Date: August 11, 2022

Meeting of: Locust City Council

Time: 7:00pm

Members Present: Mayor Stephen Huber, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, JC Burris, Roger Hypes, Michael Haigler, Rusty Efird, and Harry Fletcher

Members Absent:

Order: Mayor Stephen Huber

Pledge: Mayor Stephen Huber

Prayer: Mayor Stephen Huber

PUBLIC HEARING: Conditional Rezoning - Strickland Brothers 10 Minute Oil Change
No one spoke for or against

Call to order at 7:01pm

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt agenda as amended

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom **(7-0)**
Motion to adopt July 2022 minutes

Financial Report –Accepted. Sales tax revenues and ABC distributions continue to be strong. After the first month of the new fiscal year, expenditures exceed revenues in the General Fund. This is due to many yearly renewals that are paid up front such as insurances, communications, and workers comp. Auditors are working diligently to finalize the audit. Excess funds were transferred into the City's investment portfolio to maximize the interest proceeds.

Mayor's Report – N/A

Administrator's report – Purchase orders and budget amendments were reviewed. Once again, the City has an opportunity to receive grant funding to aid in the placement of the SRO at Locust Elementary. Also, the City has been approached and asked if we can cover the cost of a metal detector at the front entrance to Locust Elementary. The cost should not exceed $4,000. The budget allows and funds are available to make this purchase.

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**
Motion to approve purchase of metal detector not to exceed $4,000 for Locust Elementary

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**
Motion to approve purchase orders

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**
Motion to approve budget amendments

Admin/HR – N/A

Parks – N/A

Facilities – N/A

PW –July was a wet month and only had one day over 400,000 gal.

ABC/EDC/Small Bus. –ABC store continues to exceed their sales over previous years. Brooks Mills and Burger King opened this week. Arby's opening Monday. Starbucks opening by the end of the month.

PD – Thank you to the entire department for their great commitment to the citizens and community and continually exceeding expectations protecting all. Officer Josh Gardner was promoted to PO2. We are collecting school supplies for local schools.

P&Z – Public hearing was earlier in the meeting for a conditional rezoning of Strickland Brothers 10 Minute Oil Change. It will be located right beside the proposed Dunkin Donuts on HWY 24/27.

M/S/A **Council Members Michael Haigler and Roger Hypes** **(7-0)**
Motion to approve the conditional rezoning request forStrickland Brothers designating the subject property as Highway Commercial –Conditional (HC-C) with the associated parcel pin# 556504713384, located on Main Street, Locust NC, yet to be subdivided, with site plan and proposed elevations, to be consistent with the 2014 Land Use Plan.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Michael Haigler **(7-0)**
Motion to set public hearing for 9/8/22 meeting for Riley's Retreat conditional rezoning

Public Comment – Resident Michael DeSantis of the Whispering Hills neighborhood spoke on the projected completion of his neighborhood and the amenities as promised. Resident Heather Carlson spoke about the sewer rates. Wants to know what can be done to adjust the rates for those who are watering their lawn. The builders lay sod and it needs to be watered but doesn't think it's fair to pay sewer rates for watering lawn. Looked in am irrigation meter but that cost was about $1,500. She also

spoke on the promised amenities in the Whispering Hills neighborhood. Wants somewhere for kids to play to keep them out of the roads.

Board Closing Comments: Good to see lots of people here. Thank you to those who spoke and brought their concerns. Looking forward to the new businesses.

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Rusty Efird **(7-0)**
Motion to enter into executive session at 8:16pm GS 143.318.11 – Legal

Out of executive session at 8:41pm

M/S/A Council Members Roger Hypes and Harry Fletcher **(7-0)**
Motion to adjourn at 8.41pm

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Stephen Huber, Mayor

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Amy Furr, City Clerk