

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Mayor Pro-Tem Crissy Thomas, Ike Perkins, Todd Perdue, Ralph Prestwood, David Stevens, Ben Willis and City Manager Scott Hildebran.

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Participating via teleconference were Councilmember Jonathan Beal, City Attorney T.J. Rohr and City Clerk Shirley Cannon.

Department Directors participating via teleconference were Finance Director Donna Bean, Fire Chief Ken Hair, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Recreation Director Kenny Story, Planning Director Jenny Wheelock, Economic Development Director Kaylynn Horn, Public Utilities Director Radford Thomas, Public Works Director Jared Wright and Communications Director Joshua Harris.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was opened by a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Mayor Gibbons.

**PROCLAMATION; NATIONAL HOSPICE &
PALLATIVE CARE MONTH:**

- B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons presented a proclamation to Ms. Lisa Caviness, Public Relations and Marketing Specialist, Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care, proclaiming the month of November 2020 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month" throughout the City of Lenoir.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked Ms. Caviness and Caldwell Hospice for all they do for the citizens and the community.

Ms. Caviness thanked City Council for the recognition and support.

**PROCLAMATION; GIVING
TUESDAY:**

- C. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons presented a proclamation to Ms. Katie Tocci, Executive Director, Teachers Treasures, proclaiming Tuesday, December 1 as "Giving Tuesday" throughout the City of Lenoir. Giving Tuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. Giving Tuesday inspires people to take collective action to improve their communities, give back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they believe in, and help create a better world.

Mayor Gibbons expressed appreciation for all the non-profit organizations in the City and for Teachers Treasures for their giving of supplies and resources to

students and teachers.

Ms. Tocci thanked Mayor Gibbons and said all of the City's merchants are blessed beyond measure for the continued support of the City during these difficult and uncertain times.

- D. Mayor Gibbons requested that everyone continue to pray for our leaders and country during this election year and also pray for our state, nation, and community as they strive to handle the coronavirus issues along with their efforts to keep everyone safe. Mayor Gibbons also reminded everyone to continue following the protocols established for the COVID-19 virus which include wearing a mask, social distancing and hand washing.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Upon a recommendation by City Manager Hildebran, the following Consent Agenda items were submitted for approval:
1. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2020 as submitted.
 2. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, October 27, 2020 as submitted.
 3. Proclamation; Giving Tuesday: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, December 1, 2020 as "Giving Tuesday" throughout the City of Lenoir. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 217).
 4. Proclamation; National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, November 2020: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the month of November 2020 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month throughout the City of Lenoir. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 218).

Upon a motion by Councilmember Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas, Council voted 7 to 0 to approve the above listed items on the Consent Agenda as recommended by City Manager Hildebran.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Items of Information

HOLIDAY

CLOSINGS: 1. City offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and also on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

VETERANS DAY

SERVICE: 2. A Veterans Day Memorial Service will be held at the American Legion facility downtown on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. instead of the Veterans Plaza due to COVID-19 restrictions.

LENOIR BUSINESS**ADVISORY BOARD:**

3. The Lenoir Business Advisory Board will conduct a virtual meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT

SHOW: 4. In lieu of "Light up Lenoir," a 1,000 light Christmas tree will be placed on the downtown square by the City of Lenoir. Also, the Hope Shines Brightly Light Show begins on Friday, November 20 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the square through Monday, January 4.

MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

5. The November 17 City Council meeting and the November Committee of the Whole meeting have been cancelled.

**TRAINING; CITY COUNCIL,
TROYS GATE:**

6. City Council will participate in the Troysgate firearms and decision making training course on Tuesday, November 24 at 9:00 a.m.

LUMINARY DISPLAY:

7. The annual Luminary Display at Blue Ridge Memorial Park will be held on Friday, December 11 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with a rain date of Friday, December 18.

B. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY****VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR****BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT;****PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

- A. Upon a recommendation by Mayor Gibbons, and a motion by Councilmember Willis, which carried unanimously, City Council re-appointed Schonna Banner to serve a two-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This re-appointment was announced at the October 20 City Council meeting.

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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COMMENTS; COUNCILMEMBER

PERDUE: A. Councilmember Perdue read a prepared statement expressing his thoughts and opinions concerning the current state of our country's affairs and leadership. Mr. Perdue remarked how our country is divided and we are no longer tolerant of each other on different issues. He remarked the current political climate is to create enemies and gone are our respectful debates where we rallied around our decisions and measured it as a win for political parties.

Mr. Perdue stated the coronavirus has taken a toll on everyone and we can't come to a consensus on how to address this issue. He shared his hopes to have compassion and courage which would not rely on being a democrat or republican, but the American spirit. Mr. Perdue commented he is proud of how City Council respects each other and gets their work done. He asked if the place we are in is what we want and are we doing all we can to improve it.

He continued by saying, when we see something that is not right, we need to take action to correct it because our children may ask us in later years what did we do about a particular situation.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked Councilmember Perdue for his comments and commended City Council for their willingness to always work together even when they may disagree. He stated he was proud to be a part of such a great Council.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor



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National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2020

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home, surrounded by their loved ones;

WHEREAS, the hospice model involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care;

WHEREAS, beyond providing physical treatment, hospice attends to the patient's emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling;

WHEREAS, palliative care delivers expertise to improve quality of life and relief from pain, can be provided at any time during an illness, and hospices are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care;

WHEREAS, in an increasingly fragmented and broken health care system, hospice is one of the few sectors that demonstrates how health care can – and should – work at its best for its patient;

WHEREAS, every year 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that help individuals make decisions about the care they want;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have pledged to put patients first in all of its programs – including hospice – ensuring a coordinated and patient-led approach to care, protecting patient choice and access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month** and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

SEAL

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of November, 2020 and caused this seal to be affixed.





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PROCLAMATION

#GIVING TUESDAY

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday was established as a national day of giving on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is a celebration of philanthropy and volunteerism where people give whatever they are able to give; and

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is a day where citizens work together to share commitments, rally for favorite causes, build a stronger community, and think about other people; and

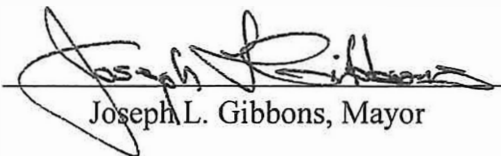
WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper on Giving Tuesday and on every day to recognize the tremendous impact of philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service in the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to encourage citizens to serve others throughout this holiday season and during other times of the year.

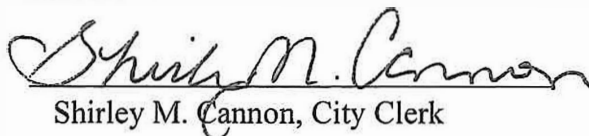
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 1, 2020 as ***"Giving Tuesday"*** throughout the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County and encourage all citizens to join together to give back to the community in any way that is personally meaningful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir to be affixed this 3rd day of November 2020.

SEAL


Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

