

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
City Hall Council Chamber**

**September 20, 2021  
Monday, 6:00 p.m.**

**Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members Eric B. Hendrick, David W. White, David Causby, Violet Arth, Charles Webber, Andrew L. Hopper Sr.; Assistant City Manager Justin S. Merritt, MPA, City Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite, City Clerk Bernadette A. Parduski, Public Information and Communications Officer Chip Nuhrah, 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, Fire Chief William P. Hunt, MPA, EFO, Director of Planning and Development Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, AICP, and Jennipher H. Harrill, Social Media Manager, Blue Eyes Social Media Connections**

**Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and delivered the invocation.**

**Mr. White 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. Special Presentations:**

- 1) Recognition of Nicholas Daniel Hamrick on the occasion of his retirement from employment with the City of Shelby**

**Mayor Anthony called upon Nicholas Daniel Hamrick. The Mayor formally read and presented framed Resolution No. 29-2021 to Mr. Hamrick. He then presented a shadow box, which displays the key to the City and various keepsakes, and a City lapel pin to him in honor of and with heartfelt appreciation for his 31 and a half years of dedicated service at the Water Treatment Plant within the Water Resources Department of the City of Shelby.**

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

- 2) Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Update – Ben Yarboro, Director of Engineering Services**

Mr. Merritt introduced the subject matter of Mr. Yarboro's presentation entitled, "Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Update". He stated the TAMP covers five basic areas in scope, including: Pavement Condition Study, Culvert Condition Study, Capital Improvement Plan, Program Financing Model, and the Asset Management Plan itself. Mr. Merritt further stated the plan will ultimately be a guide as to how the City goes about addressing street system repairs in an equitable, data-driven manner and how it will ultimately pay for these repairs. The implementation of the plan is closely tied to the \$10 million bond referendum before the voters on November 2, 2021. If the bonds are approved by the voters, it will allow an acceleration of the scope of work outlined in the TAMP.

Next, Mr. Yarboro began his presentation by reviewing the principles of a Transportation Asset Management Plan with the goal to create an objective prioritization of projects as a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and upgrading the City's transportation assets including streets, culverts, public parking lots, and sidewalks. He stated the areas of his focus with this updated plan include streets and sidewalks. The total street and sidewalk project costs will be summarized with the \$10 million Street and Sidewalk Improvement Bond to provide the funding, together with any other available funds, to construct, extend, widen, resurface, and improve those assets.

## **STREETS**

Within the Shelby city limits, the City owns and maintains 125.5 miles of public street. The North Carolina Department of Transportation owns and maintains 79.46 miles and 9.23 miles are private streets. Mr. Yarboro mentioned the City of Shelby has 124.89 miles of public streets that are Powell Bill eligible.

Mr. Yarboro discussed street maintenance, noting that asphalt typically lasts 20 to 35 years depending on the quality of construction, traffic, drainage, maintenance, and other factors such as:

- Street sweeping
- Vegetation management
- Asphalt patching
- Utility cut patching
- Pavement markings
- Street rating updates
- Milling to maintain gutter line
- Resurfacing

Regarding the asphalt inspection process, the City completed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process and hired Withers Ravenel as the consultant for

the TAMP update. An inspector from Withers Ravenel and the City's Civil Engineer drove and inspected each street segment. The City's street system consists of 125.5 miles of streets and 1,297 street segments. Each street segment receives an independent rating from inputting information into a spreadsheet that calculates a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR). All data is then imported into the City's GIS system where the street segment ratings are included.

Mr. Yarboro discussed the distress categories and scoring of the PCR. The distress items in roadway condition ratings include alligator cracking, block cracking, reflective cracking, rutting, delamination, raveling, bleeding, ride quality, and patching, which are deductions based on the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE).

Mr. Yarboro reviewed the 2021 TAMP Summary for City Streets Chart which includes 125.5 miles of public streets with 1,297 street segments as follows:

- Grade A Excellent – 26.2 percent
- Grade B Very Good – 22 percent
- Grade C Good – 24 percent
- Grade D Fair – 17 percent
- Grade E Poor – 7 percent
- Grade F Very Poor – 3 percent

Mr. Yarboro provided comparison maps between the 2013 Transportation Asset Management Plan and the 2000-2021 Resurfacing projects of City streets.

Mr. Yarboro discussed the City's resurfacing history as follows:

- Utilizing annual Powell Bill allocation and Stormwater Utility funding, noting the Stormwater Program began to provide funding for milling in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015.
- The City has resurfaced an average of 2.8 miles per year over the last 12 years.
- In 2019 an additional .84 miles was added due to a \$100,000 budget transfer.
- Based on projects from the last six years:
  - Average age of asphalt being replaced is 34.6 years
  - Average miles resurfaced per year is 3.2 miles
  - Average cost per mile is \$129,100
  - Paving cycle for all streets at current rate is 39.2-year cycle

Regarding the current annual funding, Mr. Yarboro stated State Street-Aid (Powell Bill) allocations are made to municipalities based on population

and eligible street mileage as defined in the North Carolina General Statutes.

- Powell Bill funding is utilized for maintaining:
  - City streets
  - Sidewalks
  - Bridges
  - Curbs
  - Traffic signals
  - Signage

Mr. Yarboro further stated approximately \$300,000 annually is available for resurfacing. The Stormwater Utility Fee currently provides \$80,000 annually for milling to reclaim flow lines on streets with curb and gutter that are being resurfaced. Over the last six years, Powell Bill funding has decreased by \$63,943 or 10.3 percent.

Mr. Yarboro added during the implementation of work associated with the proposed bond, existing annual funding will continue to be utilized:

- A portion of the Powell Bill Allocation utilized for resurfacing = \$300,000
- The Stormwater Utility Fee utilized for milling asphalt = \$80,000

During the estimated seven-year implementation of the proposed bond, existing funding will provide approximately \$2.66 million for street improvements. Using Withers Ravenel's average cost of \$169,608 per mile that provides for 15.7 miles of additional resurfacing.

Mr. Yarboro discussed Resurfacing Methodology by reviewing the various Street Selection Considerations for Resurfacing with Blanton Street as an example:

- Pavement condition rating from TAMP
- Maintenance costs
- Monitoring rate of asphalt degradation
- Ride quality
- Drainage
- Utility project coordination
- Lower mobilization cost
- Continuity of new asphalt allows for a smoother ride quality

As well as Street Grouping Selection to:

- Decrease mobilization costs

- Provide better ride quality
- Utility project continuity
- Avoid creating areas of vastly different asphalt age for future resurfacing projects

Mr. Yarboro presented the 2021 Transportation Asset Management Plan Resurfacing Prioritization Goals:

**THE GOALS OF PRIORITY I – COST \$3,096,416:**

- Eliminate F rated segments
- Includes streets adjoining or otherwise grouped with F rated segments

**THE GOALS OF PRIORITY II COST – \$3,589,144:**

- Eliminate E rated segments
- Includes streets adjoining or otherwise grouped with E rated segments

**THE GOALS OF PRIORITY III COST – \$2,992,861:**

- Eliminate 75 percent D rated segments
- Includes streets adjoining or otherwise grouped with D rated segments

**THE GOALS OF PRIORITY IV COST – \$1,305,965:**

- Eliminate D rated segments
- Includes streets adjoining or otherwise grouped with D rated segments

**TOTAL MILEAGE REPAIRED 60.45 MILES OR 48.2 PERCENT AT A COST OF \$10,984,386**

## **SIDEWALKS**

Mr. Yarboro discussed Sidewalk Ownership and stated the following:

- The City owns 30.64 miles in the public right-of-way.
- The City owns 5.87 miles on City property.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation owns 18.56 miles in the public right-of-way.
- There are 7.13 miles privately owned.
- The total of public sidewalks equals 49.2 miles.

Mr. Yarboro proposed the following Potential Sidewalk Maintenance Plan, including:

- 49.2 miles of public sidewalks equals 259,776 Linear Feet (LF)
- \$1.00 per LF for sidewalk edging and removal of debris
- \$0.50 per LF for vegetation management

Mr. Yarboro stated each year \$43,300 is annually budgeted for edging and debris removal. This would maintain approximately 8.2 miles, totaling \$259,800.

Mr. Yarboro stated each year \$21,700 is annually budgeted for vegetation management. This would maintain approximately 8.2 miles, totaling \$130,200.

Mr. Yarboro noted the total budget for sidewalk maintenance equals \$390,000.

Mr. Yarboro proposed the following Sidewalk Potential Expansions, Repairs, and Replacements including:

#### Estimated Unit Costs

- \$10 per SF for concrete
- \$1,500 per ADA ramp

#### Potential Expansions

- 1 Mile
- Within City ROW           \$200,000
- Within NCDOT ROW       \$ 80,000

#### Potential Repairs

- Within City ROW           \$100,000

#### Potential Replacements

- 2.5 Miles
- Within City ROW           \$800,000
- Within NCDOT ROW       \$ 80,000

#### TOTAL

3.5 Miles at \$1,260,000

To conclude, Mr. Yarboro stated the Street and Sidewalk Cost Summary includes:

- Street Resurfacing (for Priorities I – IV) = \$10,984,386
- Sidewalk Maintenance = 390,000
- Sidewalk Repairs and Replacements = 1,260,000

**TOTAL STREET AND SIDEWALK PROJECT COSTS = \$12,634,386**

**Annual Powell Bill and Stormwater Funding (7-year total) = 2,660,000**

**Funding needed to complete proposed street and sidewalk work = 9,974,386**

Mayor Anthony, Council members, and Mr. Yarboro concurred the voters of Shelby have an opportunity on November 2, 2021 to approve a bond referendum related to the \$10 million in funding for this Street and Sidewalk Improvements Project.

Council received the information and took no action.

#### C. Public Comment:

- 1) Marty Pendergraft who resides at 4633 Ellenboro Road in Mooresboro, North Carolina stated he serves as the Chair of the Cleveland County Veterans' Advisory Council. He said the Advisory Council respects and recognizes the service and sacrifices of all Shelby and Cleveland County veterans from all the branches of the United States military service. Mr. Pendergraft is seeking Mayor Anthony and Council's support for veterans by inviting the board members to participate in the Veterans Day Parade and Program to be held on November 11, 2021.
- 1) Gary Leign who resides at 922 Surrey Drive in Shelby, North Carolina spoke to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in Shelby and Cleveland County. Mr. Leign is active in an organization known as Trailhead Resources assisting individuals who are unsheltered with basic needs. He stated currently there are no emergency shelters for women, children, or men in Shelby or Cleveland County. Mr. Leign and Trailhead Resources are attempting to open a men's emergency shelter before this winter. As Trailhead Resources gains providers and resources, he believes the issue of homelessness can be solved with a grassroots collaborative effort.

#### D. Public Hearings:

- 1) Consideration of a proposed ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Shelby, North Carolina (*818 Hamrick Street*): Ordinance No. 34-2021

Mr. Scharer introduced a zoning map amendment for the property located at 818 Hamrick Street from Residential 8 (R8) zoning district to Residential 6 – Conditional Zoning (R6-CZ) zoning district. Utilizing a location map, a zoning map, the future land use map, and the site plan he pointed to the subject property at 818 Hamrick Street, located at the corner of Hamrick Street and West Dixon Boulevard. Mr. Scharer stated the applicant, Trade Street Townhomes, LLC, is proposing a multi-family development of 10 units and associated parking and other features. The City is requiring sidewalk along Hamrick Street. He further stated the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for this area designates the site as Corridor Revitalization. The application is consistent with the Shelby Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Mr. Scharer added this proposed conditional zoning map amendment is so that the proposed apartment complex is developed in accordance with the submitted site plan. The proposal is for a 10-unit Hamrick Street Apartment complex. The applicant, Trade Street Townhomes, LLC, is proposing the following conditions:

- A reduced setback of 15-foot front, 5-foot side, and 15-foot rear setback.
- An improved 15-foot-wide buffer screening from neighboring properties and West Dixon Boulevard.
- Improved dumpster screening.
- A 6 to 8-foot privacy fence on the southern property line.
- Increase in permitted density from 8 to 10 units.

Mayor Anthony opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. and invited comments from the public:

The public offered the following comments:

- 1) Kory Hedrick who resides at 1315 Bedlington Drive in Charlotte, North Carolina, represented Trade Street Townhomes, LLC as the applicant. Mr. Hedrick spoke in support of the application for the Hamrick Street Apartments project. He provided a presentation which is incorporated herein and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. Hedrick summarized the Project Background as follows:

- Trade Street Townhomes identified property
- Planning staff indicated the Shelby Comprehensive Land Use Plan would support High Density
- Prepared initial site plan
- Received Planning staff support



- Planning staff provided helpful feedback regarding supplemental plantings for the buffer, requested sidewalk along Hamrick Street, and requested that Trade Street Townhomes flip the location of the dumpster
- Site plan revised in preparation for Planning and Zoning Board
- Planning staff did not require attendance at Planning and Zoning Board
- Based on feedback from Planning and Zoning Board, Trade Street Townhomes reduced the width of the building to maximize separation from neighboring property
- Trade Street Townhomes reduced the unit count from 12 to 10
- 10 units now allow Trade Street Townhomes to meet the required parking per the zoning ordinance
- Prepared preliminary elevations of the building

During his presentation, Mr. Hedrick provided a rendering of Hamrick Street Apartments, which is similar to a project currently underway in the City of Charlotte. He concluded by stating Hamrick Street Apartments could draw in a variety of renters from senior citizens and students to single professionals and couples.

- 2) Kevin Brown who resides at 3111 Cramer Pond Drive in Charlotte, North Carolina represented Trade Street Townhomes, LLC, a sister company of K2 Development NC, LLC, as the applicant. Mr. Brown spoke in support of the application for the Hamrick Street Apartments project. He stated the project represents an improvement to the area and all the suggested adjustments have been made.
- 3) Robin Ketner who resides at 1938 Candlewick Drive in Fort Mill, South Carolina spoke in support of the application for the Hamrick Street Apartments project. Miss Ketner stated she is the owner of the property which she inherited from her grandparents. She further stated the surrounding properties are mostly commercial, but this corner seems to have been neglected. Miss Ketner added the vacant lot, and the neighboring neglected properties could have new life while also addressing the need for more housing in the community. The project could serve a need for Shelby citizens and provide a much-needed cosmetic update to this area.

Mayor Anthony closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 34-2021 entitled, "A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA".

4) Consideration of a proposed ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Shelby, North Carolina (*Lithia Springs Extension Road, Parcel Number 61323*): Ordinance No. 35-2021

Mr. Scharer introduced a zoning map amendment for the vacant property located on Lithia Springs Extension Road from Residential 20 (R20) zoning district to General Business 2 – Conditional Zoning (GB2-CZ) zoning district. Utilizing a location map, a zoning map, the future land use map, and the site plan he pointed to the subject property along Lithia Springs Extension Road on the McNeilly Photography and Framing lot. Mr. Scharer stated the applicant, Spencer Borders of Foothills Commercial Real Estate, is proposing to allow his client to build a warehouse for a screen-printing business in the former McNeilly Photography and Framing building on Fallston Road. He further stated the Shelby Comprehensive Land Use Plan for this area designates the site as a Conservation Development Area. This proposed zoning map amendment is inconsistent with the Shelby Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended this proposed zoning amendment due to the property's location and propensity for future redevelopment in the area.

Mr. Scharer concluded by stating this proposed conditional zoning map amendment is so that the proposed warehouse is developed in accordance with the submitted site plan and the following conditions:

- In lieu of a sidewalk adjacent to the subject property, a sidewalk will be installed on adjacent parcel (49781) along Fallston Road.
- Street yard trees (2) will be installed on the front.
- Buffer 4, which is 6 large maturing trees, 3 small maturing trees, and 28 shrubs every 100 linear feet that is 15 foot wide will be installed along the sides of the property. Existing vegetation may serve as the rear buffer area. Existing vegetation area must be maintained. If the existing vegetation is removed or cut, it must be replaced with the above-mentioned Buffer 4.
- Paved access drive will be in the front of the building.
- Parking will be on the adjacent parcel (49781).
- Approximately 9,000 SF storage building built to code.

Mayor Anthony opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. and invited comments from the public.

The public offered the following comments:

- 1) Spencer Borders who resides at 1101 East Sanders Road in Shelby, North Carolina appeared as the applicant and spoke in support of the project.

- 2) Lindsey Allen who resides at 1207 Lithia Springs Extension Road in Shelby, North Carolina was not present, declining to speak.
- 3) Larry Black who resides at 1215 Lithia Springs Extension Road in Shelby, North Carolina was not present, declining to speak.
- 4) William Ross who resides at 1217 Lithia Springs Extension Road in Shelby, North Carolina was not present, declining to speak.

Mayor Anthony closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Miss Arth, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 35-2021 entitled, “A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA”.

**E. Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Anthony presented the consent agenda. Mr. Hopper moved to approve the consent agenda and the following items were unanimously adopted:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2021
- 2) Management Reports:
  - a. Planning and Development Monthly Summary – July 2021
  - b. Raper Roark Trust Fund – City of Shelby Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2017 – 2021
- 3) Approval of a resolution supporting the nomination of City Manager Rick Howell as director to the ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc. Board of Directors: Resolution No. 57-2021
- 4) Adoption of a budget ordinance amendment for the City of Shelby’s Windsor Drive and Montrose Drive Natural Gas System Infrastructure Improvements Project: Ordinance No. 36-2021
- 5) Adoption of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 1: Ordinance No. 37-2021
- 6) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project ordinance and budgets for the City of Shelby’s City Park Pool Renovation Project: Ordinance No. 38-2021

**F. Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Consideration of a resolution authorizing and awarding a contract for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper Type Fire Apparatus utilizing the “competitive bidding group purchasing method”: Resolution No. 55-2021

Mr. Merritt introduced Resolution No. 55-2021 for Council’s consideration. If approved, this resolution would authorize the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper Type Fire Apparatus through a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), allowing for an exception to the normal bidding process when purchases are made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program. This is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing services at discount prices to two or more public agencies. Mr. Merritt stated this item involves the purchase of a fire pumper truck apparatus which was discussed during the budget process for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Purchase of this apparatus will allow the City to move the 1987 E-One Reserve Engine out of service and the 2004 Engine No. 32 to reserve.

Next, Chief Hunt reiterated the purchase of the Pierce Enforcer Pumper will allow the Shelby Fire and Rescue Department to achieve improvements in its fleet particularly in the areas of reliability and capability, both on the frontline and reserve status as well. The new truck is scheduled to go into frontline service at Fire Station 2, replacing the 2004 E One Pumper while placing it in reserve status. The 1987 truck will then be moved to surplus status.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. Webber, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution No. 55-2021 entitled, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PIERCE ENFORCER PUMPER TYPE FIRE APPARATUS UTILIZING THE ‘COMPETITIVE BIDDING GROUP PURCHASING METHOD’.”

#### G. New Business:

- 1) Consideration of a resolution making certain findings and determinations, authorizing the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission, requesting the Local Government Commission to sell the bond at a private sale, approving a proposal to purchase such bond and approving the financing team in connection with the issuance of a revenue refunding bond by the City of Shelby, North Carolina: Resolution No. 58-2021

Mr. Merritt introduced Resolution No. 58-2021 for Council’s consideration. If approved, this resolution would authorize the filing of an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission seeking to refund certain City utility system debt.

Mr. Merritt explained the City has an opportunity to realize significant debt service savings through refunding Series 2010 (Projects included: Eastside Water Line, Westside Water Line, Hallelujah Acres Sewer Extension, Westside Water Line, and PPG Regulator Station); Series 2013A (Projects included: Electric substation upgrades, Broad River Water Line, Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, and Sewer Service to Annexations); Series 2013C (Projects included: Wastewater Treatment Plant Intake, Lattimore Sewer Line, and Eastside Sewer Line); and Series 2015 (Project included: East Water Tank) revenue bonds. This is achievable through favorable rates available in credit markets currently.

Mr. Merritt stated after analysis of rate options for the private and public placement of the bonds, as well as consideration of the benefits and limitations of each scenario, it has become clear that a private placement with Truist Bank (formerly BB&T) will be the most beneficial path for the City. An important step in this process is the approval of a Preliminary Resolution by City Council. This Resolution defines what bonds will be refunded and states that Council does wish to proceed with the refunding. Additionally, this resolution sets some basic guidelines such as reasonable cost estimates will be used, no rate increases will be associated with the refunding, and sets a minimum for net present value savings for the refunding.

Mr. Merritt further stated this is just the first of several actions that will need to be taken by City Council as the City continues through the refunding process and each action will provide more detailed information to Council.

Mr. Merritt concluded by stating this process would refinance approximately \$12 million of previously issued revenue bonds with an estimated savings over time of approximately \$515,000. He shared the savings summary:

- Water – 50 percent
- Sewer – 33 percent
- Natural Gas – 10 percent
- Electric – 7 percent

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. Causby, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution No. 58-2021 entitled, “A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL THE BOND AT A PRIVATE SALE, APPROVING A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE SUCH BOND AND APPROVING THE FINANCING TEAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A REVENUE REFUNDING BOND BY THE CITY OF SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA”.

#### **H. Assistant City Manager's Report:**

- 1) Mr. Merritt updated Council regarding the General Obligation Bond Referendum process:**
  - September 14, 2021 – City's application to the Local Government Commission for the issuance of GO bonds was approved.
  - November 2, 2021 – Bond referendum appears on the election ballot for voter approval.
  - December 4, 2021 – City Council adopts a resolution that certifies the results of the election.
  
- 2) Regarding Shell Building No. 4, Mr. Merritt stated the request for contractor pre-qualification statements has been published and are due October 5, 2021.**
  
- 3) Mr. Merritt reported the contract with CHA Consulting, Inc. to perform professional services including planning, design, and construction administration for the Shelby Aquatics Center Renovation Project has been executed with construction bidding to begin in early 2022 and completion anticipated in May 2022.**
  
- 4) Regarding Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport T-Hangar No. 4 Project, Mr. Merritt stated the contractor has been issued a notice to proceed with the concrete slab to be poured followed by site work to begin in November 2021, steel to be delivered in January 2022, and completion of the project anticipated in Spring 2022.**
  
- 5) Mr. Merritt announced the City of Shelby's Stormwater Division and Keep Shelby Beautiful Commission are sponsoring a Creek Cleanup Event on October 2, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, meeting at Carolina Energies located at 515 North Dekalb Street.**
  
- 6) Mr. Merritt provided an update regarding the First Broad River Trail suspension bridge repairs which are in progress and at least 30 days from completion.**

#### **I. Council Announcements and Remarks:**

- 1) Mayor Anthony provided information shared in a community public health press conference held today at the LeGrand Center about COVID-19 and the critical impact on the Cleveland County community and its health care systems.**

Community and health leaders met with the media to address what they called a county-wide crisis, referring to the surge of COVID-19 cases plaguing Cleveland County. The meeting included staggering statistics along with a discussion about the strain on local hospitals. As the surge continues, Mayor Anthony urged all to get vaccinated and to wear your masks.

The Mayor proposed moving next month's meeting back to the Don Gibson Theatre or going back to virtual meetings on Zoom. Several Council members echoed the Mayor's concerns, encouraging the public to lessen the burden by taking the vaccine. After the discussion, Council voted 4 (Hendrick, Arth, Webber, and Hopper) to 2 (White and Causby) in favor of returning to the Don Gibson Theatre, noting the October 4, 2021 meeting would be held in the larger space.

- 2) Mr. Webber commended Mr. Merritt for his handling of the meeting and supported the efforts of locating an emergency shelter in Shelby.
- 3) Mayor Anthony and Council members collectively sent their best wishes to City Manager Rick Howell for a speedy recovery.

**J. Adjournment:**

- 1) Motion to adjourn

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. Hendrick, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC  
City Clerk

O. Stanhope Anthony III  
Mayor

Minutes of September 20, 2021