



REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL

March 7, 2022

Ronnie Thompson, Mayor

Sally W. Sandy, City Manager
Louis E. Vinay, Jr., City Attorney

Wendy Cato)
Christopher Hawkins) Council
Chris Jernigan – will attend remotely)
Butch McSwain)

Interpreters
Danette Steelman-Bridges
Ernest Williams, IV

- I. Call to Order in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Public Comment – *Anyone wishing to speak during this time must sign in with the Clerk before the meeting begins, and upon being called will have 3 minutes to address the Council.*
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- IV. Invocation Given by the Rev. Jasper W. Hemphill, Jr., Ekklesia Bible Institute
- V. Introduction of Council
- VI. Retirement Resolutions
 - a. Tim Clay, Public Works, Streets Superintendent
 - b. Tony Lowdermilk, Public Safety, Chief and Director
- VII. Public Advocacy Issues and Strategies
 - a. Presentation on Homeless Camps
 - b. Presentation by Mark Patrick, School Director, NCSD

c. Upcoming events:

•Downtown

ACC Chili Cook-off Drive Through, Thursday, March 10,
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Art in the Hall: Work by Desirae Lee, Artist-in-Residence with TOSS
and Sketches from Rene Gaete Mora's Middle School figure
drawing workshop

•CoMMA

Sidewalk Prophets, Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Lynn Trefzger, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Sons of Mystro, Saturday March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Hairspray, Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Tannahill Weavers, Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

VIII. North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 Update

IX. Consent Agenda – All items below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member, staff member or citizen so requests. In the event a request is made, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and **considered under Item X**.

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – For a Regular Meeting held February 7, 2022 and a Closed Session held on February 7, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes as submitted.

B. Consideration of Participation in the 2023 Urban Archery Season

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an Urban Archery Season for 2023 in accordance with the regulations established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and to authorize the City to submit a Letter of Intent to participate in the season.

C. Consideration of Approval of Downtown Calendar of Events and Ordinance Scheduling Street Closures

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Downtown Calendar of Events for 2022 and the Ordinance Scheduling Temporary Closures of Certain State Highways for City Sponsored Special Events for 2022.

D. Consideration to Set the Date for Advertisement of Unpaid Real Estate Tax Accounts for April 6, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the date for advertisement of unpaid real estate tax accounts for April 6, 2022.

E. Consideration of Award of Contract to Update the Existing GIS Data Structure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award a contract with AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc. in the amount of \$40,091.00 to perform Electric Services Department GIS Data Structure Upgrades and mapping project.

F. Consideration of Award of Contract for Upgrades at the Public Safety Shooting Range

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award a contract to Midstate Contractors of Hickory, NC, in the amount of \$78,031.73, to perform the Public Safety Shooting Range Upgrades Project.

X. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

XI. New Business

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of an Economic Development Agreement for Local Incentives for Project Highlander
2. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Local Economic Development Incentive Agreement for Project Bravo
3. Public Hearing and Consideration of Local Incentives for Project It's About Time
4. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Rezoning Request of 45.76 acres Located at 436 Lost Corner Road from Residential Low-Conditional Use (RL-CU) to Low Intensity District (LID)
5. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Section 4.4 Landscaping and Screening Standards, subsection 4.4.3.2 Type 2 Buffer Yards to Enhance the Requirement of the Buffer Yard Type by Including More Uses

B. Other Business

1. Consideration Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with NCLM / MAPS Group for Assessment Center for Selection of the Director of Morganton Public Safety
2. Consideration of Award of Contract for Audit Services
3. Consideration of Award of Contract for Underground Electric Work
4. Consideration of Award of Contracts for Marketing at CoMMA

XII. Other Items from City Manager and City Council Not on Agenda

XIII. Reports

XIV. Adjournment