



MINUTES

October 29, 2024

SECOND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM | 160 6TH AVENUE E. | 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Barbara G. Volk, Mayor Pro Tem Lyndsey Simpson and Council Members: Jennifer Hensley, Melinda Lowrance and Jeff Miller

Staff Present: City Manager John Connet, City Clerk Jill Murray, City Attorney Angela Beeker, Communications Manager Allison Justus, Budget & Evaluation Director Adam Murr, and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barbara G. Volk called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was established with all members in attendance.

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Council Member Jeff Miller moved that City Council approve the agenda as presented. A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA - None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Second Public Hearing to Consider the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application, Neighborhood Revitalization, for the FY24-25 Funding Cycle** –
Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney/Daniel Heyman, Staff Attorney

City Attorney Daniel Heyman explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider the submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application for the FY 2024-25 funding cycle. The City Council held an initial public hearing at the September 5, 2024 regular meeting. Following the first public hearing, City staff, Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) and Land of Sky Regional Council (LOSRC) developed a draft application. A second public hearing is required to allow comment on the draft application prior to submittal. The grant, a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (CDBG-NR), is offered through the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Division of the Department of Commerce (REDD), and would be for the rehabilitation of four (4) homes owned by low-to-moderate income households located at the following addresses in the City of Hendersonville corporate limits: 221 Ashwood Road, 709 E Pace Street, 815 7th Avenue W, and 1739 Clairmont Drive. Low to moderate households are those having a household income equal to or less than 80% of the area median income. The total estimated cost of all activities included in the grant application is \$562,710.50, which includes an estimated \$511,555.00 for home rehabilitation and \$51,155.50 for administration costs. The application would be submitted in partnership with HAC, who would serve as the subrecipient of the grant funds. HAC would manage the rehabilitation projects on the homes. The grant would be administered by LOSRC. The public is invited to the October 29, 2024 City Council meeting to comment on the draft application. After this second public hearing, and if the City Council votes to proceed with the grant application, the City, HAC, and LOSRC will finalize the application for submission to REDD for consideration. He also gave the following PowerPoint presentation.

CDBG FY 24-25 Funding Cycle Public Hearing #2

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FY 24-25 CDBG-NR Grant Application

- Consider the submission of a Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization application
- Offered through the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) of the Department of Commerce
- Grant Application:
 - Rehabilitation of four homes owned by low-to-moderate income households ($\leq 80\%$ AMI).
 - Total request = \$562,710.50 (no local match requirement).
 - Submitted in partnership with Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC).
 - Administered by Land of Sky Regional Council (LOS).



FY24-25 CDBG-NR Application

- Home Rehabilitation
 - Repair/rehab of housing conditions that post a threat to health and safety
 - Deferred forgivable loans
- Beneficiary Selection:
 - HAC pre-qualified ~15 potential beneficiaries
 - Income, location, condition of home, home ownership status, etc.
 - City reviewed pre-qualified list for ownership and outstanding liens
 - Housing Selection Committee considered beneficiaries
 - Ranked based on factors like: income, status (senior citizen, disabled) and presence of hazardous materials.



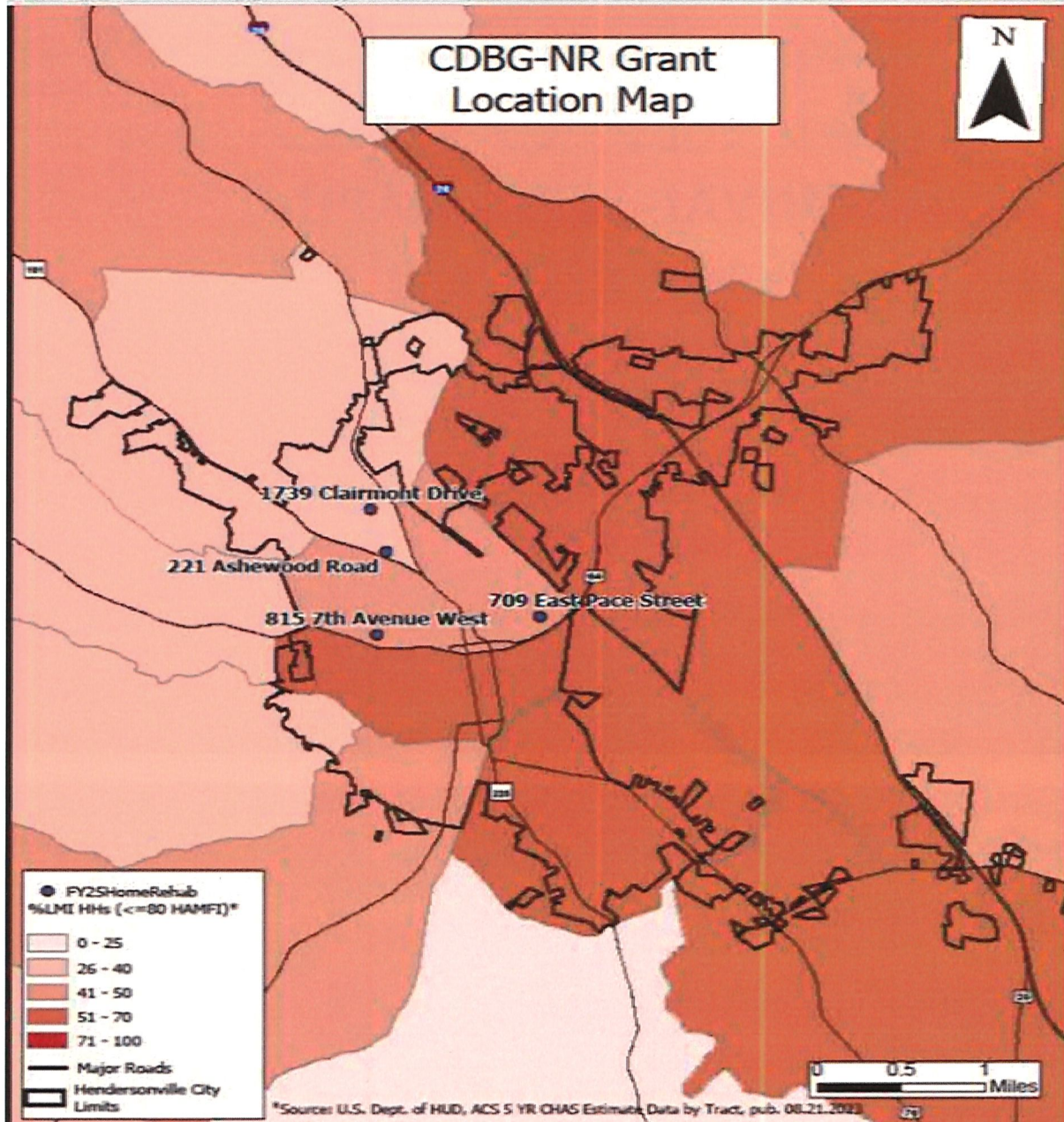
FY24-25 CDBG-NR Application

- Proposed Rehab Activities
 - HAC conducted cursory inspections and developed estimates for rehab/repair work
 - If awarded, more thorough inspections and work-write ups would be developed
 - Rehab work is competitively bid and completed by private contractors
 - Award is secured by a deferred forgivable loan



FY24-25 CDBG-NR Application

- \$511,555.00 – Scattered site home rehabilitation
 - 221 Ashwood Road
 - 709 E Pace Street
 - 815 7th Avenue W
 - 1739 Clairmont Drive
- \$51,155.50 – Grant administration costs
 - HAC and LOS admin fees for assisting with application and administration



2020 CDBG-NR Award 620 Jonas Street - Before



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620 Jonas Street - After

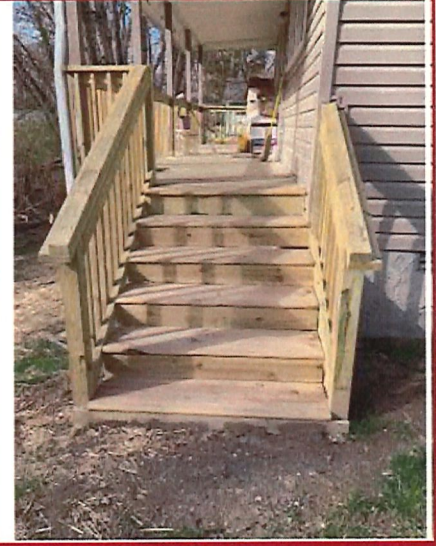
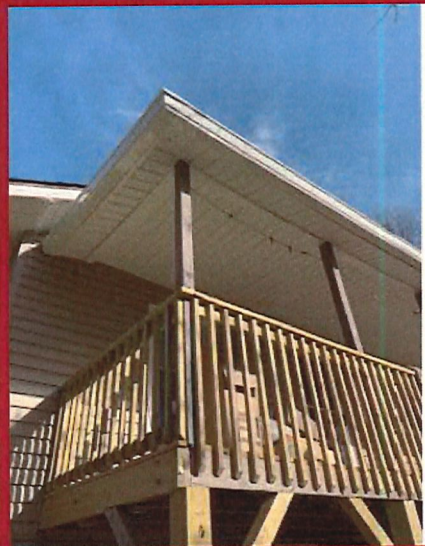


Murray, Jill (jmurray@hvlnc.gov) is signed in

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620 Jonas Street - After



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620 Jonas Street Summary of Improvements

- New siding and insulation
- New roof
- New engineered support structure
- New back deck and front porch
- New central heat and air
- New flooring
- Kitchen and bathroom improvements

Total Cost: \$122,024

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FY 24-25 CDBG-NR Grant Application

- Public is invited to comment on the proposed application
- After this public hearing:
 - City, HAC, and LOS will finalize the grant application and submit to REDD – deadline is Thursday, October 31

The public hearing opened at 4:09 p.m.

Public Comments:

Meg Lebeck, Executive Director of the Housing Assistance Corporation thanked the City Council for their interest in home repair as this is a huge piece of our mission in the community and it has been our great pleasure to work with you on the last CDBG and I am very excited for the opportunity to continue that work together.

The public hearing closed at 4:09 p.m.

Council Member Melinda Lowrance moved that City Council adopt the Resolution by the City of Hendersonville City Council Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the City of Hendersonville Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program. A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendments to Fee Schedule for Hurricane Helene – Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney

City Attorney Angela Beeker presented an amended fee schedule that proposes to clean up the zoning fees to zero while the Mayor declares a State of Emergency is in effect. The highlighted areas are the amended parts of the fee schedule. These are things that we thought could possibly come up and could be hurricane related. As you're aware, the legislator passed something similar but it was a lot more limited. These are not high dollar fees and this will be retroactive to September 26, 2024 except for delinquent account fees which will be only for the period of the State of Emergency. Council Member Jennifer Hensley asked about reconnect fees and City Manager Connet said that we will bring that back at the November 7th meeting since we did not have an answer tonight and need to speak with the Utilities Director.

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE FIRST AMENDMENT FEE SCHEDULE	
ADOPTED BY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025	
<small>*Public Hearing required for items denoted with asterisk*</small>	
DEPARTMENT / DESCRIPTION	COST / CHARGE / FEE
ADMINISTRATION	
General	
Clerk's Certification of Public Records	\$3.00 per page (after first page)
Application for Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (taxicab)	\$60.00
Horse-Drawn Carriage Permit	\$60.00
Flash Drives:	
0-8 GB	\$5.00 each
16-128 GB	\$7.00 each
>= 128 GB	\$20.00 each
Copy Charges (per page)	
Black	\$0.15
Color	\$0.25
City Council Agenda Subscription	
Meeting Subscription & Printing	\$16.00 per agenda packet
Annual Subscription & Printing	\$180.00 per fiscal year
Special Event Fees	
Event Application Fee	\$25.00 per application
Class A Special Event Closure (High-Impact full Main Street MSD Closure)	\$700.00 per day
Class B Special event closure (moderate impact, full Main Street MSD Closure)	\$450.00 per day
Class C Special Event Closure (Full Main Street with Avenues Open)	\$300.00 per day
Class D Special Event Closure (Closure of 2 blocks or less)	\$75.00 per block, per day
Class E - Special Event Closure (Closure of parking spaces at Courthouse Plaza)	\$50.00 per day
Multi-Day Food Vendors	\$55.00 per day
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
FEES - For so long as the Mayor's Declared State of Emergency is in effect for Hurricane Helene, Community Development Fees marked with a "*" are reduced to "\$0.00".	
General- Zoning Compliance	
Zoning Verification Letter *	\$50.00
Non-Conforming Use Alteration Request (BOA Review) *	\$100.00
Variance Request (BOA Review) *	\$75.00
Certificate of Appropriateness (Minor work) *	\$50.00
Certificate of Appropriateness (Major work) *	\$75.00
Telecommunications Towers, Antennas and Equipment	
Small Wireless Facilities (first 5 facilities)	\$100.00 each
Additional small wireless facilities on the same application	\$50.00 each
Administrative Review	No Charge
General - Copy & Scan Charges Per Page	
Black	\$0.15
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Conditional Use	\$200
Copy Charges (per page)	
Black	\$0.15
Color	\$0.25
General - Copy & Scan Charges Per Page	
Large Format Copy	\$10.00
Large Format Scan	\$5.00

Zoning Map	\$5.00
Future Land Use Map Copy	\$5.00
General - Code Enforcement	
Nuisance Fee (Admin. Cost Doubles for each Offense within a Year)	Cost + \$100.00 Admin. Cost
Encroachment Permit	
Outdoor Dining Fee (Annual)	\$0.50 per Sq. Ft.
Demolition	
Demolition Admin Fee #	\$100.00
Payments in Lieu	
In Lieu - Sidewalks	\$75.00 per Linear Ft.
In Lieu - Trees	\$1.53 per Sq. Ft.
Rezoning Requests	
Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment (Standard Rezoning)	
Commercial or Industrial	\$275.00
Residential < 3 acres	\$175.00
Residential > 3 acres	\$225.00
Zoning Map Amendment (Conditional Rezoning)	
Conditional Rezoning - Legislative Process	\$100 per acre, \$500 minimum
Final DRC Review	\$500.00
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments	\$175.00
Site Plan Reviews & Amendments	
Commercial, Industrial or Institutional	
5,000 - 19,999 square feet in floor area	\$300.00
20,000 - 50,000 square feet in floor area	\$450.00
Residential Developments	
3 - 10 dwellings	\$300.00
11 - 50 dwellings	\$450.00
Traffic Impact Analysis Study (Administrative Review)	\$1,000.00
Plat Review	
Subdivision Plats	\$20.00 per lot
Street Closing Petition (\$1,000 deposit)	\$1,000.00
Annexation Petition & Plat Review	
Contiguous	\$300.00
Satellite	\$450.00
PERMITS	
General- Zoning Compliance	
Zoning Compliance Permit #	\$50.00
Temporary Use Permit # (The fee shall be reduced to \$0.00 for temporary residential uses only)	\$60.00
Special Use Permit #	\$200
Floodplain Development Permit #	\$300.00
Telecommunications Towers, Antennas and Equipment	
Basic Permit (C-3, I-1)	\$450.00
Special Use Permit	\$2,500.00
Sign Permits	
Sign Compliance Permit #	\$75.00
Special Use Permit	\$200
Note 1: Applicable only to applications required to meet the additional standards contained in Section 16-4-23.4.	
Note 2: Fees for towers proposed for siting in PC/D or PID district are included in the fee for conditional use review.	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	

General	
FEEES	
Construction Plans Review	
Commercial hood suppression systems	\$100.00
Explosives and fireworks	\$100.00
Petroleum tanks and appurtenances	\$100.00
Sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems and Emergency Responder Radio Coverage Systems	
Minimum up to 1,000 square feet	\$50.00
1,001 - 5,000 square feet	\$100.00
5,001 - 10,000 square feet	\$150.00
10,001 - 25,000 square feet	\$200.00
25,001 - 50,000 square feet	\$250.00
50,001 - 100,000 square feet	\$300.00
100,001 - 200,000 square feet	\$350.00
Over 200,000 square feet	\$400.00
Work without a permit	\$250.00
Fire Inspection Fees - Fire Inspection fees for inspections of facilities damaged by Hurricane Helene shall be \$0.00.	
Minimum up to 1,000 square feet	\$50.00
1,001 - 5,000 square feet	\$100.00
5,001 - 10,000 square feet	\$150.00
10,001 - 25,000 square feet	\$200.00
25,001 - 50,000 square feet	\$250.00
50,001 - 100,000 square feet	\$300.00
100,001 - 200,000 square feet	\$350.00
Over 200,000 square feet	\$400.00
R-2 & S Occupancies (Apartment Complexes, Storage Units, etc.)	
1-20 Units	\$50.00
21-50 Units	\$100.00
51-100 Units	\$150.00
101-150 Units	\$200.00
151-200 Units	\$250.00
201-250 Units	\$300.00
251-300 Units	\$350.00
Over 300 Units	\$400.00
PENALTIES	
Re-inspection Fee (Follow-up) per re-inspection	\$100.00
Annual Non-Compliant Inspection Fee	\$250.00
Hazardous Material Response Fees	
Chief Officer - per officer (per hr.)	\$75.00
Engine Company Response - per engine (per hr.)	\$150.00
Fire Marshal/Deputy Fire Marshal - per person (per hr.)	\$50.00
Ladder/Truck Response - per ladder/truck (per hr.)	\$200.00
Materials/Supplies Used	Actual replacement cost
Off Duty/Call Back Personnel	Average hourly rate x 1.5
Site Assessment Fee	\$50.00
PERMITS	
Operational Permits	
ABC License Fee	\$50.00
Amusement Buildings	\$50.00
Carnival and Fairs	\$50.00
Combustible dust-producing operations	\$100.00

Covered and Open Mall Buildings	\$50.00
Exhibits and trade shows (per event)	\$50.00
Explosives	\$100.00
Flammable and Combustible Liquids	\$100.00
Fumigation and thermal insecticide fogging	\$100.00
Liquid or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings	\$100.00
Private Hydrants	\$50.00
Pyrotechnic special effects material	\$100.00
Spraying and Dipping	\$100.00
Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies (excludes special events)	\$50.00
Construction Permits	
Automatic fire extinguishing systems	\$100.00
Battery systems	\$100.00
Compressed gas	\$100.00
Cryogenic fluids	\$100.00
Emergency responder radio coverage system	\$100.00
Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment	\$100.00
Fire pumps and related equipment	\$100.00
Flammable and Combustible liquids	\$100.00
Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads	\$100.00
Hazardous Materials	\$100.00
Industrial Ovens	\$100.00
LP Gas	\$100.00
Private fire hydrant	\$100.00
Smoke control or smoke exhaust systems	\$100.00
Solar photovoltaic power systems	\$100.00
Spraying and Dipping	\$100.00
Standpipe systems	\$100.00
Temporary membrane structures, tents, canopies (per site, excludes special event	\$50.00
PENALTIES	
Illegal Burn Fee	\$100.00
FINANCE	
General	
Beer License - On Premises	\$15.00
Beer License - Off Premises	\$5.00
Carnival Permit	\$100/week + \$5 per device
Delinquent Account Fee. <u>Delinquent Account Fees shall not be assessed against accounts becoming delinquent during the period of time that the Mayor declared State of Emergency for Hurricane Helene is in effect. Delinquent Account Fees for delinquencies predating the State of Emergency shall continue to be assessed. Delinquencies remaining after the termination of the Mayor declared state of emergency shall be assessed from and after the date of termination of the state of emergency, but shall not be retroactively applied for the period of the state of emergency.</u>	\$40.00
Returned item fee	\$25.00
Itinerant Merchant/Peddlers Permit	\$100.00
Utility Application Fee	\$10.00
Motor Vehicle Tag Fee	\$15.00
Wholesale Dealers License - Beer Only	\$37.50
Wholesale Dealers License - Wine Only	\$37.50
Wholesale Dealers License - Beer & Wine	\$62.50

Wine License - On Premises	\$15.00
Wine License - Off Premises	\$10.00
<i>Note: In accordance with G.S. 105-113.77 and G.S. 105-113.79 if a business has multiple locations in one county or city, that business will need to obtain separate ABC licenses for each location. City beer and wine taxes must increase by 10% for each additional license of the same type issued to the same taxpayer for use at a separate location. Furthermore, G.S. 105-236 applies penalties for failure to pay for and obtain local beer and wine license taxes. Operating a business without the required privilege license triggers a monthly penalty of 5% of the applicable privilege license tax, up to a total of 25%. Failure to pay the required tax triggers a separate 10% penalty. These violations are also Class 1 misdemeanors.</i>	
POLICE	
FEES	
Fingerprinting	\$10.00
Precious Metals Dealer Background Check	\$75.00
PENALTIES	
Precious Metals Dealer Permit	\$180.00
PARKING	
FEES	
Lost Ticket Fee (Parking Deck)	\$20.00
Lost/Replacement/2nd Parking Deck Puck	\$25.00
Monthly Parking Space - Deck Permit	\$80.00
Monthly Parking Space - Exterior Lot Permit	\$25.00
Monthly Parking Space - Interior Lot Permit	\$60.00
Special Event Rate	\$10.00 per session
Parking Meter - Main St. and Avenues	\$0.50 per 15-minutes (5-hour max)
Parking Meter - Surface Lots and Decks	\$0.75 per 30-minutes (\$10 max. per session)
PENALTIES	
Illicit Crosswalk Parking	\$25.00
Illicit Fire Hydrant Parking	\$100.00
Illicit Fire Lane Parking	\$100.00
Habitual Parking Offender (3 Tickets or more in 30 days)	\$100.00
Illicit Handicapped Parking	\$250.00
Illicit Loading Zone Parking	\$25.00
Overtime/Expired Meter Parking	\$25.00
Penalty after 30 days additional	\$50.00
Penalty after 60 days additional	\$100.00
Construction parking permit (per day)	\$15.00
All Other Parking Violations Chapter 50	\$25.00
PUBLIC WORKS	
FEES	
Boyd Park Mini-Golf Admission	
Adults	\$3.00
Children	\$2.00
Course Rental (half day - with concessions) *At the discretion of the City	\$300.00
Course Rental (half day - without concessions) *At the discretion of the City	\$200.00
General	
Backhoe (per hour)	\$125.00
Building Maintenance Fees (per hour)	\$75.00
Bush Hogs/Tractor Mowing (per hour)	\$80.00
Electrical Usage - 20 Amps or Less (at parks)	\$25.00 per day
Electrical Usage- 21 Amps - 50 Amps (at parks)	\$50.00 per day
Electrical Usage - over 50 Amps (at parks)	\$100.00 per day
Fleet Maintenance Fees (per hour)	\$100.00
Sidearm Mower Rental (per hour)	\$125.00
Water/Flusher Truck (per load)	\$100.00
Weed Eater/Hedge Trimmer (per hour)	\$40.00
Asphalt Curb Installation - per linear foot	\$15.00
Oakdale Cemetery	

City Resident (per grave space)	\$1,000.00
Out of City Resident (per grave space)	\$2,000.00
Mausoleum Space	\$5,000.00
Temporary Grave Marker Not Installed - Fine ¹	\$100.00
Operation Center Room Rental Rates	
Large Assembly Room (5 p.m. - 10 p.m.)	\$100.00
Railroad Depot Room Rental Rate	
Meeting Room (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)	\$100.00
Meeting Room (5 p.m. - 10 p.m.)	\$50.00
Park Usage	
Patton Park - Small Pavilion	\$25.00 per half day
Patton Park - Large Pavilion (May through September)	\$50.00 per half day
Patton Park - Field Usage for Organized Groups (per player per season)	\$30.00
Patton Pool	
Daily Admittance Fee (adults)	\$5.00
Daily Admittance Fee (children) (3yrs or younger will be free with adult)	\$4.00
Lap Swim	\$4.00
Paving Cut Repairs	
Mobilization/Base Fee (cuts less than or equal to 25square feet)	\$600.00
Repair fee per square foot, greater than 25 square feet	\$12.00/sqft
Concrete & Sidewalk Mobilization/Base Fee (cuts less than or equal to 25square feet)	\$600.00
Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Replacement (W&S Cut Repairs per Sq ft over 25)	\$25.00 / sqft
PERMITS	
Encroachment Permit Fee (asphalt & concrete cuts)	\$100.00
Encroachment Permit Fee (temporary sidewalk and road closure)	\$50.00
Encroachment Permit Violations - (Per Day) For Unrepaired Encroachments c	\$50.00
<i>Note 1: The City requires the installation of a temporary grave marker within 24 hours of a burial. Failure to install a temporary marker identifying the occupant of a grave site results in a \$100.00 fine.</i>	
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
FEEES	
General	
Sanitation Service Deposit	\$60.00
Small Special Load (collected with pickup truck and city staff)	\$50.00
Medium Special Load (more than one pickup truck load and tipping fees added)	\$100.00
Large Special Loads (tipping fee added to special fee)	\$150.00
Cart Switch Out Fee (large cart to small cart and small cart to large cart)	\$30.00
Televisions/computer monitors - per item	\$30.00
White Goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, hot water heaters, etc.) - per item	\$25.00
Special Event - Cart Delivery, Pickup, and Material Disposal - per cart fee	\$20.00
Commercial Waste and Recycling	
Commercial Recycling (up to four 65gal. bins, collected once/week)	\$15.00 per bin
Commercial Recycling (up to four 65gal. bins, collected twice/week)	\$30.00 per bin
Commercial Waste (per 96gal. bin)	\$30.00 per bin
Commercial Waste and Recycling (96gal. bin)	\$30.00 per set of bins
Residential Waste and Recycling	
Residential Waste - 32gal.	\$23.00 per bin
Residential Waste, Assisted - 32gal.	\$23.00 per bin
Residential Waste and Recycling - 32gal.	\$23.00 per set of bins
Residential Waste and Recycling, Assisted - 32gal.	\$23.00 per set of bins
Residential Waste - 96gal.	\$25.00 per bin
Residential Waste, Assisted - 96gal.	\$25.00 per bin
Residential Waste and Recycling - 96gal.	\$25.00 per set of bins
Residential Waste and Recycling, Assisted - 96gal.	\$25.00 per set of bins
PENALTIES	

<p>Utility Bill Late Fee. Late Fees shall not be assessed against accounts becoming delinquent during the period of time that the Mayor declared State of Emergency for Hurricane Helene is in effect. Late fees for delinquencies predating the State of Emergency shall continue to be assessed. Delinquencies remaining after the termination of the Mayor declared state of emergency shall be assessed from and after the date of termination of the state of emergency, but shall not be retroactively applied for the period of the state of emergency.</p>	<p>\$10.00 or 5% of past due balance, whichever is greater</p>
Stolen/Damaged Cart Replacement Fee	\$100.00
Illegal Dumping Fee - Offense 1	Warning
Illegal Dumping Fee - Offense 2	\$50.00
Illegal Dumping Fee - Offense 3	\$100.00
Illegal Dumping Fee - Offense 4 (+)	\$150.00
<p>Note: 1 set of bins includes 1 waste and 1 recycling container.</p>	

STORMWATER	
FEES	
Single-Family Residential Stormwater Fee	\$7.00 per month
Multi-Unit Residential Stormwater Fee	\$7.00 per unit, per month
Non-Residential Property Stormwater Fee, per ERU ¹	\$7.00 per month
Non-Residential Property Stormwater Fee Cap ²	\$350.00 per month
OR	
Non-Residential Property Stormwater 50% Credit (if < \$350.00) ²	50% Credit
Stormwater Service Charge Credit Application Fee	\$50.00
Post-Construction Stormwater Management Review Fee	\$500.00
<p>Note 1: 1 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) = 3,000sqft.</p>	
<p>Note 2: Non-Residential properties are eligible for either a cap or a credit, not both.</p>	

WATER & SEWER	
WATER	
FEE	
Inside City Limits	
Base Charge by Meter Size	
3/4"	\$10.76
1"	\$13.09
1.5"	\$18.91
2"	\$25.89
3"	\$48.00
4"	\$77.09
6"	\$164.36
8"	\$193.45
Volumetric Charges	
Residential	
0 to 3,000 gallons	\$4.06 per 1000 gallons
3,000 to 6,000 gallons	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons
6,000 to 14,000 gallons	\$6.76 per 1000 gallons
14,000 gallons and greater	\$8.12 per 1000 gallons
Commercial/Industrial	
0 to 40,000 gallons	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons
40,000 to 200,000 gallons	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons
200,000 gallons and greater	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons
Irrigation	
0 to 40,000 gallons	\$10.82 per 1000 gallons
40,000 gallons and greater	\$11.36 per 1000 gallons
Outside City Limits	
Base Charge by Meter Size	
3/4"	\$13.45
1"	\$16.36

1.5"	\$23.63
2"	\$32.36
3"	\$60.00
4"	\$96.36
6"	\$205.45
8"	\$241.82
Volumetric Charges	
Residential	
0 to 3,000 gallons	\$5.07 per 1000 gallons
3,000 to 6,000 gallons	\$6.76 per 1000 gallons
6,000 to 14,000 gallons	\$8.46 per 1000 gallons
14,000 gallons and greater	\$10.15 per 1000 gallons
Commercial/Industrial	
0 to 40,000 gallons	\$6.76 per 1000 gallons
40,000 to 200,000 gallons	\$6.76 per 1000 gallons
200,000 gallons and greater	\$6.76 per 1000 gallons
Irrigation	
0 to 40,000 gallons	\$13.53 per 1000 gallons
40,000 gallons and greater	\$14.21 per 1000 gallons
Wholesale	
Base Charge by Meter Size	
3/4"	\$13.45
1"	\$16.36
1.5"	\$23.63
2"	\$32.36
3"	\$60.00
4"	\$96.36
6"	\$205.45
8"	\$241.82
Volumetric Charges	
Wholesale	
All Usage	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons
Bulk Water	
All Usage	\$10.15 per 1000 gallons
Public Schools	
Base Charge per Account	\$10.76
All Usage	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons
Water System Development Fees (effective January 1, 2025)	
Residential Single-Family Dwelling (per unit, Heated Sq. Ft.)	
<1000 sq ft	\$312.00
1,000 - 1,500 sq ft	\$333.00
1,501 - 2,000 sq ft	\$340.00
2,001 - 2,500 sq ft	\$361.00
2,501 - 3,000 sq ft	\$375.00
3,001 - 3,500 sq ft	\$403.00
3,501 - 4,000 sq ft	\$431.00
4,000+ sq ft	\$498.00
Multi-Family Master Meter (per unit)	\$224.00
Mobile Home Park (per unit)	\$350.00
Non-Residential	
3/4" meter	\$624.00
1" meter	\$1,039.00
1.5" meter	\$2,078.00
2" meter	\$3,325.00
3" meter	\$7,273.00
4" meter	\$13,092.00
6" meter	\$27,016.00
8" meter	\$58,187.00

10" meter	\$87,281.00
Taps & Connections	
Water Main Tap and Service, 3/4" Meter	\$1,625.00
Water Main Tap and Service, 1" Meter	\$1,700.00
Water Main Tap and Service, 1.5" and 2" Meter	Cost
Water Service - Stub Out, 3/4" (install meter box and meter)	\$975.00
Water Service - Stub Out, 1" (install meter box and meter)	\$1,050.00
Water Service - Drop Meter, 3/4" (install meter only)	\$350.00
Water Service - Drop Meter, 1" (install meter only)	\$425.00
Water Service - Drop Meter, >1" (install meter and MXU only)	
1.5" Meter and Set-up	\$1,960.00
2" Meter and Set-up	\$2,125.00
3" Meter and Set-up	\$2,720.00
4" Meter and Set-up	\$4,474.00
6" Meter and Set-up	\$7,500.00
8" Meter and Set-up	\$11,620.00
Irrigation Tee, 3/4" (install meter box and meter)	\$975.00
Irrigation Tee, 1" (install meter box and meter)	\$1,050.00
Water Service and Meter Relocation/Reconnection Charge (Residential Only)	Cost, Not to Exceed New Tap Fee
Meters	
Turn On/Off/Set Meter During Business Hours	\$47.00
Turn On/Off/Set Meter After Business Hours	\$117.50
Test Meter, at customer's request (<1-in.); if meter faulty - No Charge	\$45.00
Test Meter, at customer's request (>1-in.); if meter faulty - No Charge	Cost
Miscellaneous Water Fees	
Hydrant Flow/Pressure Test	\$775.00
Chemical Analysis of Water	Cost
Drill Water Main for Tap	\$650.00
Water System Shutdown for Connection	\$600.00
Fire Hydrant Installation	Cost
Small Meter Box Access Training Program Permit Fee (per Company)	\$75.00 per training
Small Meter Box Access Key, each	\$20.00
Premise Visit	\$40.00
Water Conservation Incentives Program Rebates	
Customer-Side Shut-Off Valve - Limit one per account	up to \$300.00
Weather-Based Irrigation System Controller - Limit one per account	50% of purchase price or \$200, whichever is less
Residential High Efficiency Toilet - Limit 2 per account	\$50 per toilet
Commercial High Efficiency Toilet- Limit 4 per account	\$50 per toilet
EnergyStar High Efficiency Dishwasher - Limit one per account	\$75
EnergyStar High Efficiency Washing Machine - Limit one per account	\$100
<i>Note: Limited number of rebates offered annually. *Toilets must be 1.1 gpf or less</i>	
PENALTIES	
Utility Bill Late Fee - Late Fees shall not be assessed against accounts becoming delinquent during the period of time that the Mayoral declared State of Emergency for Hurricane Helene is in effect. Late fees for delinquencies preating the State of Emergency shall continue to be assessed. Delinquencies remaining after the termination of the Mayoral declared state of emergency shall be assessed from and after the date of termination of the state of emergency, but shall not be retroactively applied for the period of the state of emergency.	\$10.00 or 5% of past due balance, whichever is greater
SEWER	
FEE	
Inside City Limits	
Base Charge by Meter Size	
3/4"	\$12.16
1"	\$14.75
1.5"	\$21.22
2"	\$28.98

3"	\$53.56
4"	\$86.90
6"	\$182.93
8"	\$215.27
Volumetric Charges	
All Usage	\$7.50 per 1000 gallons
Sewer Only-Flat Rate	\$40.66 per month
Outside City Limits	
Base Charge by Meter Size	
3/4"	\$18.24
1"	\$22.13
1.5"	\$31.83
2"	\$43.47
3"	\$80.34
4"	\$128.85
6"	\$274.39
8"	\$322.91
Volumetric Charges	
All Usage	\$11.25 per 1000 gallons
Sewer Only-Flat Rate	\$60.99 per month
Wholesale	
Base Charge by Meter Size	
3/4"	\$18.24
1"	\$22.13
1.5"	\$31.83
2"	\$43.47
3"	\$80.34
4"	\$128.85
6"	\$274.39
8"	\$322.91
Volumetric Charges	
All Usage	\$11.25 per 1000 gallons
Public Schools	
Base Charge per Account	\$12.16
All Usage	\$7.50 per 1000 gallons
MSD Sewer	
Base Charge per Account	See Wholesale Charges
All Usage	\$11.25 per 1000 gallons
Sewer System Development Fees (effective January 1, 2025)	
Residential Single-Family Dwelling (per unit, Heated Sq. Ft.)	
<1000 sq ft	\$512.00
1,000 - 1,500 sq ft	\$547.00
1,501 - 2,000 sq ft	\$558.00
2,001 - 2,500 sq ft	\$593.00
2,501 - 3,000 sq ft	\$616.00
3,001 - 3,500 sq ft	\$663.00
3,501 - 4,000 sq ft	\$708.00
4,000+ sq ft	\$818.00
Multi-Family Master Meter (per unit)	\$367.00
Mobile Home Park (per unit)	\$575.00
Non-Residential	
3/4" meter	\$1,024.00
1" meter	\$1,707.00
1.5" meter	\$3,414.00
2" meter	\$5,463.00
3" meter	\$11,950.00
4" meter	\$21,509.00
6" meter	\$44,384.00

8" meter	\$95,596.00
10" meter	\$143,394.00
Taps and Connections	
4" Gravity Sewer Service Installation	\$1,600.00
6" Gravity Sewer Service Installation	\$2,000.00
8" Gravity Sewer Service Installation	\$2,400.00
Surcharges	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), per lb. in excess of 250-mg/l	\$0.31
Total Suspended Solids (TSS), per lb. in excess of 250-mg/l	\$0.19
Ammonia Nitrogen, per lb. in excess of 30-mg/l	\$1.85
Miscellaneous Fees	
Food Services Sewer Connection Application Fee	\$75.00
Septic Tank Waste Disposal, per 1000-gallons	\$60.00
Industrial Pretreatment Program	Cost
GENERAL / OTHER	
Residential Water & Sewer Deposit	
Tier 1 - Based on Credit Risk	\$0.00
Tier 2 - Based on Credit Risk	\$80.00
Tier 3 - Based on Credit Risk	\$120.00
Customer unable to perform utility credit check - Residential	\$240.00
Residential - Rental Water & Sewer Deposit	
Tier 1 - Based on Credit Risk	\$60.00
Tier 2 - Based on Credit Risk	\$80.00
Tier 3 - Based on Credit Risk	\$120.00
Customer unable to perform utility credit check - Residential Rental	\$240.00
Non-Residential Water & Sewer Deposit	
Tier 1 - Based on Credit Risk	\$125.00
Tier 2 - Based on Credit Risk	\$175.00
Tier 3 - Based on Credit Risk	\$250.00
Customer unable to perform utility credit check - Non-Residential	\$500.00
Engineering Review Fees	
Availability Approval Fee	\$100.00
Extension Project Review Fee (water or sewer)	\$400.00
Extension Project Review Fee - Cost per sheet	\$15.00 per sheet
Extension Project Re-submittal fee (second re-submittal)	\$200.00
Extension Project Re-submittal fee (fourth re-submittal)	\$200.00
Extension Project Re-submittal fee (sixth re-submittal)	\$200.00
Water Line Inspections (\$100 min)	\$3.00 per linear foot
Sewer Line Inspections (\$100 min)	\$6.00 per linear foot
Sewer Line CCTV Re-inspection	\$3.00 per linear foot (per re-inspection)
Recording Fees for First UEA, Deed of Dedication, or Easement:	
Up to 15 pages	\$30 per instrument
Each additional page	\$4.10
Subsequent recording fees for UEA, Deed of Dedication, or Easement	\$60 per instrument
Nonstandard document fee	\$26 per nonstandard instrument
Equipment Usage (hourly rates)	
Rubber-Tired Backhoe, Small	\$49.41
Rubber-Tired Backhoe, Large	\$58.73
Excavator, 8,000-lb, <40hp	\$48.97
Excavator, 12,000-lb, 40-89hp	\$96.16
Excavator, 30,000-lb, 90-143hp	\$100.52
Vac Truck	\$95.06
Dump Truck (single-axle), Small	\$55.98
Dump Truck (single-axle), Large	\$74.83
Dump Truck (dual axle)	\$94.94
Dump Truck (triale)	\$96.03
Pick-Up Truck	\$16.68

Sewer Jetter/Harben	\$32.81
Camera Truck	\$104.82
Air Compressor	\$20.32
Air Hammer/Pusher	\$1.40
Soil Tamp	\$43.36
PERMITS	
Non-discharge Permit Fee	\$300.00
Septic Tank Waste Disposal Permit	\$75.00
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Failure to Install Backflow Assembly, 1st Notice	\$400.00
Failure to Install Backflow Assembly, 2nd Notice	\$500.00
Failure to Test Backflow Assembly Annually	\$100.00
Failure to Replace/Repair Backflow Assembly	\$500.00
Falsifying Records Regarding the Testing of Backflow Assemblies	\$500.00
Illegal Use of Fire Hydrant	\$500.00 + Damages
<i>*schedule of costs and rates maintained on file with the Utilities Department</i>	

Council Member Jennifer Hensley moved that City Council adopt an Ordinance of the City of Hendersonville City Council to Amend the Budget Ordinance by Adopting an Amended Fee Schedule Due to the Impacts of Hurricane Helene as presented. A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Amendment to City Council Regular Meeting Agenda – Jill Murray, City Clerk

City Manager Connet explained that due to the impact of Hurricane Helene on the City’s Operations Center, the Council meetings for October, November and December need to be moved to the City Hall Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor so the address has been changed. Another proposed change is to cancel the November workshop meeting on November 27th as that is the day before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Council Member Lyndsey Simpson moved that City Council approve the City Council Regular Meeting Agenda as amended. A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

C. Ratification of Contracts Entered for Helene – Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney

City Attorney Beeker explained that at your last meeting you authorized the city manager to enter into contracts and then if they needed to be ratified, we would bring those back. We have two such agreements related to debris removal. As you know, NCDOT controls many of the streets in the city so if the city wants to arrange for debris to be picked up on NCDOT streets, we have to enter into an agreement where they give the city the authority to do that and it makes us responsible for it. It’s a 5-year term but its terminable with a 30-day notice. The way we perform that function is the second agreement which is the Interlocal Agreement with the County because the County activated that agreement that was put in place before the storms for debris removal so then they assume the responsibility to do debris removal county-wide. Then we enter into an interlocal agreement with the county and they will do that on our behalf. So, these agreements are being presented today for ratification.

1. NCDOT Disaster Related Debris Removal Agreement
2. Interlocal Agreement for Debris Removal

Council Member Melinda Lowrance moved that City Council approve and ratify the contracts and agreements as presented by the City Manager or City Attorney. A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

D. Consideration of Amendments to City Policies as Necessary to Support Hurricane Helene Recovery Item Title As It Appears On The Agenda – John Connet, City Manager

City Attorney Angela Beeker explained that at the last meeting City Council authorized that certain administrative policy adjustments be made. One of those was to allow department heads and city

manager to be paid for overtime, even though they are exempt. There is another provision in the personnel policy that allows the city manager to make administrative amendments and he did so by cutting off overtime for exempt employees and everybody after the first two weeks. So, we are just asking that City Council ratify that as a formal change to that inclement weather policy. It's limited to Helene that city department heads and city manager and other exempt employees would no longer accrue overtime. The second one is the Leak Adjustment Policy and you also authorized the city manager to put in place a Leak Adjustment Policy to make Helene related leaks easier to be adjusted. Normally there is a limit on how many times you can ask for an adjustment and it's limited to \$1,000 dollars and this removes those limitations with respect to hurricane Helene.

We are asking City Council to ratify these policy amendments:

1. Administrative Policy Amendment – Discontinue Overtime for Exempt Employees during Helene
2. Leak Adjustment Policy

Council Member Jeff Miller moved that City Council approve and ratify the amendments to City policies as presented by the City Manager or City Attorney. A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

E. City Manager Hurricane Helene Report Updates – John Connet, City Manager

City Manager John Connet gave the following update:

- We continue to be in a State of Emergency, although there are no restrictions, we continue to work with FEMA. FEMA is in town and we have met with them on a couple of occasions and they have met with the Mayor. At this point, we continue to gather our documentation and we will be assigned a project manager who will help us submit FEMA documentation to the Federal Government for reimbursement.
- We are also working with our insurance carrier for damaged buildings. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that we are trying to do. Our mission is two parallel paths. One is recovery and dealing with the storm but also we are slowly returning to normal activities and priorities of city council that occurred prior to the storm. So we are trying to work in a way that we can recover but continue to move forward.
- We continue to meet regularly as a team. Previous to this week we were meeting on Mondays and Fridays as what we call a Continuity of Operations Team. Going forward, we are just going to do that one day a week on Mondays. In addition to that we have set up four Functional Team meetings focused on Community Development, Public Safety, Economic Recovery, Public Works and Facility Repair & Replacement.

Public Safety – The Police Department and Fire Department have basically returned to normal operations; however, we are seeing increasing issues with motor vehicle accidents and traffic control. We've seen about a 25% increase in calls for service on the police and fire side, basically because we've seen an increase in the number of folks in our community. No burn ban yet from State or County government. Of course, you can't burn in the city anyway. We have a number of folks living in hotels. As of this week, we have 212 vouchers for hotels. Two-thirds of those vouchers are folks living outside of the county but we do have a number of folks staying at our local hotels who may or may not be using FEMA. With Police and Fire, I'm also trying to monitor any price gauging issues because I know Council Member Lowrance has gotten a couple of complaints and I'll pass those on to the County. Ultimately it will go to the Attorney General's office and the Attorney General will be responsible for investigating price gauging.

Community Development – We are evaluating all of the remaining special events for the remainder of the year trying to evaluate the cost benefit as it relates to getting things back to normal but also being mindful of our staff time and having staff to deal with the special events and we are moving some things around and requesting assistance but Halloween is going on as planned. "Treat Street" is going on this Thursday as well as we will be providing "Walking on 4th Avenue" for the private trick-or-treating that's going on. As far as future events, we have postponed or canceled several of our Farmer's Market dates but there are pop-up markets going on with local vendors that will continue. We'll also have our regular Holiday Market on the first Saturday in December. Turkey Trot is being planned and other

holiday events such as the tree lighting and Christmas parade are going as planned. As part of the recovery process we've purchased sixty-four new barricades, as we lost a bunch during the storm. Thirty-two of the sixty-four are located on Bearcat and these are going to be less labor intensive and less water intensive so we're trying those out. So thirty-two originally came in as loners. Thirty-two more will arrive this week that have reflective lighting on them so you can see them at night and they will come with a trailer that hopefully be easier to move than some of our water barricades. We will be using a combination until we have a sufficient number. Extra expenses are reimbursed by FEMA but we will have to justify the expenditure. Honestly, we had planned to buy these new type of barricades anyway but we made the decision to go ahead and buy them now because they will be used as part of recovery so we hope they will be reimbursed. We have completed damage assessment. Mike Huffman has been out doing damage assessment in the hundred year floodplain so he has identified buildings that have had substantial damage. Commercial buildings that have to be built back will have to be brought into compliance. We have also done our residential assessments and those numbers were turned into the county so if you look at the county numbers, our numbers are included with those. We also did complimentary fire code inspections. We met with folks that are rebuilding and reminding them that they need to get permits and need to make sure they're in compliance as they rebuild so we don't have fires and other emergencies down the road. There will continue to be challenges as we go forward. For example, debris removal has been a major topic. We have whole mobile homes that we have to dispose of and have to figure out how to do that and we have lots of vegetative debris and we'll talk more about that. We're working through temporary housing. Lew has met with the county regarding temporary housing. FEMA is currently looking for existing residential units to use. If we can't find enough existing residential units, they'll look for opportunities to provide housing either on private property whether that be manufactured housing or recreational vehicles on private property or in existing mobile home parks or where they may ultimately build new parks. Still to be determined. May require some zoning ordinance amendments down the road but we're working toward that.

Economic Recovery – Trying to get things back to normal. We're having our November Planning Board meeting and they will have some items that will come to your December meeting. We will not have a December Planning Board meeting to try to put some spacing in there as we move into the new year but building permits have resumed and new construction has resumed. The downtown group is involved in establishing an Economic Recovery Fund. Also, working on the Small Business Center or incubator we have on 5th Avenue. We are also putting together a "We Are Open For Business" video with the Partnership for Economic Development, TDA, Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Center etc., trying to let people know that we are open for business. You'll see an industrial project on your agenda at your November meeting next week. The TDA is anticipating a 20%-30% loss for hotel revenue based on previous storms.

Public Works – As you can imagine, the number one thing has been debris. We have been collecting vegetative debris using our own forces and mutual aid. The county has exercised a state contract. Those contractors are in and are slowly getting up to speed as it relates to vegetative debris. My understanding is that currently they have thirty trucks in the entire county so we'll continue to use mutual aid in the city to try to speed that up for city folks but you'll also see the state contractor in the city. For our forces and mutual aid, we will have to submit reimbursement to FEMA as it relates to that. We are focused on heavy debris areas first and then we will move on all over the city. Building debris is the one thing that has not been removed yet. The county has four debris sites and all of this storm debris has to be taken to one of these four permitted sites. For vegetative, we have a fifth site at our own wastewater plant and that's where we're taking our debris, but the city vehicles cannot go to the four county debris sites. They have one on 191, Blue Ridge Community College, the landfill and at the Ag Center. I do not believe the building debris has been permitted yet so that's still on the side of the road and there is currently no easy way of getting rid of that debris. We just ask our residents to be patient with us as its going to take us some time to deal with that. Also, Public Works has started repairing our parks and getting them back open and running. The greenway is open. We do have debris along it but the greenway is open. We will ultimately have to do some stream restoration in the long term as well. Patton Park remains closed. We are cleaning up and putting priority on opening up the basketball courts and the skate park, opening the fields, opening the pavilions and opening the walking

paths so our crews are working on that for the very near term. The playground and the pool will be much longer term. We will have to get someone to come assess the pool and assess those buildings around the pool. Whitmire remains temporarily closed. That was also flooded. We have to remove sheetrock and floor tile from there and are assessing the damage there. Sullivan Park is a priority to get back open. We will open everything up this week with the exception of the bathrooms. The bathrooms are typically winterized this time of year, so we're going to clean them, winterize them and do any repairs but the playground will be open. We removed all of the mulch and have to put new mulch down and we removed the damaged piece of playground equipment but the other equipment will be cleaned and sanitized to get that park open. MLK Park is open. King Park is temporarily closed but we'll work with the school system to determine baseball at King Park. Rotary Park will be good to open. At the dog park we have to work on some fence damage. The cemetery is open and regular maintenance is occurring there. Lennox Park, we will get that open. There's some fence down at other places and we are working with a contractor to get some bids on them. The bathrooms at Patton Park, we'll get those repaired in the short term and get those opened and same for Sullivan Park. Edwards Park is in good shape and the downtown bathrooms are fine. We will also do street and bridge assessment. We have to evaluate all of our bridges for damage. We didn't have any obvious damage except for a couple of places as it relates to streets, so we need to do a full assessment and we're working on getting engineers to do that. Also, the same on stormwater drainage infrastructure.

Facility Repair & Replacement Group – Priority repairs are at City Hall. We have some repairs to do on the stairwells and the second floor bathroom, so it's a priority to get this building back into tip top shape. Also the Operations Center is a priority particularly as it relates to the assembly room and the lobby so we can get back to having our meetings there. We're working on getting proposals and bids to do the work there. Patton Park, as I mentioned, we will be getting an assessment on the pool. The admin building at Patton Park which is where the Literary Connections is held was flooded and our recommendation is instead of rebuilding a modular building, we recommend that we just go ahead and demolish the building and get it out of there. It's been flooded underneath many times. Whitmire, we're going to get some architectural assessments, look at the long-term use of that building as it relates to the community center which was part of your parks and recreation master plan. Lots of repairs going on with water and sewer utility, I won't dare go through that but your utility department is going through constant review of those and making repairs throughout the utility system. The Mills River Intake is fully operational and they continue to make some additional repairs to return it to 100%. The French Broad River Intake has been looked at and I think its in pretty good shape. Public Services Director Brent Detwiler added that there are some minor electrical repairs to do. Similar repairs going on at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Fletcher Pump Station is back up and running. King Park and Sullivan Park we have some work to do. So, we are working with insurance companies to get those repaired. We have yet to get any insurance reimbursement. We had a number of vehicles that were also flooded adding up to about \$600,000. Our Fleet Manager has been able to find some slightly used vehicles that we will be replacing those damaged vehicles with. Some of those vehicles have been delivered, others are on order and we will be putting those back in service. Again, we are waiting on insurance and FEMA reimbursements. We continue to meet at least once a week and are slowly moving back to normal activity. We'll have more up-to-date stuff as we go along. I do have one positive thing that I'd like to say here, that we have created a "Love Hendo Business Recovery Fund" to support local businesses affected by Hurricane Helene. The fund will provide much needed financial relief to businesses impacted by the storm addressing physical damage and economic loss that may lead to deterioration of the area. A transparent way for businesses to reach critical short term support as part of the broader economic recovery in Henderson County. So, people can donate money but its already a strong foundation of money that's been established from public and private sectors to help with recovery efforts. The first round of applications are due November 8th and they will also receive applications after that deadline. The Chamber of Commerce is directly involved, as well as, the Small Business Center, Blue Ridge Community College, Chamber of Commerce, TDA, Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development and Friends of Downtown. I think there is at least seed money of \$100,000 to provide a recovery fund to local businesses.

Council Member Hensley added that the Dogwood Community Health Fund has a very large grant program and they're going to start the application process tomorrow, it should be posted on Dogwood's website and it's a \$25,000 grant for businesses under \$1,000,000,000 so those little things can help businesses now until the Federal Government decides to go back to work and fund the SBA.

Council Member Lowrance asked about public housing and if anything has been said about that. Budget & Management Analyst Jenny Floyd said that she hasn't heard much but that they're doing intake right now and they're trying to figure out what's being repaired. Community Development Director Lew Holloway said that he spoke with the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, Connie Stewart, last week and she said they are in the very early stages but have been in touch with HUD and CDBG. Mr. Connet said they will reach back out to Connie and see what the update is and get back to Council.

Finally, Council Member Jennifer Hensley added that she has a patient who lives in Bat Cave and who had to be Medevac'd from their home. They had to leave their home, and their home was fine, it just had mudslides around it. They expressed to the Bat Cave Fire Department that they were worried about the food in their fridge and the mess and wanted to see it. They got a chance for about 30 minutes to go see their home and get belongings and things and they said when they got there, their entire refrigerator was cleaned out and all of the drawers and cabinets in the refrigerator had been washed and were drying on their deck and all the trash was removed from their home. These firefighters went in and did that on their own which I thought was amazing and we just have amazing people in this community that take care of each other and I just wanted to make sure that people heard that. I'm sure we all hear stories like that every day but that stuff means a lot so thank you to them.

F. Closed Session – John Connet, City Manager

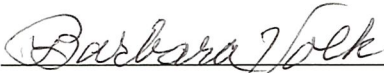
Council Member Lyndsey Simpson moved that City Council enter closed session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

5. ADJOURN

City Council came went into closed session at 5:03 p.m.

City Council came out of closed session at 5:10 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. upon unanimous assent of the Council.


Barbara Volk, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jill Murray, City Clerk