

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Shelby City Council
Don Gibson Theatre

April 1, 2024
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony, III, presiding; Council Members Andrew L. Hopper, Sr., David Causby, Violet Arth, David White, Charles Webber, and Emilie Bullock; City Manager Rick Howell, MPA, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager Ben Yarboro, Assistant City Manager Justin Longino, MBA, City Attorney Jason Lunsford, City Clerk Carol Williams, Director of Human Resources Deborah (Deb) Jolly, Director of Finance Elizabeth (Beth) Beam, CPA, Fire Chief William Hunt, EFO, Chief of Police Brad Fraser, Public Works Director Scott Black, Director of Water Resources Brian Wilson, Economic Development Officer Brandon Ruppe, Public Information and Communications Officer Chip Nuhrah, and Jennipher H. Harrill, Social Media Manager, Blue Eyes Media Connections

Absent: Deputy City Clerk Breanna Jones

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

Ms. Arth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of agenda:

- 1) Motion to adopt the proposed agenda presented.

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

B. Special Presentations:

- 1) Chip Nuhrah, City of Shelby Public Information and Communications Officer, update on Panhandling Project

Mr. Nuhrah briefed Council on an initiative the City of Shelby has been working on regarding panhandling in our area. Mr. Nuhrah explained panhandling is not just a Shelby issue but is an issue nationwide. Mr. Nuhrah gave a definition of panhandling which is the practice of asking for money in public spaces.

Mr. Nuhrah stated the goal of the City of Shelby Panhandling Program is to educate the public on alternative ways to give that help people in need in our

community in a way that is responsible. Mr. Nuhrah then provided City Council with details of the Panhandling Project which consists of:

- Coordination with agencies in our area that citizens can donate money/time to that will provide aid to those in need, such as, The United Way, Cleveland County Health Department, and Cleveland County Rescue Mission.
- New printed and digital brochures have been created that will be distributed throughout the area to inform citizens of ways they can help.
- A dedicated page on the City of Shelby website with details of the program, www.cityofshelby.com/panhandling.
- New signage at major intersections will explain the Panhandling Program with detailed information.

Mr. Nuhrah gave the locations of the new signs and stated the signs, and the brochures will be set up and available in the next few weeks.

C. Public Hearing:

- 1) Consideration of a proposed ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the City of Shelby, North Carolina: Ordinance No. 25-2024

Mr. Longino presented this item to Council by stating this hearing is only for annexation purposes. Mr. Caleb Peeler submitted a voluntary annexation petition for parcel number 5430 which consists of approximately 75 acres in the ETJ off of Eaves Road across from Webb Memorial Lawns. Mr. Longino stated the parcel is currently zoned as R6-CZ. Mr. Longino concluded by stating that city staff has reviewed the petition for annexation and determined that the city can service this property and staff recommends approval of this annexation.

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

Caleb Peeler, whose business address is 211 Patton Drive, Shelby, North Carolina stated since there wasn't any one to speak in opposition of the annexation, he would yield his time.

Mayor Anthony closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 25-2024 entitled, "A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA".

D. 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 March 18, 2024**
- 2) City of Shelby FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance Amendment #7 (project Grizzly repayment): Ordinance No. 26-2024**
- 3) City of Shelby FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance Amendment #8: (Shell Bldg. #4 repayment): Ordinance No. 27-2024**
- 4) City of Shelby FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance Amendment #9: (Dept. budget adjustments): Ordinance No. 28-2024**
- 5) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project ordinance and budgets for the City of Shelby's Dog Park Project: Ordinance No. 29-2024**
- 6) Approval of a resolution authorizing an application for the US Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) Grant through ElectriCities of NC, Inc.: Resolution No. 24-2024**
- 7) City of Shelby Telecommunications Pipeline Installation Project:**
 - a) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project ordinance and budgets for the City of Shelby's Telecommunications Pipeline Installation Project: Ordinance No. 30-2024**
 - b) Approval of a resolution to approve the contract for the agreement for reimbursement of telecommunications pipeline installation: Resolution No. 25-2024**
- 8) Approval of a Special Event Application:**
 - a) Shelby Sprint 5K, requested date: May 11, 2024**
- 9) Management Reports:**
 - a) Monthly Financial Summary – February 2024**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

D. Unfinished Business:

None

E. New Business:

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

a) Airport Advisory Board

Mayor Anthony reported the terms of three incumbents, Robert Farrow, Barry Beaver and Dicky Amaya concluded February 2024. All three incumbents wish to continue to serve.

There are two applications on file in the Clerk's office:

- Gustavo Martinez
- Matt Albinger

Mrs. Bullock nominated Mr. Farrow, Mr. Beaver and Mr. Amaya.

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mrs. Bullock, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and appoint the nominees.

F. City Manager's Report

Mr. Howell asked Council if Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th would work for our Budget Workshops. By consensus, Council agreed to those dates. The workshops will be held at the Don Gibson Theatre, starting at noon with lunch provided.

Mr. Howell also reminded Council of the Town and State Dinner on Wednesday, April 3rd in Hickory. Those that are attending should meet at City Hall at 4:00 p.m. to ride together.

Mr. Howell acknowledged our newest hire, Brandon Ruppe. Mr. Ruppe will be our new Economic Developer with a variety of duties. Council welcomed Mr. Ruppe and look forward to working with him.

G. Council Announcements and Remarks

Mr. White mentioned First Baptist Church has a new minister and invited all to attend if so inclined.

Ms. Arth apologized for missing our last City Council meeting; it was her daughter's 10th birthday.

H. Adjournment:

1) Motion to adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion made by Ms. Arth, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carol Williams
City Clerk**

**O. Stanhope Anthony, III
Mayor**

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