MINUTES
BREVARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024 – 5:30 PM

The Brevard City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 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 City Manager/Finance Director Dean Luebbe, Assistant City Manager David Todd, Planning Director Paul Ray, Human Resources Director Kelley Craig, Communications Coordinator Becky McCann, Police Chief Tom Jordan, Fire Chief Bobby Cooper, Public Works Director Wesley Shook, Water Treatment Plant ORC Dennis Richardson, Wastewater Treatment Plant ORC Emory Owen, and Community Center Director Tyree Griffin

Guests/Presenters – Sarah Odio, UNC DFI (via Zoom)

Press – Jon Rich, Transylvania Times

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

B. Invocation – Pastor Brad Snipes of Cove 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. Daniel requested to move Item M-2 Appointment of City Representative to Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee, and Item M-3 Amend Council Meeting Calendar to add Ecusta Trail Strategic Planning Workshop to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Ms. Holder to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes

F-1. August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting – Mr. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Public Comments

Kevin Jones of 135 Maple Street said first I would like to commend the City and all the people who are planning parking for looking ahead and realizing that we are going to need a lot of charging stations for electric vehicles; maybe not right this minute, but with what's going on out there, there are going to be a lot more of them. Currently though, there is a little bit of an imbalance, and I have a suggestion for you. If we look at the parking area over there, there are four spots for electric vehicles and I use one occasionally, so thank you very much. However, it is rare that I see any car other than mine in the four spots for electric vehicles and it is quite often where every parking space is taken there, and people are going and parking in the post office parking lot and things like that. I would suggest a hybrid strategy until we need all those spots for electric cars. Why don't we get some signage to designate two of those spots as electric charging spots or anything else. Right now, we need the additional parking

space there. When we need all four for electric vehicles, we just take the signage and go with what we have.

H. Certificates/Awards/Recognition

H-1. Introduction and Oath of Office – David Todd, Assistant City Manager for Infrastructure, Utilities and Public Works – David Todd was sworn in as Assistant City Manager for Infrastructure, Utilities and Public Works by City Clerk Denise Hodsdon.

City of Brevard, North Carolina
Oath of Office

State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania
City of Brevard

I, David Todd, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution and laws of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Assistant City Manager for Infrastructure, Utilities and Public Works, so help me God.

s/ David Todd

Oath Administered By: Denise Hodsdon, CMC, City Clerk

H-2. Proclamation No. 2024-17 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – Mayor Copelof read the proclamation aloud.

PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-17
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of September is designated as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and serves as an outlet to honor the young lives taken too soon, and as a means to increase public awareness of this disease affecting children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children with 1 in 285 children in the United States being diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer, and 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and

WHEREAS, 46 children per day or 16,790 children (age 0- 19) per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. More than two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years only six (6) new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding is critical to allow healthcare professionals to work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, many parents and family members feel terrified and are overwhelmed following a child's cancer diagnosis, therefore it is important to encourage additional non-profit organizations at the local and national level to assist children with cancer and their families in coping through educational, emotional and financial support.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as **"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"** in the City of Brevard and I encourage citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, the media, and other interested groups to increase awareness of what citizens can do to support the fight against childhood cancer.

Proclaimed this the 3rd day of September, 2023.

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

I. Special Presentations

I-1. Results of Geotechnical Report of Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church Property and Housing Next Steps – Mr. Hooper thanked all the folks that have been involved in this project so far and said no matter what happens with this project he is proud of what we have accomplished and that our partnership with the Church can be a model for future partnerships. He then provided an overview of the geotechnical findings for the Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church property, and the implication of those findings. A copy of his presentation is attached, and the full report is available on the City's website. Mr. Hooper explained that the 50-unit scenario was chosen because that is the maximum number of units that LIHTC would fund, and without LIHTC the project would be unaffordable. With the extra ground improvements required for this site, the estimated cost would be approximately $4.1M in site costs alone, whereas an average site of this size would be approximately $1.3M. As next steps, DFI has agreed to contact their LIHTC development partners who do these kinds of projects and ask them whether they would be interested in doing a project like this. If those developers say no, we will most likely need to consider ending the project. DFI will also reach out to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency with some clarifying questions on what this means for the project when it gets run through their LIHTC formula. We will have that information in the weeks to come. Mr. Hooper said even though there is still more information that we need in order to have a thoughtful conversation about the future of this project, this was a significant enough piece of information that, for transparency's sake, we wanted to announce it publicly now.

J. Public Hearing(s) – None.

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. Morrow moved, seconded by Ms. Holder to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

K-1. ARPA Required Administrative Policies

K-2. Ordinance Declaring Road Closure for Special Events – Heart of Brevard Plein Air Festival and Halloweenfest

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-33
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING MULTIPLE
ROAD CLOSURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, Brevard City Council acknowledges a tradition of providing for festivals and special events downtown for the pleasure and enjoyment of citizens and visitors alike; and,

WHEREAS, Brevard City Council acknowledges that festivals and special events provide an opportunity for family-oriented activities that celebrate our small-town charm; and,

WHEREAS, Brevard City Council acknowledges these events require NCDOT system roads to be closed for setup, activities, and cleanup; and,

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to authority granted by G.S. 20-169, the City of Brevard hereby declares the following temporary road closure during the day and time set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Plein Air Festival

Date:	Saturday, September 14, 2024
Time:	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Route Description:	Main Street (U.S. 276) from Broad Street to Caldwell Street.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to authority granted by G.S. 20-169, the City of Brevard hereby declares the following temporary road closure during the day and time set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Halloweenfest
Date: Saturday, October 28, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Route Description: Main Street (U.S. 276) from Caldwell Street to Johnson Street
Broad Street (U.S. 64) from Morgan Street to Probart Street

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of September 2024.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36
A RESOLUTION FIXING A NEW 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; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard City Council has by Resolution No. 2024-33 scheduled a public hearing on the question of annexation for September 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard Planning Board reviews petitions for annexation and makes recommendation to City Council prior to the public hearing, and the petition was scheduled to be considered by the Planning Board at its meeting scheduled for August 27, 2024. The August 27, 2024 meeting was canceled and the petition will be considered by the Planning Board at its meeting on September 24, 2024.

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 7th day of October, 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 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

K-4. Council Rosenwald Community Advisory Board Minutes – May 16, 2024

K-5. Council Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Minutes – July 31, 2024

K-6. Council Finance, Human Resources & Citizen Appointment Committee Minutes – June 3, 2024

K-7. Correspondence *(No Action. Offered as information only.)*

a. ABC Board Minutes – June 27, 2024
b. ABC Board Minutes – July 25, 2024

K-8. (M-2) Appointment of City Representative to Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee is a 9-member advisory board to the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners that focuses on transportation needs and issues throughout the county, working in close coordination with NCDOT Division 14 and the Land of Sky RPO; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard appoints one member to the Transportation Advisory Committee to serve a 3-year term; and

WHEREAS, at its June 3, 2024 and August 26, 2024 meetings, the Finance, Human Resources, and Citizen Appointment Committee considered who to appoint to the Transportation Advisory Committee and recommended to City Council the appointment of Council Member Mac Morrow.

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

Section 1. The Brevard City Council does hereby appoint City Council Member Mac Morrow to the Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

K-9. (M-3) Amend Council Meeting Calendar to add Ecusta Trail Strategic Planning Workshop

L. Unfinished Business

L-1. Proposed Amendments to City of Brevard Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 – Dangerous Dogs – Chief Jordan recalled that Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendment at its August 19th meeting. The 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. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Wise to approve the amendments as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-34
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BREVARD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14 – ANIMALS AND FOWL: SPECIFICALLY AMENDING REGULATIONS REGARDING CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DOGS OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard wishes to strengthen its regulation of dangerous dogs or potentially dangerous dogs; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the Code of Ordinances must be updated to expand the definition of what constitutes a dangerous dog or potentially dangerous dog; to provide due process for dog owners whose dogs have been deemed dangerous; and to stipulate requirements that owners of dogs declared as dangerous must follow in order to keep the dog; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on August 19, 2024, 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 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

M. New Business

M-1. Board and Committee Appointments – As the chair of the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee, Mr. Wise reported that the committee reviewed applications and made recommendation for appointment to the following boards:

a. **ABC Board** – The ABC Board is a 5-member board and there are two seats available. The Committee recommended appointment of Susan Miller and Paula McKeller. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to appoint Susan Miller and Paula McKeller to the ABC Board. The motion carried unanimously.

b. **Brevard Planning Board** – The Planning Board is a 7-member board that was previously made up of 4 city-appointed members and 3 county-appointed ETJ members. The new composition of the board added one city-appointed member and removed one county-appointed member. There are two current seats up for appointment and the one newly added city seat. It was the committee's recommendation to reappoint Greg Hunter and Reid

Wood who are both finishing up their first term. Mr. Wise said he needed to recuse himself because Reid Wood is his wife. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow to recuse Council Member Wise. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to reappoint Greg Hunter and Reid Wood to the Planning Board. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wise noted that the Planning Board still has one seat open.

c. **Board of Adjustment** – The Board of Adjustment is an 8-member board with 3 city-appointed Regular Members, 2 city-appointed Alternate Members, and 3 county-appointed members. There is 1 Regular Member seat expiring in September; and 1 Regular and 2 Alternate seats expiring in November. Three applications were received, and the Committee recommended that Jackson Tate be appointed to fill the Regular Member seat expiring in September, that Peter Offen be reappointed as a Regular Member in November, and that Reid Wood be appointed as an Alternate Member in November. Mr. Wise noted that he would need to recuse himself again. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Ms. Holder to recuse Council Member Wise. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to reappoint Peter Offen as a Regular Member, to appoint Jackson Tate as a Regular Member, and to appoint Reid Wood as an Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wise noted that there is still one seat open.

d. **Dangerous Dog Appellate Board** – The Dangerous Dog Appellate Board is a 3-member board – 1 member must be a veterinarian and 2 citizen members. The veterinarian seat and one citizen seat are currently vacant. The committee recommended appointment of Dr. Thomas Cox as the veterinarian member and Susan Azar as the citizen member. Ms. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel to appoint Dr. Thomas Cox and Susan Azar to the Dangerous Dog Appellate Board. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO
STATUTORY/CODE COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, in Fall 2022 the City of Brevard City Council held a work retreat to reform its board/committee structure; and

WHEREAS, the Council initiated a new system for making appointments that would apply to every body to which the Council makes appointments which includes the Brevard Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the Brevard Planning, Board of Adjustment, and Dangerous Dog Appellate Board; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee and charged with reviewing applicants for the various boards/committees/advisory groups and making appointment recommendations to the full Council; and

WHEREAS the terms of two members of the Brevard Alcoholic Beverage Control Board expired in July 2024 and Council extended their terms to the end of September 2024; and

WHEREAS, the terms of two members of the Brevard Planning Board expire in September 2024 and the City of Brevard Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 was amended by Ordinance No. 2024-14 on May 20, 2024 to add one additional member residing within the city; and

WHEREAS, the term of one member of the Board of Adjustment expires in September 2024 and the terms of three members expire in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, the terms of two members of the Dangerous Dog Appellate Board have expired; and

WHEREAS, city staff, with the oversight of the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee, conducted an open recruitment for citizens interested in serving on the above statutory/code boards; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee considered applications at their August 26, 2024 meeting and recommended appointments to the ABC Board, Brevard Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Dangerous Dog Appellate Board; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Human Resources and Citizen Appointment Committee agreed to extend the recruitment period for the newly added city-appointed Planning Board seat to recruit more candidates.

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

1) The Brevard City Council does hereby appoint Susan Miller and Paula McKeller to the Brevard Alcoholic Beverage Control Board effective October 2024 and expiring in July 2027.

2) The Brevard City Council does hereby reappoint Greg Hunter and Reid Wood to the Brevard Planning Board effective September 2024 and expiring in September 2027.

3) The Brevard City Council does hereby appoint Jackson Tate to the Board of Adjustment effective September 2024 and expiring in September 2027. The Brevard City Council does hereby appoint Peter Offen and Reid Wood to the Board of Adjustment effective November 2024 and expiring in November 2027.

4) The Brevard City Council does hereby appoint Dr. Thoms Cox and Susan Azar to the Dangerous Dog Appellate Board effective September 2024 and expiring in September 2027.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

N. Remarks/Future Agenda Considerations.

Mr. Morrow thanked Kevin Jones for his service to the ABC Board.

Ms. Holder also thanked Kevin Jones for his service.

Mr. Wise reported that the Public Works & Utilities Committee held a Wastewater Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report kickoff meeting today with our engineering partners KCI. He thanked KCI and staff as we are now moving forward with this much-needed project. He added that the first round of candidate forums for County Commissioner and School Board will be held tomorrow night and encouraged everyone to attend and support all of our candidates.

Mr. Hooper informed everyone that the new Ecusta Trail Advisory Board will be holding its second meeting on Thursday, September 5th at 3:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Copelof mentioned that the Heart of Brevard Plein Air Art Festival will be held next week, and the Loretta Aiken "Moms Mabley" mural will be painted in Clemson Plaza as part of the festival. She noted that the Ecusta Trail project and Wastewater Treatment Plant project are the two largest projects that the City of Brevard has ever undertaken and expressed thanks to everyone working on those projects. She said I want to mention our faith community – we have had 2 examples tonight of where our faith community has partnered with us to make Brevard a better place. The Presbyterian Church donated almost 5 acres of land for what hopefully will be affordable housing. And we had Pastor Brad Snipes from Cove Church here tonight and they run the only walk-in shelter for our community. She met with the Brevard Housing Authority last week and they reported that they manage 163 affordable housing units, and there are 257 families on the waiting list for those units, with a wait time of at least 2 years. She stressed that we need to try to make affordable housing projects work. Yes there are challenges, and no it didn't work out exactly the way we hoped, but we are going forward and looking at options because our community has such an incredible need.

O. Closed Session

O-1. Property Acquisition: NCGS §143-318.11.(a)(3)(5) – At 6:28 p.m. Ms. Holder moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to enter into closed session to discuss a property acquisition matter 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, City Clerk Denise Hodsdon, Planning Director Paul Ray,

Assistant City Manager David Todd, and Sarah Odio of UNC DFI.

Council Returned to Regular Session – at 6:52 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.

P. Adjourn – There being no further business, at 6:53 p.m. Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Maureen Copelof Mayor	Denise Hodsdon, CMC City Clerk

Minutes Approved: September 16, 2024