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CITY OF STATESVILLE PRE-AGENDA MEETING – August 03, 2015
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 6:00 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: J. Johnson, Schlesinger, Morgan, Williams, M. Johnson, West, Phifer

Council Absent: Watt

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Gaines, Davis, Smyth, Harrell, Currier, Cornelison, Ferguson, Hutchens, Houpe, Barone, Cornelius

Others: 1

Media Present: Jim McNally-Statesville Record & Landmark, Dave Veiser-Charlotte Observer

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order and advised an Executive Session would be held following the Pre-Agenda meeting to discuss two economic development matters, pending litigation, a real estate contract and to preserve the attorney client privilege for all. He stated that Council will do the City Manager's performance review at the next meeting.

Mayor Kutteh asked if Council wanted any items on the Consent Agenda to be moved to the Regular Agenda. No items were moved.

II Consent Agenda – All items below are considered to be routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered with the other items listed in the Regular Agenda.

- A. Consider approving the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Pre-Agenda meeting, and July 13, 2015 Council meeting.**
- B. Consider approving the purchase of a vehicle air conditioning recovery machine for use by the City garage.**
- C. Consider approving co-sponsorship of the 2015 Carolina Balloon Festival to be held October 16-18.**
- D. Consider appointing Lisa McBane to the Downtown Design Review Committee.**
- E. Consider approving a Resolution of Intent to annex City-owned property and fixing a date for a public hearing on the question of the annexation.**
- F. Consider approving 2nd reading of an ordinance for ZC15-07 filed by Barry Munday to rezone the property located at 201 Wooten Street; Tax Map 4724-96-4421 from B-1 back to LI with the intention to allow for an indoor auction house.**
- G. Consider approving a resolution for the Statesville Regional Airport to participate in the North Carolina Department of Aviation Airport Safety/Maintenance Program.**
- H. Consider approving a request from the Statesville Flying Service to continue a lease of additional property at Statesville Regional Airport.**
- I. Consider re-appointing Teddy Millsaps to the ABC Board.**

Mayor Kutteh asked that Item VII be moved to Item V and Item VIII to Item VI on the Regular Agenda.

Regular Agenda

- V **Recognize Captain Josh Smith for completion of the Executive Fire Officer certification.**
- VI **Receive a report from the Carolina Balloon Festival Executive Director, Robb Collier.**
- VII **Receive a report from Leslie Mazingo of Strategics Consulting.**
- VIII **Receive update report on the Vance Hotel from Jim Prosser.**
- IX **Conduct a public hearing and consider approving an economic incentive to an existing Statesville based industry known as Project LRR.**
- X **Conduct a public hearing and consider approving first reading of an ordinance to annex the Heath Property located at 1336 Northside Drive.**
David Currier advised that the tax value on this property is \$427,260.

Council member West asked if the owner would be required to install sidewalks. Mr. Currier explained this is only an annexation there is no development.

- XI **Consider adding additional members to the Statesville Regional Airport Commission.**
Mayor Kutteh that interest has been expressed to expand the Commission and to change the residency requirement for certain Commission members who represent major companies with aircraft on the airport. Increasing membership would require changing City Code Sec. 4-28b and the Airport By-Laws.
- XII **Consider changes to City policy that will allow for more efficient City Council agendas.**
- XIII **Consider approving the reclassification of the Systems Analyst position, pay grade 22, to that of IT Director at pay grade 30.**
- XIV **Consider adopting a Tax Increment Grant policy that can be used to increase economic opportunities in Statesville.**
Mayor Kutteh stated that other communities are using this. Council member M. Johnson added that the Langtree development is in year eight and it appears to be working.

Council member Phifer made a motion to move to Executive Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss two economic development matters, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss pending litigation, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss a real estate contract and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney client privilege for all, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon return from Executive Session Mayor Kutteh stated that two economic development matters were discussed, a real estate contract was discussed, pending litigation was discussed and the attorney client privilege preserved for all. No action was taken.

Council member West made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.



Attest:


Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor


Brenda Fugett, City Clerk