

**Arden - This is the largest of the proposed annexations, extending into the largest urban growth area adjacent to the city. This highly urbanized area is characterized by mixed land use, ranging from industrial to single-family residential. Infrastructure is generally good, but some relatively minor water and sewer upgrades would be needed. Clearly defined borders, and the connection of three existing satellite areas are additional benefits of this proposed annexation.**

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Under State law, the City must follow a specific process for annexation that begins with the adoption of resolutions that describe the boundaries of the areas under consideration, fix dates for a public informational meeting, and a public hearing on the question of annexation. State law also allows simultaneous annexation of multiple non-adjacent areas.

The following steps and dates meet the process required by State law:

Adoption of Resolutions of Intent March 13, 2001

Adoption of Plans of Services March 27, 2001

Public Informational Meeting May 3, 2001

Public Hearings May 22, 2001

Adoption of Annexation Ordinances June 12, 2001

Effective Date of Annexations June 30, 2002

City staff recommends that City Council adopt the resolutions of intent for the following five areas: Lowes, Upper Sondley, Old Dominion, Best Inns, and Arden area.

Mayor Sitnick asked that the record show that City Council has received this information and instructs the City Manager to place these items on the next formal City Council agenda.

### **RESCHEDULING OF ITEMS**

At 4:30 p.m., Mayor Sitnick said that since the School Board interviews will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m., she felt that the last two items on the agenda today "Litter Control Alternatives" and "Council Rule Regarding Public Address" needed more time for dialogue. Therefore, at the Mayor's request, Councilman Worley moved to reschedule the "Litter Control Alternatives" discussion until Council's worksession on March 20, 2001. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bellamy and carried unanimously.

At the request of Mayor Sitnick, it was the consensus of City Council to schedule the discussion regarding "Council Rule Regarding Public Address" as an item on the next formal meeting agenda.

### **UPDATE ON BUNCOMBE COUNTY SATELLITE JAIL**

Mayor Sitnick said that she talked with Buncombe County Commissioner Chairman Ramsey about the County's application for a conditional use permit for the Union Transfer Building. Mr. Ramsey indicated that he was not fully aware of what was going on and he would get back with her on it.

### **PRE-ARRANGED SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY INTERVIEWS**

At 5:00 p.m., City Council interviewed Allison Jordan, Lewis Isaac, Barbara Blackburn, Adam Baylus, John Legerton, Mark Gordon, Richard Sandoval and T. Keith Thompson for vacancies on the Asheville School Board. Interviews were held in the Council Chamber located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the City Hall Building.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Sitnick adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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