence continuing with the Morris and the State of North Carolina property, Course #50, turning an interior angle of 137°17'37" to a bearing of N 78°15'29" W a distance of 351.10' to a 5/8" rebar set with an

aluminum cap on the bank of the Henry Fork River in the common line of Morris and the State of North Carolina; thence continuing with the Morris and the State of North Carolina properties Course #51, turning an interior angle of  $180^{\circ}00'00''$  to a bearing of  $N 78^{\circ}15'29'' W$  a distance of 105.14' to a point located in the center of the Henry Fork River a common corner of Morris, the State of North Carolina and the Richard M. Griffin Family Limited Partnership property recorded in Deed Book 2012, Page 9 and listed as Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; thence with the centerline of the Henry Fork River and the common line of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #52, turning an interior angle of  $45^{\circ}45'41''$  to a bearing of  $N 55^{\circ}58'50'' E$  a distance of 61.76' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and in the common line of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing the thread of the river and the common lines of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #53, turning an interior angle of  $169^{\circ}10'45''$  to a bearing of  $N 66^{\circ}48'05'' E$  a distance of 85.47' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and the common boundary line of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership properties; thence continuing to traverse the center of the river, the State of North Carolina boundary and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary lines, Course #54, turning an interior angle of  $160^{\circ}10'25''$  to a bearing of  $N 46^{\circ}58'30'' E$  a distance of 65.80' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River and the common corner of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary; thence continuing with the center of the river, the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries, Course #55, turning an interior angle of  $126^{\circ}04'20''$  to a bearing of  $N 06^{\circ}57'11'' W$  a distance of 66.22' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River, the eastern edge of the Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary and in the southwestern edge of the State of North Carolina property; thence continuing with the eastern boundary of the Griffin Family Limited Partnership tract, the southwestern portion of the State of North Carolina property, and the center of the Henry Fork River, Course #56, turning an interior angle of  $152^{\circ}05'55''$  to a bearing of  $N 34^{\circ}51'16'' W$  a distance of 109.41' to a point located in the center of the Henry Fork River, a corner of the Griffin Family Limited Partnership tract, and a corner of the State of North Carolina property; thence with the center of the river, and the common lines of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #57, turning an interior angle of  $161^{\circ}43'28''$  to a bearing of  $N 53^{\circ}07'48'' W$  a distance of 120.25' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River, said point being a corner in the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing with the Griffin Family Limited Partnership and State of North Carolina boundaries in the centerline of the Henry Fork River, Course #58, turning an interior angle of  $170^{\circ}27'14''$  to a bearing of  $N 62^{\circ}40'34'' W$  a distance of 108.28' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River, a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to traverse the thread of the Henry Fork River, which is the natural boundary line between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership properties, Course #59, turning an interior angle of  $159^{\circ}35'14''$  to a bearing of  $N 83^{\circ}05'20'' W$  a distance of 106.59' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River, a common corner of the aforementioned Griffin Family Limited Partnership and the State of North Carolina boundaries; thence continuing to traverse the center of the river, the common line between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary, Course #60, turning an interior angle of  $172^{\circ}17'13''$  to a bearing of  $S 89^{\circ}11'54'' W$  a distance of 262.74' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River, the common corner between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership; thence continuing along the centerline of the Henry Fork River, the common boundary line between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #61, turning an interior angle of  $168^{\circ}17'14''$  to a bearing of  $N 79^{\circ}05'20'' W$  a distance of 133.11' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to follow the centerline of the Henry Fork River and the aforementioned Griffin Family Limited Partnership and the State of North Carolina boundaries, Course #62, turning an interior angle of  $177^{\circ}18'38''$  to a bearing of  $N 76^{\circ}23'58'' W$  a distance of 150.67' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River, the common dividing line between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership tracts; thence continuing to traverse the centerline of the aforementioned river, Course #63, turning an interior angle of  $173^{\circ}48'53''$  to a bearing of  $N 70^{\circ}12'51'' W$  a distance of 360.62' to a point in the center of the river, a common corner of the aforementioned State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to follow the centerline thread of the river, which is the common boundary between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership parcels, Course #64, turning an interior angle of  $171^{\circ}45'39''$  to a bearing of  $N 78^{\circ}27'12'' W$  a distance of 119.58' to a point in the center of the river and a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to follow the centerline of the river, which is the common boundary line between the State of

North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership tracts, Course #65, turning an interior angle of 167°39'27" to a bearing of S 89°12'15" W a distance of 90.71' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River and a corner in the aforementioned State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary lines; thence continuing along the center thread of the Henry Fork River and the common boundary of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #66, turning an interior angle of 168°34'14" to a bearing of S 77°46'30" W a distance of 77.34' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River; thence continuing to traverse along the center of the Henry Fork River and following the State of North Carolina boundary, and crossing out of the aforementioned Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary and crossing into the property of the Richard M. Griffin Family Limited Partnership recorded in Deed Book 2996, Page 875, Course #67, turning an interior angle of 161°43'31" to a bearing of S 59°30'01" W a distance of 320.19' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina property and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership property; thence continuing with the center of the river, the State of North Carolina property and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #68, turning an interior angle of 148°15'17" to a bearing of N 88°45'17" W a distance of 57.96' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River and the common line of the State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership; thence continuing with the common line of the State of North Carolina and the Partnership as it meanders through the center of the river, Course #69, turning an interior angle of 168°50'17" to a bearing of N 77°35'33" W a distance of 64.49' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and the common corner between the State of North Carolina and the Partnership properties; thence continuing to follow the center of the river and the aforementioned lines, Course #70, turning an interior angle of 164°25'47" to a bearing of N 62°01'21" W a distance of 54.09' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to follow the thread of the river and traverse the State of North Carolina and Partnership boundaries, Course #71, turning an interior angle of 174°30'44" to a bearing of N 56°32'05" W a distance of 138.77' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the aforementioned State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary; thence continuing to follow along the centerline of the Henry Fork River and the common lines of the State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #72, turning an interior angle of 171°58'48" to a bearing of N 64°33'17" W a distance of 276.79' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the aforementioned boundaries; thence continuing to follow the centerline and thread of the Henry Fork River, which is the monument between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries, Course #73, turning an interior angle of 177°17'09" to a bearing of N 61°50'26" W a distance of 257.54' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner between the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to traverse the center of the river, Course #74, turning an interior angle of 175°38'47" to a bearing of N 66°11'39" W a distance of 187.26' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina property and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership property; thence continuing to navigate the center of the river, the common line between State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership, Course #75, turning an interior angle of 177°59'06" to a bearing of N 64°10'44" W a distance of 130.15' to a point in the center of the river and a common corner of the aforementioned State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to follow the center of the river and the aforementioned boundaries, Course #76, turning an interior angle of 169°36'04" to a bearing of 74°34'40" W a distance of 113.69' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and being a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence continuing to traverse the centerline of the river and along the common boundary of the State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundary; Course #77, turning an interior angle of 171°54'44" to a bearing of N 82°39'56" W a distance of 128.29' to a point in the centerline of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership boundaries; thence with the thread and centerline of the Henry Fork River, which is also the common boundary of the State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership properties, Course #78, turning an interior angle of 171°32'32" to a bearing of S 88°52'36" W a distance of 128.52' to a point in the center of the river and is a common corner of the adjoining boundaries; thence continuing to follows the centerline of the Henry Fork River and the common boundary, Course #79, turning an interior angle of 170°30'13" to a bearing of S 79°22'49" W a distance of 102.54' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Griffin Family Limited Partnership properties; thence continuing with the centerline of the Henry Fork River and common aforementioned boundaries, Course #80, turning an interior angle of 162°58'42" to a bearing of N 83°35'53" W

a distance of 77.79' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the aforementioned properties; thence leaving the center of the river and following the State of North Carolina and the Griffin Family Limited Partnership property boundaries, Course #81, turning an interior angle of 117°20'26" to a bearing of S 33°44'33" W a distance of 37.72' to an existing 1" iron pipe, a corner of the State of North Carolina tract, a corner of the Dale Calloway, Minor, Curtis Calloway, Minor, and James B Trapp, Jr., Guardian ad Litem property recorded in Deed Book 1435, Page 787, Tract 3 and a point in the aforementioned Griffin Family Limited Partnership property; thence following the State of North Carolina and Calloway properties and being on the west side of the Henry Fork River, Course #82, turning an interior angle of 80°56'50" to a bearing of N 47°12'16" W a distance of 204.41' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap on the west bank of the Henry Fork River and a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Calloway properties; thence continuing to follow the line of Calloway and the State of North Carolina properties along the west bank of the Henry Fork River, Course #83, turning an interior angle of 149°50'41" to a bearing of N 17°02'57" W a distance of 304.52' to an existing 1 1/2" iron pipe, the common corner of Calloway, the remaining portion of the Dale Calloway and Joelle Moose property recorded in Deed Book 1995, Page 775, and the State of North Carolina tract; thence with the Calloway-Moose and the State of North Carolina boundary line, Course #84, turning an interior angle of 148°08'54" to a bearing of N 14°48'08" E a distance of 277.60' to an existing 5/8" rebar on the west bank of the Henry Fork River and being a common corner of the State of North Carolina and Calloway properties; thence continuing to follow the State of North Carolina and Calloway boundary line, Course #85, turning an interior angle of 162°21'19" to a bearing of N 32°26'49" E a distance of 368.13' to an existing 15" Sycamore tree which is dead with about only 6' of the trunk remaining and having a 5/8" rebar with an aluminum cap set S 53°06'01" W a distance of 20.00' from the center of the tree, said tree is in the line of the City of Hickory property recorded in Deed Book 2041, Page 1400; thence with the City of Hickory property and the State of North Carolina tract, Course #86, turning an interior angle of 159°20'49" to a bearing of N 53°06'01" E a distance of 88.27' to a point in the center of the Henry Fork River and in the common boundary of the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tract; thence with the center of the river and the common boundary line of the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tract, Course #87, turning an interior angle of 20°24'31" to a bearing of S 32°41'30" W a distance of 239.23' to a point in the center of the river and being a common corner of the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tract; thence with the City of Hickory and State of North Carolina tracts, Course #88, turning an interior angle of 22°45'45" to a bearing of N 55°27'15" E a distance of 183.70' to a 5/8" rebar set where the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina boundaries cross a sanitary sewer line and easement; thence continuing along the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tract boundaries, Course #89, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of N 55°27'15" E a distance of 506.00' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at the natural gas right-of-way line; thence continuing along the common boundary of the City and State tracts, Course #90, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of N 55°27'15" E a distance of 166.40' to a DuraNail set in the intersection of the gas line right-of-way and the common boundary line; thence continuing with the common boundary line of the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tract, Course #91, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of N 55°27'15" E a distance of 71.02' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at the gas line right-of-way where it crosses the common boundary line; thence continuing along the common boundary line, Course #92, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of N 55°27'15" E a distance of 803.58' to an existing 1" iron pipe (disturbed), said iron pipe being a common corner between the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tract; thence continuing to traverse the common boundary line of the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina tracts, Course #93, turning an interior angle of 128°16'16" to a bearing of N 03°43'32" E a distance of 589.02' to an existing 3/4" iron pipe in the common boundary line and being a corner of the State of North Carolina; thence with the City of Hickory boundary and the State of North Carolina boundary, Course #94, turning an interior angle of 177°13'59" to a bearing of N 06°29'32" E a distance of 35.72' to an existing 3/4" iron pipe, the southeast corner of the Ronald Scot Shuford property recorded in Deed Book 1945, Page 1293, Tract Two, the northeast corner of the City of Hickory property and in the State of North Carolina line; thence with the Shuford and State of North Carolina lines, Course #95, turning an interior angle of 179°54'31" to a bearing of N 06°35'02" E a distance of 305.40' to an existing angle iron, the northeast corner of Tract One of the aforementioned Shuford deed, said angle iron is in the State of North Carolina line and is also the southeast corner of the Dennis Stewart Cloer and Darren Andrew Cloer property recorded in Deed Book 3719, Page 715 and illustrated as Lots 21-28, Block "B" of Plat Book 9, Page 24; thence with the State of North Carolina boundary and crossing the Cloer property, the Robert E. Kaylor and wife, Karen H. Kaylor property recorded in Deed Book 1968, Page 27 and illustrated as Lots 13-20 of Block "B" in Plat Book 9, Page 24, the Janet Reinhardt



Burleson property recorded in Deed Book 1605, Page 164 and illustrated as Lots 5-12 of Block "B" recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 24, and the Jonathan Andrew Harrington and Devin Alexis Willams property recorded in Deed Book 3588, Page 844 as Lots 1-4 of Block "B" and illustrated in Plat Book 9, Page 24, Course #96, turning an interior angle of 179°31'43" to a bearing of N 07°03'19" E a distance of 728.21' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap at the northeast corner of the Harrington-Willams parcel and the south side of a 60' right-of-way dedicated in Plat Book 9, Page 24 and being in the State of North Carolina tract Line; thence continuing the same course and crossing the 60' right-of-way, along the State of North Carolina tract boundary line, Course #97, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of N 07°03'19" E a distance of 60.00' to a 5/8" rebar set with an aluminum cap on the north edge of the aforementioned 60' right-of-way and at the southeast corner of the Steven Clay Shuford property recorded in Deed Book 2928, Page 1209 and being illustrated as Lots 18-23 of Block "A" of the aforementioned Plat Book 9, Page 24; thence with the State of North Carolina tract, crossing the Shuford lots, the Scottish Brothers Investments, LLC property recorded in Deed Book 3803, Page 612 and illustrated as Lots 14-17 of Block "A" on the aforementioned recorded plat, the Dietz & Dietz Realty, LLC property recorded in Deed Book 3575, Page 1231 being illustrated as Lots 9- 13 of Block "A" as illustrated on the aforementioned plat, the Jeffrey S. Stoker and wife, Tinita C. Stoker property recorded in Deed Book 2007, Page 1509 and illustrated as Lots 5-8 of Block "A" on the aforementioned plat, the Jeffrey Scott Stoker property as recorded in Deed Book 1999, Page 1148 and illustrated as Lots 3 and 4 of Block "A" of said plat, and the Jeffrey Scott Stoker property recorded in Deed Book 1769, Page 689 and illustrated as lots 1 and 2 of Block "A" of said plat, Course #98, turning an interior angle of 180°00'00" to a bearing of N 07°03'19" E a distance of 593.78' to a ¾" iron pipe the northeast corner of Lot 1 as owned by Jeffrey Stoker; which is the point of BEGINNING having an area of 13,259,413 square feet or 304.39 acres and being shown on a plat by Suttles Surveying, P.A. dated, February 26th, 2024 and having map file number 14314B.

Section 2. Upon and after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the City of Hickory and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Hickory. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10, as amended.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory described herein shall become part of Ward No. 4 of the City of Hickory.

Section 4. The Mayor of the City of Hickory shall cause to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Catawba County, and in the Office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 hereof, together with duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

B. Departmental Reports

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)  
Caucasian (Council Appoints) Cliff Moone Resigned VACANT  
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT  
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

**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) VACANT

**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

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms (Appointed by City Council)  
Ward 1 (Wood Appoints)

VACANT

**RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD**

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

Ward 4 (Freeman Appoints)

VACANT

Ward 6 (Patton Appoints)

VACANT

At-Large (Council Appoints)

VACANT

At-Large (Council Appoints)

VACANT

Mayor Guess advised they have a few vacancies. As always, if anyone was interested in serving on any of these volunteer boards or commissions, please let someone on staff or Council know, and they would be happy to answer any questions they might have and to put them in the right direction to be able to serve on these boards and commissions.

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

Mayor Guess commented that they were all excited about Thursday. They had announced it and it had been out in the media. Thursday would be the groundbreaking for the OLLE Art Walk, at 9:00 a.m., and then shortly after that, at 10:30 a.m., the much-anticipated opening of the Riverwalk ribbon cutting would resume at 10:30 a.m. immediately after the groundbreaking at OLLE Art Walk. They were extremely excited to be able to do both of those and they hoped that everyone would join them and tell their friends and they would have a big crowd out there.

Mayor Guess mentioned that today was the opening ceremonies for the 2024 Unifour Senior Games. He was out there, and Mr. Mark Seaman was out there, of course, and a lot of the other staff from Parks and Recreation. There was a huge turnout. He did not know how many folks were there, but the place was packed. He thought it was about a two-month event and it was always well attended. And once again, the City was hosting that and was representing four counties. It was a great event today to kick everything off.

Alderman Freeman commented he wanted to say once again, thank you to T-Mobile for the check presentation of the Hometown Grant for the upgrade of the Samuel William Davis Senior Multipurpose Field.

Alderman Seaver advised there would be a kit reveal party for our Hickory Football Club at 11:00 Saturday at Innovative Inc., semi pro soccer coming to Hickory.

XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk