

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17-18, 2007**

Notice of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Asheboro, North Carolina is hereby given. This special meeting will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 17th day of May, 2007, at the Caraway Conference Center and Camp, 4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, North Carolina 27350. The meeting is scheduled to continue until 5:00 o'clock p.m. on May the 17th and then resume at the same facility at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on Friday, the 18th day of May, 2007. The City Council is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Friday, the 18th day of May.

This special meeting of the City Council has been called for the purpose of allowing the members of the Asheboro City Council to participate in a planning retreat that will consist of a preliminary review and discussion of the city's budget for fiscal year 2007-2008, the presentation of updates by various department heads within the city government, and consideration of the next steps to be taken with regard to acting upon the lessons, insights, and goals produced by the city's strategic planning process known as Asheboro 20/20.

All officers of the city and all other persons whomsoever are hereby given notice of the special meeting described above. This notice is issued on the 11th day of May, 2007 by order of Mayor David H. Jarrell and pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina and the City of Asheboro relative to the time and place of holding meetings, both regular and special, of the Asheboro City Council.

s/ Holly J. Hartman
Holly J. Hartman
City Clerk
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

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**SPECIAL MEETING
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING RETREAT
CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMP
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007
FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2007**

This being the time and place for a special meeting of the Mayor and the Council, a meeting was held at Caraway Conference Center and Camp located at 4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, North Carolina 27350 with the following officials and members present:

- David H. Jarrell) – Mayor Presiding

- Talmage Baker)
- Linda Carter)
- Keith Crisco)
- Nancy Hunter) – Council Members Present
- Walker Moffitt)
- Archie Priest)
- David Smith)

- John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
- Dumont Bunker, P.E., City Engineer
- Tamela D. Garner, Permits Technician/Deputy City Clerk
- Foster Hughes, Recreation Director
- Deborah P. Juberg, Finance Director
- Robert H. Kivett, Director of Public Works
- Gary L. Mason, Chief of Police
- R. Reynolds Neely, Jr., Planning Director
- Michael Rhoney, Director of Water Resources
- James W. Smith, Fire Chief
- Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney

Mayor Jarrell called the opening session of the retreat to order at 9:06 a.m. on May 17, 2007, and introduced Ms. Ginger Booker of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments. Ms. Booker facilitated a review of the Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Planning Report and a discussion of a handout prepared by Ms. Booker that differentiated the goals and strategies found in the full report by placing these goals and strategies in the categories of "City Action and/or Primary Responsibility" or "City in Partnership with other Groups." Copies of these documents are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Strategic Planning Review

With Ms. Booker acting as a facilitator, the Council engaged in an extensive discussion of practical actions that can be taken to implement the strategic plan. Some projects have already begun and are moving along in a meaningful manner. The following projects are examples of currently on-going efforts:

1. The Bike and Pedestrian Planning Effort
2. The Zoo City Park Project
3. The Greenway Project
4. Annexation Planning
5. Coordination efforts associated with the proposed Trollinger Pump Station to be located along Old Cedar Falls Road
6. Downtown Improvements, including the Street Scape Project and improvements around Bicentennial Park

The Council members concluded their extensive discussion of this matter by expressing their desire to continue to look for creative and meaningful ways to implement the goals and strategies of the Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan. In response, the City Manager pledged that city staff would continue to actively analyze these strategic planning issues and report back to the Council.

Updates from Certain Department Heads

The Council then received reports from the following department heads on activities and needs in their respective departments:

Gary L. Mason, Chief of Police
James W. Smith, Fire Chief
Robert H. Kivett, Director of Public Works
Foster Hughes, Recreation Director

Mayor Jarrell recessed the meeting at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2007 to be reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2007.

Mayor Jarrell reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2007. All City Council members and the following staff members were present: John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager; Dumont Bunker, P.E., City Engineer; Tamela D. Garner, Permits Technician/Deputy City Clerk; R. Reynolds Neely, Jr., Planning Director; Deborah P. Juberg, Finance Director; Michael Rhoney, Director of Water Resources; Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney.

The first item of business on this second day of the retreat was the conclusion of the reports/updates from department heads. The following officials gave reports on May 18th:

Michael Rhoney, Director of Water Resources
Dumont Bunker, P.E., City Engineer
R. Reynolds Neely, Jr., Planning Director

Specific needs of the various departments during the upcoming year will be addressed in the proposed budget ordinance for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Budget Review

Mr. Ogburn gave a budget presentation for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Jarrell opened the floor for questions.

No formal action was taken by the Council during this special meeting that was held over the course of two (2) days. The time was utilized to interact with city staff members and engage in a free exchange of ideas about a broad array of issues. City staff will proceed to use the insight gained from this exchange of ideas in order to craft specific proposals for formal consideration by the Council at later dates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.