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BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024 – 5:30 PM

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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, Pamela Holder, and Lauren Wise

Staff Present – City Attorney Mack McKeller, City Manager Wilson Hooper, City Clerk Denise Hodsdon, Assistant to the City Manager Alex Shepherd, Planning Director Paul Ray, Human Resources Director Kelley Craig, Communications Coordinator Becky McCann, Acting Public Works Director Wesley Shook, Wastewater Treatment Plant ORC Emory Owen, Water Treatment Plant ORC Dennis Richardson, and Police Captains Dan Godman and Aaron Thompson

Guests/Presenters – Travis Keever, Gould Killian CPA Group

Press – Jon Rich, Transylvania Times

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

B. Invocation – Reverend Bob Renjilian of Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County offered an invocation.

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

D. Certification of Quorum –City Clerk Denise Hodsdon certified a quorum present.

E. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Hooper advised that the public hearing Item J-1 Additional Proposed Rezoning/Expansion of Downtown Development Overlay District needed to be postponed to February 5th so that staff can properly advertise the hearing. Attorney McKeller asked to add a closed session to discuss a pending litigation matter. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes

F.1 – December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting – Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Ms. Holder to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Public Comments

Harvey Sankey of 41 Pine Street asked if there is a committee or a department that is going to be in charge of the wastewater treatment plant replacement? Mayor Copelof noted that Council doesn't generally answer questions, but since this a rather direct and easy question, she explained that the City has a Public Works and Utilities Committee that is overseeing the engineering and replacement of the wastewater treatment plant. Committee members include two councilmembers and one citizen. The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. and the meetings are open to the public.

Connie Mields-Perry of 105 Temple Church Road said with regard to the proposed amendment to the City of Brevard Code of Ordinances regarding the tethering of animals, I am hoping that everybody votes for that amendment. I have been coming

to the meetings for the last several months and trying to promote change in that ordinance. It seems to me that we seem to be close and I am really hoping that everybody says yes to that amendment.

H. Certificates/Awards/Recognition – None.

I. Special Presentations

I-1. City of Brevard Annual Independent Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2023 – Mr. Hooper explained that the State of North Carolina is our parent entity and one of the ways they exercise that is by oversight of our finances. They require that every municipality and county produce an independent audit annually and that the results of that audit be presented publicly. He introduced Travis Keever of Gould Killian CPA Group to share the results of their independent audit for the year ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Keever gave a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached) and reported that they issued an unmodified (clean) opinion on the June 30, 2023 financial statements; the financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles; they reported no material weaknesses in internal control, and no instances of material noncompliance with federal or state grant awards. He reported that there were two relatively minor budget violations which appeared to be a simple oversight related to a couple of invoices that came in really late in the year, and there is no evidence of systemic issue. The City will have to submit a response to that within 60 days to the Local Government Commission and that will have to be signed by each member of the Council. Mr. Keever reviewed a breakdown of General Fund revenues and expenditures. He reviewed available fund balance comparisons from 2020 to 2023 and noted there was an increase of approximately $190,000 to the overall fund balance in FY23. The City's available fund balance dipped slightly, but is still in the $3.5M to $4M range over the last few years. Lastly, he reviewed selected comparison financial statistics for the Utility Fund from 2020 to 2023, noting that the unrestricted net position has gone up significantly the past few years to almost $1.6M.

J. Public Hearing(s)

J-1. Additional Proposed Rezoning / Expansion of Downtown Overlay District – This item was postponed until Council's February 5, 2024 meeting.

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. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

K-1. Tax Settlement Report – December, 2023

K-2. Finance Report as of December 31, 2023

K-3. Council Housing Committee Minutes – November 14, 2023

K-4. Council Public Works and Utilities Committee Minutes – December 6, 2023

L. Unfinished Business

L-1. Proposed Amendment to City of Brevard Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 – Tethering of Animals – Mr. Hooper recalled that these updates were recommended by the Public Safety Committee and that Council held the required public hearing at its meeting on December 18, 2023. The amendment includes some housekeeping items, but most notably adds tethering as an act that can be regulated by the city, and gives examples of proper and improper tethering. The language gives latitude to our Animal Services Officer to evaluate the totality of the circumstances and the conditions the animal is in; whether the animal has access to food, water, shelter

and whether there is enough lead for the animal to move around and exercise. Motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Holder to approve the amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BREVARD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14 – ANIMALS AND FOWL: SPECIFICALLY AMENDING REGULATIONS REGARDING TETHERING OF ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard wishes to strengthen its legal enforcement authorities governing the treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the Code of Ordinances must be updated to legally enable enhanced enforcement of tethering of animals; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on December 18, 2023, by Brevard City Council, and after hearing all persons wishing to comment, and upon review and consideration of the proposed amendments, it is the desire of the Brevard City Council that the City Code of Ordinances be amended as outlined below.

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

SECTION 01. The City of Brevard Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as depicted in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 02. The City Clerk of the City of Brevard is hereby authorized and directed to revise and amend the official records and the Code of Ordinances to reflect the changes as set forth in the aforementioned Exhibit A.

SECTION 03. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 04. This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect from and after the date of its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved on the 16th day of January, 2024.

M. New Business.

M-1. City of Brevard Legislative Requests – Mr. Hooper reiterated that the State is our parent agency and sometimes we need to go to them and ask for help financially, and to share with them what we hope they will and won't do to us policy-wise. Our local House Representative Mike Clampitt asked that we submit our legislative requests for the spring short session by the end of this month. Traditionally the short session is intended only to make tweaks to the budget passed in last year's long session and to take up legislative proposals that were introduced in the long session. Normally there isn't a lot of new policy proposed during a short session, but the caveat is that, more and more, the General Assembly is using the budget process to include policy. Mr. Hooper presented the following Staff proposed legislative requests:

City of Brevard 2024 Legislative Requests

Earmark Requests		
Project	Amount	Description
Brevard Wastewater Treatment Plan Replacement	$52,000,000	Brevard appreciates the $13M we received in last year's budget. Thought it was earmarked for general "water and wastewater infrastructure projects" we intend to use it for our WWTP, specifically for preliminary expenses like needs analysis, study of alternatives, preliminary engineering and, eventually, design. We request additional consideration in future budgets for actual construction costs.
Stormwater Master Plan: Jumping Branch Watershed Improvements	$18,000,000	Brevard conducted a stormwater masterplan study in 2007 and in the intervening years has constructed some of its proposed improvements. However, the plan's most significant project has been out of reach. The proposed six-phase improvements for Brevard's Jumping Creek Watershed total $9.2M in 2007 dollars. The project will improve stormwater conveyance and minimize nuisance flooding in downtown Brevard and near Transylvania County's library, daycare center, and park on Broad Street.
Brevard Recreation Complex Restrooms and Paving	$400,000	The last three years have seen a number of improvements to the Brevard Recreation Complex. Home to the Transylvania Little League and Transylvania Youth Soccer Association, this facility serves families from throughout the region. In 2023 a generous private donation funded the construction of a competition-grade lighted turf soccer field, making the facility eligible to host region-wide tournaments. The park's existing restroom facilities are on the opposite end of the property across a gravel parking lot, thus making access challenging for those with mobility limitations. The City of Brevard requests funds to construct new restroom facilities on the soccer side of the property and pave the gravel parking lot, thus improving the accessibility of the entire facility.
Inflow and Infiltration Improvements in upper Brushy Creek Watershed	$2,000,000	Infiltration of rainwater into Brevard's sanitary sewer system taxes the capacity of our WWTP. City crews have been making slow but steady progress using city fund, but a direct allocation would accelerate repairs and protect the new WWTP into the future.
Brevard Fire Depart Engine Replacement	$1,000,000	Brevard Fire Dept. has two sister Engines that were purchased in 2005 that are next on the department's Apparatus Replacement Schedule.
		Most manufactures are currently quoting a 3 year build time, and current pricing for a custom Engine is just under $1M. The City of Brevard requests assistance in the purchase of this equipment to order before prices increase further.
City of Brevard Facility Study	$100,000	The City of Brevard municipal building is aging, and its square footage inadequate for efficient operations. The city is exploring relocating Brevard Police Department from city hall to leased space. We request state assistance to study our overall facility needs.

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Policy Requests	
Permit public support of workforce housing	Support legislation that updates all relevant statutes and codes so as to permit public entities to financially support workforce housing serving beneficiaries having incomes up to 120% of AMI
Amend SL 2005-88 "An Act to Allow Transylvania County to Increase the Occupancy Tax Rate in That County"	Support an update to the TC Tourism Development Authority enabling legislation that specifically recognizes "support for low-to-moderate income and workforce housing" as an eligible tourism-related expenditure. The lack of housing units accessible to service-industry workers is inhibiting the growth of the tourism sector in Transylvania County. This change would permit tourism revenue to be used to help underwrite the creation of housing units for households with incomes up to 120% of AMI
Defend local zoning authority	Oppose legislation that limits local authority over planning and zoning. Statewide development standards can't accommodate specific local circumstances. Brevard is voluntarily reviewing its ordinances to make sure none unduly inhibit the creation of housing, and in 2023 Brevard lifted a long-established ban on certain types of development.
Oppose SB675	Brevard's irregular corporate boundaries mean that built-up areas exist in unincorporated areas immediately adjacent to incorporated ones. Extraterritorial jurisdiction gives us the ability to ensure that incompatible land uses aren't placed next to each other, and that property values, health, and safety are protected.
Oppose HB589/SB534 (Corbin introduced)	These bills, intended to protect law enforcement officers from retaliation from whistleblowers, have the unintended potential of protecting officers involved in actual wrongdoing from firing by invoking whistleblower protections. NCLM has also opposed this bill.
Oppose SB515	Brevard appreciates the amendments that have been made to this proposal during its deliberations, particularly the clause applying it only to new connections made after its enactment. However, we remain opposed to the bill because of the effect it may have on our Utility's finances, and because of the complications of having multiple classes of customers.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Wise to approve the list of requests as presented. During discussion, Mr. Baker noted that the item titled "Defend local zoning authority" seemed too general and it would strengthen our requests if it was not included. Mr. Morrow and Mr. Wise agreed to amend the motion to remove the item "Defend local zoning authority" from the list. Vote on the amended motion was unanimously in favor; the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE CITY OF BREVARD'S REQUESTS FOR THE 2024 SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the biennial "short session" of the North Carolina General Assembly is scheduled to convene in spring 2024; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, the General Assembly endows municipalities with their powers; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, the General Assembly may grant state funding to municipalities to fund projects of local concern; and

WHEREAS, for those reasons and others it is in municipalities best interest to maintain positive working relationships with their legislators and make clear their needs; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024 the Brevard City Council discussed in open session a list of legislative requests that they feel will enable them to better serve the people of Brevard and Transylvania County

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

1) The "City of Brevard's 2024 Legislative Request" document, incorporated by reference, is hereby respectfully submitted to the North Carolina General Assembly for their consideration; and

2) The City Manager is instructed to submit, in a form acceptable to its recipients, its contents to Rep. Mike Clampitt (NC-119), Sen. Kevin Corbin (NC-50), and other appropriate parties.

Approved and adopted this 16th day of January, 2024.

M-2. Grant Resolution – North Creek Streambank – Mr. Hooper explained that additional streambank restoration work is needed on Norton Creek near the recently rejuvenated portion at Silversteen Park. There is a bend in the creek where our recently completed project ends and the inspector from the Department of Water Infrastructure noted there was some turbulence and erosion at that bend that could have a negative impact on the recently restored area. It was the inspector's recommendation that the City rejuvenate another 100 feet of the streambank at a total estimated cost of $144,000. The project would include stabilizing creek banks, reshaping the creek, stabilizing the creek bed, replacing a stormwater culvert on Hillview Street, and a stormwater pipe that crosses private property. Mr. Hooper asked for Council's approval to submit an application for a $72,000 grant which would cover 50% of the project. If we are awarded the grant, Mr. Hooper will come back to Council with a request to appropriate the City's portion of approximately $72,000 from available Fund Balance. He noted that if the City does not get the state grant, he recommends going forward with the project in order to preserve the work that has already been done, but the funding strategy will be different. Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR BREVARD STREAMBANK RESTORATION

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard desires to sponsor the Brevard Streambank Restoration. The purpose of this project is to restore and protect approximately 70 linear feet of Norton Creek located in the City of Brevard, adjacent to the Silversteen Playground/Park. This area of Norton Creek is severely eroded due to channel incision and, with subsequent flow events, is unable to reach the floodplain, which has only increased the instability of the reach. The project will stabilize eroding banks, regrade steep banks to give the stream more access to floodplain areas, add structures to stabilize the stream bed, and add more bends and curves to the pattern to slow erosive flows. To protect the newly completed streambank restoration, the project will include the installation of riparian buffers along the newly regraded streambanks and will include the planting of native vegetation. The benefits of this project include sediment reduction, riparian buffer restoration, and streambank restoration.

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

1) The Council/Board requests the State of North Carolina to provide financial assistance to the City of Brevard for Brevard Streambank Restoration in the amount of $ 72,000 or 50 percent of nonfederal project costs, whichever is the lesser amount;

2) The Council/Board assumes full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs;

3) The Council/Board will obtain all necessary State and Federal permits;

4) The Council/Board will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and local government expenditure of public funds.

5) The Council/Board will supervise the construction of the project to assure compliance with permit conditions and to assure safe and proper construction according to approved plans and specifications;

6) The Council/Board will obtain suitable spoil disposal areas as needed and all other easements or rights-of-way that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project without cost or obligation to the State;

7) The Council/Board will ensure that the project is open for use by the public on an equal basis with no restrictions;

8) The Council/Board will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the project;

9) The Council/Board accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Adopted by the City of Brevard this 16th day of January, 2024.

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations.

Mr. Wise said I want to thank our Public Works Departments because they went through a whole lot with this rain and you guys were exemplary. Thank you for all the work you put in; our whole community really appreciates you. It's nice to get this clean bill of financial health so we have a good foundation, as new members, to know what we're kind of building on. We have a lot to learn about what all that means, but this was an exciting report to get. Yesterday was a celebration of Dr. King and last night there was a fantastic program at the Porter Center with our community and an amazing speaker Dr. Mendez. In many ways it renewed my faith and hope in this community because I do see tremendous strides and growth and unity in this community over the past 13 years that I have lived here. I hope we can all keep that positivity in mind as we move forward; that we are a community of different people and different ideas and that we're here to try to put voice to those people.

Ms. Holder said I want to say thank you. This is my first full meeting since I was sworn in and it has been interesting; I'm excited. I ditto what he said about our community and unity and that certainly exploded in our coming together yesterday in our actions. I look forward to more of our coming together and working together in this community. Thank you all for what you are doing and for thinking about me while I was out. I am glad to be back.

Mr. Morrow said I'll take Dr. Holder's word "ditto".

Mr. Daniel said in the last month I have had the opportunity to attend two events at the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center – a benefit for Royce Lytle and also this past weekend a commemoration for Dr. Martin Luther King. Both of those events were standing-room-only and to see that building fulfilling its purpose, and the dream that was presented and is being fulfilled, really made me happy. I also attended the program last night and Dr. Mendez's words were well-chosen I thought, to remind us that Dr. King showed us the way; he didn't get there as he said, but he showed us how. I think there are leaders in this community, some are not with us anymore, who are doing that as well; that show us how. They don't have to do it themselves; it's up to us. I hope that we can all pick up that challenge and continue this work.

Mr. Baker said I want to go back to the audit and thank Dean and Wilson for their work on that. I echo what Councilman Wise said in that now I have been here a couple years and was paying attention before that. There were certainly times when I felt very confused about the city's financial position and I think Wilson, you and Dean have both done a great deal to bring some transparency and accountability and really shine a light on what the city's finances are and where we're spending our money and why and how. Thank you both for that. I know we had some communication go out this week about the roundabout in Pisgah Forest and I will say there were certainly a lot of comments about that, but I was encouraged that there were a lot of positive comments as well. I think a few years ago that may not have been the case so I was encouraged to see some people chime in and excited for the roundabout there at the forest entrance. I do know that we have talked in the past, and had some communication with the County Tourism Board, about some of the extra signage and improvements for that roundabout, and I know DOT sets aside a percentage of the project cost that go to that. It was my understanding that the cost, particularly of that forest entrance roundabout, was going to be pretty high and probably above the percentage of the total project that goes to those improvements, and I think we're going to exceed that. It has been a little while since we talked about that and I wanted to check in and see where that was and now that Lauren is our representative on the Tourism Board, I'm sure he can talk to those folks about it. They were very interested in supporting that so I want to stay in touch with them on that. Mr. Hooper said he will include a follow up on that in his memo to Council this week.

Mr. Hooper reported that we did not get the grant for the Pisgah Labs utility extension. I wanted to share that publicly because I know there has been some public interest in that. Burton Hodges, Jaime Laughter and I, and some folks from COG are

exploring some other opportunities. I did however, finally link up with the state agency overseeing our $13M allocation from the last budget so in the weeks to come I will finally have some information on what we can do with that money and how we go about getting it and reporting it and so forth. We found out about that in October and now that I have made contact with the appropriate parties, we can start moving on that money soon. We recently had some constituents come talk about a climate action plan and a couple of you asked me to share my thoughts on it. I have a few thoughts to share today, but I want to save my final conclusions for a later date because staff and I are still thinking about it. Efforts like that, particularly for small organizations, sometimes the juice isn't worth the squeeze. Often times you are talking about big capital investment, a lot of time and staff resources applying for grants to reduce a carbon footprint that's not that big to begin with. Presumably some of the grant money that's available helps defray some of that cost, but having had experience administering a big federal grant for environmental stuff, I can tell you that it's a lot of work. With that said, there are a couple of mitigating factors with our organization; namely that we live in an old building that uses a lot of energy that might make it worthwhile. Staff are pulling the numbers and analyzing the grants and what's available and what the opportunity is. I'll have more to share in the weeks to come.

Mayor Copelof said I too was so impressed with our Martin Luther King weekend. We had two incredible events and I want to thank the following organizations for their collaboration – Brevard College for providing the Porter Center; the MCJCCC Board of Directors for organizing the brunch on Saturday; the Vision Class who spent their Saturday morning serving over 100 people breakfast; Brevard Academy and their incredible musicians last night; Bethel A Choir; and to our city folks - Tyree Griffin who does an outstanding job and put so much work into it; and I have to commend our new Councilwoman Pamela Holder who did a wonderful job arranging the incredible keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. John Mendez who gave an inspiring speech last night; and she gave an incredible rendition of a song – a multi-talented person who brought those talents to bear. We do so much when we work together in unity like we did for this wonderful weekend. I am so grateful for everyone that made it possible for our community. We have a couple of exciting events coming up. The City is helping to sponsor an initiative called the "Age Exchange" to try to build better connection and communication between generations. We are partnering with Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein of Brevard College who is an expert in this area. The Brevard College students came to us saying they want to increase the dialogue and communication between the college and the town, so the City has stepped up and we are going to have four of these initially. The first one will be on Saturday, January 27th from 11:00 to 12:30 at the Francis Pavilion of the Porter Center. We will have people speaking about how different generations are viewed in different cultures. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be speaking about their culture; we have two students, one from Japan and one from Mexico, who are going to be talking about how their cultures view the generation gap; and we also have one of the Brevard professors, Dr. Betsy Burrows who just came back from a year in Norway as a Fullbright Scholar and she will be talking about what she saw there. The event is free and open to the public. There will be one event a month through April. The annual White Squirrel Day will be on February 2nd. The rest of the country might be watching that chubby groundhog, but we will be at the MCJCCC where we will have our White Squirrel ambassador Pisgah Penny giving a prediction about whether it's going to be a long winter or an early spring. She also gives a prediction on who is going to win the Super Bowl. The event will be from 10:00 to noon and WSQL will be doing a live broadcast.

Mayor Copelof also gave an update on HCA and Mission Hospital. She said I spent a lot of hours this weekend meeting with other regional elected officials talking about the situation that is developing at Mission Hospital. Mission Hospital is the only Level 2 trauma center hospital in all of Western North Carolina and we rely on Mission for much of the healthcare for our folks. Our regional hospital is part of the Mission system and they rely on Mission for a lot of combined functions. If you go to our hospital and it is too serious for them to handle, you are transferred to Mission. We found out on Friday that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) had been out inspecting Mission Hospital over the last few months and they have issued two

what they call immediate jeopardy findings, the worst possible finding that the oversight commissioners can find in a hospital. It means that, because of management practices in that hospital, people's lives were actually put in jeopardy. There were specific occasions that they cited in these two immediate jeopardy findings. This is extremely serious. I think you are going to see it in the papers; it was out in the Asheville Watchdog on Friday and I think it is going to explode in a lot of the other papers. DHHS has put Mission HCA on notice that this has to be corrected and they have sent these formal findings to the Commission for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). That is the commission that decides whether or not a hospital qualifies for Medicare and Medicaid funding. CMS will be one the players in terms of deciding whether or not and when Mission Hospital fixes these jeopardies – how much time is involved. We have been waiting to see what CMS does and we expect it at any time. This is an issue that has the potential to impact our community and I am bringing it up because I want to be completely transparent and for people to understand what is happening. We are working very closely with our regulators in Raleigh, the Governor's Office, our Representatives, with the Asheville Mayor, our State-level representatives and we will continue to track this and demand, as the regulators have demanded, that these problems be fixed as quickly as possible. I believe there will be a very short timeframe of days when it officially comes out with how long they have in which to correct this. Hopefully when you see this come out in the news, you will have a better understanding of what exactly that means.

N. Closed Session

Closed Session #1 – At 7:02 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Ms. Holder to enter into closed session to discuss a pending litigation matter City of Brevard et al. vs. HCA et al. in the Western District of North Carolina United States District Court and to clear Council Chambers. The motion carried unanimously. Authorized to remain for the closed session with Council and the Attorney were City Manager Wilson Hooper and City Clerk Denise Hodsdon.

Council Returned to Regular Session – at 7:31 p.m. Council resumed the meeting in regular session. No official action was taken in closed session and the minutes of the closed session are authorized to be sealed.

O. Adjourn – There being no further business, at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: February 5, 2024