MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2024 – 5:30 PM

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center 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 City Manager/Finance Director Dean Luebbe, Planning Director Paul Ray, Assistant Planning Director Aaron Bland, Senior Planner Emily Brewer, Human Resources Director Kelley Craig, Communications Coordinator Becky McCann, Police Chief Tom Jordan, Public Works Director Wesley Shook, Water Treatment Plant ORC Dennis Richardson, Community Center Director Tyree Griffin, Police Sergeant Alyssa Coburn, and members of Brevard Police Department

Press – Jon Rich, Transylvania Times and Dan DeWitt, Brevard NewsBeat

A. Welcome and Call to Order – Mayor Copelof called the meeting to order and welcomed those present to Council's first meeting at the Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center.

B. Invocation – Council Member Rev. Dr. Pamela Holder of Bethel "A" Baptist Church offered an invocation.

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

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

E. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Morrow requested to add an item under New Business as Item M-1 to consider and discuss public hearing item J-1 Traffic Schedule Amendments-No Parking Areas and Three-Way Stops. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes

F-1. June 26, 2024 Joint Trail Workshop – Ms. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 Joint Trail Workshop as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F-2. August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting – Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Public Comments

David English of 37 Grove Circle said I received my city tax bill last week and there was an unexplained stormwater fee on it. I went to City Hall and found out through the Tax Office that that stormwater fee is for stormwater maintenance in the city, which I understand and see the need for it. Where I live is an older neighborhood where the pipework is over 70 years old. I live on a hill, so I have a fee for something I don't actually get the service for. My water runs down 275 feet to a branch which I think is part of the stormwater service. My question is did you also consider things like people who have green roofs, permeable sidewalks or permeable driveways. I read that

it is based off impermeable surfaces, which was based off of the square footage of your house and your roof. I know that Brevard needs that; I have seen a lot of areas where there is a big need for stormwater maintenance and improvement. I am not trying to debate the fee; I am just wondering if there is any…for example I have a pipe that runs underneath the street and dumps all that water downhill on the back of my property for around 200 feet. It doesn't actually get to the creek because there's a swale and a berm so if it gets there it gets there through groundwater. Two summers ago, I went to Public Works and asked if I could do a joint project to get the piping all the way down to the creek and I left there under the impression that that was all on me, that there was not any kind of city responsibility or city projects that could be jointly done.

Doug Harris of 153 Franklin Street said I have spoken to several of you one-on-one regarding this issue and I want to make a formal request before the whole body to have something added to the UDO. I would like to see a requirement added that if a project stalls, as we've had several construction projects stall, for a certain amount of time, that the applicant be required to clean up the site, regrade it and seed it. If you think about the City Camper site, and there is another multi-family residential site out on Old Hendersonville Hwy. that has been sitting somewhat under construction, but most of the site has not been worked on in quite a while. Those sites are gravel, they are mud for the neighbors, and they are very unsightly for people coming into town by way of those roads. I live on Franklin Street and my entire back property line is adjacent to the Presbyterian Church property where there has been lots of conversation about a housing project and while I support that project and look forward to there being housing there, I do not look forward to the possibility that they would clear that lot and then something happens to the viability of that project, and there be perhaps years of mud and dirt construction material. It is a simple thing to require the applicant to clear their site and I don't think that is onerous to the applicant, so I would suggest that you work with staff and add that to the ordinance.

Scott Barnett of 123 Gillespie Circle said I am here to ask you to consider a sign ordinance for political signs along the lines of the one that applies to elections. I think it is 30 days before and they have be taken down 10 days after. Lately there has been a proliferation, and I think they are an eyesore. There are a lot of them; some of them went up in June, so we will have been looking at them for 3, 4 or 5 months by the time of the election. To me 30 days prior to the election seems like a perfectly reasonable amount of time for a political sign to be posted.

Jay Farrell of 309 W. Probart St. said I want to thank the Mayor, the Council, the Manager and Police Chief for taking great interest in the traffic problems on Probart Street and doing due diligence and haste to get the job done. For the sake of safety I urge everyone to take action on traffic calming and the 3-way stop as soon as possible

Morris Jenkins of 148 W. Probart St. said thank you for all your work. Two years ago several of us went to Wilson and started working on Probart Street traffic calming. We had a public meeting here at Mary C. Jenkins several months ago and I appreciate all your work on this. I would just encourage you to go ahead and approve the stop signs and the plan for the street cushions without having to have further public appearance. On a different note, thank you to whoever put the grip strips on the bridges at Bracken.

Linda Gallo of 671 Probart St. said I want to thank you for considering and passing and funding the speed cushions and stop signs on Probart. I agree with my neighbors; we would like to see that happen as quickly as possible and we appreciate that you have had that concern for our street and taken care of that.

Jimmy Veal of 187 Pinnacle Road said I want to thank those of you that managed to squeeze a little time in your schedule for me to sit down and slide some pieces of paper across the table to you. I want to reiterate that I'm here to try to rectify the situation with respect to the bottom 200 feet of the Bracken Trail blocking access to 5 or 6 parcels of land up there. If anybody doesn't believe that the trail blocks access, please call me and we can walk up there. I believe that is a factual statement. We have been through a number of responses of why it is like it is or maybe why you all don't

need to do anything about it and I just want to make sure that I am on record disagreeing with any of you that think you don't need to do something about it. Sometimes people bring up the legal argument. I am having flashbacks to the Golden Rule in kindergarten and no matter what, this is wrong. Blocking access to peoples' property steals the value of it. In this particular situation it makes it disappear and you can't pretend that it's not there because everybody's been paying taxes on it since taxes started. The value is based on being able to get access to it. I brought up in conversations with a couple of you that in 2005 there was a steering committee established that set up the future of Bracken. A short year later there was a resolution passed that said that the purpose of the right-of-way was to construct and improve a road. No one told anybody that you were going to build a bike trail that obliterated the function of the road that had been there for a hundred years. So, the amount of money that you gave those people was pennies on the dollar if you factor in the fact that you have blocked access to their property. Let's try to still work together and come up with a solution because when the lawyers get involved, it gets really murky and expensive.

H. Certificates/Awards/Recognition

H-1. Badge Pinning Ceremony – Alyssa Coburn Promotion to Sergeant – Chief Tom Jordan recognized Police Officer Alyssa Coburn who has been promoted to Sergeant. Chief Jordan presented St. Coburn with her Sergeant's badge, and retired Police Lt. Rick Harbin pinned the badge on her uniform.

I. Special Presentations

I-1. Housing Presentation – Mr. Hooper reported that the public engagement sessions regarding the Presbyterian Church property have been postponed pending further study. He informed Council that he has signed the contract amendment and we should have that information in the next couple weeks and we can discuss our next steps at that time. He introduced Senior Planner Emily Brewer who gave a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of the City's housing initiatives over the past two years and next steps for the next fiscal year. A copy of Ms. Brewer's presentation is attached.

J. Public Hearing(s)

J-1. Traffic Schedule Amendments – No Parking Zones and Three-Way Stops – Mr. Hooper explained that the proposed amendment includes two changes to the Traffic Schedule: 1) a 3-way stop at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Probart Street; and 2) to make the west side of Railroad Avenue, along the trail from Probart Street to where the trail crosses just past Whitmire Street, a no parking zone to prevent cars from parking next to the trail. The Public Safety Committee has discussed the amendment and has recommended approval. Mr. Hooper added that a third element of traffic improvements, which does not require an amendment to the Traffic Schedule, is the plan to convert the right turn lane on the east side of Railroad Avenue between French Broad Street and Whitmire Street to an on-street parking area, which should accommodate 5 or 6 spaces.

At 6:36 p.m. Mayor Copelof asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Daniel so moved, seconded by Ms. Holder; the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Public Participation – Morris Davis of 363 Probart Street said I have lived on Probart Street for 43 years on the corner of Galloway and Probart. I speak tonight to the urgency of this happening at the corner of Probart and Railroad Avenue. The traffic is like that Christmas song "gee the traffic is terrific" and on that corner where I live Galloway comes in straight and 25 feet later there is White Oak Lane that goes at an angle. That is one block from the three-way stop that is needed so badly. My speaking this evening is because of the urgency of it. The traffic is horrible; people say they don't speed, but they do. The traffic increased horribly in the last 43 years that I have lived there and I believe that what is proposed for the three stop signs at Railroad and Probart is going to be a great answer to the problem. Across the street

from me there have been four houses built since January. They are building two more on White Oak right now. Each time they come into work in the morning there are about 16 pickup trucks and all that traffic, combined with all the cement trucks and trucks from Lowe's and other places, and school traffic, it can be horrible, and I believe that what you have proposed is going to be wonderful. But hurry; it's urgent and lives are at stake. We have lots of children and lots of elderly people and they need to be safe.

Public Hearing Closed – At 6:39 p.m. Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

J-2. Proposed Amendments to City of Brevard Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 – Dangerous Dogs – Chief Jordan explained that this proposed amendment expands the options available to the City when we encounter a dog that could be deemed dangerous or potentially dangerous. It expands the definition of dangerous dog and allows for an expanded due process for those owners of dogs declared as dangerous, with the goal to create a safer environment for everyone with their pets. The draft amendment was approved by the Public Safety Committee at its July 22nd meeting and referred to Council with a recommendation to approve.

At 6:41 p.m. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Ms. Holder to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Public Participation – Susan Azar of 12 Hilt Street Extension said I encourage you to support the proposed dangerous dog language. I represent over 20 neighbors, and we have worked closely with the Public Safety Committee and the Chief of Police on this issue. Unfortunately, we have personal experience with a dangerous dog, which is what started the whole discussion. The language that is being proposed would give the police more tools and more flexibility. The current law is actually in the North Carolina statute and in our research we found three other jurisdictions that modified the law because of similar situations and concerns. Brevard would be the fourth in the state and the second city in the state to modify the language. I think there is a need and unfortunately we found out the reason for the need as the other jurisdictions did as well. I encourage your support for the modifications to the language and I think it is important that it gives them the ability and it keeps us all safe.

Public Hearing Closed – At 6:43 p.m. Ms. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

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

K-1. Tax Settlement Report – July, 2024

K-2. Project Ordinance – WWTP Upgrade or Replacement Project

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-30

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE OR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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 Wastewater Treatment Plant is approaching 80% capacity which signals the City to begin exploring ways to increase capacity. A new Wastewater Treatment Plant would likely exceed $50,000,000 in cost, but the City is also exploring whether an upgrade to the current Plant would better serve the future needs of the community. This will almost certainly be the first of many project amendments associated with this important project.

Section 2: The City has contracted with KCI Associates of North Carolina, P.A. in the amount of $352,000 to perform preliminary engineering as highlighted in Section 5. (Statement of Work), of the agreement. Funding will be provided from a transfer from the Water and Sewer Fund of $357,800, which City Council approved as a component of the FY24-25 budget on June 3, 2024.

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

Account Number	Account Name	Budget Amount
31-8220-0925	Professional Services	$357,800
TOTAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION		**$357,800**

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

Account Number	Account Name	Budget Amount
32-3760-1908	Trans from Gen Fund - WWTP	$357,800
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE		**$357,800**

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 19th day of August, 2024.

Attest: Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor
Approved as to Form: Mack McKeller, City Attorney

K-3. Resolution Fixing a Date of Public Hearing for Annexation – Jason Shepherd, 35 Verdery Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33
A RESOLUTION FIXING A DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO NCGS 160A-31, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition was received on July 1, 2024, requesting the annexation of a contiguous area described in said Petition as a portion of the Jason Shepherd property at 35 Verdery Avenue, Brevard, NC 28712, consisting of 0.101 acres, more or less, be annexed into the City of Brevard. (Tax Property Identification Number: a portion of 8585-28-6101-000).; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard City Council has by Resolution No. 2024-30 directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency thereof; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of said petition has been made.

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

Section 1. That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the contiguous area described below as requested by Jason Shepherd, will be held at Brevard City Hall at 5:30 P.M. on the 16th day of September, 2024.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

That certain piece of land being located in the state of North Carolina, county of Transylvania, township of Brevard. Beginning at an unmarked point on the existing line of the City of Brevard Limits and on the northern right of way line of Verdery Ave., also being located on the southern line of that property of Jason M. Shepherd described in Deed Book 765 Page 452, said property being that 0.34 Acre tract shown on Plat File 16 Slide 749. Thence running with the existing City of Brevard Limits, a curve with an arc length of 113.84', with a radius of 983.05', with a chord bearing of N 42°18'23" W, with a chord length of 113.78', to an unmarked point in the northern line of the before mentioned tract, said point being on the existing line of City of Brevard Limits. Thence leaving the existing City of Brevard limits and running with the Earnest Duncan line a course S 76°10'43" W a distance of 18.15' to a 1/2" Rebar found, the southwest corner of the Earnest Duncan property described in Deed Book 320 Page 140. Thence with the Bobby Tucker line a course S 14°14'36" E a distance of 20.01' to a 1/2" Rebar found at a 3" spindle guard stake, the southeast corner of the Bobby Tucker Tract described in Deed Book 332 Page 469. Thence with the line of the other property owned by Jason M. Shepherd, described in Deed Book 765 Page 436, for two calls, S 13°27'48" E a distance of 4.95' to a 5/8" Rebar and Cap set, thence S 13°37'43" E a distance of 75.06' to a 5/8" Rebar and Cap set. Thence leaving the Shepherd tract described in Deed Book 765 Page 436 and traveling along the northern right of way line of Verdery Ave. N 76°09'56" E a distance of 72.55' to an unmarked point on the existing line of the City of Brevard Limits, which is the point of beginning. Containing 0.101 acres, more or less. Being a portion of the property conveyed to Jason M. Shepherd in Deed Book 765 Page 452.

Also shown as "This Portion of Property to be Annexed +/- 0.101 acres" on a plat prepared by David L. Burrell titled "Plat of a Boundary/Annexation Survey for Jason M. Shepherd" being drawing number 24-27-REVISED and dated June 20, 2024-Revised July 23, 2024. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description. The intent of the landowner, Jason M. Shepherd, is to annex any portion of the property described in Deed Book 765 Page 452 that is not in the existing City of Brevard Limits, into the City of Brevard limits.

Section 3. Notice of said public hearing shall be published in the Transylvania Times, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brevard, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 19th day of August, 2024.

Attest: Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-4. Estatoe Trail 30% Design Contract

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34
AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT ENGINEERING FOR 30% DESIGN OF THE ESTATOE TRAIL

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2024 the Brevard City Council was presented with information, summarized in the affixed staff report, on the terms of a proposed agreement between City of Brevard and Summit Engineering for the professional services related to 30% design of the Estatoe Trail between Main St. and Brevard High School;

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

The City Manager (or his designee) is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute necessary agreements with Summit Engineering for the purposes described in the above referenced staff report.

Approved and adopted this 19th day of August, 2024.

Attest: Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-5. Joint Agreement for Reciprocal Access Easements by and between the City of Brevard and Monte Vista, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35
AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH MONTE VISTA INC. FOR RECIPROCAL ACCESS EASEMENTS

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2024 the Brevard City Council was presented with information, summarized in the affixed staff report, on the terms of a proposed agreement between City of Brevard and Monte Vista Inc. for reciprocal access agreements to private Laurel Falls Rd. and Bracken Preserve, respectively;

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

The City Manager (or his designee) is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute necessary agreements with Monte Vista Inc. for the purposes described in the above referenced staff report.

Approved and adopted this 19th day of August, 2024.

Attest: Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor

K-6. Council Housing Committee Minutes – June 11, 2024

K-7. Council Public Works & Utilities Committee Minutes – July 1, 2024

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

a. Land of Sky RPO Technical Advisory Committee Minutes – June 20, 2024

L. Unfinished Business

L-1. Proposed Amendments to City of Brevard Unified Development Ordinance Chapters 5 and 13 – Requirements for Underground Wiring – Aaron Bland recalled that Council held a public hearing on this amendment at its meeting on August 5, 2024. This is a staff-initiated text amendment to clarify the intent and specific requirements regarding underground wiring for new developments. The Planning Board recommended approval of the amendments. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Wise to approve the proposed amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-31
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE: CHAPTER 5 – BUILDING TYPES AND ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 13 – INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO CLARIFY DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGROUND WIRING

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard Planning Board has recommended that the Brevard City Code, Unified Development Ordinance be amended; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brevard finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the following adopted plans and policies of the City of Brevard:

Building Brevard Comprehensive Land Use Plan:
Goal 8: "Plan for efficient, equitable, and resilient infrastructure and services that maintain and improve quality of life throughout the city." and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on Monday, August 5, 2024, by the 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 City Council of the City of Brevard Unified Development Ordinance be amended as outlined below.

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

SECTION 01. Brevard City Code, Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended as depicted in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 02. As to any conflict between this Ordinance and any parts of existing ordinances, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

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 this the 19th day of August 2024.

Attest: Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor
Approved as to Form: Mack McKeller, City Attorney

M. New Business

M-1. Traffic Schedule Amendments – No Parking Zones and Three-Way Stops – Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-32
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CITY OF BREVARD TRAFFIC SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, a public meeting was conducted on Monday, August 19, 2024, by Brevard City Council, and after review and consideration of the proposed amendments, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Brevard that Section 66-5 of the Brevard 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 1. The City of Brevard Traffic and Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as described below:

Section 2. Add West side of Railroad Avenue from West Probart Street to a point approximately 300 feet northeast of intersection with Whitmire Street to City of Brevard Traffic Schedule I, Section 66-122 No Parking Areas.

Section 3. Remove West Probart Street from Railroad Avenue from City of Brevard Traffic Schedule XI-A, Section 66-72 Stop Before Entering Certain Intersections.

Section 4. Add West Probart Street and Railroad Avenue to City of Brevard Traffic Schedule XI-C, Section 66-72 Three-Way Stop Intersections

Section 5. The City Clerk of the City of Brevard is hereby authorized and directed to revise and amend the official records and the Brevard Traffic Schedule to reflect the change as set forth herein.

Section 6. The City Manager of the City of Brevard is hereby authorized and directed to cause the appropriate signs to be installed and enforcement of the foregoing provisions to be implemented.

Section 7. 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 19th day of August, 2024.

Attest: Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk s/ Maureen Copelof, Mayor
Approved as to Form: Mack McKeller, City Attorney

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations.

Ms. Holder commented that when we look at traffic planning we may want to consider looking at the intersection of Oakdale and W. Main Street. She said traffic turning onto Main St. from Oakdale can't see cars coming because of cars parked on Main St. and you have to get out into the intersection before you can see traffic coming. She suggested perhaps some sort of warning light could be installed to alert turning traffic that a vehicle is approaching.

Mr. Wise offered congratulations to Sgt. Coburn for her promotion. He also offered congratulations to David Todd, our new Assistant City Manager and to Wesley Shook for being named permanent Public Works Director. He reemphasized the importance of housing and reminded everyone that we have a partner in this in our county and county commissioners. He said I would encourage all of us to continue to reach out them to see what we can do in partnership with them.

Mr. Morrow said when I found out last week that our Mayor was chosen to speak at the North Carolina Trails Conference…doesn't Brevard have on heck of a story to talk about trails? He mentioned an article in today's newspaper regarding Brevard being

recognized as one of fifteen communities in the official North Carolina Trail Town Guide. It is a real plug to recognize the achievements the City has made.

Mr. Daniel said to somewhat echo what Mr. Morrow said, I am often sitting at these meetings thinking what a great staff we have that is making all these things happen. I appreciate it and thank you to all of you.

Mr. Baker said I am proud to be in this space at MCJCCC. So much of the work that went into creating this space and reopening this center happened in the decade before I was on Council and a lot of people on this stage contributed to it and there are a lot of people who aren't here who contributed to it as well. It is a great representation of the City of Brevard, but it is also a very symbolic building, and I think it is symbolic for us to be here and celebrate the importance of the history of Rosenwald and Black citizens in Brevard, but also of our future as a city as one collection of communities. I am really proud that we were able to make this happen. He expressed thanks to staff for their efforts in making tonight's meeting happen here. He said the other thing I am proud about is working toward 30% design plans on the remaining sections of the Estatoe Trail. We completed a section in Tannery last year and the other section in Tannery North will be completed early next year, but we still have a couple sections to get us all the way from Main Street to the High School. Hopefully that will lead to grant money and other progress that will help us make that dream a reality. Finally, I am proud of our work on housing.

Ms. Hodsdon thanked Tyree Griffin, Becky McCann and Katherine for all their help with setup for tonight's meeting and livestreaming.

Mr. Hooper announced that David Todd has been named our next Assistant City Manager for infrastructure, utilities and public works. He is known in this community already having worked at Ecusta Mill earlier in his career. Most recently he was the Associate Vice Chancellor of Campus Operations for UNC Asheville for the last 20 years where he has overseen capital projects similar to the capital projects we are expecting to undertake here in the years to come. He brings a strong skillset and familiarity with North Carolina construction laws, bidding laws and all those things we have to navigate around for big capital projects. He starts work on August 29th and we are happy to have him join our team.

Mayor Copelof said again tonight you can see how much we have going on in Brevard and that is a tribute to the quality of our staff. She offered congratulations to Wesley Shook and noted it is amazing the amount of work that Public Works does. Let's keep in mind that all the little things that we want to see happen in this city, it takes somebody to make them happen and our staff does an incredible job. She said there is nothing more joyful than watching our employees succeed and progress and offered congratulations to Sgt. Coburn. She added that she attended the Western North Carolina Affordable Housing Conference last week and there were representatives from over 20 counties and cities. That tells you the extent of this immense problem; we are not alone in this problem, but we are leading the way in a lot of different initiatives, and we are building collaborations and partnerships because no one can do this alone. She mentioned that she had the honor of representing the city in welcoming incoming Brevard College students and at the Schenck Job Corps. Career Day. She said we were honored to be one of the communities chosen to present at the statewide trails conference. We will have an Ecusta Trail public input session on September 10th from 5-7pm in the Rogow Room. Other upcoming events include the first event of America's 250th Celebration this Sunday at Silvermont at 2:00 pm to celebrate the anniversary of North Carolina's 1st Provincial Congress. We are partnering with Blue Ridge Community College for the next Age Exchange Program event on August 26th at 9:00 am at MCJCCC regarding building your personal wellness plan. The next Meet the Mayor will be on August 22nd at 11:30 at MCJCCC.

O. Closed Session – None.

P. Adjourn – There being no further business, at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Maureen Copelof	Denise Hodsdon, CMC
Mayor	City Clerk

Minutes Approved: September 3, 2024