Tuesday - November 30, 1999

West Asheville Community Center

970 Haywood Road

7:00 p.m. - Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Leni Sitnick, Presiding: Councilman M. Charles Cloninger; Councilman Earl Cobb; Councilwoman Barbara Field; Councilman Thomas G. Sellers; and Councilman O.T. Tomes; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: Vice-Mayor Edward C. Hay Jr. (arrived at 8:38 p.m.)

Mayor Sitnick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: concerns expressed about proposed I-26 connector and suggestions of alternate routes; need for speed abatement on Vermont, Haywood Road, Virginia Avenue and Brevard Road; request for City Council to write a letter to NC DOT asking them to revisit the entire design process for the I-26 connector; request to paint speed bumps; request for traffic calming devices on Westwood Place; Brotherton/Virginia Avenues property purchase by the City should be looked at thoroughly; need for sidewalks on Virginia Avenue and Fairfax Avenue; need for traffic calming devices on Virginia Avenue and Fairfax Avenue; request to restrict cars from parking on Virginia Avenue; City's plan for Y2K and hate groups; concerns about water adequacy at Brotherton/Virginia Avenue site; need for noise ordinance to address car stereos; concern about City planting high growing grass on Westwood Place resulting in problems with trimming; request to grant money to library system for meeting room in West Asheville Library; how were funds obtained to refurbish the West Asheville Community Center for the Police Resource Center; and City Council needs to make the quality of life the bottom line in all decisions.

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