

**MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2022 - 5:30 PM**

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Copelof presiding.

Present – Mayor Maureen Copelof, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Daniel and Council Members Mac Morrow, Aaron Baker, Maurice Jones and Geraldine Dinkins.

Staff Present – City Attorney Mack McKeller, City Manager Wilson Hooper, City Clerk Jill Murray, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Dean Luebbe, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Denise Hodsdon, Planning Director Paul Ray, Planner/Assistant Zoning Administrator Emily Brewer, Fire Chief Bobby Cooper, Assistant Public Works Director Wesley Shook, Community Center Director Tyree Griffin, ORC WTP Dennis Richardson and ORC Wastewater Treatment Plant Emory Owen and Captain Dan Godman Brevard Police Department.

Press – Jon Rich, Transylvania Times

A. Welcome and Call to Order – Mayor Copelof called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

B. Invocation – Mayor Copelof offered an invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Copelof led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Certification of Quorum - The City Clerk certified a quorum present.

E. Approval of Agenda – Ms. Dinkins asked that item K-2 City of Brevard Wellness Logo be pulled from consent and added under New Business as item M-6. Mr. Daniel suggested that item L-3 Committee Rules and Structure and Citizen Appointment Procedure be removed from the agenda and moved to a workshop rather than discuss it tonight. Ms. Dinkins moved, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel, to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Public Comment –

G-1. Monica Driscoll of 67 Kimzey Circle, Brevard said that she has been doing a good bit of work and attending some meetings and sees that there is consideration of artwork on the brick wall on the old Clemson Theater. I think that's the prettiest wall in Brevard. I'm not opposed to art, we have lots in Brevard but I think art is so subjective and I prefer to see it the way it is and it's been cleaned up and looks really nice.

H. Certificates/Awards/Recognition –

H-1. Proclamation No. 2022-16 Fire Prevention Month. Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Chief Bobby Cooper of the Brevard Fire Department.

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-16
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard has been committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Brevard; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

What is your alarm trying to tell you? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, **Smoke Alarms:** Detect the presence of smoke in your home and alert everyone with a continued set of three loud beeps. Everyone should then get out, call **9-1-1**, and stay out; and

WHEREAS, **Maintaining Smoke Alarms:** A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery must be changed. If the chirping continues, the alarm is at the end of its life must be replaced. All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years; and

WHEREAS, **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms:** Needed in any home that has any fuel burning (non-electric) appliance or attached garage. A continuous set of four loud beeps means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Everyone should then outside, call **9-1-1** and stay out; and

WHEREAS, **Maintaining Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms:** A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery must be replaced. If the chirping continues, the alarm is at the end of its life and must be replaced. Alarms will last for 5 to 10 years depending on the brand; and

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Fire Prevention Month throughout this community. We urge all citizens to know what their alarm is telling them.

ADOPTED and approved this the 3rd day of October, 2022.

H-2. Proclamation No. 2022-17 Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud.

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-17
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
October 2022**

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard joins our nation in recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States, and is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina and our nation; and

WHEREAS, early detection can be an effective tool in combating breast cancer, with regular screenings preventing 15 to 30 percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over 40; when diagnosed while still confined to the breast, the 5-year relative survival rate is more than 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, on average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime and although rare, men get breast cancer too; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 an estimated 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 an estimated 2,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 43,550 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard encourages citizens to talk with their health care providers about regular screenings, examinations and mammograms, and to practice self-examination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and Brevard City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 2022**, as “**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**” in the City of Brevard, North Carolina, and call on all citizens to join us in recognizing and commend this observance to all citizens.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of October, 2022.

I. Special Presentation(s)

J. Public Hearing(s) –

K. Consent and Information - Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion. Mayor Copelof read aloud the items listed and asked

for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Dinkins to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

K-1. Resolution No. 2022-32 Revision and Update of the City's Signatory and Disbursement Resolution Approving Employees to Sign Checks and Disburse Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32

REVISION AND UPDATE OF THE CITY'S SIGNATORY AND DISBURSEMENT RESOLUTION APPROVING EMPLOYEES TO SIGN CHECKS AND DISBURSE FUNDS (Revision to Resolution No. 2019-18)

WHEREAS, the most recent revision and update of the City's Signatory and Disbursement Resolution was enacted by the Brevard City Council on August 19, 2019, with the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-18; and,

WHEREAS, it is now necessary, for a variety of reasons and just cause, to once again revise and update the authorizations of said resolution by designating specific City officials for the purpose of signing checks and disbursement of City funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. Resolution No. 2019-18 is hereby amended by rewriting same as set forth herein. The following named persons, whose signatures are shown, are approved for the signing of checks and the disbursement of monies from all funds of the City:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Wilson B. Hooper, City Manager	_____
Dean Luebbe, Finance Director	_____
Jill Murray, City Clerk	_____
Kelley Craig, Human Resources Director	_____
Paul Ray, Planning Director	_____

Section 2. All checks for disbursement of City funds shall bear the signature of either the City Manager or the Finance Director plus one additional signature.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of October, 2022.

K-3. Council Public Works & Utilities Committee-March 29, 2022.

K-4. Housing Trust Fund Selection Committee-June 14, 2022.

K-5. Council Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Minutes-August 17, 2022.

K-6. Council Finance & Human Resources Committee Minutes-August 22, 2022.

K-7. Rosenwald Community Advisory Board Minutes0-August 30, 2022.

K-8. Correspondence. (No Action. Offered as information only.)

- a. Transylvania County Building Permit Activity, August, 2022.
- b. Public Works System Performance Annual Report.

L. Unfinished Business -

L-1. Second Reading-Ordinance Proposed Amendments to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Brevard-Railroad Iron-1555 Old Hendersonville Highway. Emily Brewer explained that on June 1, 2022, an application was submitted by Jacob Liske on behalf of Railroad Iron Inc., requesting a map amendment (rezoning) of their property. The property is located at 1555 Old Hendersonville Highway. The parcel is currently zoned Corridor Mixed Use. The request is to rezone the property to General Industrial. It should be noted that rezoning this property alters the permitted uses for future development, for example, all residential and lodging uses would no longer be permissible on this site, but most manufacturing, wholesale, and storage uses would be permitted by-right instead of requiring a special use permit. The Planning Board discussed this at their May meeting and unanimously recommended approval. Staff recommends approving of the rezoning as requested. At Council's September 19th meeting Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the Ordinance as presented. The motion carried 3-2 with Mr. Baker and Ms. Dinkins being the nays. Attorney McKeller said that because it is an ordinance and was not at least 4-1 vote or unanimous, it has to come back to the next meeting for a second reading.

Ms. Dinkins feels that there are other ways to accomplish this and that we should not be making zoning changes without the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in place. Mr. Baker said he thinks this is the wrong tool for the job and that he stands by his previous comments.

This was the second reading and the Council vote was 3-2 with Ms. Dinkins and Mr. Baker being the nays. The motion carried.

L-2. Amendments to Fee Schedule-Mary C. Jenkins Community Center. Tyree Griffin explained that City Council approved preliminary fees for the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center as part of the FY23 budget, however, with income-based housing surrounding the newly constructed building, the Rosenwald Advisory Board requested that fees be reconsidered in order to make the community center affordable and accessible to everyone, at least for the first year. A proposal to cut the fees by 50% was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Daniel and Ms. Dinkins all asked for a comparison of fees between the MCJCC and the Depot and Ms. Dinkins added that she feels like for the people who are "for profit", we're giving it away. Ms. Dinkins said that we need to set aside time to revisit this in a year and Attorney McKeller confirmed that we will revisit it anyway because when we approve the budget, we approve the fee schedule.

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Dinkins to approve the fee schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L-3. Committee Rules and Structure and Citizen Appointment Procedure. This item was removed from the agenda and moved to a workshop.

M. New Business

M-1. RFP Compensation and Classification Study. Mr. Hooper explained that Kelley Craig is at a professional conference this week, therefore, he will explain this as best he can. Our personnel policy requires periodic review of our compensation, and it makes sense to do it now. We want to choose a firm and give them enough time before our budget starts in the spring and we'd like to get them under contract as soon as possible. A few months ago we sent out a solicitation directly to ten consulting firms and a total of seven proposals were received. We took them to the Human Resources and Finance Committee for review. After further consideration with staff, we recommended using Piedmont Triad Regional Council and staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to award the contract and accept the proposal of agreement and the terms presented.

Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to authorize the city manager to award the contract and accept the proposal by Piedmont Triad Regional Council. Motion carried unanimously.

M-2. Ordinance No. 2022-62 Amending the FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment Number 13. Mr. Luebbe explained that in January, he and the Interim City Manager Steve Harrell talked about the deficit in the Multi-Use Path Fund. The general fund had to forgive the debt that the multi-path fund owed to the general fund. The original intention was that the multi-use path fund was to reimburse the general fund by \$45,000 per year to clear the interfund payable. This budget amendment affects the FY22 financial statements. Essentially the City is forgiving a debt to itself. Council agreed that this should never happen again and if we ever receive a letter from the LGC, we should fix things immediately. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-62
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2021-2022 BUDGET
AMENDMENT NUMBER 13**

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment to increase expenditures in the General Fund (transfer to fund 78) and increase revenues in Multi Use Path Fund (transfer from fund 10)

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: New Business
Department: Finance
Contact: Dean Luebbe, Finance Director

BRIEF SUMMARY: This budget amendment will be posted in fiscal year 22, and allows the General Fund to transfer \$425,000 of fund balance to the Multi Path Fund. This transfer will allow the Multi Path Fund to eliminate the interfund payable due to the General Fund.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To approve Budget Amendment 13 as submitted, increasing the budget in expenditure account

10-6600-9257 (Transfer to fund 78) \$425,000

And increasing the budget in the revenue account

78-3750-0000 (Transfer from General Fund) \$425,000

ATTACHMENTS: (1) August 26, 2022 email from Gould Killian.
(2) Note 2, City of Brevard financial statements dated June 30, 2021.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as presented

Approved and adopted this 3rd day of October, 2022.

M-3. Ordinance No. 2022-63 Capital Project Ordinance to Amend Ordinances No. 2022-33 and 2022-47 in the Downtown Masterplan Capital Project Fund. Mr. Luebbe explained that on August 10, 2022, the Downtown Master Plan Committee voted to recommend to City Council the combination of two separate capital projects within the Downtown Master Plan Capital Project Fund in hopes that combining the projects will ultimately reduce costs associated with the project. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Ms. Dinkins to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-63
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES
NO. 2022-33 AND 2022-47 IN THE DOWNTOWN MASTERPLAN CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Brevard, North Carolina that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby amended:

Section 1: The budgeted expenditures and revenues listed under the Ordinance 2022-33 (Times Arcade Alley Improvement) will be eliminated and transferred to the Downtown Masterplan Implementation Project, which had been established under Ordinance 2022-47.

Section 2: The revised project budget of the Downtown Masterplan Implementation Project will be \$880,000. All actual revenues and expenditures recorded for the Times Arcade Alley Improvement will be transferred to the Downtown Masterplan Implementation Project.

Section 3: The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Account Number	Account Name	Budget Amount
83-6600-4570	Downtown Masterplan Implemen	\$550,000
83-4900-4550	Times Arcade Alley	(\$550,000)
TOTAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION		(0.00)

Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available for project expenses:

Account Number	Account Name	Budget Amount
83-3020-0000	Transfer from ARPA-Alley	(\$357,100)
83-3030-0200	Transfer from Gen Fund - Alley	(\$192,900)
83-3030-0000	Downtown Masterplan Implem	\$550,000
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE		(0.00)

Section 5: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the capital project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all the contractual agreements, if applicable.

Section 6: Funds may be advanced from the General Fund or from any Enterprise Fund as necessary for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests shall be made in an orderly and timely manner. The City Manager is allowed to execute any change orders that fall within the Appropriation Total of the Budget Ordinance.

Section 7: The Finance Director is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and Section 4.

Section 8: The Finance Director is further instructed to include a detailed analysis of past and future revenues and expenses during each annual budget submission made to the Governing Board.

Section 9: Copies of this capital project shall be furnished to the City Clerk, Finance Director and City Manager for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, on this 3rd day of October, 2022.

M-4. Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Projects. Mr. Hooper explained that this is actually good news. The good news is that we got money from the State and 100% grant to accomplish one of our infrastructure updates. We don't have to contribute any of our rates or any of our general fund taxes to this purpose. It's being funded entirely by the State and it gives us a platform to accomplish some of the deferred maintenance and things that we haven't been able to afford in the past. This is something worth celebrating and I just wanted to mention that to everyone. I also want to give a little bit of history about how we got to this point. Late last calendar year, staff came up with this document here that lists \$73 million in needed improvements to our various pieces of infrastructure. \$25 million of this has been completed through wise investment by the City over the years, \$13 million which we have offers for assistance from various sources, \$2.5 million of which we dedicated our ARPA dollars to and \$700,000 of which we have earmarks in the State budget for. That sounds pretty good and that's a success story but that still leaves \$31,000,000 in unfunded projects and at the time this information was presented you all decided that you wanted to start trying to eat the elephant and you gave staff permission to engage with several engineering firms to go out and beat the bushes and see if they could find funding sources for these projects. Today's action items are a result of that work. As a result of CDM Smith's work they were able to submit our need to a State program that granted us \$2.873 million dollars to improve our various pump stations and staff is here to answer any technical questions that you have but our request for actions are to take the necessary ministerial steps to take the appropriate accounting measures that we need for this and in this case since we've got the money, we're required to put it in a separate pot so that we can account for it discreetly and to authorize me to negotiate the design contract with CDM Smith for technical design work for this project. If you would like to see the full proposed contract, I can send it to you but going forward I'm going to be asking you to endow me with the ability to negotiate and sign contracts on our behalf more because it's just a more efficient way of doing things. In this case, I recommend using CDM Smith for this work because they're a nationwide firm with a good reputation, they're familiar with this particular project, the science and engineering of it, they're familiar with the grant, the State program that's granting us the money and its administrative requirements. With that said, going forward on some upcoming

projects, one of which I told you about in my note to the board last Friday, we'll be asking firms to submit qualifications and make their case for why we should go into business with them before we go into business with them.

a. Ordinance No. 2022-64 Capital Project Ordinance to Establish Project for Sewer Pump Stations Rehabilitation. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-64
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PROJECT
FOR SEWER PUMP STATIONS REHABILITATION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Brevard, North Carolina that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: The project will improve three existing pump stations (Fish Camp, Gallimore Road, and Wilson Road) by replacing equipment. This project does not increase capacity at these pump stations.

Section 2: This project is funded 100% through the North Carolina State Water Infrastructure Authority.

Section 3: The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Account Number	Account Name	Budget Amount
31-8540-6000	Sewer Pump Stations Rehab	\$2,873,000
TOTAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION		\$2,873,000

Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available for project expenses:

Account Number	Account Name	Budget Amount
31-3970-0700	Grant - Sewer - ARP-0236	\$2,873,000
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE		\$2,873,000

Section 5: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the capital project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all the contractual agreements, if applicable.

Section 6: Funds may be advanced from the General Fund or from any Enterprise Fund as necessary for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests shall be made in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7: The Finance Director is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and Section 4.

Section 8: The Finance Director is further instructed to include a detailed analysis of past and future revenues and expenses during each annual budget submission made to the Governing Board.

Section 9: Copies of this capital project shall be furnished to the City Clerk, Finance Director and City Manager for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, on this 3rd day of October, 2022.

b. Authorize City Manager to Negotiate and Approve an approximately \$77,000 contract w/CDM Smith for Engineering Services Related to the Pump Station Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and approve an approximately \$477,000 contract with CDM Smith for engineering services related to the pump station rehabilitation project. Motion carried unanimously.

M-5. City Council Calendar Amendment-Reschedule Monday, October 17, 2022 meeting to Tuesday, October 18, 2022. For the purposes of discussion, Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the schedule change.

Ms. Dinkins said that we meet on Mondays, the County meets on Mondays, and the School Board meets on Mondays. There is pretty much not a Monday that an official board meets so I would like to ask that we stand our ground and hold our meeting as is. We have people who can be here on Mondays. I hold a full time job, I'm a single mom and have a standing appointment on Tuesdays. I believe we shouldn't be moving our meeting to accommodate a one-time meeting.

Mr. Baker echoed what Ms. Dinkins said and said that our schedule has been published since January and the County's is as well. It seems like a very large oversight

to schedule that during a night that we are sitting here. I also have plans on Tuesday evening. I just can't understand why the Chamber would make this oversight as it's always been Tuesdays and Thursdays in the past. I'm going to vote against this and I don't feel it's our obligation to change our schedule.

Mayor Copelof called for a vote. Mr. Morrow was an aye, the rest of Council was a nay. Motion carried 4-1 to keep the schedule as is on Monday, October 17, 2022.

Mayor Copelof asked for a vote to add a workshop to Council's calendar on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 5:30pm to discuss the Committee Rules and Structure and Citizen Appointment Procedure. Ms. Dinkins moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow to add the workshop to Council's calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

M-6 (K-2). City of Brevard Wellness Logo. Ms. Dinkins said I'm not going to say anything about the logo and I also have a problem with the tagline but I'm not going to say anything about that. Who within the City organization is represented on this committee and what are the goals and objectives? I would like to know how Blue Zones figures into it since we're now a certified Blue Zones organization. I would like Kelley to answer these questions and she is not here. I would like to see measurable goals for employees. I would like this to come back in some fashion to discuss further.

Mr. Wilson said I'll do my best to answer these questions. The group is made up of approximately 9 employees from across the organization, all different disciplines. The coordinator is Tasha Little from HR and Sarah Hanky from the Blue Zones Project also sits on the committee. It was established partly to help us accomplish Blue Zones goals. To get the Blue Zones designation, they give you a checklist of things they want you to implement in your workplace and an employee wellness committee is one of those things. With that said, there's merit to doing it anyway. If it didn't exist as part of the Blue Zones, I would have suggested that it exist anyway because they're meritorious bodies to have. There's not a character or governing document as far as I know but I can tell you that informally, their objectives are to help improve health and wellness in the workplace by coming up with ideas on how to make the workplace healthier, assessing ideas that come in from other sources and then once an idea is chosen, helping implement it in the departments. Wellness initiatives don't work if there's no edicts from the top. You have to have buy-in amongst employees, so a team like this that evaluates ideas and helps implement ideas is essential for a successful wellness program and creating that buy-in is the ultimate purpose for this team. The design of the logo is one of the things that the group collectively decided. It was taken to the HR and Finance Committee who approved it and forwarded it on to the full Council for approval.

Mr. Morrow said I think it's always good when you're proposing good health workers and the fact that we're self-funded makes a difference.

Ms. Dinkins added that she is not going to belabor the logo but this is the first time that she has heard of this committee and as I said, I am weary because we had to do away with the next to last wellness committees' goals and objectives because they were questionable and replaced it with a different program. I would like to drill down and hear a little bit more and this does not have to be at Council level, I will pursue this on my own. I would like the goals and objectives to have some metrics to it. My concern is Blue Zones is good with t-shirts and posters and things, but I would like to see measureable goals for employees to reach. If we are serious about a wellness program, it needs to show that it's working or not working.

Mr. Jones said he was hoping for more explanation of the logo and the tag line. I get it but wondered if there was some backstory to it.

Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the wellness logo as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations.

Mr. Baker said I'm going to keep it brief and I'll attribute that to our city manager and expect all of our meetings will be an hour and a half long.

Mr. Morrow said because of breast cancer awareness month and having been introduced to the Pardee Cancer Center. We have an amazing cancer center 25 miles away, so shout out to the cancer center. I would like to commend the city manager on the 24 page committee structure document.

Ms. Dinkins asked if there are any updates on the multi-use paths. Mr. Luebbe said that as far as he knows it's to reach Main Street by October 20th. She added that we have one more meeting with a presentation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan on Thursday from 6:30pm-8:00pm held at Bethel A and I'd like to give them a shout out. When we want to have an event they always open their church to us. My concern with this was that when I go on the City socials, I see a lot about the fall festivals and other things and this is super serious and should have been front and center on our website. We need some sort of a plan with IT the way events are being rated and ranked and I'm having a hard time seeing all of the events. I am struggling with the First Victory fundraiser and how its set up. I believe it was a resolution that we used. Mayor said it was an MOU. I would like to pull that up and look at it one more time. The reason I struggle with it is are we telling the Rosenwald Community that they have to fundraise for a community center that is our own? I feel like it should go through the Rosenwald Community Board and needs some clarification. I would like to have a parking discussion about how we're going to accommodate people who work downtown, what paid lots has done for them. I keep wondering why our EV spots are barely used. We should work on a parking permit for people who work/live downtown. I went to Marion and attended the affordable housing seminar. I have to say that I learned a lot in a very compressed and very ambitious event. I will be asking to have some time with the Planning Department. My eyes were opened to what we can do with code enforcement. There's a lot of opportunity there.

Mr. Jones said maybe we should invite Ms. Dinkins to one of our Housing Trust Fund meetings and she can share what she learned. I think it's the appropriate place to start. The fundraiser for the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center moved to the 15th at 10:00am. The North Carolina Civil Rights Trail System is at 2:00pm this Saturday. This is to recognize the first integrated football team in North Carolina. There will be two members from that football team there. We're excited about the grand opening on the 22nd of the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center.


Mr. Hooper said last week we got an updated version of the MOU with Conserving Carolina that extends the closing date on the Bracken Preserve to the end of November and I wanted you to know that I intend to sign that. Also, in the weeks to come I am going to ask Conserving Carolina and Bracken Preserve to come in and update us on the status of their fundraising and what the next steps are to complete the closing.

Mayor Copelof said we really do have an incredible amount going on and I have to commend them for everything that they do. We have to revitalize our downtown. Street paving that is going on right now. The list of streets being paved is on the website. We have a lot of little repairs going on, a lot of things that make our city look cared for. We've been trying to finish the sidewalk repair on French Broad Street and every time we put cones out, the public keeps moving them and parking there. Please respect the cones. We do have a lot of things going on. We have this weekend, our fall festival from 10am-2pm, learn what it's about, food, music, making bird feeders for the kids. Right after that at 2:00pm, we are going to go up to the high school to honor the civil rights trail. We have the Comprehensive Land Use Plan again this Thursday at Bethel A Baptist Church and Bethel A has been a wonderful sponsor. The basketball tournament that was scheduled for October 1st unfortunately was rescheduled to October 15th and this is a partnership between the City and First Victory and Papa L.E.W. Our first city event, Meet the Mayor, will be on October 27th from 5:00-6:30pm at the new Mary C. Jenkins Community Center. Finally besides all of the events, our employees are really the best resource that we have. One individual that I want to

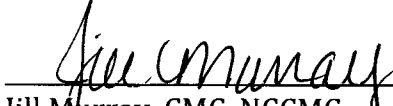
recognize in particular who has been part of our team for the last 44 years, since 1978, and worked in our Public Works Department. She did so in a cheerful and consistent manner. This is only the first day with her gone and I am sure public works doesn't seem right without her. She helped to make this city what it is today. Letha Cox, I want to say thank you and we will miss you and we appreciate everything you've done for the City. I want to give you the traditional Navy salute which is "I wish you fair winds and following seas shipmate."

O. Closed Session(s)

P. Adjourn - There being no further business, Ms. Dinkins moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel, the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Maureen Copelof
Mayor



Jill Murray, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: October 17, 2022