MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL
October 17, 2017 – 7 p.m.
The regular meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at Newton City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Anne P. Stedman, Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, and Council Members Jerry Hodge, Wes Weaver, Jody Dixon, Tom Rowe and Robert C. Abernethy Jr.

STAFF: City Manager Todd Clark, City Clerk Amy S. Falowski, City Attorney John Cilley, City Department Heads and members of the management team

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Anne P. Stedman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: OPENING Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr. provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Regular Minutes of the October 3, 2017 City Council meeting be – APPROVED

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, seconded by Council Member Jody Dixon it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Consent Agenda be – APPROVED

A. Tax Refunds

B. Sewer Adjustments

(Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations are hereby referenced and on file in the Office of the City Clerk)

ITEM 5: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: PEOPLE WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ARE ASKED TO SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
Mayor Anne P. Stedman asked if anyone present would like to make comment concerning non-agenda items. No one appeared.

ITEM 6: Presentation

A. Presentation from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Sherry Long, Assistant Executive Director/Community Development Director gave a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) presentation to City Council. The study covered a range of topics from Economic Development, Workforce, Infrastructure, Housing, Marketing, and Community Life. Ms. Long stated that this presentation is being made to local government boards, key partners, stakeholder groups, civic clubs and the public.
ITEM 7: New Business

A. Consideration of TKC CCXLIX, LLC (Room & Board) Petition for Non-Contiguous Annexation

Planner Alex Fulbright stated that TKC CCXLIX, LLC, doing business as The Keith Corporation, has filed a petition seeking a non-contiguous annexation to the City. They are seeking to annex property located at 1971 Stover Ct which is on the south side of NC 10 Hwy West just west of Stover Ct. Mr. Fulbright stated the site consists of a 41.91 acre tract based on a survey submitted to the city and identified as Catawba County Pin # 3619-03-20-5632. He explained the property is owned by TKC CCXLIX, LLC and is the location of the Room and Board distribution center which is currently under construction.

Mr. Fulbright stated this annexation is outside the City’s extraterritorial planning jurisdiction; because of this the City will need to establish zoning of the annexed parcel after completing the annexation. This will be on the agenda for the Council’s November 21, 2017 meeting along with adoption of the annexation ordinance. Mr. Fulbright stated that planning staff is recommending that the zoning district to be established in the annexed area will be similar to the existing county zoning in the area.

Mr. Fulbright requested that city council do the following in order to start the annexation process:

1. Adopt a resolution directing the City Clerk to investigate the petition. (attached)
2. Receive Clerk’s Certification of Sufficiency. (attached)
3. Adopt a resolution fixing the date of public hearing on the question of annexation. (attached)

Mr. Fulbright stated that staff is recommending that the Council fix the date of the public hearing for 7:00 p.m. November 21, 2017 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Council Member Wes Weaver it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That Investigating the Petition be – APPROVED

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jerry Hodge, seconded by Council Member Tom Rowe it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That Setting the Public Hearing Date for November 21, 2017 be – APPROVED

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr. it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Certificate of Sufficiency be – APPROVED

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ITEM 8: City Manager’s Report

Meetings & Events

- October 20th – 7th Annual Chili Cook-off at Fire Department Headquarters, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- October 26th Business Appreciation Event, Old Post Office Playhouse, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 28th Halloween Spooktacular, downtown, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 30th – Leaf pick up begins
November 15th – 18th National League of Cities, City Summit - Charlotte

Newton 101 Information
- Session 7 (Oct. 19): Graduation at Newton City Hall. Participants will enjoy a brief social event, followed by a question-and-answer session with the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Department Heads. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion at the final session.

Other Information
- November 7th City Council Meeting

ITEM 9: Questions and Comments from Mayor and Council
Mayor Stedman asked if there were any questions or comments from City Council.

Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr. stated that the recent light agendas bother him. He stated that there are still matters out there that need to be discussed such as items from the workshop, the Sue Jones Estate and Streetscape. He said that staff is capable and that the ball needs to be put in staff’s court and things need to start getting done.

Mayor Stedman stated that there is consideration of annexation on this agenda. She stated that is a pretty big deal and thanked Mr. Abernethy for his comments.

Council Member Jerry Hodge gave a brief overview of committees and boards of which he is a member such as the Metropolitan Planning Transportation Advisory Committee, the WPCOG Policy Board and the Business Advisory Committee.

Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr. stated that he thought that in the Sanford Holhouser study the BAC was set up as separate from the city and was made up of a group of business leaders to work autonomously from the city. Mayor Stedman stated that council discussed this in a workshop and a decision was made for Jerry Hodge and John Stiver to attend and be a part of the BAC discussions.

ITEM 10: Adjournment
Upon motion duly made by Council Member Wes Weaver, seconded by Council Member Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Meeting be – ADJOURNED

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Anne P. Stedman, Mayor

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Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk