

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber

June 5, 2023
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor pro tem Andrew L. Hopper, Sr. presiding; Council Members Violet Arth, David White, Charles Webber, and Emilie Bullock.; City Manager Rick Howell, MPA, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager Benjamin (Ben) Yarboro, Interim City Attorney Julie Hooten, City Clerk Carol Williams, Deputy City Clerk Breanna Jones, Public Information and Communications Officer Chip Nuhrah, Director of Finance Elizabeth (Beth) Beam, Interim Police Chief Brad Fraser, Fire Chief William Hunt, EFO, Public Works Director Scott Black, Director Parks and Recreation Charlie Holtzclaw, Director of Planning and Development Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, and Jennipher H. Harrill, Social Media Manager, Blue Eyes Media Connections

Absent: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony, III, and Council Member David Causby

Mayor pro tem Hopper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Webber delivered the invocation.

Mrs. Bullock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of agenda:

- 1) Motion to adopt the agenda as amended, adding Item H, a Closed Session

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

B. Public Hearing:

- 1) Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Shelby
 - a. Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 28-2023
 - b. Consideration of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Supplemental Budget Ordinance: Ordinance No. 29-2023

Mr. Howell mentioned to Council that he has previously provided his Budget Message for FY 2023-2024, the Budget Ordinance, the Supplemental Budget and

Fee Schedule. Mr. Howell reminded Council that after the public hearing tonight they can act on the Budget Ordinance and the Supplemental Budget Ordinance. Mr. Howell stated the budget needs to be adopted by June 30, 2023.

Mayor pro tem Hopper opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. and the public offered no comments.

Mayor pro tem Hopper closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 28-2023 entitled, "FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE and Ordinance No. 29-2023 entitled, "FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ORDINANCE."

C. Consent Agenda:

Mayor pro tem Hopper 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 15, 2023
- 2) Approval of Special Event Application:
 - a) Newton's Karate 5K: request date September 23, 2023
- 3) Management Reports:
 - a. Monthly Financial Summary – April 2023

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

D. Unfinished Business:

None

E. New Business

None

F. City Manager's Report

Mr. Howell updated Council on the following projects:

- **City Hall Roof Project:**

A substantial portion of the roof replacement project is complete. The slate portion and the cupola construction are complete. The gutters, downspouts and the flat roof portions of the building need to be finished. This project has gone well, and Mr. Howell appreciates the staff and citizens for being patient when we've had to close certain entrances to get work done.

- **Opportunity Appalachia Grant update:**

The City received a grant for the Hotel Charles project through Opportunity Appalachia. Part of this grant allowed the City to do an online pitch session for potential investors. Former Assistant City Manager Justin Merritt handled this for the City since Mr. Howell was out of town. We've already had some interest in the project. Mr. Howell thanked Mr. Merritt for representing the City very well and for his willingness to assist the City with this portion of the project. Mr. Howell stated the due diligence continues and a feasibility report and market analysis study will be completed in the next couple of months.

- **Proposed Bills going through the General Assembly:**

Mr. Howell stated there are a couple of bills that could be damaging to local governments. Some bills take control out of local hands, for example, ETJ and other land use decisions. Mr. Howell stated we need to work with the League of Municipalities and members of the General Assembly to provide information to them and share our thoughts on the proposed bills. Mr. Howell explained the history of ETJ (extra-territorial jurisdiction) and the good and bad issues with having an ETJ.

G. Council Announcements and Remarks:

Mr. White commended Mr. Howell and the staff for the new slate roof. Mr. White stated he has received many comments about how great the roof looks.

Ms. Arth congratulated Kristen Reese from Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership on her retirement. Ms. Arth stated Mrs. Reese was instrumental in bringing many industries and jobs to our area. She will be hard to replace.

Mr. Webber said kudos to the Burns High School Baseball team and Coach Alex Leonhardt for winning the State 2A Championship this past weekend. Mr. Webber continued by stating this is the first baseball State championship for Burns High School.

H. Closed Session:

- 1) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or

other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(4).

- 2) To establish, or to instruct staff concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of City Council in negotiating the price and other material 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)(5).

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. White made a motion to enter a closed session pursuant to the appropriate North Carolina General Statutes as cited. Mayor pro tem Hopper invited all Council members present along with Mr. Howell, Ms. Hooten, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Yarboro to attend. The motion passed unanimously, and Council moved into closed session at 6:20 p.m.

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

I. 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

Andrew L. Hopper, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem

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