

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, April 22, 2025
8:30 A.M.**

Present: Mayor Joe Gibbons, Jonathan Beal, Ike Perkins, Todd Perdue, Ralph Prestwood, Kimmie Rogers and Crissy Thomas.

Staff Present: City Manager Scott Hildebran, City Clerk Shirley Cannon, Finance Director Donna Bean, Economic & Main Street Director Brenda Floyd, Downtown Event Planner, Ashley Smith, Planning Director Hannah Williams, Public Services Public Works Director Jon Hogan, Public Services Public Utilities Director Jeff Church, Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant Juliana Tripician, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Jacobs, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Director of Special Projects & Grants Jared Wright, and Communications Director Joshua Harris.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem David Stevens, Fire Chief Norman Staines, and Recreation Director Phil Harper.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. Mayor Gibbons welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT

IV. Planning Board: The Planning Board will meet on Monday, April 28, 2025. Hannah Williams, Planning Director gave the following report:

- The Comprehensive Plan will be presented at the May 27 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- The Planning Board will hear a Conditional Rezoning case for 229 Wilson Street at their April meeting.

Planning Department Fees Schedule: Director Williams presented the following information:

Director Williams reviewed a schedule of proposed Planning & Inspection Fees, Administration Review/Permits and Service Fees. She stated the City's fees were lower than surrounding municipalities and explained the amount of staff's time involved in the process was also considered in the fee increase request. Director Williams reported the fees were increasing by \$100 with a base fee of \$50.00.

A copy of the fee schedule is attached to these minutes as information.

Mr. Hildebran stated the fee schedule would become effective on July 1, 2025 and presented for adoption during the budget process. He stated fees would be capped at \$1,000.00 and briefly discussed cell towers which would have a \$2,500.00 fee.

V. Destination by Design – Lenoir Gateway Signage – Phase II

Jonathan Scott, Destination by Design presented a power point presentation regarding Phase II of the gateway signage. Mr. Scott stated they took into consideration the gateway sign when designing these three (3) concepts.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as information.

Mr. Scott described each concept and stated the brand artwork will be mounted on the top and illuminated. The stud mounted channel lettering with acrylic backing will be halo lit. The side and back views are made of faux board formed concrete panels and the back view will also show the brand artwork with acrylic backing and face lit.

Following a review, City Council was in consensus for approval of concept #2.

VI. History Files: Councilmember Ralph Prestwood informed Council that Mike Gibbons has collected a number of files on the history of Lenoir and has been working with John Hawkins at the Caldwell Heritage Museum regarding preserving these files. City Council discussed purchasing and archiving the files along with making them available for the public to review in the future.

Councilmember Prestwood said Mr. Gibbons did not give an exact purchase price and he was proposing \$1,000 due to the number of documents. Councilmember Perdue proposed to increase the suggested price up to \$2,500 due to the volume of files to be archived and preserved.

Motion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perdue, City Council voted 6 to 0 to approve the purchase price of up to \$2,500 for all of the history files submitted by Mike Gibbons to be archived at the Caldwell Heritage Museum as presented.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. Update; Police Department: Police Chief Brent Phelps presented the following report:
- Currently, the Department has three openings with one officer leaving to join the Catawba County Sheriff's Department.
 - The Police Department will assist with larger events this summer including the July 4th celebration at Mulberry Recreation and the July Blackberry Festival downtown.
 - Staff is conducting an ongoing Lieutenant's process and plan to have someone selected by the end of May prior to the retiring of Lieutenant Chris Robinson.
 - Reported that Yokefellow proposes to have showers available at the beginning of May for individuals which led to a discussion about issues the mobile showers may create and homeless people being on the Greenway.
- B. Update; Fire Department: Assistant Chief Chris Jacobs presented the following report:
- The Department has one open position.
 - Cameras are going to be installed in all the large apparatus, the Quick Response Vehicles and the Battalion Chief's vehicle.
 - The Department requested to participate in the Smoke Detector program again in June and requested 36 detectors as part of the grant process.
 - Reviewed the annual 2024 Report and reported their response time for the first quarter of

2025 was 3.05 minutes and the number of incidents for all three stations was 816. The amount of property saved was \$11,169,300. In the first quarter, the department participated in 4,813 hours of training.

The annual report is included in the agenda packet.

VIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Public Services Public Works: Public Services Public Works Director Jon Hogan presented updates on the following projects:

1. **Wayfinding Sign Project:** The City received NCDOT comments and are working with RiteLite Sign and Destination by Design to address DOT comments. Staff feels like they have a good direction moving forward. Per DOT notes we will have to make some slight modifications such as shrinking the size of the city logo, removing the logo on the rear of the sign and routing "Create with Us" on the sign post. We will still be allowed to attach the local artwork and keep graphics on the back of the sign. Those rules will apply to signs on NCDOT roadways. We will stick to the original design on city streets. The city will also need to relocate 7 signs that were concerns. Once the changes have been made, staff will resubmit for their final review. Manufacturing of the signs will take around 6 months, likely being a fall installation.
2. **Gateway Sign Project:** Destination by Design has created three conceptual sign designs. These options have been designed in a vertical orientation utilizing the city logo and having artistic similarities to the center sign at Smith Crossroads.

City Council agreed on the vertical sign with letters top to bottom (A picture of the design is attached to these minutes as information.)

3. **Veteran's Pavers:** Staff has worked with local contractors on numerous designs for pavers for this area. Staff has designed a smaller monument (Presentation by Joshua Harris attached to these minutes) similar to what is already there. Staff has solicited 3 quotes and are awaiting responses on those.
4. **Creekway Drive Landscape Median:** Staff is currently working on numerous landscape projects to address cleaning up gateways into the city. Due to improper tree pruning and lack of mulch and maintenance this gateway has become an eyesore. Our plan is to remove and replace all plant material with 11 trees and a number of low maintenance shrubs. The zoysia sod will be removed and replaced by mulch beds and river rock to not only add aesthetic appeal but to also minimize maintenance or mowing needs.
5. **Self-Watering Planters Harper Avenue:** This is another gateway cleanup project. Staff has removed the unsightly crepe myrtles as they have been topped throughout the years creating a major eyesore and issues with pedestrian traffic and sight issues for drivers. Staff is proposing placing self-watering planters along Harper Avenue from Pennton Avenue to Ridge Street. These planters will be planted with a mix of shrubs, perennials and annuals to add some color and spruce up the aesthetics along Harper Avenue.
6. **321 Sculpture Landscape Design:** Staff has received some inquiries in reference to cleaning this area up. Unfortunately, due to lack of maintenance, the shrubs have become overgrown and mulch nonexistent creating an eyesore. Staff has worked on in-house design and design with Southern LawnScapes in Hickory. Due to lack of manpower, time

and equipment, we will self-perform the removal plant materials and soil prep. Southern LawnScapes will handle the installation of plant materials, rock, boulders and mulch. The plant materials will consist of low maintenance blooming shrubs and perennials to add seasonal color as well as evergreen trees to create a back drop for the sculpture.

Councilmember Perdue mentioned there were trees in the stream at the Greenway. Director Hogan stated that stream cleaning is part of the City's contract with Caldwell County.

B. Public Services Public Utilities: Public Services Public Utilities Director Jeff Church presented updates on the following projects:

1. Authorizing Resolution; Spring 2025 Department of Water Infrastructure Lead Service Line Inventory Project: Staff recommends City Council's consideration of approval for an Authorizing Resolution to authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to execute and file the Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement Grant application for the Spring 2025 funding round as submitted.

A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes as information.

Director Church explained the City is re-applying for a loan with the state due to declining the first loan, because of the possibility of the new application providing loan forgiveness.

Motion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perdue, City Council voted 6 to 0 to adopt the authorizing resolution as presented.

2. Finley Water Project: The pre-bid was held on April 15, 2025. The bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
3. East Harper and Ridge Street/West Avenue Sewer Replacements: The bid opening for the combined project is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
4. Sewer Easement; Summerhill Development: McGill Associates is currently working on a sewer easement between lot numbers 9 and 10 in the Summerhill Development. Once the surveyor work is complete, the item will be submitted for Council action at the next meeting.

IX. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Lenoir Tourism Development Authority: The Lenoir Tourism Development Authority did not meet in April. Brenda Floyd, Economic & Main Street Director reported several individuals from the City of Lenoir attended the 2025 Visit NC Tourism Conference on April 6-8, 2025 held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. The event was hosted by the City of Hickory and had over 500 participants.

Director Floyd also shared the annual Downtown Awards celebration is scheduled on Monday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m. at Liquid Roots. The recipients of the Gibbons Award and

the Main Street Champions will be announced.

- B. Lenoir Business Advisory Board: The Lenoir Business Advisory Board did not meet in April. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8 at City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room. Brenda Floyd, Economic & Main Street Director reported on the following: The Board received an application for a Design Build grant. The Main Street Accreditation will be on May 14. The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1 at noon at the downtown stage area. Bloom Fest is on Saturday, May 10, the Neon Bike Ride is on Friday, May 30 and the Friday Night Live events will begin on Friday, June 6.

- C. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Monday, April 21, 2025. Juliana Tripician, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant presented an update on the following current activities and projects.

1. Free TAI CHI classes are being offered on Monday & Wednesday from 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. at Mulberry Recreation Center, Activity Room #1.
2. Toddler free play activity is held on Mondays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
3. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 12 at Mulberry Recreation Center with around 150 participants.
4. Adult Industrial Basketball League will end on Monday, April 21.
5. A Ribbon Cutting was held at Mulberry Recreation on Wednesday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. for the Gymnasium and Pickleball courts.
6. The 2025 JH Jones Summer League Basketball registrations will be held April 14th through May 30th for boys and girls ages 8 – 13 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.
7. The Fire Cracker 5K & 10K race is scheduled for June 28 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
8. Kings Dance classes for the youth will begin soon at Mulberry Recreation Center on Wednesday evenings.
9. A Ping Pong Tournament will be held on May 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Mulberry Recreation Center. Registration is available online.
10. A Ribbon Cutting for the new Splash Pad will be held on May 16th at 2:30 p.m. at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

- X. Director of Special Projects and Grants Jared Wright gave the following report:

Project Updates as follows:

1. **MLK Improvements**: The flooring is completed and the facility has been re-opened to the public. Tennis court resurfacing is expected to begin possibly on Wednesday of this week, but weather may be a factor. New exercise equipment for the weight room has been ordered (delivery date TBD). Working with Public Works to remove existing landscaping and replace with new shrubs/vegetation. Remaining contract work includes exterior cleaning and painting, gutter replacement, concrete replacement to enhance ADA access, and outdoor basketball court repairs (painting, re-stripping). Gutter replacement should begin within the next 3-4 weeks.

2. **PARTF Project**

- A. **LAFC Design-Build**: A kickoff meeting was held in late March for the Lenoir Aquatic Fitness Design-Build (LAFC). The floor-plan design is underway and includes modification of restrooms and locker rooms, an addition of a hallway to access racquetball and fitness corridor, racquetball court renovation, and whirlpool modifications. Bids for a subcontractor is expected to be held in June.
- B. **Soccer Complex**: Public Works staff continues to work on landscaping at the picnic shelter and splash pad that are located at the Soccer Complex. The contractor is also working on an ADA connector path.

C. Additional small recreational elements have been ordered for the LAFC including concrete cornhole and ping pong boards.

3. **Campus Improvements Project:** 90% of the construction documents have been submitted for review with minor tweaks prior to permitting sets. Finish and fixture schedules have been submitted for floor/wall/ceiling coverings and color palettes, plumbing and electrical fixtures. Subcontractor prequalification is underway, consisting of a thorough review of firm experience, bonding capacity, financial standing, and EMR (safety rating). Pre-qualifications and permitting will run concurrently and advertising and bidding will follow in the second quarter.
4. **Pavilion Site:** The Pavilion site is complicating completion of civil/site design and engineering due to poor soils, buried debris, stormwater, etc. dictating foundation design for the Pavilion and layout of drainage system(s).
5. **LFD Infrastructure Repair (Sinkhole)** – Ridge Street and East Harper Sewer projects bidding will be held on May 8, 2025. The bid date was extended to accommodate contractor schedules. The expected Notice to Proceed (NTP) should be received after the Blackberry Festival in July.

GRANTS/FUNDING APPS

1. **Great Trails funding application:** The \$497,994 funding application for the OVT Connector Trail was submitted on November 12, 2024. An updated notification schedule includes May notice and the June contract execution.
2. **Blue Ridge Energy/USDA REDLG:** The Blue Ridge Energy funding application was submitted to USDA for a REDLG loan for a (Ladder truck); 7-year term, 0% interest, \$1,180,000 loan.

XI. Finance and Administration: Finance Director Donna Bean presented the Financial Summary of March 31, 2025. The over/under balance in the General Fund is \$ 2,932,698.08, (\$181,014.99), Downtown District and Water & Sewer Fund \$1,578,325.30.

A copy of the March Financial Summary is attached to these minutes as information.

Director Bean stated all of the financials are on target and are where she anticipated them to be in the general fund budget at this time.

B. Agreement; Carolina Public Entity Cooperative: Director Bean presented an Intergovernmental Agreement and Bylaws of Carolina Public Entity Cooperative for consideration of approval by City Council. The agreement will be between the Cooperative and the City of Lenoir for insurance coverage for employees. Director Bean stated this is a standard agreement and would become effective July 1, 2025 following approval by City Council.

A copy of the agreement and bylaws are on file in the Finance Department.

Director Bean stated this Cooperative is voluntarily established by contracting units of local

government and/or intergovernmental agencies, as provided for in Article 23 of Chapter of the North Carolina General Statutes (the Local Government Risk Pool Act), to establish a risk pool providing for employee benefit programs for the units' or agencies' employees, including a system or program of loss control.

City Manager Hildebran stated the City was notified by the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) that they were not going to continue to offer insurance coverage on July 1, 2025.

Motion

Upon a motion by Councilmember Jonathan Beal, City Council voted 6 to 0 to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Bylaws between the City of Lenoir and the Carolina Public Cooperative with an effective date of July 1, 2025 as submitted.

- XII. Update; Public Communications: Joshua Harris, Public Information Director referred to the March 2025 Communication Report. There were 5 new releases, 151 social posts, 389 photos, 2 videos, and 28 web updates. The website had a total of 41,183 views along with 10,022 video views. Social followers total 59,949 and there were 644 new followers this month. Director Harris asked Staff to send him any news/stories they would like to have published.

Director Harris shared that additional bikes have been donated for the upcoming Bicycle Festival on Saturday. He stated that volunteers are needed and also thanked everyone that participated in the employee litter sweep.

X111. OTHER

- A. May Calendar: The calendar for the month of May was provided in the packet as information listing Committee meetings and upcoming events.

XIV. ADJOURN

- A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Attachments

Fee Schedule – Planning Dept.
 Authorizing Resolution
 Lenoir Gateway Signage-Phase II
 March Financial Summary



Schedule of Fees and Charges

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS		New Suggested Pricing	Hudson/Gamewell	Granite	Hickory	Boone	Morganton	Blowing Rock
DESCRIPTION OF FEE	AMOUNT							
Annexation	250.00	350.00	350.00	250.00	250.00	375.00	500.00	350.00
Special Use	250.00	350.00	350.00	250.00	371.00	1,190.00	500.00	1,000.00
Conditional Zoning District	430.00	500.00	350.00	350+\$50/ac	430.00	1,090.00	1,000.00	
Major Subdivision (Preliminary)	250.00	400.00	25 + attorney and engineer	250+\$5/lot	250.00	1,190.00	250.00	300-1000.00
Major Subdivision (Final)	250.00	100.00	25 + attorney and engineer	250+\$5/lot	250.00	245.00	600.00	
Ordinance Amendment	250.00	500.00	350.00	300.00	250.00	875.00	1,000.00	250.00
Re-zoning/Map Amendment	250.00	350.00	350.00	300.00		765.00	1,000.00	500.00
Re-zoning/Map Amendment ≤ 1 acre					618.00			
Re-zoning/Map Amendment >1-5 acres					857.00			
Re-zoning/Map Amendment >5 acres					1,284.00			
Street Closing/Abandonment (permanent)	600.00	600.00		250.00	250.00			
Variance	250.00	350.00	350.00	150.00	250.00	375.00	500.00	400.00
Appeal	-	350.00		150.00		300.00	500.00	400.00
Certificate of Appropriateness	-	350.00			61.00	375.00	500.00	
Local Landmark	-	350.00			61.00	375.00	500.00	
Administrative Review / Permits								
Floodplain Development Permit	50.00	100.00	75.00	350.00	50.00	315.00	100.00	50.00
Minor Subdivision	1st 5 lots -- \$25 (+ \$1/each additional lot)	1st 5 lots -- \$25 (+ \$1/each additional lot)	25.00	25 + \$5 per lot	1st 5 lots -- \$25 (+ \$1/each additional lot)	180, 140 exempt	100.00	75 per lot
Zoning Permit -- under 2,000 sq. ft.	25.00	50.00	75.00	50.00	31.00	205	50.00	50 (.10/sf)
Zoning Permit -- over 2,000 sq. ft. (substantial improvement, new commercial, industrial, or multifamily construction)	75.00	50, 100, 150	75.00	150 + \$100/1000sf	46.00	205-1265 depending upon size/type of project and land disturbance	600 major plan review	50 (.10/sf)
Zoning Permit - Accessory Structures	25.00	25.00		25.00				
Signs, Temp Banners or Windblown Ad Device	25.00	25, 75 digital or uniform sign package 250 billboards	75.00	50 (freestanding up to 100, \$1 for each sf over 100), 500 billboards, 25 all others	64 (12 week temp) 129 (52 week temp)		50/75 digital off premises	
Telecom Tower		2,500.00					5,000.00	
Colocation		50.00					1,000.00	
Services Fees								
Zoning Map, plotted (large format)	25.00	25.00			25.00			
Custom Map, digital (any size)	75.00	75.00						
Custom Map, plotted (large format)	100.00	100.00						

 DESTINATION BY DESIGN

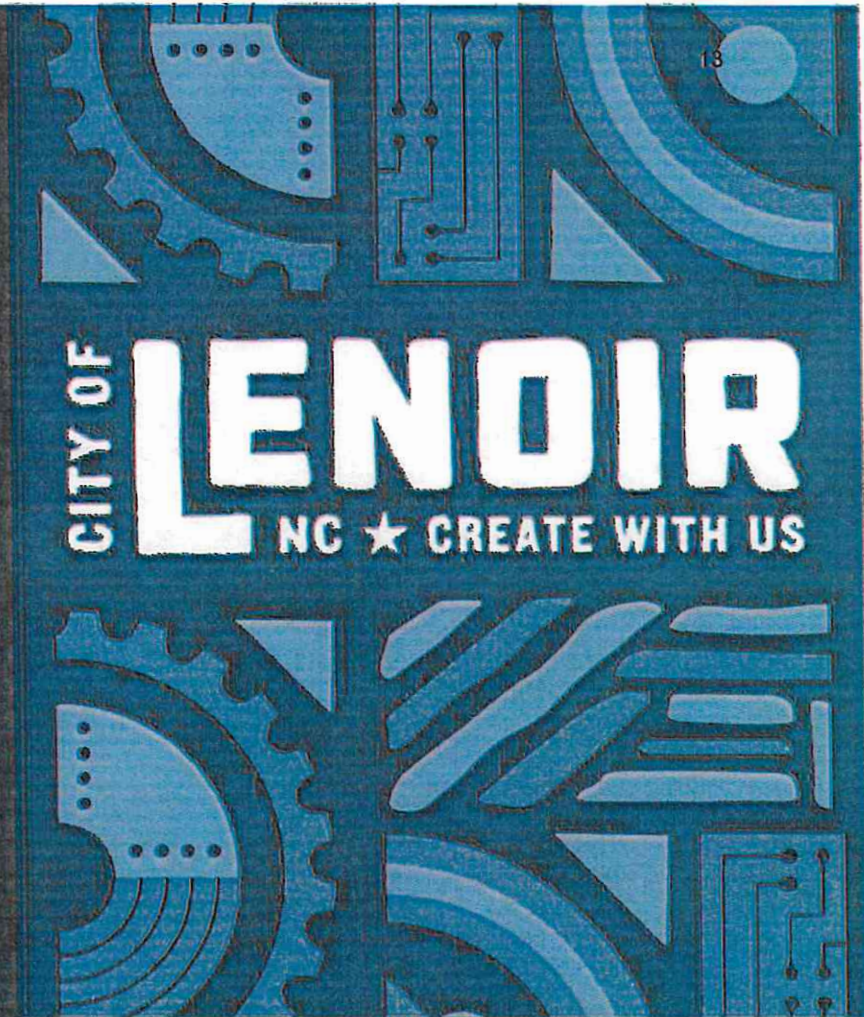
LENOIR GATEWAY SIGNAGE - PHASE II

City Of Lenoir, NC

Alex Gotherman, PLA
Director of Design

Case Neal
Project Manager

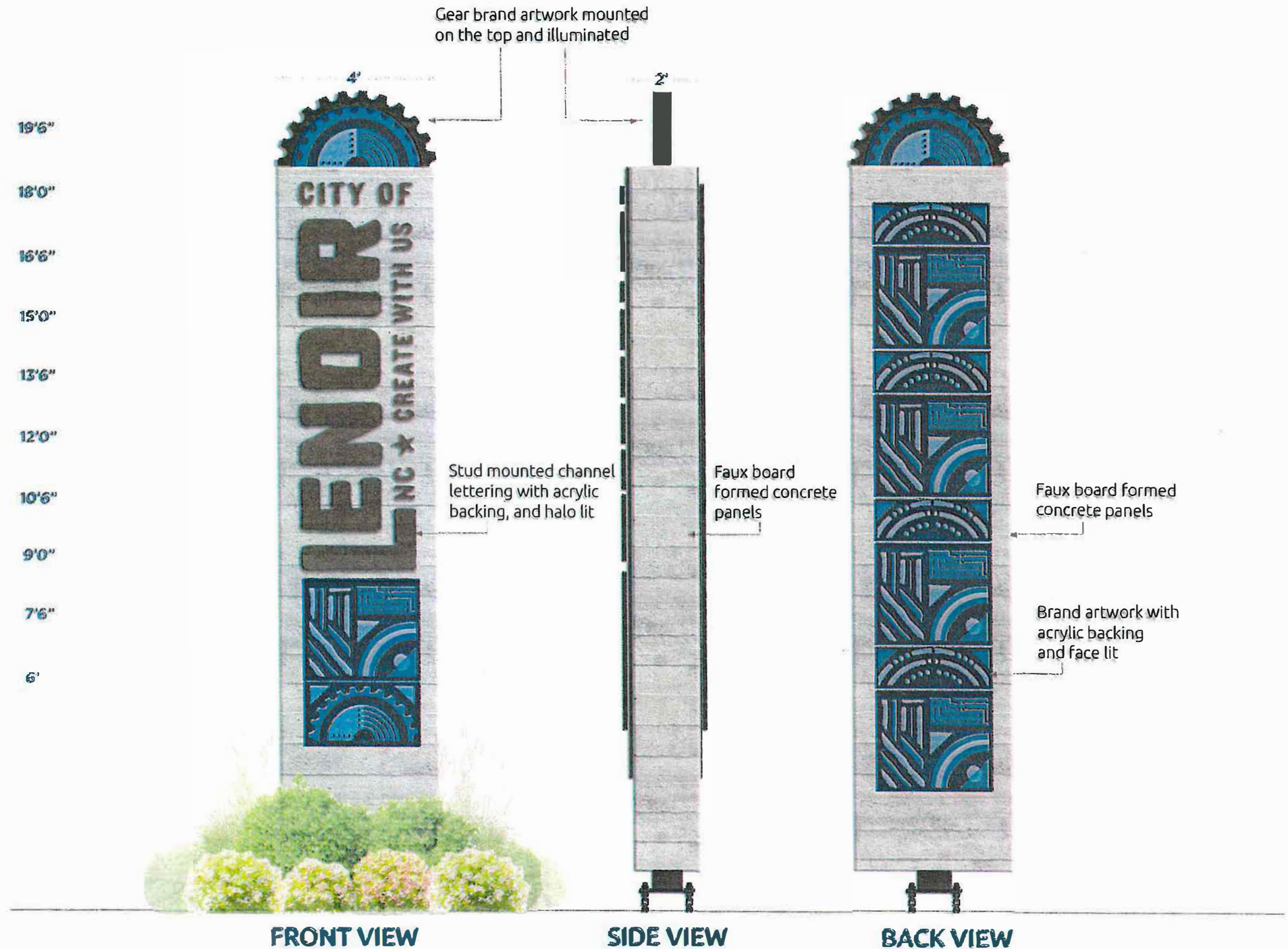
Pooja Bonde
Environmental Graphic Designer



SIGNAGE CONCEPTS



CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2

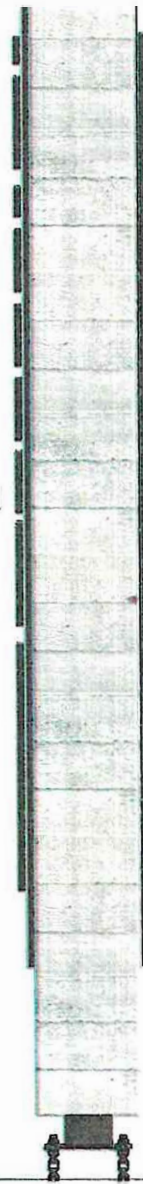
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FRONT VIEW

Stud mounted channel
lettering with acrylic
backing, and halo lit



SIDE VIEW

Faux board
formed concrete
panels



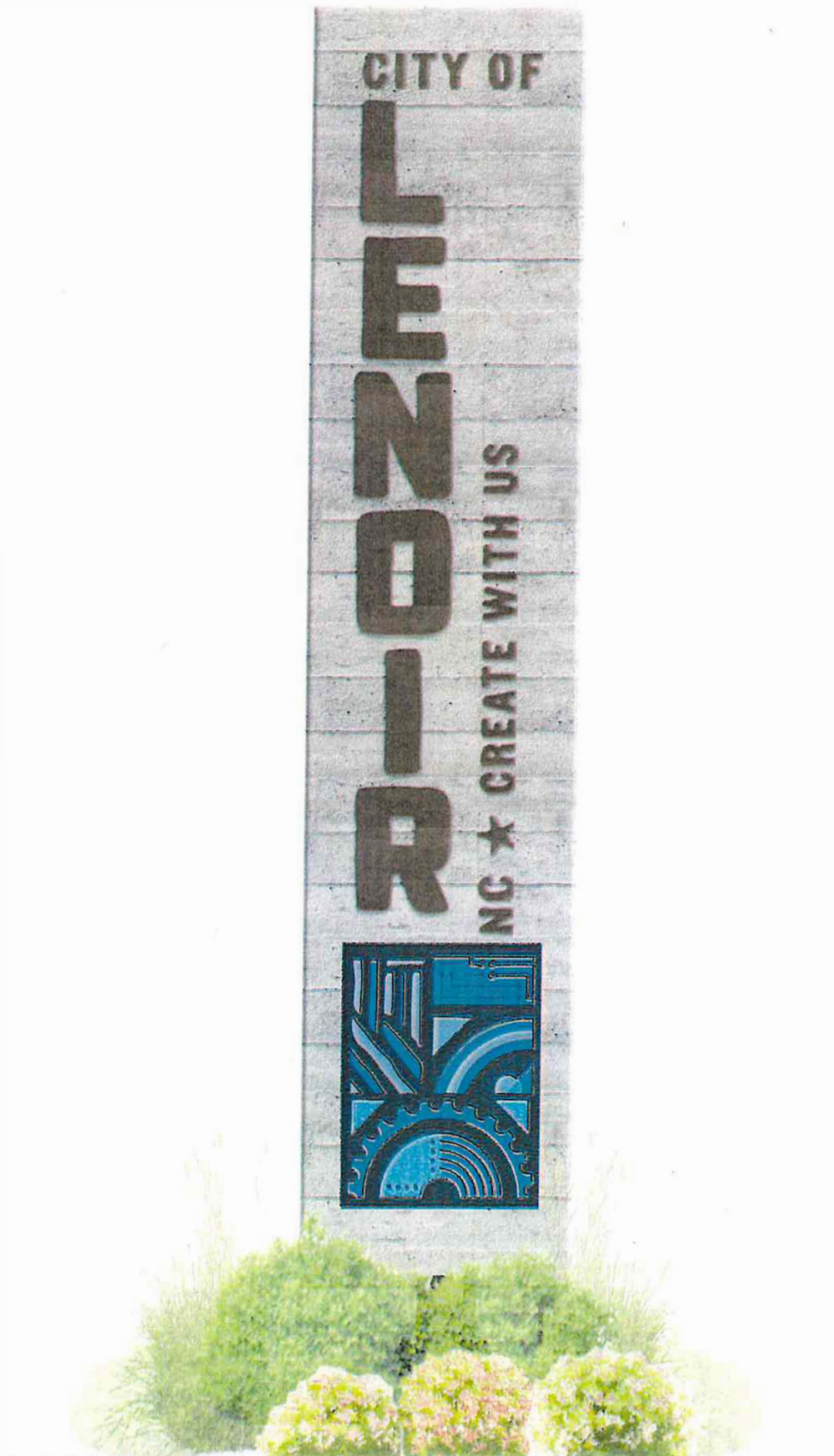
BACK VIEW

Faux board formed
concrete panels

Brand artwork with
acrylic backing
and face lit

CONCEPT 3

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FRONT VIEW

1767 Cedar Drive
Lenoir, NC 28645

April 7, 2025

Joe Gibbons, Mayor
PO Box 958
Lenoir, NC 28645

Dear Mayor Gibbons and Council,

With this letter, I am asking that the council consider approval of a memorial on The Triangle for Mary Bernhardt Busko and Ann Hancock.

You may know that the Hibriten Garden Club is hosting a Tour of Gardens on Saturday, May 3, 2025. It was a dream of Ann's that the tour be centered on The Triangle with the six gardens on Hibriten Ave., Highland Ave., and Woodside Place. The proceeds of the tour are to be given to the city for the long term plan of improvement.

Ann was working on a memorial for Mary and had asked her Mother, Ann Bernhardt for approval, which was graciously given.

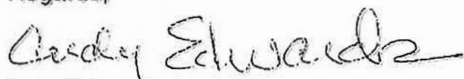
With Ann's untimely death, we decided to do a memorial for both Mary and Ann, since the Triangle had played such a big part in the lives of the children in the area, including Ann's three sons.

The design and the raising of the monies for the memorial was taken over by Anna Holcher Rice and Nancy Holcher. This memorial is not part of the Tour and/or the Hibriten Garden Club.

As soon as a design is decided upon, we will submit approval to the council and for consideration of the placement.

Thanks for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



Judy Edwards

C. Nancy Holcher

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**CITY OF LENOIR
RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LENOIR FOR
SPRING 2025 DEPARTMENT OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The City of Lenoir has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as the City of Lenoir Lead Service Line Inventory Project, and

WHEREAS, The City of Lenoir intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LENOIR

That the City of Lenoir, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement (if required) a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the City of Lenoir to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the City of Lenoir any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

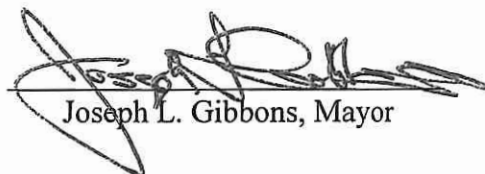
If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project.

That Scott Hildebran, City Manager and/or Donna Bean, City Finance Director, the **Authorized Representatives** and successors so titled, are hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Representatives**, and successors so titled, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 22nd day of April 2025 at Lenoir, North Carolina.



Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

CITY OF LENOIR, NC
CHARTERED
JANUARY 28, 1951

SEAL

FORM FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Lenoir, NC does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City of Lenoir, City Council duly held on the 22nd day of April 2025; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April 2025.



Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk