

Friday - September 6, 1996 - 1:00 p.m.

North Fork Clubhouse

Mini-Retreat

Present: Mayor Russell Martin, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Barbara Field; Councilman M. Charles Cloninger; Councilman Edward C. Hay Jr.; Councilman Thomas G. Sellers; Councilman James J. Skalski; and Councilman Charles R. Worley; City Attorney William F. Slawter; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: None

City Council was given an update on their 1996/97 Strategic Plan, which objectives and status of each is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". City staff answered various questions regarding the status of different goals.

Water Resources Director Mike Holcombe briefed Council on the new Mills River Plant, along with financial information.

Audit/Budget Director Bob Wurst reviewed with Council the budget projections for the upcoming years.

Some other items discussed were:

(1) Future Focus of Bele Chere Festival - A strategic plan is being developed and will be brought to Council at a future worksession.

(2) Annexation - Map of consideration to be updated and brought to Council at a future worksession for further direction.

At 4:45 p.m. Mayor Martin left meeting.

(3) City Council Worksessions - Worksessions to be information gathering sessions, not decision-making; no indication of decisions at worksessions; flexibility in worksession agenda so that large groups of people do not have to wait a long time for their topic; Mayor and City Manager to be liberal in placing items on the Consent Agenda, with the understanding that Council can pull an item off to be discussed; and more detailed staff reports.

(4) Speedy Inspections - Concerns being addressed to staff.

(5) Sidewalks - Look for creative ways to get sidewalks built and encourage community involvement.

(6) Greenway Update - Committee will be updating Council soon.

(7) Housing Issues - Information is going to Housing & Community Development Committee next week.

(8) Small Area Plans - Updated on Charlotte Street Plan, Factory Hill Plan, Haywood Road Plan and WAC 10.

(9) Fire Department - Updated on ISO rating and general operations.

Vice-Mayor Field adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

