

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
City Hall Council Chamber

June 6, 2022  
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members Andrew L. Hopper Sr., David White, David Causby, Charles Webber, Violet Arth and Emilie Bullock.; City Manager Rick Howell, MPA, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager of Utilities Benjamin (Ben) Yarboro, City Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite, City Clerk Carol Williams, Public Information and Communications Officer, Chip Nuhrah, Director of Finance Elizabeth (Beth) B. Beam, Police Chief Jeffrey (Jeff) Ledford, Fire Chief William P. Hunt, MPA, EFO, Director of Planning and Development Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, AICP, Assistant Director of Public Works Scott Black, 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 Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

B. Public Hearing:

1) Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Shelby

Mr. Howell presented Ordinance No. 34-2022 and Ordinance No. 35-2022 for Council's consideration. Mr. Howell listed a few points regarding the 2022-2023 budget:

- the tax rate is recommended to remain the same at 51.75 cents per \$100 valuation.
- the budget reflects an increase of almost 12.5% which takes into account an increase in personnel for the retention of existing personnel and the recruitment of additional personnel
- another significant factor for the budget increase is the increase in the price to purchase natural gas

- the budget shows an approximate 4% adjustment in the solid waste fee
- the budget shows a 3% decrease in the overall electric rate for City customers
- all City employees will receive a 5% increase in pay, with three groups of employees (sworn officers, water resources, and electric division) receiving an additional adjustment

Mayor Anthony opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. and invited comments from the public.

The public offered no comments.

Mayor Anthony closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

- a. **Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 34-2022**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. Hopper, City Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 34-2022 entitled, "FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE."

- b. **Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Supplemental Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 35-2022**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. Hopper, City Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 35-2022 entitled, "FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-2023 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ORDINANCE."

#### **C. Consent Agenda:**

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

- 1) **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2022**
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 10, 2022**
- 3) **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2022**
- 4) **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 23, 2022**
- 5) **Acceptance of the Certificate of Sufficiency regarding Petition of**

**Annexation of applicant, Cleveland Partners, LLC**

- 6) Acceptance of the Certificate of Sufficiency regarding Petition of Annexation of applicant, Don Peeler Realty**
- 7) Approval of Special Event Application:**
  - a) 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, First Baptist Church: request date June 25, 2022**
- 8) Approval of a resolution accepting American Rescue Plan funding: Resolution No. 43-2022**
- 9) Approval of a resolution providing for the sale and issuance of a \$6,000,000 City of Shelby, North Carolina General Obligation Street and Sidewalk Improvement Bond, series 2022: Resolution No. 44-2022**
- 10) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project ordinance and budgets for the City of Shelby's TAMP Resurfacing Project: Ordinance No. 36-2022**
- 11) Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling (608 Suttle Street): Ordinance No. 37-2022**
- 12) Management Reports:**
  - a. Monthly Financial Summary – April 2022**
- 13) Notice of Cancellation in the Regular Meeting Schedule of Shelby City Council – July 4, 2022**

**D. Unfinished Business:**

**None**

**E. New Business**

- 1) Consideration of appointments to City advisory boards and commissions:**
  - a) Housing and Redevelopment Authority Commission**

**Mrs. Williams reported the terms of three incumbents, Talmadge Strickland, Derrick Haynes, and Kevin Prime concluded March 2022. Mr. Strickland and Mr. Haynes wish to continue their service. Dr. Prime has indicated he wishes to end his service.**

There is one application on file in the Clerk's Office:

- Matthew Albinger

Mr. White nominated Talmadge Strickland, Derrick Haynes for reappointment and Matthew Albinger for appointment.

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

2) Consideration of appointments to City advisory boards and commissions:

b) Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Mrs. Williams reported the terms of two incumbents, Phil Reid and Page Morgan, concluded in April 2022. Both incumbents wish to continue their service.

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

- Jeffrey Yates
- Kevin Karner
- Willie McIntosh

Mr. Causby nominated Phil Reid and Page Morgan for reappointment.

Mr. Hopper nominated Kevin Karner and Willie McIntosh for appointment.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Ms. Arth, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations.

Council cast the following votes:

Page Morgan received 2 votes (Arth and Causby)

Phil Reid received 1 vote (Causby)

Kevin Karner received 5 votes (Bullock, Arth, White, Webber, Hopper)

Willie McIntosh received 4 votes (Bullock, White, Webber, Hopper)

Mayor Anthony declared the two nominees to the ABC Board as Kevin Karner and Willie McIntosh

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Kevin Karner and Willie McIntosh by acclamation.

**E. City Manager's Report:**

- **Regarding the Charles Hotel – the City has received notification from the Appalachian Regional Commission's Opportunity Appalachian program for a grant of \$75,000 to be used for due diligence work and market study to potentially open the Charles Hotel as a boutique hotel.**
- **North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES) – Complimentary of former Director of Energy Services Julie McMurry and city staff on a great job with the conference last month**
- **Fly-In at the Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport is Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm**
- **Badge Pinning ceremony for promotions in our Shelby Fire and Rescue Department is Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30p.m.**

**F. Council Announcements and Remarks:**

**Mayor Anthony thanked staff for their hard work during the budget season.**

**Mayor Anthony stated Council enjoyed the State Dinner in Raleigh earlier this month and the late-night tour of the Capitol. Mayor Anthony thanked Speaker Moore for the educational tour.**

**Mayor Anthony mentioned Reverend DeVoe passed away a few weeks ago. Rev. DeVoe was a powerful leader in this community during the Civil Rights Movement and since that time. Mayor Anthony wondered if Council would consider a plaque or some sort of commemoration in Rev. DeVoe's honor. By consensus, Council was in favor of staff coming to Council with suggestions.**

**Ms. Arth stated that she was impressed with Mayor Neisler of Kings Mountain at the State Dinner at his first event as President of the NCLM.**

**Ms. Arth announced Art of Sound Music festival is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>, and Flea Fest.**

**Mr. Webber stated he was in favor of obtaining guidance on the process of appointments to our Boards and Commissions and looks forward to staff bringing a policy to consider.**

**Mr. Hopper stated he enjoyed the State dinner in Raleigh as well. Mr. Hopper also appreciated Speaker Moore's tour of the old Capitol building and the current Capitol building. Speaker Moore and his staff were very gracious.**

**Mayor Anthony mentioned the RAISE grant application that the City has applied for and stated the City is asking for letters of support to help our efforts in obtaining this funding.**

**G. Closed Session:**

- 1) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, pursuant to N.C.G.S.143-318.11(3)**

**ACTION TAKEN: Mr. White made a motion to enter a closed session pursuant to the appropriate North Carolina General Statute as cited. Mayor Anthony consulted with Mrs. Fite who advised the topic met the statutory requirements for a closed session. The Mayor invited all Council members present along with Mr. Howell, Mrs. Fite, and Mrs. Williams to attend. Mrs. Fite also asked Mr. Scharer to attend. The motion passed unanimously, and Council moved into closed session at 6:29p.m.**

**Council returned to the regular session at 7:00p.m.**

**H. Adjournment:**

- 1) Motion to adjourn**

**ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Ms. Arth, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Williams  
City Clerk**

**O. Stanhope Anthony III  
Mayor**

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