GASTONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Gaston County Courthouse - Public Forum Room - Gastonia, NC
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 6:00 PM

ITEM A: INVOCATION - Councilwoman Donyel Barber

ITEM B: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Richard Franks

ITEM C: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ITEM D: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

D.1: Strategic Planning Meeting - Session 1 - January 24, 2025
Attachment

D.2: Strategic Planning Meeting - Session 2 - January 25, 2025
Attachment

D.3: Regular City Council Meeting - February 4, 2025
Attachment

ITEM E: AWARDS, CEREMONIES, AND PROMOTIONS

E.1: Presentation of the Diamond Youth Baseball National Director's Award for Outstanding Service
Recipients: Mr. Tripp White, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. Ryan Resendez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Presenter: Councilwoman Donyel Barber
Attachment

E.2: Recognition of Lloyd Ashley "Ash" Smith for Outstanding Service to the City of Gastonia
Presenter: Mayor Richard Franks

ITEM F: PUBLIC EXPRESSION - IN ORDER TO KEEP WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME ALLOWED FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION, EACH PERSON WILL BE LIMITED TO BETWEEN TWO TO FIVE MINUTES SPEAKING TIME. THIS TIMEFRAME MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

ITEM G: COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

G.1: Public Safety Committee
Action Item:
2.E: Consideration to Approve a Resolution Declaring Weapons as Surplus Property and Trading-in Same Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-129.7
Presenter: Councilman Jim Gallagher, Chairman
Attachment

ITEM H: CONSENT AGENDA

H.1: Resolution to Approve Four (4) Full Time Positions in the Parks and Recreation Department for Increased Landscaping Duties
Attachment

H.2: Gastonia ABC Board Travel Policy Update
Attachment

H.3: Resolution to Amend Traffic Ordinance to Reduce Speed Limit to 25 MPH from 35 MPH on Niblick Drive
Attachment

H.4: Resolution to Accept a Safety Grant from the North Carolina League of Municipalities to Purchase and Install Flock Condor Cameras in the Amount of $5,000 with Budget Amendment 2520056
Attachment

H.5: Resolution to Accept for Maintenance Portions of the Subdivisions of Cramer Estates Phase 1, Nolen Farm Phase 3 Maps 6 and 7, and Blackwood Creek
Attachment

H.6: Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Financing Agreement, a Security Agreement and Related Documents in Connection with the Financing of Various Vehicles and Equipment in the Amount of $4,800,000 with Banc of America Public Capital Corporation
Attachment

ITEM I: REGULAR AGENDA

I.1: Public Hearing (Continued from November 21, 2024) - Tucker Springhaven (File #202400268)
Subject hearing involves a request to rezone approximately 262.84 acres from PD-PRD (Planned Development - Planned Residential Development) to PD-RRDD (Planned Development - Revised Residential Development District). The subject property is located on Union New Hope Road and is owned by Walton North Carolina, LLC.
Presenter: Ms. Maddy Gates, Senior Planner
Attachment

I.2: Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of Voluntary Annexation Ordinance of Approximately 12.6794 Acres Located on the North Side of Hudson Boulevard
Presenter: Mr. L. Ashley Smith, City Attorney

Attachment

I.3: Public Hearing - Hudson Boulevard & Niblick Drive (File #202400208)
Subject hearing involves a request for annexation and assignment of zoning for two tax parcels totaling approximately 12.6794 acres from Gaston County RS-12 (Single-family Residential, minimum 12,000 sq. ft. lots) and CD/OLC (Conditional District/Office Light Commercial) to PD-RRDD (Planned Development - Revised Residential Development District). The subject request also includes a rezoning of approximately 20.22 acres from RS-12 (Single-family Residential, minimum 12,000 sq. ft. lots) to PD-RRDD (Planned Development - Revised Residential Development District). The subject properties are located on E. Hudson Boulevard and Niblick Drive and are owned by the Winston Development Corporation.
Presenter: Mr. Jordan Tubbs, Senior Planner
Attachment

I.4: Public Hearing - Unified Development Ordinance Amendment (File #202500040)
Subject hearing involves a request to amend Section 7.3-1 Bulk and Use Chart to the Unified Development Ordinance to clarify use and building lot standards.
Presenter: Ms. Maddy Gates, Senior Planner
Attachment

I.5: Presentation of Proposed New Vision Statement for the City of Gastonia and Consideration to Adopt a New Vision Statement
Presenter: City Manager Michael C. Peoples

I.6: Citizen Committee Appointments
Presenter: Mayor Richard Franks
Attachment

I.7: Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of an Interim City Attorney
Presenter: Mayor Richard Franks

ITEM J: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Presentation: Mr. L. Ashley Smith, City Attorney

ITEM K: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - Presentation: Mr. Michael C. Peoples, City Manager

ITEM L: CITY COUNCIL'S REPORT - Presentation: City Council Members

ITEM M: ANNOUNCEMENTS - Presentation: Mayor Richard Franks

ITEM N: ADJOURNMENT

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS WISHING TO COMMENT SHOULD APPEAR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS WHEN ATTENDING THIS MEETING AND/OR IF THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY, SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, LOCATED IN CITY HALL AT 181 S. SOUTH STREET, **TELEPHONE**: (704-866-6786), **FAX**: 704-836-0022) OR BY **EMAIL**: JUDY.SMITH@GASTONIANC.GOV. THE

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AT LEAST 72 HOURS' NOTICE PRIOR TO THE MEETING TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 20, 2025 - Special City Council Joint Meeting with Gastonia Planning Commission, Municipal Operations Center (MOC), 1300 N. Broad St. @ 5:30 p.m.

March 4, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting, City Council Chambers, City Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

March 18, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting, Public Forum Room, Gaston County Courthouse @ 6:00 p.m.