

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber

February 21, 2022
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members David W. White, David Causby, Violet Arth, Charles Webber, Andrew L. Hopper Sr., and Emilie Bullock.; City Manager Rick Howell, MPA, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager Justin S. Merritt, MPA, Assistant City Manager of Utilities Benjamin (Ben) Yarboro, City Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite, Interim City Clerk Carol Williams, Public Information and Communications Officer, Chip Nuhrah, Director of Finance Elizabeth B. (Beth) Beam, CPA, Director of Human Resources Deborah (Deb) Jolly, Police Chief Jeffrey (Jeff) Ledford, 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 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 by Violet Arth, City Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

B. Public Comment:

- 1) Gary Leigh of Trailhead Resources gave an update on the Men's shelter. It opened over a month ago. The Trailhead Program is offered to the men and includes various workshops, therapy, classes and field trips. 90% of the men at the shelter participate in the Trailhead Program. The shelter is overcrowded and underfunded. Financial funding is needed.
- 2) Michael Rollins spoke of his desire to learn more about local government and wants to be more involved. He believes local government can influence national government.

C. Consent Agenda:

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

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2022**
- 2) Approval of a resolution honoring Gary L. Cleary on the occasion of his retirement from employment with the City of Shelby:
Resolution No. 14-2022**
- 3) Approval of a resolution approving the contract for the performance of the City of Shelby's annual audit and preparation of financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022: Resolution No. 15-2022**
- 4) Approval of a resolution accepting property from Zeb Beam:
Resolution No. 16-2022**
- 5) Approval of a resolution approving conveyance of property:
Resolution No. 17-2022**

C. Unfinished Business:

- 1) Approval of a resolution adopting the 2021 Shelby Transportation Asset Management Plan for Shelby, North Carolina: Resolution No. 18-2022**

Mr. Howell introduced Resolution No. 18-2022 for Council's consideration. If approved this resolution adopts the Shelby Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP). Mr. Howell stated that the City has always tried to pave the worst streets first and tries to coordinate utility improvements around street paving. Mr. Howell also noted that the City uses objective and measurable criteria found in the TAMP when making decisions on annual street resurfacing. This will continue as we proceed with the expenditure of the \$10,000,000 bond funding approved by voters last November. TAMP continues the course of being cognizant and equitable in our decision-making related to street resurfacing regardless of geographic area.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. Hopper, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution No. 18-2022 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 SHELBY TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA"

G. New Business:

- 1) **Consideration of a resolution directing the City Clerk to determine Sufficiency of a Voluntary Annexation Petition from Southwood Realty Company: Resolution No. 19-2022**

Mr. Scharer presented Resolution No. 19-2022 for Council's consideration. He showed the area on the map of S. DeKalb Street that involves this annexation. This is a contiguous annexation. The property has been approved by Council to allow construction of a multi-family development containing 312 units. Resolution No. 19-2022 directs the City Clerk to review the documentation submitted by Southwood Realty and determine its sufficiency in meeting the statutory requirements. If the annexation petition is verified by the City Clerk, then a Public Hearing will be held on March 21, 2022.

- 1) **ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. Causby, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution No. 19-2022 entitled, "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DETERMINE SUFFICIENCY OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PETITION FROM SOUTHWOOD REALTY COMPANY".**

H. City Manager's Report:

- 1) **Regarding the construction of Depot Park, the City received a \$420,000 NC PARTF grant. Design and engineering qualification requests should be upcoming in the near future.**
- 2) **Regarding the lift station at the Randolph Road Industrial Park there will be a pre-construction meeting this week. This project serves the Shell Building #4 property and the surrounding 64-acre tract the City owns. The City received grant funding for the lift station.**
- 3) **Regarding Shell Building #4 the contractor, Hickory Construction, was given a notice to proceed so there should be some activity happening at that site in the near future.**
- 4) **Regarding Phase I of the Rail Trail from approximately Grover St. to Marion St. this will be put out for bid March 15th with an April 14th bid opening date. Construction should start this spring. Marion Street to South of DeKalb Street (Phase II) is in the engineering phase.**
- 5) **Regarding the Transportation Asset Management Plan bids were received on February 17th. The low bid was Asphalt Paving of Shelby with a bid of \$2.8 million which was below the estimate of \$3.45 million.**

- 6) Regarding T-Hangar #4 the groundwork is almost complete and the metal building should be delivered by March 11th and the project should be completed within 44 days of delivery.
- 7) Regarding the Suspension Bridge at the First Broad River it will hopefully be complete sometime in March. We are at the mercy of the contractor and the weather.

I. Council Announcements and Remarks:

- 1) Mayor Anthony commented that he was very proud of our community and the event on Saturday for the Civil Rights Trail marker. He apologized for not recognizing City staff at the ceremony but appreciated all the hard work that was done for the ceremony.
- 2) Each of the Council members also voiced their appreciation for the City staff's hard work in organizing the Civil Rights Trail marker ceremony.
- 3) Ms. Arth thanked Mr. Gary Leigh with Trailhead Resources for updating Council and asked the community to offer their support for such a good cause.

J. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion to adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Williams
Interim City Clerk

O. Stanhope Anthony III
Mayor

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