

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Mayor Pro-Tem Crissy Thomas, Jonathan Beal, Kent Greer, Ike Perkins, Ralph Prestwood, Todd Perdue, David Stevens, City Manager Scott Hildebran, and City Clerk Shirley Cannon.

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Brent Phelps, Fire Chief Ken Hair, Public Utilities Director Radford Thomas and Communications Director Joshua Harris

ZOOM: City Attorney T.J. Rohr, Recreation Director Kenny Story, Economic Development Director Kaylynn Horn, Finance Director Donna Bean, Planning Director Jenny Wheelock and Interim Public Works Director, Ed Evans.

Candace Simmons, Caldwell Free Press, also attended the meeting.

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.

**COMMENDED; JOSHUA
HARRIS; NC3C AWARDS:**

B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons congratulated Joshua Harris, Director of Communications, for the City of Lenoir winning two Excellence in Communications Awards from the North Carolina City and County Communicators (NC3C). NC3C is a professional association of municipal and county communicators in North Carolina. Director Harris submitted the awards on behalf of the City.

The City of Lenoir won second place in “General Composition-Writing” for the piece, “Single-family homes going up in Lenoir.” The article focused on new construction in the City, obstacles housing developers face, and ways City Staff were working to help bring new homes to the community.

The City also won second place in “Social Media-General Use on a Single Platform” for the City of Lenoir Facebook page. City Communication Staff have worked consistently to grow the City’s audience on Facebook by posting content that is relevant and interesting to residents and the public. In 2021, the City’s followers grew by 22% and all other Facebook metrics increased significantly due to engaging content.

Director Harris has been involved with NC3C since the organization was founded in 2007 by 27 local communicators in North Carolina. He has served as multiple terms as Treasurer, President-Elect, and President, and is currently Past President for the group.

**COMMENDED; MAYOR JOE
GIBBONS, CHAIR, NC MAYORS**

ASSOCIATION: C. On behalf of City Council, Councilmember Todd Perdue congratulated Mayor Joe Gibbons upon being selected as Chair of the NC Mayors Association. Mayor Gibbons stated it is an honor to serve in this position. He will serve a one-year term as Chair of the Board.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION;
POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

D. Mr. Matthew Selves, Public Safety Risk Management Consultant, NCLM, introduced himself and thanked City Council for the opportunity to recognize the Lenoir Police Department for completing the North Carolina League of Municipalities "Law Enforcement Risk Management Risk Review".

As background information, a law enforcement risk review is to assess an agency's adherence to best practices, court decisions, policies and procedures related to high liability activities in law enforcement. The goal is to mitigate liability exposures, enhance officer safety, and validate that training and operating procedures are meeting industry standards. The risk management review is designed and peer-reviewed by a panel of police chiefs representing a cross section of North Carolina law enforcement agencies and is available to those agencies who participate in the League's property and liability insurance pool.

Mr. Selves stated the Risk Review involves a comprehensive agency review of the high-risk policies, operations and practices and includes a detailed on-site agency administrative and operations review, including: equipment and facility inspections, officer interviews, and observation of operations, all to validate that practices align with policy and in turn with industry best practices.

He stated a Risk Review specifically looks at those high liability areas within Departments that consist of police vehicle operations, response to active resistance, evidence processing, employment practices, procedures, and training, in addition to 39 total categories in all.

Mr. Selves stated the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police support this review and remarked he is proud to announce the Lenoir Police Department has successfully completed the Law Enforcement Risk Review Process.

In addition, Mr. Selves said Chief Phelps, along with the Command Staff and Officers, made this review process a department priority and remained proactive and involved throughout the entire process. Mr. Selves also remarked Staff was very open and transparent during the process.

Mr. Selves thanked Chief Phelps and the Command Staff for their leadership and willingness to participate in this very important initiative. He stated that Chief Phelps also serves on the North Carolina League of Municipalities Advisory Committee.

In conclusion, Mr. Selves shared he has spent over twenty-five years in law enforcement and served twelve years as a Police Chief. He further shared he

has worked with numerous agencies across the state and the officers he has worked with and observed demonstrate a high level of commitment to the community and in best practices to enhance professional policing and to positively impact the community and relationships.

Mr. Selves presented Chief Phelps with a plaque and congratulated the Department upon their completion of the review.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked Mr. Selves for the recognition and stated the City is a long time member of the NCLM.

On behalf of the Police Department, Chief Phelps thanked Mr. Selves for all of his help and support during the review process. He stated the review process is completed every three years and explained it helps the Department with maintaining its current accreditation. Chief Phelps also stated there is a financial benefit for NCLM members regarding professional liability coverage. He further stated how proud he was of all the Staff and Supervisors for all of their hard work during this process.

In addition, Mr. Selves shared the risk review is part of the process for the state's accreditation program. Chief Phelps reported the Police Department would be participating in that program as well.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION; PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK:

- B. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons presented a proclamation to Brent Phelps, Chief of Police, proclaiming the week of May 11 through May 17 as "Peace Officers' Memorial Week" throughout the City of Lenoir. On Sunday, May 15, "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" will be observed by the Department and community.

OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL SERVICE:

- C. Chief Phelps stated an "Officer Down Memorial Service" will be held on Thursday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. around the Officer Down Monument located in front of the Caldwell County Courthouse. The Honor Guard from both the Lenoir Police Department and the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department will perform both rifle volley and flag presentations to honor those who have paid the supreme sacrifice. There will also be placement of the wreaths.

Chief Phelps shared that memorial week is a special week to recognize these dedicated men and women who come to work every day knowing it may be their last day. He remarked that you cannot buy this level of dedication and thanked City Council for acknowledging them. He stated the Police Department will unfortunately have two names on the memorial list of officers and other agencies will have officers on the memorial as well.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked Chief Phelps and all Police Officers for all they do each day in keeping the City of Lenoir and its citizens safe.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION; MOTORCYCLE
SAFETY & AWARENESS MONTH:**

- D. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons presented a proclamation to Brent Phelps, Chief of Police, proclaiming the month of May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" throughout the City of Lenoir.

On behalf of the Police Department, Chief Phelps thanked City Council and Mayor Gibbons for the recognition.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION; INTERNATIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS' DAY:**

- E. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons presented a proclamation to Ken Hair, Fire Chief, proclaiming Wednesday, May 4 as "International Firefighters' Day" throughout the City of Lenoir. International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4. On this date, the public is encouraged to remember the past firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all.

On behalf of the Fire Department, Chief Hair stated he is proud of all the City's men and women that serve and he appreciates their efforts and sacrifice daily as they serve the citizens of Lenoir. He remarked they also sacrifice time with their families and friends and commended them for all their hard work.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked Chief Hair and Staff for all they do for daily for the City of Lenoir and its citizens.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION, CELEBRATE
DRINKING WATER WEEK:**

- F. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons presented a proclamation to Radford Thomas, Public Utilities Director, proclaiming the week of May 1 throughout May 7 as "Celebrate Drinking Water Week" throughout the City of Lenoir.

Director Thomas stated he was proud of all of his Staff that and remarked they operate the plants 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to ensure the City has the best quality drinking water it can provide for all its citizens. He commended all of his Staff members.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION; PUBLIC

- WORKS WEEK:** G. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons read a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 15 through May 21 as "National Public Works Week" throughout the City of Lenoir.

Interim Public Works Director Evans participated in the meeting via Zoom and stated Public Works Staff are dedicated individuals who work hard to provide services for the citizens and they also strive for excellence. He stated it is very much a team effort and noted Staff works with all City Departments.

Mayor Gibbons thanked Director Evans for filling in as the Interim for the City during this transition time.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2022 as submitted.
- B. Authorizing Resolution; Lenoir Greenway Extension-Park Connection Project: Approval of an Authorizing Resolution authorizing the City Planning Department to submit up to three (3) applications to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) for Surface Transportation Program – Direct Appointment Funding (STBG-DA) Funds for the Lenoir Greenway Extension – Park Connection Project Segments 1-5 in the amount of \$2,167,750. The City of Lenoir will commit up to \$433,550 as a 20% cash match for this project. (A copy of the resolution is hereby incorporated into these minutes as reference. Refer to page 129.)
- D. Proclamation; Peace Officers' Memorial Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 11 through May 17 as "Peace Officers' Memorial week" throughout the City of Lenoir. Also, Sunday, May 15 will be observed as "Peace Officers" Memorial Day." (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 130.)
- E. Proclamation; Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" throughout the City of Lenoir. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 131.)
- F. Proclamation; International Firefighters' Day: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, May 4 as International Firefighters' Day throughout the City of Lenoir. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 132.)
- G. Proclamation; Celebrate Drinking Water Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 1 through May 7 as Celebrate Drinking Water Week throughout the City of Lenoir. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 133.)
- H. Proclamation; National Public Works Week: Approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 15 through May 21 as National Public Works Week throughout the City of Lenoir. (A copy of the proclamation is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Refer to page 134.)

Recusal Request for Item C. on Consent Agenda

Mayor Gibbons informed everyone that Mayor Pro-Tem Crissy Thomas, Councilmember Ike Perkins and he currently serve on the Board of Directors for Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. Mayor Gibbons asked Councilmember Todd Perdue to preside over Council action for Item C. Amendment, Sub-Recipient Agreement for Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. as submitted.

First Motion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Stevens, Council voted 5 to 0 to remove Item C. Amendment, Sub Recipient Agreement, Yokefellow, Inc. from the Consent Agenda and to recuse Mayor Pro-Tem Crissy Thomas, Councilman Ike Perkins and Mayor Gibbons on this item due to their serving on Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. Board of Directors.

Councilmember Todd Perdue then read Item C. Amendment, Sub-Recipient Agreement on the Consent Agenda (as listed below) and asked Council for any comments and/or a motion to approve.

- C. Amendment, Sub Recipient Agreement, Yokefellow, Inc.: Approval of an amendment as requested by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) to amend the Sub Recipient Agreement between the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. This addendum will re-allocate \$50,764.11 from the first agreement signed on August 28, 2020 to the second agreement signed on October 21, 2020. Re-allocating this funding will allow Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. to meet the demands and to use the additional funding to pay for activities described in the second agreement.

A copy of the addendum for the Sub Recipient Agreement between Yokefellow, Inc. and the City of Lenoir is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. (Refer to pages 135-136.)

Second Motion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Prestwood, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Item. C. Amendment, Sub Recipient Agreement, Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. as requested by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, (WPCOG), and as described above.

Third Motion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Beal, Council voted 7 to 0 to approve Items A, B, D, E, F, G and H as listed on the Consent Agenda and as recommended by City Manager Hildebran.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

WATER METER ISSUE; 811-D

SEVERT CIRCLE: A. Mr. Scott and Laura Bush Sedlacek, 811-D Severt Circle, Lenoir, NC, addressed City Council regarding an issue with the water meter at their residence. Mrs. Sedlacek stated they live at the end of Severt Circle and their property borders Charlesmont Court. Mr. and Mrs. Sedlacek explained to Council their meter reads they have used 250,000 gallons of water. She stated they contacted the City of Lenoir and Kevin Pritchard, Superintendent, Water Treatment Plant, and other City personnel came out and checked the meter, but they were not able to locate any leaks on their property.

Mr. and Mrs. Sedlacek stated they do not want to be late with their water payment and they are trying to do their part. Mrs. Sedlacek reported they contacted a specialist in Kernersville who will be visiting their property to assess the situation. They also shared they have discussed this issue with Councilmember Beal and are also working with Public Utilities Director Radford Thomas to resolve the matter.

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons thanked them for coming and stated City Council would take this information under consideration.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**FY2022 ACTION PLAN & UNIFOUR
CONSORTIUM HOME PROGRAM:**

1. Rick Oxford, Plan Administrator, Western Piedmont Council of Governments, held the second of two public hearing to receive public comments regarding the FY2022 Action Plan of the City of Lenoir and the Unifour Consortium HOME program as part of the five-year Consolidated Plan as submitted. This plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHUD), outlines goals and action plans of the City of Lenoir and the Unifour Consortium HOME program and its use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds for fiscal year 2022, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The City of Lenoir serves as the lead entity for the Unifour Consortium.

Mr. Oxford stated the City of Lenoir is an entitlement City and the programs are funded each year by DHUD. He explained the Consortium was formed in 1999 and is comprised of the counties of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba. The City of Lenoir distributes funding requests for the Consortium.

Mr. Oxford commended Nadine Hood, Finance Department, for doing an excellent job processing the WPCOG's requests for check payments to clients and developers in a timely manner. He also commended Finance Director Donna Bean along with other City Staff.

Mr. Oxford reported that DHUD has not yet released funding amounts for FY2022-23 and reviewed last year's funding information with City Council. Mr. Oxford shared the City of Lenoir received \$164,126 in CDBG funds and \$1,154,095 in HOME funds in FY2021-22. He explained part of this funding was used for improvements at the J.E. Broyhill Park, Greenway, former Lenoir High School Campus, gym, auditorium and Mack Cook Stadium.

Mr. Oxford also reviewed funding for the HOME program, which assists first time homebuyers with down payment assistance. Currently, there are 31 first time home buyers in the four county region. He stated they also estimate receiving \$300,000 from DHUD for this program. Since its inception in 1995, this program has been funded every year and assisted 3,000+ families. Mr. Oxford further shared the down payment assistance has increased from \$5,000 to up to \$30,000 per house, which equals to 20% of the purchase price. These funds can also be used to purchase existing homes, closing costs, etc. He explained that homebuyers have to meet DHUD's guidelines for individuals with low to moderate income. Mr. Oxford also stated, should a homebuyer sell their property within a ten-year time frame, they are required to repay the down payment assistance funding which then goes back into program income to be used by DHUD.

In addition, Mr. Oxford also explained developers may apply for a low interest loan for multi-family housing projects. The developers design the project, finalize their funding and submit a letter of commitment for the project. If the project is funded, the developers may receive tax credits. Mr. Oxford reported he currently has some letters of commitment in the amount of \$307,000.

Mr. Oxford shared the multi-family projects create 95% of rentals for senior citizens and individuals that qualify for the income guidelines. The City of Lenoir previously had two multi-family housing projects that received funding which are Meridian and Kattz Corner apartments. Also, Mr. Oxford explained that Chodo funding assists non-

profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and is used for administrative program funding.

Mr. Oxford also clarified that administrative funding is used for salaries, advertising, etc. City Manager Hildebran clarified for Council this funding is used to pay employee salaries. In addition, Mr. Oxford stated he will submit the two plans to DHUD as soon as he receives the funding amounts.

here being no further participation, Mayor Gibbons closed the public hearing and thanked Mr. Oxford for the good report.

FY2022 ACTION PLAN AND UNIFOUR CONSORTIUM HOME PROGRAM PLAN:

- B. FY2022 Action Plan and FY2022 Unifour Consortium HOME Plan: Approval of the FY2022 Action Plan for the City of Lenoir Consolidated Plan and approval of the FY2022 Unifour Consortium HOME Program Plan as submitted by Rick Oxford, Plan Administrator.

A copy of both plans are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perkins, Council voted 7 to 0 to approve the FY2022 Action Plan and the FY2022 Unifour Consortium HOME Program as presented by Rick Oxford, Plan Administrator, WPCOG.

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

A. Items of Information

MAY CALENDAR:

1. By consensus of City Council, the calendar for the month of May was approved listing committee meetings and events.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

2. The National Day of Prayer will be observed with a service held on the square on Thursday, May 5 beginning at noon.

CRUISE-IN:

3. A Cruise-In event will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in downtown Lenoir.

CITY/COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

4. The City/County Services Committee will meet on Monday, May 9 at noon.

EDC:

5. The Caldwell County Economic Development Commission (EDC) will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 8:00 a.m.

LENOIR BUSINESS

- ADVISORY BOARD:** 6. The Lenoir Business Advisory Board (LBAB) will meet in person on Thursday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor.

LENOIR BICYCLE FESTIVAL:

7. The Lenoir Bicycle Festival will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in downtown Lenoir.

**BUDGET WORK
SESSIONS:**

8. City Council will conduct a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Third Floor, former Council Chambers. If necessary, additional budget work sessions are scheduled on Tuesday, May 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Committee of the Whole meeting and on Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m. All budget work sessions will be held at City Hall.

**CANCELLED; FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY:**

9. The Foothills Regional Airport Authority meeting for May has been cancelled.

A. Items for Council Action

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Mayor Gibbons informed City Council that three Board re-appointments were inadvertently over looked and their terms have expired. Mayor Gibbons recommended the following individuals for re-appointment to the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions.

<u>Foothills Regional Airport Authority</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joe Gibbons, Chair	June 30, 2024
<u>Lenoir Housing Authority</u>	June 30, 2023
Linda Ferguson (Resident Member)	
<u>Parks & Recreation Advisory Board</u>	June 30, 2023
Scott Barnett	

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perdue, Council voted 7 to 0 to re-appoint the above list of individuals to the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions as described above and as recommended by Mayor Gibbons.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS; BOARD
RE-APPOINTMENTS:**

- B. Mayor Gibbons announced the following list of proposed re-appointments to the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions. These re-appointments will be presented to City Council for their consideration of approval at the May 17 City Council meeting.

<u>ABC Board</u>	(3-year term)
Jerry Brooks	
<u>Lenoir Tourism Development Authority (LTDA)</u>	(4-year term)
Dana Clark	
Glenda Wilson	
<u>Lenoir Business Advisory Board (LBAB)</u>	(3-year term)
Margaret Forney	
Darin McKinney	
Gonzalo Vasquez	

John Moore
Sean Williams

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (2-year term)
Schonna Banner
Darrell Lipford

Lenoir Housing Authority (5-year term)
Debbie Smith – Resident Member

Planning Board (3-year term)
Tim Scobie

Mayor Gibbons informed Council that City Staff was currently working on getting the terms for all future board appointments/re-appointments on a uniform basis with an expiration date of June 30 for the calendar year their terms expire.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

PROCLAMATION



In Recognition of
Peace Officers' Memorial Week
May 11 – 17, 2022

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the Lenoir Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of those inside the City of Lenoir; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the Lenoir Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Lenoir and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 – May 17, 2022, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens;

FURTHERMORE, I proclaim and call upon all citizens of the City of Lenoir to recognize May 15, 2022, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty. Let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

WITNESS, my hand and seal this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

SEAL

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk



PROCLAMATION

Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month

May 2022



***WHEREAS**, the growth in popularity of motorcycle riding and touring, combined with the many scenic destinations in our state and the year-long riding season, have led to North Carolina having one of the largest populations of motorcycle enthusiasts in the nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, more and more residents of the City of Lenoir are taking up this mode of transportation to commute to and from their places of employment; and*

***WHEREAS**, many motorcyclists undergo specialized training by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses with emphasis on skills, traffic laws, and proper safety equipment; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of all motorists to be aware of motorcyclists and extend to them the same courtesy as any other vehicles on our roadways.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" throughout the City of Lenoir.*

***WITNESS**, my hand and seal this the 3rd day of May, 2022.*

SEAL

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SCOTT E. HILDEBRAN

CITY OF LENOIR
NORTH CAROLINA

MAYOR
JOSEPH L. GIBBONS

CITY COUNCIL
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F. KENT GREER
T. H. PERDUE
J. I. PERKINS
R. S. PRESTWOOD
D. F. STEVENS
C. D. THOMAS

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4th to honor and remember past firefighters who have lost their lives while serving their communities, to express gratitude to those that have served in this line of work and to show support and appreciation for those who presently serve; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the language a firefighter speaks, or the country in which he or she works and resides, all firefighters fight against the same enemy - fire; and

WHEREAS, firefighters follow a long line of tradition and honor that inspires them to help colleagues, neighbors and strangers alike; and

WHEREAS, the demands of firefighting are accompanied by both personal and physical tolls that all firefighters knowingly accept while risking their lives to protect the lives of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of City of Lenoir, North Carolina, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, I do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 4th, 2022, as "**International Firefighters' Day**" throughout the City of Lenoir and encourage all citizens to show support and appreciation to our City, County, and State firefighters who protect our lives and property so diligently throughout the year and by remembering past firefighters who dedicated their lives to preserve our safety.

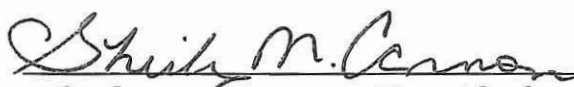
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir to be affixed this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

SEAL



Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk





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PROCLAMATION
IN CELEBRATION OF
DRINKING WATER WEEK

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, any measure of a successful society - low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety are in some way related to access to safe water; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, each citizen of the City of Lenoir is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues by getting to know their water;

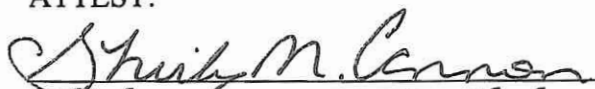
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, I do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 – 7, 2022, as *“Celebrate Drinking Water Week”* throughout the City of Lenoir.

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**PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

WHEREAS, Public Works Professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the City of Lenoir and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Lenoir to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62nd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby designate the week of May 15 – 21, 2022, as "**National Public Works Week**" and urge all citizen to join with representatives of governmental agencies and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our Public works professionals, engineers and administrators and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health and welfare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir to be affixed this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

SEAL


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ATTEST:


Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk





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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
LENOIR GREENWAY EXTENSION – PARK CONNECTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City is committed to providing its citizens with a safe community in which to live, work, and play that includes the improvement of multi-modal transportation connectivity and enhanced future efforts to provide for greater mobility choice; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted its existing Pedestrian Plan in 2013 and Bicycle Plan in 2018 that includes project priority for improved accommodations for bicycle & pedestrian transportation corridors throughout the City using greenways to enhance connectivity in Lenoir; and

WHEREAS, the City has been successful in creating more than 9 miles of path and trails for outdoor activities in the existing greenway system that increase quality of life, raise the value of properties near the corridor, and attract recreational tourism and business; and

WHEREAS, the City's existing greenway system still requires additional connectivity to broaden its user base by connecting more parks, neighborhoods, employers, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City understands the importance of planning for projects incorporating more bicycle & pedestrian transportation connectivity for the positive benefits of improved public health, economic development, social interaction, and enhanced environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2022, the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) issued a call for projects to agencies in its jurisdiction for Surface Transportation Program - Direct Appointment Funding (STBG-DA). A total of approximately \$3,335,000 is available to award among four transportation modal buckets: bicycle and pedestrian, intersections, roadway, and transit; and

WHEREAS, STBG-DA is comprised of a collection of discretionary programs including 50% of funding allocated to bicycle & pedestrian and 15% to intersection projects consistent with the Lenoir Greenway Extension – Park Connection Project, including: greenway construction, intersection improvement, and safe pedestrian crossings which each require a minimum 20% local cash match;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenoir City Council hereby authorizes the City Planning Department to submit up to 3 applications to the GHMPO for STDG-DA Funds for Lenoir Greenway Extension – Park Connection Project Segments 1-5 in the amount of \$2,167,750 and will commit up to \$433,550 as a cash match for the selected Lenoir Greenway Extension – Park Connection Project Segments by this Resolution.

Adopted this 3rd day of May 2022.

SEAL

ATTEST:


Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk


Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor



ADDENDUM TO SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LENOIR AND
CALDWELL COUNTY YOKEFELLOW, INC.
09/03//2021

The City of Lenoir signed entered into two contracts with Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc., which provided funding totaling of \$174,453 in CDBG-CV funds. The funds were provide to Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc., for the purpose of providing public service related to Covid19, specifically to **prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.**

The first agreement was entered into on 08/28/2020 which provided funding of \$86,056 to assist eligible qualified low & moderate income households by paying for Water, Sewer and Solid Waste utility bills for up to six (6) month per household for City of Lenoir eligible residents.

A second agreement was entered into on 10/21/2020 which provided funding of \$88,397 to assist eligible qualified low & moderate income households by paying Rent Payments and Mortgage payments for a maximum for up to six (6) consecutive months per household for City of Lenoir eligible residents. Additionally Funding could be used by Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc., to purchase food for the homeless, purchase needed equipment and operating expense.

Up to 10% of the total funding for both agreements could be charged by Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. as service delivery cost for all bills paid with CDBG-CV funds.

Expenditure of all CDBG-CV funds were for the purpose of providing public services related to Covid19, specifically to **prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.**

This Addendum is moving \$50,764.11 from the first agreement signed on 08/28/2020 to the second agreement signed on 10/21/2020. The demand for funds to pay Water, Sewer and Solid Waste utility bills left \$50,764.11 unused for activities described in Contract #1. Moving this money allows Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc., to use the remaining unused funds to pay for activities described in the second agreement which had need of additional funds

Total funding to Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc., did not change and remained at \$174,453.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, by and through their Authorized agents, have hereunder set their hands and seal, all as of the day and year first above written.

Accepted:

CALDWELL COUNTY YOKEFELLOW, INC.

By: Sharon Harmon

Title: Executive Director

Date: 9-3-21

THE CITY OF LENOIR

By: Justin Hurd

Title: City Manager

Date: 5/3/2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Pritchard

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by "Local Government and Fiscal Control Act"

CITY OF LENOIR, NC
CHARTERED
JANUARY 28, 1851

SEAL

By: Donna Bean

Title: Finance Director

Date: 5-3-22