

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, January 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Notice of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Asheboro, North Carolina is hereby given. This meeting will be held on Thursday, the 15th day of January 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber of the City of Asheboro Municipal Building, which is located at 146 North Church Street in Asheboro.

This special meeting of the Asheboro City Council has been called for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

1. The audit report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. Mr. Steve Hackett, CPA, who is with the firm of Maxton McDowell, CPA, will present this report;
2. A presentation by Mr. David Winslow on potential fundraising efforts for the capital construction project at the Sunset Theatre;
3. Along with members of the planning board, council members will discuss with planning department staff members the principles that should guide the staff's efforts to improve the Asheboro Zoning Ordinance's design standards and to create a zoning district or districts complimentary to the B2 zoning district; and
4. Council members will discuss the appointment of a person to fill the vacant seat on the city council.

This notice is issued on the 12th day of January 2009 in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the State of North Carolina and the City of Asheboro.

s/ David H. Jarrell
David H. Jarrell, Mayor
City of Asheboro, North Carolina

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**SPECIAL MEETING
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

This being the time and place for a special meeting of the Asheboro City Council, a meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Asheboro Municipal Building with the following members and officials present:

David H. Jarrell) – Mayor Presiding

Talmadge S. Baker)

Edward J. Burks)

Linda H. Carter) – Council Members Present

Walker B. Moffitt)

Archie B. Priest, Sr.)

David H. Smith)

John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
Dumont Bunker, P.E., City Engineer
Holly H. Doerr, City Clerk/Senior Legal Assistant
R. Wendell Holland, Jr., Zoning Administrator
R. Reynolds Neely, Jr., Planning Director
O. Lynn Priest, Community Development Director
Deborah P. Reaves, Finance Director
James W. Smith, Fire Chief
Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney

1. Call to order.

Mayor Jarrell called the meeting to order for the transaction of business and business was transacted as follows.

2. Presentation by Steve Hackett, CPA of Maxton McDowell, CPA of audit report.

Mr. Steve Hackett presented the audit report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. Mr. Hackett reported that the city received a "clean audit." A copy of the audit report is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Additionally, Ms. Reaves presented a power point presentation summarizing certain expenditures from the various departments throughout the 2007-2008 fiscal year. A copy of said power point presentation is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Upon motion by Mr. Moffitt and seconded by Mr. Burks, Council voted unanimously to accept the city's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008.

3. Presentation by David Winslow on potential for Sunset Theatre capital construction fundraising.

Mr. David Winslow of the Winslow Group, Inc. presented a fundraising feasibility report for the Sunset Theatre renovation project. During his presentation, Mr. Winslow presented the results of a feasibility study. According to the survey, the Sunset Theatre project was perceived very positively by those interviewed, but the project is facing a challenging economic environment.

Mr. Winslow recommended that the city establish a campaign goal of \$1.2 million and delay the public fundraising effort until late 2009 or early 2010. In the meantime, Mr. Winslow recommended that the city appoint a seven-to-nine member Sunset Theatre Advisory Committee to assist with planning efforts. No formal action was taken on this issue by the Council during this meeting.

(A copy of the power point presentation utilized by Mr. Winslow is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

4. Joint workshop with Asheboro Planning Board to discuss proposed zoning ordinance amendments regarding Zoning classifications of B1, Highway Commercial and Landscape/Design criteria.

A joint meeting with the Planning Board was originally anticipated, but a Planning Board meeting could not be held due to the absence of a quorum. However, the Mayor and the Council did receive an update from Mr. Neely on the planning staff's intent to pursue zoning ordinance amendments that address the creation of zoning districts complimentary to the B-2 zoning district. These districts include, but are not limited to, the Mercantile district, the Travel and Hospitality district, the Neighborhood Center district, and the Village Center district. Additionally, Mr. Neely presented the staff's research in regards to design standards in industrial, commercial, and residential districts.

The planning staff's research will be used to draft proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Any such amendments will be advertised and presented during public hearings held in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes. No formal action was taken by the Council on this agenda item.

5. Discussion of city council vacancy.

Mayor Jarrell asked the Council to consider Dr. Stuart Fountain for the Council's vacancy. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to appoint Dr. Stuart Fountain to fulfill the vacancy. A resolution appointing Dr. Fountain as Councilmember will be considered by the Council at the regular February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

s/ Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, City Clerk

s/ David H. Jarrell
David H. Jarrell, Mayor