

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
City Hall Council Chamber

February 7, 2011  
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor W. Ted Alexander, presiding; Council Members Christopher H. (Chris) Mabry, O. Stanhope (Stan) Anthony, III, Jeanette D. Patterson, Dennis C. Bailey, Joel R. Shores, Jr., Andrew L. Hopper, Sr.; City Manager Rick Howell, City Attorney Robert W. (Bob) Yelton, City Clerk Bernadette A. Parduski, MMC, Director of Finance Theodore B. (Ted) Phillips, CPA, Director of Human Resources Deborah C. (Deb) Jolly, Director of Utilities Brad R. Cornwell, PLS, EI, Fire Chief William P. Hunt, Director of Public Works Daniel C. (Danny) Darst, Director of Parks and Recreation Charlie Holtzclaw, Director of Development Services Brian L. Pruet, Director of Planning Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, AICP; and media representative

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were in attendance. Mrs. Parduski gave the invocation and the Mayor led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**A. Approval of agenda:**

- 1) Motion to adopt the proposed agenda

Mr. Howell requested the following additions to the agenda:

- Item B-2 under Special Presentations: 2011 Big Tree Contest – Steve Roderick, Chair, Keep Shelby Beautiful (KSB) Commission
- Item E-2 under Unfinished Business: Consideration of a resolution awarding the construction contract for the City of Shelby Keeter Stadium Water and Sewer Project: Resolution No. 5-2011

Mr. Anthony requested that Items D-6, D-7, D-8, D-9, and D-10 under the Consent Agenda be removed and placed under New Business as Items F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, and F-5, respectively, as follows:

- Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 904 West Oak Street: Ordinance No. 1-2011

- Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 901 West Oak Street: Ordinance No. 2-2011
- Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 215 Dover Street: Ordinance No. 3-2011
- Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 207 Hudson Street: Ordinance No. 4-2011
- Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 510 Booker Street: Ordinance No. 5-2011

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Patterson, second by Mr. Hopper, City Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

**B. Special Presentations:**

- 1) **Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership Quarterly Update – Kristin H. Fletcher, Executive Vice President, Economic Development, Cleveland County Chamber**

Mrs. Fletcher began her presentation by distributing a handout to Council and stating that Cleveland County continues to experience a substantial amount of project activity focusing on Shelby.

In the area of top properties viewed in Cleveland County, Mrs. Fletcher identified the following:

- Foothills Commerce Center
- Cleveland County Business Park West Plato Lee Site
- Copeland Building

Mrs. Fletcher discussed the current business development pipeline trends as follows:

- Prospect Acreage Requests – 11-30 acres
- Prospect Square Foot Requests – 100,000-400,000
- Prospect Lead Sources – Charlotte Regional Partnership and North Carolina Department of Commerce

Next Mrs. Fletcher listed the active new industry projects in conjunction with the top properties previously mentioned.

Mrs. Fletcher provided the existing industry update which included 100 visits

to existing companies since May 2010 by her colleague, Ken Mooney, as well as the recent FAS Controls expansion announcement and several pending projects.

Mrs. Fletcher stated she continues to promote Cleveland County through social media networks and will educate the public by utilizing strategically located banners to enhance the economic development activities in the community.

Mrs. Fletcher shared the 2011 Cleveland County Economic Development and Travel Schedule, highlighting her marketing mission trip to Brazil in April, the Cleveland County Sustainable Manufacturing Council meetings, and the Cleveland County Industrial Roundtable.

Additionally, she is in the process of preparing two properties for submittal to the Duke Energy Site Readiness Program this year.

To conclude, Mrs. Fletcher expressed her appreciation to the City for allowing the Economic Development team to use the Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport terminal building facilities for their presentations and was very complimentary of Airport Supervisor Devon Raisch.

Council received the information and took no action.

2) 2011 Big Tree Contest – Steve Roderick, Chair, Keep Shelby Beautiful (KSB) Commission

Mr. Roderick reminded Council that the KSB Commission has been promoting trees as a resource for beautification for many years. KSB has worked on tree ordinances for the City as well as landscaping ordinances and sponsored the City's first Big Tree Contest in 2010.

Mr. Roderick announced that KSB wishes to celebrate trees once again by conducting the 2011 Big Tree Contest. The Shelby Big Tree Contest is designed to promote awareness of urban trees by searching for the largest (by circumference) tree in the City. This year's contest will also include a biggest dogwood category.

The 2011 Big Tree Contest begins today, February 7, after approval of Resolution No. 3-2011 and will end on March 18, 2011 which is North Carolina Arbor Day. Mr. Roderick added this year nominations can include, not only any big tree found within the City limits, but also the biggest dogwood tree.

Winners of the contest will be announced on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the

Arts on the Square Festival with Mayor Alexander presenting the winners with a framed certificate. Signs will be placed by the winning trees.

Mr. Roderick provided the notable details from the 2010 Big Tree Contest in which the winning tree measured 18 feet, 1 inch in circumference and is located at the corner of McBrayer Street and West Graham Street.

Mr. Roderick said nomination forms will be distributed this week to the elementary and intermediate schools located in the City limits, to Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, and the Girls and Boys Clubs. Forms will also be available on the KSB website at [www.cityofshelby.com/ksb](http://www.cityofshelby.com/ksb) or by contacting KSB Coordinator Mary Byrnes.

Mr. Roderick expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their continued support of Keep Shelby Beautiful.

#### C. Public Hearing:

- 1) Proposed Cleveland County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) – Jamal Alavi, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Metrolina Planning Group Supervisor; Linda Dosse, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Transportation Engineer; and William J. (Bill) Duston, Planning Director, Centralina Council of Governments and Lake Norman Rural Planning Organization

Prior to the presentation of the draft recommendations of the CTP, Mr. Howell stated that an adopting resolution will be brought to Council for consideration at the next meeting wherein Council will be required to formally act upon the adoption of the CTP.

Representing both the Centralina Council of Governments and the Lake Norman Rural Planning Organization, Mr. Duston stated the Transportation Planning Branch of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in cooperation with the Lake Norman Rural Planning Organization (LNRPO), has been working with Cleveland County and its municipalities to develop a CTP. Specifically, this plan will address the long-range transportation needs of Cleveland County and its municipalities. The goal of the CTP is to help Cleveland County and its municipalities meet anticipated multi-modal transportation needs through 2035. The draft plan was put together by NCDOT with input from citizens, Cleveland County, and the municipalities.

Mr. Duston emphasized that public participation is a critical element of the CTP. During this public hearing, a presentation of the recommendations that

have been developed will be made, followed by a formal comment period. At the completion of the series of public hearings conducted throughout Cleveland County, the Transportation Planning Branch staff will begin obtaining local adoptions.

Next Ms. Dosse summarized the Cleveland County CPT draft recommendations by utilizing the Highway, Public Transportation and Rail, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Maps provided, as follows:

## **HIGHWAY MAP**

### **Major Improvements**

**US 74:** US 74 is part of the NC Intrastate Highway System of four-lane divided highways across the state. It is also a Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC). US 74 is projected to be near or over capacity from NC 161 to Pleasant Ridge Church Road (SR 1161). The proposed improvements are needed to accommodate projected traffic volumes and to relieve congestion on US 74. The CTP project proposals associated with US 74 are:

- **TIP Project R-4045: Upgrade to interstate standards (full control of access) from US 74 Business (Ellenboro Road) in Mooresboro to the Proposed Shelby Bypass (TIP Project R-2707) west of Peachtree Road (SR 1162)**
- **Widen Dixon Boulevard between the western and the eastern ends of the proposed US 74 Bypass to a six lane boulevard. Additionally, TIP Project U-2567 includes an interchange at NC 150 (South Dekalb Street). Even with the proposed bypass to the north and the proposed Southern Connector to the south, the volumes and congestion on the facility warrant widening and some control of access. A portion of this recommendation, from US 74 BUS west of Shelby to US 74 BUS east of Shelby, is included in TIP Project R-2222**
- **TIP Project R-2707: US 74 Bypass (Shelby). This project involves the relocation of US 74 onto a new four-lane divided freeway on the north side of Shelby. Additionally, US 74 will be upgraded to freeway standards (full control of access) from west of Peachtree Road (SR 1162) near Mooresboro to west of Pleasant Ridge Road (SR 1161) and from west of Long Branch Road (SR 2238) to Stoney Point Road (SR 1001) near Kings Mountain. Interchanges are recommended at Peachtree Road (SR 1162), US 74 west of Pleasant Ridge Road (SR 1161), Washburn Switch Road (SR 1313), NC 226 (Polkville Road), NC 18 (Fallston Road), NC 150 (Cherryville Road), US 74 west of Long**

Branch Road (SR 2238), and Bethlehem Road (SR 2245). Grade separations are recommended at Kimbrell Drive (SR 1318), Plato Lee Road (SR 1315), Metcalf Road (SR 1850), Lafayette St (SR 1005), McBrayer Springs Road (SR 1827), NC 180 (N Post Road), Fairview Road (SR 2067), Elizabeth Ave (SR 2052), Borders Road (SR 2047), and at all rail crossings

Ms. Dosse recommended Shelby request an Access Management Corridor Study.

**NC 18:** NC 18 (Fallston Road, East Grover Street, Lafayette Street) is the major north-south route through Cleveland County, and is a Strategic Highway Corridor. NC 18, from Belwood through Shelby, will be near or over capacity by 2035 and improvements are needed to accommodate the projected traffic volumes. NC 18 is recommended to be widened to a four lane divided boulevard from South Carolina to Lincoln County including a bypass of Fallston. All five lane sections will be converted to a four lane cross section with a median and turn bays at major intersections.

**NC 150:** NC 150 is a regional route, connecting South Carolina to Boiling Springs, Shelby, Waco, and Gaston County. Additionally, NC 150 is designated as a SHC from NC 18 to Gaston County. It is projected to be near or over capacity by 2035 and improvements are needed to handle increasing traffic volumes and provide an adequate level of service. The CTP project proposals for NC 150 are:

- **South Main Street – Boiling Springs:** Widen to a three lane major thoroughfare from Stadium Drive to College Avenue
- **East College Avenue – Boiling Springs:** Widen to a three lane major thoroughfare from Main Street to the eastern City limits
- **College Avenue:** Widen to a four lane divided boulevard from the eastern City limits of Boiling Springs to NC 18 (South Lafayette Street) in Shelby
- **Dekalb Street:** Widen to a four lane divided boulevard from NC 18 (Lafayette Street) to US 74 (Dixon Boulevard). Additionally, TIP Project U-2567 includes an interchange at US 74 (Dixon Boulevard)
- **Cherryville Road:** Widen to a four lane divided boulevard from US 74/Marion Street to the beginning of the Proposed Waco Bypass at Capernium Road (SR 2075)

- **Proposed Waco Bypass:** Construct a four lane divided boulevard on new location from NC 150 (Cherryville Road) near Capernium Road (SR 2075) southwest of Waco and continuing into Gaston County

**NC 180:** NC 180 (Post Road) is a SHC and serves as an eastern circumferential route around Shelby. This facility is projected to be near or over capacity by 2035. The proposed improvements are needed to accommodate projected traffic volumes and to relieve congestion on NC 180. The following sections of NC 180 (Post Road) are recommended for widening to a four lane divided boulevard:

- From NC 18 (South Lafayette Street) to NC 226 (Cleveland Avenue)
- TIP Project U-2221A: From NC 226 (Cleveland Avenue) to Taylor Road (SR 2200)
- TIP Project U-2221C: From Elizabeth Avenue (SR 2052) to NC 150 (Cherryville Road)
- From NC 150 (Cherryville Road) to NC 18 (Fallston Road)

**NC 226:** NC 226 is a north-south major thoroughfare that runs from US 29 in Grover to Rutherford County. Portions of the facility will be near or over capacity by 2035 and improvements are needed to handle projected traffic volumes. The CTP project proposals for NC 226 are:

- NC 226 (Cleveland Avenue) between NC 180 (Post Road) and the Grover Town limits is recommended for widening to a three lane cross section
- NC 226 (Earl Road) between US 74 (Dixon Boulevard) and NC 180 is recommended for widening to a four lane divided boulevard
- NC 226 (Polkville Road) between US 74 and Zion Church Road (SR 1337) is recommended for widening to a four lane divided boulevard

The following improvements are needed to handle projected traffic volumes:

- Charles Road (SR 1253): Widen to a three lane cross section from NC 150 (College Avenue) to Dellinger Road (SR 1115)
- Elizabeth Avenue (SR 2052): Widen to a three lane cross section between NC 180 (Post Road) and Oak Grove Road (SR 2035)

- **East Marion Street (US 74 Business):** Widen to a three lane cross section from NC 150 (Cherryville Road) to NC 180 (Post Road)
- **Oak Grove Road (SR 2035):** Widen to a three lane cross section from US 74 to Elizabeth Avenue (SR 2052)

### **New Connectors**

- **Charles Road Extension:** The existing Charles Road (SR 1253) is proposed to be extended south on new location to connect to NC 18 (South Lafayette Street). This facility will help reduce some of the traffic and congestion projected at the NC 150 (East College Road) and NC 18 (South Lafayette Street) intersection in Shelby. The recommended cross section is two lane minor thoroughfare.
- **Ellis Road (SR 1128) Relocation:** This recommendation realigns Ellis Road east of its existing location to connect at Morgan Street (SR 1106) forming a smooth north-south connector into Shelby. The recommended cross section is two lane minor thoroughfare.
- **Randolph Road/Southern Drive Connector:** This recommendation is for the reconnection of Southern Drive with Randolph Road. This will increase access for employees and delivery trucks at Wal-Mart and other businesses in the immediate area, giving the distribution center access to two interchanges on US 74. The recommended cross section is two lane minor thoroughfare.
- **Southern Connector (Shelby):** This facility connects Poplar Springs Church Road, Wesson Road, Charles Road, Love School Road, NC 18 (South Lafayette Street), NC 150 (South Dekalb Street), Morgan Street, Sulfur Springs Road, Pleasant Drive, NC 180/226 (South Post Road), Joe's Lake Road and Caleb Road across the south side of Shelby. This new facility will also help relieve the traffic volume and congestion on existing US 74 (Dixon Boulevard). The recommended cross section is a two lane minor thoroughfare that utilizes the existing Love School Road, Pleasant Drive and Caleb Road with three short new location segments.

### **Other Minor Improvements**

- **Beaver Dam Church Road (SR 1158):** This facility is expected to be near capacity in 2035, and is recommended for widening to 12' lanes from Skinner Road (SR 1159) to US 74

- **Country Club Road (SR 2052):** This facility, from Kings Road (SR 2050) to US 74 Business (East Marion Street), is recommended for widening to 12' lanes
- **Kings Road (SR 2050):** This facility, from East Graham Street to NC 180 (South Post Road), is recommended for widening to 12' lanes
- **Sulfur Springs Road (SR 1100):** This facility, from NC 180 (Post Road) to NC 226 (Earl Road), is recommended for widening to 12' lanes

*(Clerk's note: The TIP is defined as a seven-year document usually updated every two years which actually shows how the funding is programmed by project over the short-term period, currently 2009-2015. A new TIP for adoption in 2011 would cover 2012 through 2018, updating the current plan and looking further forward.)*

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND RAIL MAP**

The Transportation Administration of Cleveland County (TACC) currently operates one fixed route, the Shelby Circulator. This route is shown on the Public Transportation and Rail map. The following public transportation improvements are recommended:

- **Three park and ride lots are recommended in Cleveland County. One is in the northern part of the county near the intersection of NC 10, NC 18, and NC 27**
- **Another park and ride lot is recommended at Cleveland Mall in Shelby, and the third location is on the east side of Kings Mountain near I-85**
- **Van pool express routes are recommended between Shelby and Rutherfordton, between Shelby and Spartanburg, and between Shelby and Lincolnton**
- **Fixed routes are recommended between Shelby and Boiling Springs, between Shelby and Gastonia, and a northern loop which is proposed to connect Shelby with many of the towns in the northern portion of the county**

It is recommended that a Traffic Safety and Separation Study be conducted for potential rail crossing improvements.

## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MAPS**

Existing bicycle facilities include: State Bicycle Route 8 which goes along NC 182, bicycle lanes on NC 150 south of Boiling Springs, and a multi-use trail along Broad River.

The Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan for Cleveland County Communities identifies recommended off-road facilities for bicycles and pedestrians throughout the County. These features are shown on the Bicycle and Pedestrian maps as recommended multi-use paths. When these multi-use trails are studied in more detail, grade separations may be recommended at some locations.

The Lake Norman Rural Planning Organization provided a sidewalk inventory for the municipalities of Cleveland County. These features are shown on the Pedestrian Map, along with recommended improvements.

Following Council's discussion, Ms. Dosse encouraged the City to incorporate any and all of their recommendations into the adopting resolution. She clarified that the adopted CTP document is a set of maps, including designations, and does not include the NCDOT's recommendations.

To conclude, Mr. Duston reminded Council that the CTP adoption process not only includes the local governments but the Lake Norman RPO as well as the NCDOT. The CTP study priority list is compiled by the RPO staff and presented to their committees for recommendation and adoption. The recommendation process must occur each time that a priority is revised.

Mayor Alexander opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and invited comments from the public.

The public offered no comments and Mayor Alexander closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Council took no action at this time.

#### **D. Consent Agenda:**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Alexander presented the consent agenda. Mr. Shores made a motion to approve the consent agenda and each item as presented. After a second from Mrs. Patterson, the consent agenda and following items were unanimously approved:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2011
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 14, 2011

- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 15, 2011
- 4) Approval of a resolution proclaiming a celebration of the City's largest trees with The Big Tree Contest: Resolution No. 3-2011
- 5) Approval of a resolution certifying review of the proposed 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Division of Aviation for State Aid to Airports: Resolution No. 4-2011
- 6) **REMOVED AND PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS ITEM F-1**  
Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 904 West Oak Street: Ordinance No. 1-2011
- 7) **REMOVED AND PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS ITEM F-2**  
Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 901 West Oak Street: Ordinance No. 2-2011
- 8) **REMOVED AND PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS ITEM F-3**  
Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 215 Dover Street: Ordinance No. 3-2011
- 9) **REMOVED AND PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS ITEM F-4**  
Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 207 Hudson Street: Ordinance No. 4-2011
- 10) **REMOVED AND PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS ITEM F-5**  
Adoption of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 510 Booker Street: Ordinance No. 5-2011
- 11) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project and budgets for the City of Shelby's Keeter Stadium Water Line Improvement Project: Ordinance No. 6-2011
- 12) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project and budgets for the City of Shelby's Keeter Stadium Sewer Line Improvement Project: Ordinance No. 7-2011
- 13) Adoption of an ordinance establishing a capital project and budgets for the Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Grant Project: Ordinance No. 8-2011
- 14) Adoption of FY 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3: Ordinance No. 9-2011

**END CONSENT AGENDA****E. Unfinished Business:**

- 1) **Consideration of appointments to City Advisory Boards and Commissions:**
  - a. **Shelby Housing and Redevelopment Advisory Board**

**Mrs. Parduski reported that the terms of three incumbents, Keith Hawkins, Sharon Leigh, and George Blue, conclude March 2011. All the incumbents wish to continue their service.**

**Mr. Hopper nominated Keith Hawkins, Sharon Leigh, and George Blue for reappointment to new terms concluding March 2014.**

**ACTION TAKEN: Upon motion by Mr. Anthony, second by Mrs. Patterson, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations and to accept the nominees by acclamation.**

- 2) **Consideration of a resolution awarding the construction contract for the City of Shelby Keeter Stadium Water and Sewer Project: Resolution No. 5-2011**

**Mr. Howell introduced Resolution No. 5-2011 for Council's consideration. In anticipation of the grant acceptance from the North Carolina Rural Center, Mr. Howell stated staff held a public bid opening for water and sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements to serve Shelby High School and Keeter Stadium in order to better accommodate the American Legion World Series on a permanent basis. The project involves a six inch public waterline extension as well as a new gravity sanitary sewer line on the property of Cleveland County Board of Education referenced as Shelby High School. The main purpose of these facilities is to provide better and improved water and sewer services to the area around Keeter Stadium. Mr. Howell said that at the time of the bid opening the City had seven responsive bidders, with the apparent low bidder being Kennedy Concrete and Utilities in the amount of \$145,104.30.**

**Mr. Howell recommended awarding said construction contract for the Shelby High School/American Legion Baseball Field Utility Project.**

**ACTION TAKEN: Upon a motion by Mr. Shores, second by Mr. Anthony, City Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt Resolution No. 5-2011**

entitled, "A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF SHELBY KEETER STADIUM WATER AND SEWER PROJECT".

**F. New Business:**

- 1) Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 904 West Oak Street: Ordinance No. 1-2011
- 2) Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 901 West Oak Street: Ordinance No. 2-2011
- 3) Consideration of an ordinance authorizing demolition of a dwelling located at 215 Dover Street: Ordinance No. 3-2011
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Upon questioning, Mr. Howell outlined the City's Minimum Housing Code enforcement and inspection process as follows:

- Investigations may be initiated by petition of a public authority or five residents of the City's jurisdiction.
- An inspection of the property is performed by a building inspector. Violations are identified and documented.
- After inspection, the inspector notifies the property owner and any other parties of interest of an administrative hearing, held about 30 days after the inspection.
- Once the hearing date and time has passed, an order is issued giving 90 days to make the necessary repairs or demolish the structure.
- After receiving the order, the property owner should comply with the required repairs to the dwelling. Extensions of time may be granted upon a reasonable request and efforts made. It is encouraged that the property owner expediently performs repairs by the hearing date and/or deadline date of inspection.
- If the owner fails to comply with the order, the Development Services Director may refer the case to City Council for an ordinance seeking to

demolish the structure when repairs exceed 50 percent of the building's value.

Mr. Howell emphasized that it is the common practice of the City to err on the side of the property owner in most all cases, giving them the benefit of the doubt when action is initiated. A thorough and fair due process is followed in all cases. Demolition of these homes is always the last resort after efforts to persuade a property owner to meet these minimum standards have failed.

Mr. Yelton concurred that the City is compliant with the Minimum Housing Standards as authorized by the North Carolina General Statutes.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Shores, second by Mrs. Patterson, City Council voted unanimously to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 1-2011, Ordinance No. 2-2011, Ordinance No. 3-2011, Ordinance No. 4-2011, and Ordinance No. 5-2011 en masse.

**G. City Manager's Report:**

- 1) Mr. Howell distributed the City's revised Monthly Financial Summary, Fiscal Year to Date at December 31, 2010 for Council's review. There was discussion about preparing for the possibility of utility rates increases prior to upcoming budget sessions.
- 2) Mr. Anthony and Mr. Howell participated in the North Carolina League of Municipalities Advocacy Goals Conference on January 20, 2011 in Raleigh, North Carolina. They discussed the League process for goal setting, final goal prioritization, adoption of the core municipal principles, and adoption of the 2011-2012 municipal advocacy agenda.
- 3) Mr. Howell mentioned a resolution adopting City Council's goals and priorities for 2011-2012, as gleaned from the recently held annual planning retreat, is forthcoming for consideration and approval.
- 4) Mr. Howell updated Council on the City's Job Ready Shell Building project with the mandatory pre-bid meeting held for all interested bidders on February 3, 2011 and sealed proposals due February 17, 2011.

As an aside, Mr. Howell mentioned the North Carolina Senate Appropriations Committee recently voted to divert this year's annual installment of approximately \$68 million from the Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry for the Golden Leaf Foundation to the State's General Fund. However, the City's current projects funded through the Foundation are not in jeopardy.

#### H. Council Announcements and Remarks:

1) Mayor Alexander made the following announcements:

- Congratulated Mr. Hopper on his recent appointment to the National League of Cities' Human Development Steering Committee
- Expressed his appreciation to the Uptown Shelby Association, Cleveland County Chamber, and Keep Shelby Beautiful Commission for making the 2011 North Carolina Main Street Conference in Shelby a very successful event

Honorably mentioned the 2010 Main Street Award Winners: Destination Cleveland County and Phil Rucker and Family; and 2010 Main Street Champions: Raper-Roark Trust Fund Board of Governors

- Distributed the publication of The National Trust Main Street Center entitled, Main Street Now, November/December 2010 issue, to Council
  - Reminded all that the Share our Shoes Drive is ongoing with collection boxes located throughout the community and ending March 31, 2011
  - Mentioned an article featured in The Shelby Star about Roy Carroll, a Navy veteran of World War II who was recently honored with an Arlington National Cemetery burial, and is the uncle of City employee, Richard Carroll
- 2) Mr. Bailey said the North Carolina Main Street Conference was awesome for Shelby. He also spoke to several local legislators about Council's concerns and the State's budget shortfall with regard to Municipal State-collected Revenue Distributions.
- 3) Mr. Anthony attended the North Carolina City and County Management Association's Winter Conference in Durham, North Carolina on February 2 through 4, 2011 as a vendor. He also complimented Mr. Howell on his presentation to prospective managers.
- 4) Mr. Mabry expressed his appreciation to the Utilities Department for assisting his neighbors on Hillside Drive with a recent water issue during frigid temperatures.
- 5) Both the Mayor and Mr. Hopper received a telephone call from Henry Weathers who endorses a Citywide recycling program.

- 6) Mr. Hopper requested staff provide an update on the trial implementation of reverse angle parking on South Washington Street.
- 7) With the recent announcement that Charlotte, North Carolina will host the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Mr. Hopper suggested Shelby should begin promoting itself for the tourism and economic development opportunities the convention is expected to bring to the area.

I. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion to adjourn

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Mabry, second by Mr. Shores, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette A. Parduski, MMC  
City Clerk

W. Ted Alexander  
Mayor

Minutes of February 7, A. D. 2011