

Tuesday – April 30, 2002
North Asheville Community Center
37 East Larchmont Road

7:00 p.m. - Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles R. Worley, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Terry M. Bellamy; Councilman Joseph C. Dunn; Councilman James E. Ellis; Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones; Councilman R. Carl Mumpower; and Councilman Brian L. Peterson; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: request to withhold any decision regarding the renovation of the Civic Center until a plan can be produced for the alternate use of the Civic Center at no cost to the City; determination needs to be made if Dunwood Road is a private or City-maintained street; large potholes on Dunwood Road; Dunwood Road is in such disrepair that trash trucks cannot collect garbage; annexation policies in the past with regard to street maintenance; Black Oak Drive, which was annexed several years ago, is in bad disrepair and residents requested the City take over maintenance of that private road; street assessment process unfair to property owners on Black Oak Drive who have a lot of street frontage; request to have Black Oak Drive's potholes repaired and snow removal service even if it is a private road; request for a pedestrian signal at the corner of Larchmont Road and Merrimon Avenue; request for sidewalk between Burger King and Swannanoa Cleaners on Merrimon Avenue; request for speed bumps on Fenner Avenue; request for sidewalks on Fenner Avenue; need for more speed enforcement on Fenner Avenue; request for "Children at Play" or "Slow" signs on Fenner Avenue near the bottom of the hill or near the corner of Lookout and Fenner; need Police Department to enforce parking violations on Fenner Avenue; Civic Center renovation should not include a sport activities complex because that should be built by the river or closer to the Airport in order to have adequate parking; City should make a determination on what to do at the Civic Center soon because the price tag is getting higher every year; library at the North Asheville Community Center is small and perhaps should be expanded over the air rights of the parking lot; no speeding enforcement on Merrimon Avenue or Kimberly Avenue; need to look at City departments, e.g., Civic Center and Transit Services, for prioritization; need for the City to do a better job of communicating with the community; request for community to give input to the City's 2025 Comprehensive Plan; request for County Commissioners' meetings to be viewed on the City's Government Channel; and request for more greenways.

After discussion, Council requested City staff prepare a report regarding streets that are in the City of Asheville but not maintained by the City. Said report is to contain a list of streets; the cost of bringing the streets up to City standards; and a financial plan with potential funding options, e.g. how much the City would pay and where those funds would come from, and how much the property owners would pay. Due to the current budget concerns, the City Manager requested this information be provided to Council between September 2002 – March 2003. Councilman Mumpower requested a worksession before late fall as he just wanted to explore possibilities without dollars being attached.

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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MAYOR