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CITY OF STATESVILLE PRE-AGENDA MEETING – October 02, 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, Watt, Morgan, M. Johnson

Council Absent: Phifer, Huggins, West

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Gaines, Smyth, Currier, Watts, Harrell, Cornelison, Anderson, Hutchens, Triplett, Davis, Shelton

Others: Mike Smith - SRD, Rob Collier-BalloonFest, Marin Tomlin - DSDC

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

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order and advised an Executive Session would be held following the Pre-Agenda meeting in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the City Attorney.

Mayor Kutteh stated there is one addition to the agenda as follows: To consider approving first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Sections 2-117(a) and Section 2-118(c).

Mayor Kutteh reviewed the agenda as follows:

II Consent Agenda

A. Consider approving the minutes of the September 11, 2014 Pre-Agenda meeting and the September 15, 2014 City Council meeting.

B. Consider approving a formal request that the City of Statesville be an official co-sponsor of the 2014 Statesville Pumpkin Fest, providing in-kind services.
Marin Tomlin explained how the festival would work around the current streetscape construction.

C. Consider approving a motion to close selected streets in Downtown Statesville on Saturday, November 1, 2014 between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to hold the 2014 Pumpkin Fest held by the Downtown Statesville Development Corporation and the Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce. In addition, it is requested that a temporary towing enforcement of vehicles that are in the street closure area be in effect during the listed times.

D. Consider approving 2nd reading of TA14-03 filed by the City of Statesville to Amend Article 6-Development Standards, Section 6.07 - Sign Regulations, I. Exempt Signs, 3. Flags

Regular Agenda

III Consider approving first reading of an ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 20 – Streets and Sidewalks, Section 20-83, Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter Required, to allow use of an alternate industrial street standard.
Council member Schlesinger asked why this was not put in place in 2012 when the alternate industrial street standard was first approved. Mr. Pressley explained.

IV Consider approving sketch plan for Fox Den, Phase 3 Subdivision Located off Amity Hill Road; Tax Maps 4742-69-3538, 4743-50-9013, 4743-50-8004 and 4743-61-5421 pt.

V **Consider an appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission to fulfill the unexpired term for Mrs. Marni Nicholas.**
Mayor Kutteh explained the voting process for this item. Council members discussed the applicants' qualifications.

VI **Consider accepting Carolina Thread Trail Grant in the amount of $41,000 for the parking area upgrades at the E. Broad St. greenway trailhead and approve Budget Amendment #19.**

VII **Consider allowing public art to be painted on the sewer line manholes along Fourth Creek Greenway.**
Mayor Kutteh said this will be a good partnership with the Iredell Arts Council and at little or no cost to the City.

VIII **Request permission to utilize $8,700 from the Drug Seizure Account to fund specialized management training and to transfer funds to Training Account, 5100-422.14-00, with approval of Budget Amendment #18.**
Mayor Kutteh briefly explained this item.

IX **Consider approving Budget Amendment #17 in the General Fund to re-appropriate funds for an economic development incentive payment.**

X **Authorize the removal of the Commerce Boulevard street assessment on property owned by Howard and Lorrie Taylor in the amount of $7,793.29.**
Mayor Kutteh stated that 19 assessments have been paid in full and 9 are paying under the 10 year plan.

XI **Consider authorizing Consultant Services for the I-77 Rest Area Sewer Project.**
Mayor Kutteh asked Mr. Harrell to add to his report on Monday that the City may contract further for the line upsizing and that this will be included in the contract.

XII **Consider approval of an encroachment agreement to allow installation of monitoring wells in the right-of-way at 914 Sherwood Lane.**
Mayor Kutteh stated this is due to the fact that there was previously a dry cleaning operation located at the current Walgreens site and it is required to be monitored, which is at no cost to the City. The City is only giving permission for Hart & Hickman to encroach on its right-of-way.

XIII **Consider approving $2,500 to assist Statesville Regional Development with preliminary industrial site work on an unnamed project, and approval of Budget Amendment #20.**
Mike Smith, with Statesville Regional Development, stated the total cost for the study is $2,500 and he had discussed the details with Council in Executive Session.

XIV **Consider approval of a resolution supporting modifications by NC DOT to the intersection of East Broad Street and Elm Street.**

After a brief discussion Council members agreed by consensus to remove this item from the agenda for further review.

ADD **To consider approving first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V, Sections 2-117(a) and Section 2-118(c).**
Mayor Kutteh explained that before the Tree Board and the Community Appearance Commission was combined, the Mayor appointed the members. When the two boards were combined the ordinance was mistakenly changed to read that Council appointed the members. This ordinance will fix that mistake.

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

Council member M. Johnson explained the process for the bonus money from the I-77 toll lanes.

Council member Schlesinger made a motion to move to Executive Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the City Attorney, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon return from Executive Session Mayor Kutteh stated that Council had consulted with the City Attorney and no action was taken.

There being no further business, Council member Watt 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