

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber

June 6, 2016
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members Eric B. Hendrick, David W. White, Dennis C. Bailey, Ben Kittrell, Dicky Amaya; City Manager Rick Howell, City Clerk Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC, City Attorney Robert W. (Bob) Yelton, Director of Finance Justin S. Merritt, MPA, Assistant Director of Finance Elizabeth B. (Beth) Beam, CPA, Director of Human Resources Deborah C. (Deb) Jolly, Director of Energy Services Julie R. McMurry, Director of Water Resources David W. Hux, Director of Engineering Services Benjamin (Ben) Yarboro, Police Chief Jeffrey H. (Jeff) Ledford, Assistant Fire Chief Todd McMurry, Director of Parks and Recreation Charlie Holtzclaw, and Director of Planning and Development Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, AICP; and Reporter Casey White of The Shelby Star

Absent: Council Member David Causby

Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were in attendance. The Mayor requested a moment of silence in observance of the anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, and gave the invocation. Mr. Hendrick led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

A. Approval of agenda:

- 1) Motion to adopt the proposed agenda

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

B. Public Hearing:

- 1) Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Shelby

Mayor Anthony opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. and invited comments from the public:

Dr. Frank Hannah who resides at 1308 Montrose Drive in Shelby, North Carolina spoke against the proposed budget, stating the recommended tax increases represent a burden to what the public can afford. Although he

could afford the increases, Dr. Hannah said many residents would be facing a 14 or 15 percent increase in personal property taxes. He also mentioned the proposed \$30 annual municipal vehicle tax should be removed from the budget because it is a double taxation. Dr. Hannah suggested Council find other ways to generate the increases by a gradual, incremental method. He was pleased with the proposed electric rate decrease. Dr. Hannah expressed his appreciation and support of City Council's work as a whole.

Mayor Anthony closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Council took no action.

C. Consent Agenda:

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Anthony presented the consent agenda. Mr. Amaya made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda and following items were unanimously approved:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 25, 2016
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 26, 2016
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 3, 2016
- 4) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2016
- 5) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 23, 2016
- 6) Approval of Special Event Permit Applications:
 - a. Earl Scruggs Center Pickin' on the Square and Community Exhibit Opening Celebration: requested date: June 11, 2016
 - b. Mount Calvary Baptist Church Community Explosion, requested date: July 16, 2016
- 7) Approval of a resolution honoring Artis Cornulius Dawson on the occasion of his retirement from employment with the City of Shelby: Resolution No. 27-2016
- 8) Approval of a resolution supporting the display of the national motto, "In God We Trust": Resolution No. 28-2016

- 9) Adoption of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20: Ordinance No. 21-2016
- 10) Adoption of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21: Ordinance No. 22-2016
- 11) Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling: Ordinance No. 23-2016

END CONSENT AGENDA

D. Unfinished Business:

- 1) Consideration of appointments to City advisory boards and commissions:
 - a. Shelby Planning and Zoning Board

Mrs. Parduski reported the terms of three incumbents, Mike Royster, Marty Allen, and Scott Bankhead, conclude June 2016. All three incumbents wish to continue their service. There is also a vacancy with an expired term for an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) member.

There are two applications on file in the Clerk's Office:

- Emanuel Hunt, Jr. (ETJ)
- James Martin

Mr. Amaya nominated the incumbents, Mike Royster, Marty Allen, and Scott Bankhead for reappointment.

Mr. Kittrell nominated Emanuel Hunt and James Martin for appointment.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations.

Council cast the following votes:

Mike Royster received a unanimous vote.

Scott Bankhead received four affirmative votes (Hendrick, White, Bailey, and Amaya).

Marty Allen received three affirmative votes (White, Kittrell, and Amaya).

James Martin received three affirmative votes (Hendrick, Bailey, and Kittrell).

Emanuel Hunt, Jr. received a unanimous vote.

In order to break the tie vote between Marty Allen and James Martin, Mayor Anthony voted for James Martin, who then received four affirmative votes (Anthony, Hendrick, Bailey, and Kittrell).

By consensus, Council reappointed Mike Royster and Scott Bankhead to new terms and appointed Emanuel Hunt, Jr. to the ETJ vacancy and James Martin to a new term.

E. New Business: None

F. City Manager's Report:

- 1) Mr. Howell reported the parking lot improvements at the corner of East Graham Street and South Washington Street and at the corner of Arey Street and Morgan Street, funded by a State grant in the amount of \$96,107 for uptown revitalization efforts, have been largely completed as required and included paving, striping, and curbing. The new light posts will be delivered and installed this month. The landscaping will take place in the fall months. Despite the construction delays, the parking lots are now significantly upgraded for public use again. Mr. Howell expressed his appreciation to the public for their patience during the construction activities and to Ben Yarboro for his oversight of the projects.

G. Council Announcements and Remarks:

- 1) With regard to the United Way of Cleveland County 2015-2016 Campaign Recognition Awards luncheon held on June 2, 2016, Mayor Anthony recognized and congratulated the City of Shelby staff for receiving multiple Golden Eagle Awards and the Spirit of North Carolina Award for campaign excellence and their giving spirit to the community. The Mayor also mentioned Deb Jolly was awarded the distinguished H. Eugene LeGrand Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 2) Mayor Anthony attended the official ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony at the First Broad River Trail on June 4, 2016. The trail is the first section of the Carolina Thread Trail in Cleveland County. Also in attendance were members of the Blanton family, who provided the majority of the land for the trail, and Carl Spangler, a member of the Carolina Thread Trail Board. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to the Carolina Thread Trail for their financial support of the project through grant funding. He also recognized Walt Scharer and Ben Yarboro for their outstanding work in preparing the trail for use.

- 3) Mayor Anthony announced the Court Square Infrastructure Improvement Project conceptual design presentation will take place on June 7, 2016 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Earl Scruggs Center.
- 4) Mayor Anthony reported he along with Mr. Bailey, Mr. Amaya, Mr. Kittrell and Mr. Howell attended Shelby's own Town Hall Day on June 1, 2016 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The event was organized by the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) and provided an opportunity to meet individually with the local legislative delegation and to participate in dialogue with legislators about the challenges facing cities and towns.

Mr. Bailey will also attend the NCLM's Town Hall Day on June 8, 2016 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

- 5) Mr. Bailey requested the scheduling of an additional special meeting to further discuss the proposed budget in order to gain a better understanding of the revenue neutral tax rate as well as to review a list of fund balances and the percentage of annual operating expense the City is holding in reserve.

Mr. Howell will prepare and provide the information as requested to Council prior to the meeting.

By consensus, Council will hold a special meeting to further discuss the proposed budget on June 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chamber.

H. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion to adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. Amaya City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC
City Clerk

O. Stanhope Anthony III
Mayor