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CITY OF STATESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – June 06, 2016  
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 7:00 P.M.  
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:**

**Council Present:** J. Johnson, Schlesinger, Morgan, Williams, Watt, M. Johnson, West, Phifer  
**Council Absent:** 0  
**Staff Present:** Pressley, Smyth, Gaines, Fugett, Currier, Ashley, Ferguson, Hudson, Barone, Harrell, Slocum, Gregory, Shelton, Styers, Cornelius, Staley  
**Media Present** Nina Mastandrea-Statesville Record & Landmark, Debbie Page-Statesville Free News  
**Others** 21

**I Call to Order**

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order. He announced that Item G on the Consent Agenda has been removed. There is one addition to the Consent Agenda, a request from the Iredell Museum to close a portion of the municipal lot located at the intersection of Front & Meeting streets on June 10, 2016 from 9am - 5pm to hold a Port-A-Pit Fundraiser for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iredell Museum. Item VI on the Regular Agenda has been moved to the Consent Agenda and there is one addition to the Regular Agenda; to consider approving settlement of a claim with Newell-Rubbermaid in the amount of \$189,917 to settle an economic incentive issue.

Mayor Kutteh advised that this meeting will be continued to Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at which time Council will go into Executive Session for approximately one hour and then open up the meeting at 6:30 p.m. for further budget discussions.

**II Invocation**

The City Clerk gave the invocation.

**III Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Kutteh led the Pledge of Allegiance

**IV Public Comment**

Mayor Kutteh stated that during the second meeting of each month citizens are invited to speak about matters not on the current agenda.

**V Consent Agenda**

Mayor Kutteh stated that 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 March 29, 2016 Continued City Council meeting, the April 04, 2016 Pre-Agenda and City Council meetings, the April 18, 2016 Pre-Agenda and City Council meetings, and the May 10, 2016 Pay Study Report meeting.**
- B. Consider approving 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of text amendment TA16-03 filed by the City of Statesville to amend Article 3 - Zoning, Table 3.1; Use Matrix, to allow Breweries and Distilleries in the B-5 (General Business) District.**
- C. Consider a request to apply the alternate industrial street standard to Marble Road.**
- D. Consider approving Budget Amendment #23 for \$21,000 for consultation services pertaining to the Fourth Creek NPDES Permit renewal.**

- E. Consider approving an ordinance to close the Third Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Project Fund and approve Budget Amendment #20 returning the remaining funds to the Water and Sewer Fund.
- F. Consider approving first reading of an ordinance to re-establish a Downtown Municipal Service District.  
Mayor Kutteh explained that there have been recent changes to state statute that is requiring this to be executed by ordinance with two readings instead of by resolution. The second reading will be heard at the June 20, 2016 Council meeting.
- ~~G. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a service contract for the Downtown Municipal Service District.~~  
This item was removed from the agenda and will be heard at the June 20, 2016 Council meeting.
- H. Enter into a lease agreement with Iredell-Statesville Schools for the Unity Dr. Elevated Water Tank site for \$1.00
- I. Consider approving Budget Amendment #22 that increases the amount of Water and Sewer System Development Fees that will provide for an increase appropriation for transfers to the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.
- J. Consider approving the semi-annual write-off of approximately \$115,651.46 in utility accounts.
- K. Consider approving a six month agricultural lease for property at Buffalo Shoals and Airport Road.
- L. Consider approving a request from the Iredell Museum to close a portion of the municipal lot located at the intersection of Front & Meeting streets on June 10, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to hold a Port-A-Pit Fundraiser for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iredell Museum.
- VI Consider approving a professional services agreement with Centralina Council of Governments for grant writing in the amount of \$15,000 and Budget Amendment #24.  
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda at the Pre-Agenda meeting.

Mayor Kutteh asked if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that Council wished to be moved to the Regular Agenda. There being none, he asked for a motion.

Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.

Council member West announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new dog park will be on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

- V Receive and concur with the 2016-2017 Budget for the Statesville Convention and Visitors Bureau and receive a brief report from Phil Hazel, SCVB Chairman.  
Ralph Staley advised that Mr. Hazel is not in attendance but will report to Council in the near future. Mr. Staley stated that 2016-2017 budget ordinance for the Statesville Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$181,150 in total revenues and appropriations was adopted by the Bureau's Board of Directors on May 17, 2016 and that revenues and related program expenses meet Council ordinance requirements.

Council member Morgan made a motion to receive and concur with the 2016-2017 Budget for the Statesville Convention and Visitors Bureau, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI Consider approving a professional services agreement with Centralina Council of Governments for grant writing in the amount of \$15,000 and Budget Amendment #24.**

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

**VII Receive reports on the Vance Hotel regarding: (A) Parking from Doug Chapman with McGill & Associates, and (B) An update from Jim Prosser with CCOG and Richard Angino with Third Wave Housing.**

Doug Chapman with McGill & Associates stated this is a follow-up to the previous Council meeting with more information. Mr. Chapman said he has analyzed the existing number of parking spaces and investigated a few other alternatives, including an entrance onto Meeting Street for the parking facilities in that area, and also to consider expanding the parking area into some of the adjacent County properties. He pointed out on a photo that the area related to the Vance Hotel currently has 58 parking spaces, the Meeting Street lot has 42 parking spaces and the area next to the County buildings adjacent to this has 25 spaces, for a total of 125 in the entire study area. Mr. Chapman reviewed two options for Council to consider. He stated that both include removing the ramp to the parking deck, rehabilitating the existing deck and adding parking on the lower level, which includes removing the swimming pool beneath the parking deck and the previous retail space below. Beyond that Option #1 includes constructing a new two-story parking structure in the area of the Meeting Street lot. That lot will cover the Meeting Street area and will encroach onto the County property to incorporate a portion of the County's property and will also include an access ramp to Front Street in the area next to the shell building. Option #2 also includes a new parking structure that covers the portion of the Meeting Street lot and the existing shell building and has a ramp to Meeting Street.

Option #1 includes a total of 248 parking spaces, of which 123 are new spaces. Of those 70 would be in the Vance area, 50 available to the County and 128 available to the City total. The estimated cost is \$3.61 million, which is cost per net space of a little over \$29,000. This option has a ramp to Front Street with parking underneath the existing deck with access where the steep ramp is now, the area under the new parking facility would extend from Front Street along meeting all the way back to the historic jail. The upper level would maintain the existing parking over the deck and would include a ramp from Front Street up to the parking area and would incorporate a rearrangement of the parking area next to the County building and then a new two story parking deck upper level adjacent to Meeting Street.

Option #2 essentially includes the same arrangement for the existing parking deck and the top existing parking deck. This option has less total spaces, netting only 93 new spaces for a total of 218. Of these, 70 parking spaces would be available for the Vance, 123 for City use and 25 for County use, which is the existing amount of spaces they currently have. The estimated cost of Option #2 \$2.72 million and is \$29,247 per net space which is about \$100 less per space than Option #1. This option has a ramp to Meeting Street essentially straight along the back of where the shell building currently extends to adjacent to the County property all the way out to Meeting Street. This did leave a little bit of a strange area between the ramp and the small existing County building so we added a few parking spaces in this area to maximize wherever we could.

Jim Prosser with Centralina Council of Government stated that parking access points is an issue that could be resolved at a later date when design plans are firm, but at this point knowing that the amount of parking spaces needed will be available is sufficient. He urged Council to consider incorporating the parking at this time because most likely it will be too late to do it at a later date.

Richard Angino with Third Wave Housing stated he has been working on the residential portion of the Vance Hotel. He recently met with a focus group and reviewed concept plans for apartments with them. Mr. Angino stated that the drop ceiling will be taken out of the building, there will be transom windows over the doors, as much of the original structure will be maintained as possible by keeping many of the original walls. He displayed floor plans of one and two bedroom units. Mr. Angino stated that per the National Park Service the character of the first floor must be maintained and his vision is to take it back to how it was in the 1920's with the green space that it had. The elevator will remain where it is and there will be public spaces. Mr. Angino said he will now begin working on the first floor commercial leasing aspect of the project.

Mr. Prosser stated that Mr. Angino will prepare a Sources and Uses document, which is a very high level overview of the cost to accomplish the development and the revenues that will be supported by this development. Then we will look at how to close the gaps. We will bring that back to you with an analysis and some recommendations on how to close that gap. After reviewing this information, once Council is ready to proceed then the next stage will be for Mr. Angino to take the steps to prepare a final Development Agreement which will be brought to Council for their approval.

Council member M. Johnson asked Mr. Angino how many parking spaces he anticipates will be needed. Mr. Angino replied two per unit. Council discussed the number of spaces that might be needed for the retail uses on the first floor. Mr. Prosser stated that one of the concerns mentioned by the focus group was that the uses on the first floor be compatible with the residential units above, and take into consideration noise, odors, delivery trucks, etc. Mr. Prosser said that this project will not support those additional parking spaces but this is the time to build the parking and get as much as possible.

Council member M. Johnson stated he would like Mr. Chapman to determine the cost associated with the remediation of the spaces that are there and the spaces underneath and then the new spaces. He also asked that staff get a count of how many currently park there.

Council members discussed approaching the County about contributing to the cost.

Mr. Prosser stated he will report back to Council at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He added that the City needs to let them know about permits, approvals, etcetera that will be needed and any other improvements Council wants.

**VIII Consider approving a resolution of endorsement to re-establish the Statesville Human Relations Commission.**

Nancy Davis stated she has been working on this with Council member Williams as well as others. She briefly described how interest has recently been renewed in re-establishing the Human Relations Commission. She stated that upon receiving the endorsement of the City Council, the HRC will review the bylaws used by the former HRC as well as study other examples in order to set forth the:

- Make-up of the HRC membership and officers, the method of selection, the length of service and responsibilities of members, officers, committees, etc.
- Structure of meetings
- Guidelines for voting
- Other guidelines needed in order to function as a commission.

Council member Williams added that this Commission is not asking to be under the auspice of the City, but rather as a stand-alone organization that will report to the City annually; however, the Commission would like Council to appoint two people in an effort for the Commission to receive good input and guidance from Council.

**Council member Williams made a motion to approve a resolution of endorsement to re-establish the Statesville Human Relations Commission, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IX Conduct a public hearing and consider approving first reading of ZC16-05 filed by Ronald & Margaret Skinner for the property located at 1470 W. Front Street; Tax Map 4734-25-7963; from L-1 (Light Industrial) District to B-5 (General Business) District.**

David Currier stated that Ronald & Margaret Skinner are requesting to rezone the property from L-1 (Light Industrial) District to B-5 (General Business) District (Tax Map 4744-16-2833). The property is approximately 0.5 acres in size and located on the Northeast Corner of W. Front and Miller Avenue. The property is in proximity to retail and industrial uses. Property in the area north of W. Front Street is zoned LI, while property south of W. Front Street is zoned B-5. A retail structure that was previously used for a Holly's Farm Chicken and a Sweepstakes sits on the property. Compare Foods and a Shopping Center are in close proximity to the site. The 2005 Land Use Plan calls for this area to Medium Density Residential.

The surrounding zoning districts and land uses are as follows:

**NORTH OF THE SITE:** LI, Christian Electric Tool & Power Company, Vacant Structures & Ted's Signs.  
**EAST OF THE SITE:** LI, Gary's A-1 Locksmith, V-point Car Wash, Carolina Quality Cars  
**SOUTH OF THE SITE:** B-5, Thorlo Corporate Offices & Front Street Baptist Church.  
**WEST OF THE SITE:** LI & B-5, Auto Arranger & El Tios Mexican Restaurant

Though the 2005 Land Development Plan calls for the site to be Medium Density, the area is mixed between commercial, industrial and institutional uses. Medium Density Residential does not fit the current development pattern along West Front Street however it does allow for small scale neighborhood commercial at intersections. Furthermore, the property has been used as a commercial property in the past and has a commercial structure on site. Therefore Planning Department staff recommends approval of this request. Staff also recommends looking at this area in the future to update the existing land use plan. The Planning Board's recommendation is to approve the request as presented with a 5-0 vote and no one spoke in favor or in opposition of this request at that meeting.

Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing open and asked if there is anyone present who wished to speak in favor or in opposition of this item. There being no speakers, he declared the public hearing closed.

**Council member J. Johnson made a motion to approve first reading of ZC16-05 filed by Ronald & Margaret Skinner for the property located at 1470 W. Front Street; Tax Map 4734-25-7963; from L-1 (Light Industrial) District to B-5 (General Business) District, seconded by Council member Williams. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Kutteh advised that the next three items are quasi-judicial hearings and require sworn testimony. He asked all those who wished to speak to come forward and be sworn in. David Currier, Scott Harrell, Roy West, Cornel P. Irimies, Preston Kendall, and John Cox were sworn in.

- X Conduct a Quasi-Judicial public hearing and consider approving site plan P16-09 for AT&T Retail Site located at 151 Turnersburg Highway; Tax Map 4745-35-6152.**  
Council member West asked to be recused from this item due to a conflict of interest.

**Council member Morgan made a motion to recuse Council member West, seconded by Council member Williams. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Currier stated that the site is located at 151 Turnersburg Highway. The property is zoned B-5 and the total acreage of the site is approximately 2.7 acres. PS West Construction is proposing to construct a 2,900 square foot Commercial structure for an AT&T retail location and another retail space for a use to determine at a later time. The structure will share the parcel with the existing Chili's Restaurant on Turnersburg Highway. The primary material for the exterior will be brick wainscot and EFIS. Therefore the design standards for non-residential development have been met. The site will have 24 parking spaces (12 required) and access will be provided off Turnersburg Highway and Sunset Hill Road. A street yard along Sunset Hill Road and parking lot trees will be required to be planted on site. An existing wooded area is sufficient for the buffer yard along Hillside Lane. Sewer, water and electric will be provided by the City of Statesville. The Technical Review Committee approved the site plan on May 4, 2016 contingent upon paying the fee in lieu of for the required sidewalk or waiver by council. The development will have curb and gutter. Therefore, staff recommends approval as presented. Staff was notified just before the meeting that NCDOT concerns with cutting into the existing slope off of Sunset Hill Road on the north side of the property has been resolved. Since the TRC meeting two new issues have been brought to staff's attention: 1. the owner is not satisfied with the façade changes on the north wall and 2. the owner wishes to request a waiver on the sidewalk fee in lieu of payment. The Planning Board's recommendation was favorable with a unanimous vote as presented.

Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this item.

Cornel P. Irimies, the applicant, requested Council to waive the sidewalk fee in lieu of. He stated that NCDOT has stated that due to the slope of the hill on Sunset Hill Road it would not be feasible to safely construct a sidewalk on Sunset Hill Road.

Roy West, contractor for the project, asked that Council waive the sidewalk fee in lieu of on the Tonewood and Sunset Hill Road section. He stated that the applicant will continue to work with the zoning department regarding the architectural issues.

Scott Harrell stated the fee in lieu is required in the code. He said he is in agreement with NCDOT that it is not feasible to construct a sidewalk on Tonewood but that he has since spoken with NCDOT regarding Sunset Hill Road and it may be possible there. Mr. West said NCDOT stated that it could not be done safely due to the speed limit and topography on Sunset Hill Road.

After some discussion Mr. Harrell clarified that NCDOT is trying to determine if the speed limit is 55 mph on Sunset Hill Road or 35 mph. If the speed limit is still 55 mph, then a guardrail is required and there would not be room for a sidewalk. If the speed limit is 35 mph then a guardrail is not required and in his opinion a sidewalk could be constructed on Sunset Hill Road but not on Tonewood.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing closed.

**Council member Schlesinger made a motion to approve site plan P16-09 for an AT&T Retail Site located at 151 Turnersburg Highway; Tax Map 4745-35-6152 stating that the sidewalk fee in lieu of is to be waived for Tonewood Road, the sidewalk to be constructed on Sunset Hill Road if the speed limit is determined to be 35 mph by NCDOT and if not then the sidewalk fee in lieu of will also be waived for Sunset Hill Road. Council member M. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Council member Morgan made a motion to return Council member West to his seat, seconded by Council member Schlesinger. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI Conduct a Quasi-Judicial public hearing and consider approving site plan P16-05 for a McDonald's located at 3203 Taylorsville Highway; Tax Map 4725-50-0256.**

Mr. Currier stated that the site is located at 3203 Taylorville Highway. The property is zoned B-4 and the total acreage of the site is approximately 1.29 acres. McDonald's is proposing to construct a 5,311 square foot building to replace the existing McDonald's building. This will also remove the existing Shiki Restaurant structure which is adjacent to the McDonald's site. The primary material for the exterior will be brick and stone arcade. Therefore the design standards for non-residential development have been met. The site will have 44 parking spaces (40 required) and access will be provided off Taylorsville Highway and the site will also have access from the adjacent Westpark Shopping Center. A street yard, parking lot trees and an 8 ft. buffer yard will be planted along the perimeter of the site. Sewer, water and electric will be provided by the City of Statesville. The TRC approved the site plan on May 4, 2016. Sidewalk will be fee in lieu of as existing utilities prevent sidewalk installation. The development will have curb and gutter. Therefore, staff recommends approval as presented. The Planning Board's recommendation was favorable with a unanimous vote as presented. The estimated value of the building is \$1.6 million.

Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this item. There being no speakers, Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing closed.

**Council member M. Johnson made a motion to approve site plan P16-05 for a McDonald's located at 3203 Taylorsville Highway; Tax Map 4725-50-0256, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XII Conduct a Quasi-Judicial public hearing and consider approving site plan P16-06 for Ingles located at 722 Sullivan Road; Tax Map 4745-33-8407.**

Mr. Currier stated that the site is located at 722 Sullivan Road. The property is zoned B-4 and the total acreage of the site is approximately 10.95 acres. Ingles Markets Inc. is proposing to construct a 72,128 square foot building for a supermarket and also gas pumps on site. Three existing commercial structures will be demolished. The primary

material for the exterior will be painted concrete block, brick veneer and EFIS. Windows and door have been provided on at least 60% of the façade on the west elevation because it is the façade along Sullivan Road and it exceeds 100 feet in length. Therefore the design standards for non-residential development have been met. The site will have 239 parking spaces (258 required). Ingles received a variance from the Board of Adjustment to allow for fewer parking spaces on May 3, 2016. Access will be provided off both Sullivan and Free Nancy Roads. A street yard, parking lot trees and an 8 ft. buffer yard will be planted along the perimeter of the site. The site is in the flood zone and the required Flood Development Permit and Elevation Certificate have been submitted. Sewer, water and electric will be provided by the City of Statesville. The TRC approved the site plan on May 4, 2016. Sidewalk will be provided along both Sullivan and Free Nancy Roads. The development will have curb and gutter. Therefore, staff recommends approval as presented. The Planning Board's recommendation was favorable with a unanimous vote as presented.

Mayor Kutteh declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this item.

Preston Kendall with Ingles, who was sworn in earlier, stated that he had attempted to meet with NCDOT before this Council meeting but unfortunately could not get an appointment until tomorrow in Shelby. He said he feels their conceptual plan is a good plan and NCDOT agrees. The meeting tomorrow with them is mainly to discuss timelines.

Council member J. Johnson asked if the plan presented tonight includes the need for a round-about. Council member West stated that he does not believe it is in Council's purview to even consider the round-about in the approval of a site plan in a quasi-judicial hearing, consideration of the site plan has nothing to do with the round-about.

John Cox with Ingles, who was sworn in earlier, stated that the site plan presented definitely takes into account a round-about in order to work, but they are not applying tonight for a round-about because NCDOT has taken that over the design of that project and will be who builds it.

City Attorney Eddie Gaines advised that the site plan presented does not depict a round-about and approval of the site plan does not constitute approval of a round-about.

Mayor Kutteh asked Mr. Gaines if it is correct that the City Manager may only issue the driveway permit based on a satisfactory resolution of the traffic concerns. Mr. Gaines agreed that is correct.

**Council member Morgan made a motion to approve site plan P16-06 for Ingles located at 722 Sullivan Road; Tax Map 4745-33-8407, seconded by Council member M. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XIII Consider approving an amendment to the Downtown Statesville Design Guidelines dealing with permitting temporary Art Walls on an annual basis.**

Marin Tomlin stated the Design Review Committee, City and DSDC representatives met with the property owner and tenant and the following amendment to the Downtown Statesville Design Guidelines is a recommendation on how City Council could proceed in relation to permitting a temporary art wall in downtown. The amendment would be added to the Downtown Design Guidelines under Chapter 6: Aesthetic furnishings, displayed merchandise and trade display, Page 44:

4. An Art Wall may be permitted on an annual basis as approved by the City Council. This policy will deal with temporary art and will not be subject to Section 6.09 of the Unified Development Code. Regulations for an art wall shall be as follows:
  - a. Artwork may be painted only on a wall which already has a paint coating. An art wall on unpainted brick is not permitted.
  - b. Eligible walls must be on a building that has an owner and/or tenant conducting an art studio/gallery business.

- c. Temporary art must be on a side or rear wall not on a façade fronting or on a public right-of-way
- d. Tattoo parlors will not be allowed.
- e. An annual permit will be issued on a fiscal year basis by the Planning Department.
- f. The owner and/or tenant of the building will control the site and artistic content of the artwork by commissioning the murals. Any lewd or offensive art may result in an immediate revocation of the permit and the artwork as directed by the City Council will be covered within 24 hours or face civil penalties.
- g. Temporary artwork is defined as remaining in one place for a maximum of 1 year but could be changed out more often.
- h. A small area of each piece of artwork may be dedicated to the sponsor of the artwork with the sponsors name only. No logos or advertising shall be permitted.

**Council member Schlesinger made a motion to approve an amendment to the Downtown Statesville Design Guidelines dealing with permitting temporary Art Walls on an annual basis, seconded by Council member Watt. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XIV Consider awarding the contract for Street Improvement Projects – Division AA and Unpaved Streets.**

Scott Harrell stated that the Public Works Department received bids for the annual street resurfacing contract on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2 PM; the results of the bid opening are below:

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| 1. | J. T. Russell & Sons, Inc. | \$493,530 |
| 2. | Maymead, Inc.              | \$553,550 |
- J. T. Russell & Sons, Inc. is the low bidder in the amount of \$493,530.

Bids were originally due on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, but only two were received. In accordance with state guidelines for the formal bidding process, the project was re-advertised for a period of seven days, with a new due date of May 27<sup>th</sup>. On the second due date no additional bids were received, and the two listed above were opened. The bid amount is based on unit prices and includes asphalt overlay, adjusting manholes and valve boxes, and minor patching as necessary prior to resurfacing to improve ride ability of the streets. The unit price of asphalt is \$73.10 per ton, which is a decrease from the previous resurfacing contract (\$89.92/ton). The unpaved streets to be paved in this contract include Boyd St., Forest St., and 11<sup>th</sup> St., which are Nos. 26, 27, & 28 on the unpaved street list. The 2015-16 budget included \$600,000 for street improvement projects, and the bid amount is \$493,530. With the decrease in the cost of asphalt, staff recommends a project budget of \$600,000 and requests authorization to utilize the remaining funds to include additional streets and unpaved streets in Division AA, and for general street and bridge maintenance. J. T. Russell & Sons, Inc. has successfully completed paving projects in Statesville and surrounding areas and their work has been satisfactory. Staff recommends award of the Street Improvement Projects – Division AA and Unpaved Streets contract to J. T. Russell & Sons, Inc. of Conover, NC in the amount of \$493,530, with a project budget of \$600,000.

**Council member J. Johnson made a motion to award the contract for Street Improvement Projects – Division AA and Unpaved Streets, seconded by Council member Phifer. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XV Consider joining the Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission.**

Sherry Ashley stated that the Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission is inviting the City of Statesville along with Iredell County, the Town of Mooresville, the Town of Troutman and the Town of Davidson to participate as members. The mission of the Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission is to advocate and persuade local, state and federal officials to give high priority to road, interstate, and commuter rail, improvements which facilitate the quality of life in north Charlotte, Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties, and in the lake Norman Region while providing the vital infrastructure needed for continued economic growth.

The Commission's services include:

- Study, investigate and advocate any and all transportation improvements
- Attend CRTPO and TCC meetings
- Serve on transportation committees such but not limited to the Unified Planning Work Program, Project Oversight Committee, P4.0 Workgroup and the I-77 Local Representatives Committee

Membership is on an annual basis. If all the jurisdictions referenced above participate, membership dues are estimated to be around \$10,000.

**Council member M. Johnson made a motion to approve joining the Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission and approve paying membership dues up to \$10,000 to be re-evaluated if more is needed, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Council member West made a motion to continue this meeting to June 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, seconded by Council member Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.**



Attest:

Brenda Fugett  
Brenda Fugett, City Clerk

Constantine H. Kutteh  
Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor