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CITY OF STATESVILLE PRE-AGENDA MEETING – August 14, 2014
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 4:30 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: J. Johnson, Schlesinger, M. Johnson, Huggins, Morgan, West

Council Absent: Phifer, Watt

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Gaines, Salmon, Currier, Cornelison, Miglin, Anderson, Davis, Harrell, Hutchens, Smyth, Cornelius, Shelton

Others: Marin Tomlin-DSDC

Media Present: Dave Veiser-Charlotte Observer, John Hamlin-Statesville Record & Landmark

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order and advised that one item would be added to the Regular Agenda: Council Direction on the CARTPO issue.

II Consent Agenda

A. Consider approving the minutes of the July 31, 2014 Pre-Agenda meeting and the August 04, 2014 City Council meeting.

B. Consider approving City co-sponsorship of the 2014 Carolina Balloon Festival to be held October 17-19.

C. Consider approval of a non-capital purchase of six bullet proof vests by the Police Department.
Captain Dan Miglin stated the Police Department has appropriated funds in the operating budget to purchase ballistic body armor for six officers. According to the City purchasing policy, purchase of a single item purchase in multiples must have prior Council approval if the purchase price of each single item exceeds $400 and the total purchase price exceeds $2,500. The Second Chance Bullet Proof Vests cost $662 each for a total of $3,972. Captain Miglin said staff will be applying for a grant to cover 50% of the cost.

D. Consider approving a non-capital purchase of 10 picnic tables from Diversified Metal Fabricators by the Recreation & Parks Department.
Brent Cornelison explained that non-capital purchases of single items in multiples must have City Council approval if the price of each single item exceeds $400 and the total purchase exceeds $2,500. Funds are available in the current operating budget for this purchase.

Item: 10 Picnic Tables	
Cost: 8 - 6' Picnic tables @ $516.28 each	$4,130.24
2 - 6' ADA Picnic Tables @ 574.53 each	$1,149.06
Shipping	$ 660.70
	$5,940.00

Other quotes:

AAA State of Play	$6,439.00
Gametime	$7,337.52
Summit Supply	$7,208.00 w/o shipping

Regular Agenda

III Receive a report on graffiti/street art and the appeal.
Chief Tom Anderson stated the department made a determination that the image of a mouse painted on the side of the building at 224 N. Center Street was considered graffiti, not Street Art, per the definition of graffiti contained in the City Code. Staff spoke with the property owner who told them that he did not give the painter permission or authorization to paint the image. At that point, staff sent a certified letter to the owner stating that the graffiti must be removed within seven days. The owner has seven days to appeal this, which they have.

Council member Schlesinger said he spoke with the Gordon's who stated they liked the mouse image and were upset as to how they were notified about this. Chief Anderson explained staff simply followed procedure as laid out in the ordinance. Mr. Gaines stated that Council has the authority to make a decision on the appeal.

Mayor Kutteh explained that at the Council meeting on Monday, Council must make a decision regarding the appeal. He stated that the applicant, Mr. Calvo, will be heard at the Council meeting and asked Mr. Pressley to advise Mr. Calvo of this.

Mr. Currier explained the City of Asheville's policy for public art.

Mayor Kutteh said that Mr. Currier is asking for guidance from City Council on how staff should proceed with modifying or enhancing the City Code regarding public art.

IV Consider authorizing the purchase of a projection system for City Hall 3rd floor conference room.

Nancy Davis stated that staff has obtained pricing for a projection system for the 3rd floor conference room. The system includes an 80 inch monitor and is compatible with most tablets and laptops. It will not require a projector mounted on the ceiling. Sheila Poole mentioned that non-capital purchases with a life expectancy of more than one year and purchase price of $1,000 requires Council approval prior to purchase. Funds are available in contingency and no budget amendment is needed. Staff recommends approval of purchase of the projection system not to exceed $6,000.

Council agreed by consensus to move this item to the Consent Agenda.

V Consider approving an ordinance establishing the I-77 Rest Area Capital Project Fund and appropriate funds for the project.

Scott Harrell said the sewer service to the NC DOT I-77 Rest Area project will be constructed by the City and reimbursed by the DOT. The estimated cost of the reimbursable portion of this project is $2,671,114. The City has the option to upsize the sewer service at its expense; the cost of upsizing will be determined during the engineering design process. Establishing the project fund at this time is necessary to provide an appropriation for the estimated project costs included in the agreement between the City and NC DOT. Staff recommends approval of the budget ordinance to establish the I-77 Rest Area Capital Project Fund and appropriation of funds for the project.

Council member M. Johnson asked how long staff has to obtain property acquisitions and right-of-ways. Mr. Pressley said staff needs to begin within the next 30 days or sooner if there is any major change to service area or a larger size. Council member M. Johnson asked what the timeframe is if we have to declare eminent domain. Mr. Gaines explained the process.

Council member M. Johnson questioned the need to appropriate these funds to a Capital Project Fund. Mrs. Salmon explained that only the budget will be set up, no money will actually be put into the account. The revenue for the account will be set as a reimbursement from NCDOT and as we spend the money we will have to front that money then request reimbursement from NCDOT.

Mayor Kutteh asked for further clarification of other right-of-way acquisitions and easements. Mr. Pressley explained.

VI Consider awarding a bid for 2 shuttle vans for the Recreation & Parks Department in the amount of $90,320 to Carolina Thomas.

Brent Cornelison stated that the 2014-15 capital budget included $110,000 for the purchase of 2 shuttle vans. Formal bids were received and opened on Wednesday, July 30th and Carolina Thomas was the lowest bidder at $90,320.

There being no further business, Council member West made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Fugett, City Clerk