



## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**City Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 3:00 PM**

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order**

Mayor Becky S. Smith called the meeting to order.

#### **Resolution Supporting CATS LYNX Silver Line Extending in to Gaston County**

City Staff addressed Council regarding the adoption of a resolution in support of the CATS LYNX Silver Line Extending in to Gaston County.

The Silver Line will positively impact Gaston County.

By motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote, the resolution supporting the CATS LYNX Silver Line Extension in to Gaston County was approved.

#### **UDO Discussion**

City Staff addressed Council regarding the updates being made to the UDO. The new UDO will be called the Land Development Code. The new Code will encompass Council goals and encourage quality development in the community.

Additional changes are being made to the Land Development Code to comply with State law 160D. City Council will have to repeal the old UDO, and adopt the new Land Development Code. The expected adoption for the new Land Development Code is Monday, July 12, 2021 at Council's Regular Meeting.

#### **FY 2021-2022 Budget Discussion**

Light discussion was held regarding budget priorities, and how they align with the City's goals and vision.

By general consensus, Council directed City Staff to research Mayor and Council pay in the County, to ensure that current Board salaries are consistent with other neighboring cities.

Discussion regarding new equipment purchases for all departments was held. The Fire Department needs a new roof, the Police Department needs new vest for Officers. A Storm Water study will be conducted during the 2021-2022 budget year. The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget calls for a 5% increase for sewer in the fee schedule. This is due to the City of Gastonia's 5% increase in services to the City.

#### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager, James Inman addressed Council regarding the following:

- Sale of Property- By general consensus, Council decided to accept an offer to purchase City property located on N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, with the following parcel IDs 214726, 214728, and 119975. The offer made was \$330,000 for 12 acres. By statute, the offer must be advertise and subject to upset bidding.

City Staff was directed to advertise the sale of property in accordance to NC General Statue 160A-269.

- Resolution Approving Financing Terms

City Staff addressed Council regarding a resolution approving financing terms for needed equipment. A new playground for Indian Springs Park, generators, a back hoe, mower, and air unit will be purchased with said funds.

By motion of Donnie Griffin and unanimous vote, the resolution approving financing terms of \$470,000.00 for 3 years with a 1.13% interest rate was approved.

### **Council General Discussion**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. Council Member, Donnie Griffin commended the Parks & Recreation and Fire Department.

### **Adjourn**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM by motion of Alfred Carpenter and unanimous vote.