

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber

June 1, 2015
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members Eric Hendrick, David W. White, Jeanette D. Patterson, 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, Director of Human Resources Deborah C. (Deb) Jolly, Interim Director of Utilities Julie R. McMurry, Engineering Services Manager Ben Yarboro, Police Chief Jeffrey H. (Jeff) Ledford, Fire Chief William P. Hunt, MPA, EFO, Assistant Fire Chief Jacob E. (Jake) Whisnant, Assistant Fire Chief Todd McMurry, Director of Public Works Daniel C. (Danny) Darst, Jr., Director of Planning and Development Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, AICP; and Reporter Casey White, The Shelby Star

Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were in attendance. The Mayor gave the invocation and Mrs. Patterson led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

A. Approval of agenda:

- 1) Motion to adopt the proposed agenda

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

B. Special Presentation:

- 1) Recognition of Chris Poston on the occasion of his retirement from employment with the City of Shelby: Resolution No. 28-2015

Mayor Anthony called upon Mr. Poston, who recognized and introduced his wife and daughter as well as his Fire & Rescue Department “family” in attendance. The Mayor formally read and presented framed Resolution No. 28-2015 to Mr. Poston. He then presented a shadow box, which displays the key to the City and various Fire Service badges, and a City lapel pin to Mr. Poston in honor of and with heartfelt appreciation for his 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Shelby Fire & Rescue Department.

Humbled by the recognition, Mr. Poston expressed his appreciation to all.

C. Public Hearing:

1) Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Shelby

Mayor Anthony noted a hearing is required by the North Carolina General Statutes to allow the public to comment on the proposed budget. The hearing is specifically intended to allow public comment directly to City Council for consideration prior to a formal vote. A public copy of the proposed budget has been on display at City Hall and has been posted online for inspection and review.

Mayor Anthony opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. and invited comments from the public.

The public offered no comments and Mayor Anthony closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

a. Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 32-2015

Mr. White reiterated his comments made throughout the budget process, expressing his appreciation to Mr. Howell for his preparation of the budget and to City staff for their efforts on the budget as well.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 32-2015 entitled, "Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance".

b. Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Supplemental Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 33-2015

Upon questioning, Mr. Howell explained the Supplemental Budget Ordinance allows for the approval of the authorized Personnel Summary for a total of 325 positions and the City's Schedule of fees and charges in support of the budget and the continued financial operations of the City.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. Amaya, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 33-2015 entitled, "Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Supplemental Budget Ordinance".

D. Consent Agenda:

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Anthony presented the consent agenda. Mrs. Patterson 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 May 7, 2015
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 14, 2015
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2015
- 4) Approval of a resolution awarding the contract for the City of Shelby's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Street Resurfacing Program: Resolution No. 34-2015

END CONSENT AGENDA

E. Unfinished Business: None

F. New Business: None

G. City Manager's Report:

- 1) Mr. Howell announced the City of Shelby has partnered with the Earl Scruggs Center and the Blue Star Museums Program. The City's sponsorship allows the Center to provide free exhibit admission to all active duty military personnel, their families, national guardsmen, reservists, and veterans from June through September 2015. In addition, this partnership brings a bluegrass band, The Hickabillies, made up of Iraqi war veterans to the Center on June 27, 2015 and assists with advertising the events to military families. Mr. Howell added this is a positive way to show gratitude to all those who serve or served in the military and to promote the Scruggs Center to a wider audience in joining more than 2,000 Blue Star Museums nationwide.
- 2) Mr. Howell mentioned Destination Cleveland County (DCC) made their first payment to the City on the loan to retire the debt DCC incurred on the Don Gibson Theatre.
- 3) Mr. Howell informed Council the City will be working with Retail Strategy Partners in conjunction with ElectriCities of North Carolina to update the retail leakage study completed several years ago.
- 4) Mr. Howell updated Council that the City will be moving forward with the Gateway Sign Project, including obtaining feedback from the Keep Shelby Beautiful (KSB) Commission and the community, as well as additional

enhancement projects along the US Highway 74 Shelby Bypass.

- 5) As one of Council's recent goals, Mr. Howell stated the City will be reactivating the City Center Master Plan steering committee and including additional stakeholders in an effort to update the Master Plan with a kickoff meeting to be scheduled sometime in August or September 2015.

H. Council Announcements and Remarks:

- 1) Mrs. Patterson reported receiving several complaints about the excessive amount of time and the number of parking spaces, including the handicap parking space, being used by the construction crews on Lafayette Street at the site of the new brewery project.

Mrs. Patterson also reported seeing a number of panhandlers gathering at the intersection of Earl Road and East Dixon Boulevard and on Gidney Street behind Lowe's Home Improvement, creating nuisances and dangerous situations for themselves and traffic flow.

Mr. Howell addressed both issues, stating he was unaware of the complaints, and requested in the future those complaints be referred directly to him and/or the Police Department.

- 2) Mr. Bailey reported on his attendance at the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting of May 28, 2015, stating the North Carolina Department of Transportation is asking transportation planning organizations to review their project lists from the previously project ranking process (SPOT 3.0) in preparation for the development of the next Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The next project ranking process will be called SPOT 4.0. The MPO can choose to add, delete, and modify projects. Mr. Bailey and Cleveland County Commissioner Johnny Hutchins are assembling a list of projects they support and do not support and will share that list with all the municipalities in Cleveland County, requesting their respective resolutions of support. Mr. Bailey also discussed his lack of support for the Garden Parkway Project especially if it negatively impacts the widening of I-85 and the completion of the Shelby Bypass Project.
- 3) Mr. Amaya stated he was very impressed with the successful events recently held in Uptown Shelby namely Shelby Alive on May 28, 2015 and two visits from the Budweiser Clydesdales on May 28 and May 30, 2015, which positively showcased the City.
- 4) Mayor Anthony reminded all to attend the ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of Shelby City Park Recreation & Sports Complex Phase Two

Improvements on June 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Closed Session:

- 1) To approve the Minutes and General Account of the Closed Session of April 6, 2015
- 2) To consult with the City Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to establish or instruct staff in negotiating the terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3) and (5)

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Bailey made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to the appropriate North Carolina General Statute as cited. Mayor Anthony consulted with Mr. Yelton who advised the topics met the statutory requirements for a closed session. The Mayor invited all Council members present and Mr. Howell, Mr. Yelton, Mrs. Parduski, and Mrs. Jolly to attend. The motion passed unanimously and Council moved into closed session at 6:26 p.m.

Council returned to the regular session at 6:51 p.m.

J. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion to adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC
City Clerk

O. Stanhope Anthony III
Mayor

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