

Tuesday, August 1, 1995 - 7:00 p.m.

North Asheville Community Center

Present: Vice-Mayor Chris Peterson - Presiding; Councilwoman Barbara Field, Councilman Gary McClure, Councilwoman Leni Sitnick, and Councilman Herbert J. Watts; City Attorney William F. Slawter; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: Mayor Russell Martin and Councilman Joseph Carr Swicegood

The entire City Council congratulated Councilman and Mrs. Swicegood on the arrival of their new baby boy. Joseph Carr Swicegood III was born on Sunday, July 30, 1995.

All of Council expressed their appreciation to Chip Scott, Festival Coordinator, and all the volunteers that made Bele Chere 1995 a success, in particular the Police Department and the Public Works Department.

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: how the 2010 Plan and the visioning process will work together; how can a community become organized to fight the widening of Merrimon Avenue which will change the character of the area; concern about buildings being built behind each other causing more driveways onto Merrimon Avenue; how can the appearance of Merrimon Avenue be improved; how is the sign ordinance enforced; how can the

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speed limit on Merrimon Avenue be enforced; the need to stop commercial encroachment into residential areas in North Asheville; the need to fully explore the residential overlay maps with relation to the UDO ordinance; explanation of the unified development ordinance; value of neighborhood input; need for developers and neighbors to try to work out differences; need for transitional zones; concern over Woodfin water quality; the reasoning behind having a primary - just skip the primary and save money; opposition to Johnson Road rezoning; potholes on upper end of Larchmont; appreciation to Police and Community Together (PACT) team; the problems with the school system; and appreciation to City Council for answering questions in an open and honest fashion.

Vice-Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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