

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Organizational
City Hall Council Chamber

December 2, 2019
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members Eric B. Hendrick, David W. White, David Causby, Violet Arth Dukes, Charles Webber, Dicky Amaya; Council Member Elect Andrew L. Hopper, Sr.; City Manager Rick Howell, ICMA-CM, City Attorney Robert W. (Bob) Yelton, City Clerk Bernadette A. Parduski, CMC, MMC, Assistant City Manager/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, Division Chief – Operations and Personnel David Vanhoy, CFO, Director of Parks and Recreation Charlie Holtzclaw, and Director of Cable Programming Greg Tillman of Cleveland Community College and The Video Factory

Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all to Council's organizational meeting and oath ceremonies. The Mayor recognized guests in attendance, including family members and friends, as well as Senator Ted Alexander.

Mayor Anthony gave the invocation and Mr. Amaya led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

A. Approval of Agenda:

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

B. Recognition of Ricardo (Dicky) Amaya for his service to the City of Shelby: Resolution No. 73-2019

Mayor Anthony called upon Mr. Amaya, who recognized his wife in attendance. The Mayor formally read and presented framed Resolution No. 73-2019 to him. With heartfelt appreciation, the Mayor personally acknowledged Mr. Amaya's public service to the City of Shelby and City Council from 2003 through 2007 and from 2011 through 2019.

Mayor Anthony then presented a plaque provided by the Gaston Cleveland Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization to Mr. Amaya for his service on

that board from 2016 through 2019.

Mr. Amaya expressed his appreciation to his fellow Council members, urging them to go forward for the betterment of the City of Shelby. He also commended City staff for their love of service to the City through hard work and willingness. Mr. Amaya added it was his pleasure to serve and he enjoyed making things better.

C. Assumption of Office:

1) Oath of Office administered to Mayor Oliver Stanhope Anthony III

Judge James Morgan administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Anthony who was assisted by his wife, Ann Anthony.

2) Oath of Office administered to Council Member David Walton White, Ward 2

City Clerk Bernadette Parduski administered the Oath of Office to Mr. White who was assisted by his wife, Lisa White.

3) Oath of Office administered to Council Member David Causby, Ward 3

City Clerk Bernadette Parduski administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Causby who was assisted by his wife, Becca Causby.

4) Oath of Office administered to Council Member Charles Leon Webber, Ward 5

Judge Jeannette Reeves administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Webber who was assisted by his wife, Audrey Webber.

5) Oath of Office administered to Council Member Andrew Leonard Hopper, Sr., Ward 6

Judge Jeannette Reeves administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hopper who was assisted by his great-grandson, Isaac O. Hopper, Jr.

D. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore:

Mayor Anthony explained State law requires every City Council to elect from among its members a Mayor Pro Tempore at its organizational meeting. The duties of the Mayor Pro Tempore include presiding over Council meetings in the Mayor's absence. The Mayor Pro Tempore also serves at the Council's pleasure. The Mayor opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. White nominated Eric Hendrick.

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

E. Consent Agenda:

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

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019
- 2) Approval of Special Event Permit Applications:
 - a. Atrium Health Family Holiday Celebration, requested date: December 12, 2019
 - b. Shelby Christmas Parade, requested date: December 15, 2019

F. Unfinished Business:

- 1) Consideration of Council liaison appointments to City advisory boards

Following a review of Council’s procedure, Mrs. Parduski announced the liaison appointments to the City’s advisory boards for the term 2019-2021 as follows:

Ward 1 – Mr. Hendrick:	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Ward 2 – Mr. White:	Planning and Zoning Board and Keep Shelby Beautiful (KSB) Commission
Ward 3 – Mr. Causby:	Uptown Shelby Association (USA) Board
Ward 4 – Mrs. Arth Dukes:	Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board
Ward 5 – Mr. Webber:	Housing and Redevelopment Board
Ward 6 – Mr. Hopper:	Zoning Board of Adjustment and Airport Commission

Mayor Anthony welcomed and encouraged Council members to attend any advisory board meetings they choose.

2) Consideration of appointments to the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1 (NCMPA1)

Mrs. Parduski reported a vacancy exists for a First Alternate Commissioner representing Shelby on the Power Agency's Board of Commissioners. Mr. Howell recommended Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, Justin Merritt, for this seat.

Mr. Hendrick nominated City Manager Rick Howell as Commissioner, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Justin Merritt as Alternate 1, and Energy Services Director Julie McMurry as Alternate 2.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. Hendrick, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and accept the nominees by acclamation.

3) Consideration of appointments to the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Board

Mayor Anthony introduced the appointment process for a member and an alternate member to the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) Board. Currently, both the member position and the alternate member are vacant.

Mayor Anthony volunteered for the member position.

Mrs. Arth Dukes volunteered for the alternate position.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. Hendrick, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and accept the nominees by acclamation.

G. New Business:

H. City Manager's Report:

1) Mr. Howell summarized his recent written update to Mayor and Council as follows:

- 2019 Street Resurfacing – Street resurfacing for the current fiscal year is approximately 20 percent complete. An additional \$100,000

was appropriated from reserve this year to accelerate resurfacing in the overall plan.

- **County Home Road Permanent Closure – As of December 31, 2019, the section of County Home Road from the frontage road to Kings Road will be permanently closed in compliance with action taken by City Council. Some physical barriers will be placed to deter traffic and notification will be given to the public through media outlets.**
- **Court Square Streetscape Project – Very little work will take place during the holidays so as not to disrupt Uptown businesses.**
- **Water Plant Modernization Project – This project is now expected to be completed early, anticipating a late spring 2020 completion.**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Project – This project is scheduled for completion in December 2020 and has progressed largely on schedule.**
- **Airport T-Hangar Buildings Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – The event will take place on December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Shell Building No. 3 Construction Project – The project is moving forward with construction beginning in March 2020 and completed in December 2020.**
- **City Council Annual Retreat – Council holds a retreat to set goals and objectives for the next several years and to give direction to management regarding budget priorities. Mr. Howell requested Council check their calendars in order to set a date and prepare to discuss their expectations for the subject matter to be presented.**

I. Council Announcements and Remarks:

- 1) Mrs. Arth Dukes extended her congratulations to the newly sworn Council members.**
- 2) Mr. Hendrick welcomed the newly sworn members to City Council.**
- 3) Mr. White extended his congratulations to the newly sworn Council members, mentioning Mayor Anthony's musical prowess was on display in conjunction with Shelby's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 29, 2019.**

- 4) Mr. Hopper acknowledged his family members and the citizens in attendance, recognizing Willie McIntosh, a former Cleveland County Commissioner and Chair of the Cleveland County Commissioners. He also expressed his appreciation to all for their support, thanking both Judge Reeves and Judge Morgan for participating in the oath ceremonies.
- 5) Mr. Webber extended his congratulations to the newly sworn Council members. He acknowledged his wife and family members along with Judge Reeves, Judge Morgan, and Senator Alexander in attendance.
- 6) Mr. Causby extended congratulations to his fellow Council members.
- 7) Mayor Anthony extended his congratulations to the newly sworn Council members, expressing his appreciation for their support and willingness to serve.

The Mayor recognized Willie McIntosh, a former Cleveland County Commissioner and Chair of the Cleveland County Commissioners.

Mayor Anthony invited Council members to ride with him in the Shelby Christmas Parade on December 15, 2019.

The Mayor announced the following events:

- Keep Shelby Beautiful 2019 Awards Luncheon on December 4, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., Don Gibson Theatre
- City of Shelby Employee Christmas Luncheon on December 12, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Shelby City Park

J. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion to adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC
City Clerk

**O. Stanhope Anthony, III
Mayor**

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