

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
November 20, 2019

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Raymond I. Allen Room of the City Hall. Mayor Michael presided and the following Councilmembers were present, to wit: Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Martha E. Hughes, Shirley Lowder, Dexter Townsend and Chris Whitley. Absent, none.

The Mayor and the City Council held a Fall Strategic Budget Planning Session in the Raymond I. Allen Room of the City Hall.

Mayor Michael called the meeting to order.

Ms. Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director and Ms. Emily Parker Senior Planner from Centralina Council of Governments welcomed everyone back for the second day of the Fall Strategic Budget Planning Session. They reviewed the agenda and its objectives for tonight, reviewed again the ground rules and also a warm up activity for City Council.

Ms. Gardner reviewed insights from Councilmember interviews with the City Manager and also reviewed City Council priority areas. Ms. Parker reviewed staff identified priority areas.

Councilmember Aldridge came into the meeting at this time.

Council participated in an exercise in groups to determine priority areas.

Ms. Gardner and Ms. Parker reviewed Shared Priorities & Investments with a facilitated interactive group activity with Councilmembers.

Council was able to see results of the activity immediately in determining top priority areas.

Mayor Michael thanked Ms. Garner, Ms. Parker, and Mr. Manis from CCOG for their two day presentation and that this was very helpful to Council.

The City Manager reviewed the next steps moving forward. The facilitators will go back and process all the information collected from this two day budget session and they will report this information to the City Manager.

The City Manager reviewed the calendar that Council received concerning the meetings coming up in 2020 as follows:

- January 23-24 – Management Team FY 2021 Goals
- February 11, 18 – Budget Work Session to finalize budget priorities
- May 4 – Presentation of City Manager’s recommended budget to Council
- May 11, 14 – City Council Budget Workshop
- May 18 – Budget Public Hearing
- June 1 – Budget Adoption

Mayor Michael asked that Council remain and move to the Executive Conference Room for a few items of business. He stated that we will remain in open session.

Other Business

The Mayor stated that he met with Joe Maus today and he was very complimentary of City staff as it relates to the development and permitting of their business. The Reserve Apartments also stated the same about the City staff.

The Mayor asked if Council could meet on Tuesday, November 26 at 4:30 in Council Chambers to go into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) – Personnel. He also stated that the Stanly County COG meeting is the same night and we will be leaving City Hall at 6pm to go to Stanfield for the meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to meet on Tuesday, November 26 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Mayor Michael stated that he does not have an update as of yet on the Hampton Inn project. He stated that he left a message with their attorney, Cleg Mabry and he has not heard back as of yet.

Mayor Michael stated that concerning the Memorandum of Understanding with Stanly Community College for parking lot improvements at the EE Waddell Community Center, Dr. Enamait with SCC just asked if the City can have police officers ride by and watch during the day at the EE Waddell Center.

Consider Memorandum of Understanding for Parking Lot Improvements at the EE Waddell Community Center

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the MOU with SCC concerning the parking lot improvements at the EE Waddell Community Center.

The City Manager reviewed with Council the placing of slip liners on Pee Dee Avenue and Mill Street.

The City Manager stated that in the budget, the City had planned to slip line sewer lines on these two streets. Sections of each line have both deteriorated to the point where sections could not be slip-lined. We are digging these sections up and replacing the damaged pipe. This work will be performed by our forces, then we will have the company come in and slip line the section of Mill Street as planned, but that we will perform a complete replacement of the line on Pee Dee Avenue with City forces.

Mayor Michael spoke to Council concerning the float for this year's parade. He said a float has been located for the Grand Marshal.

Councilmember Hall reviewed with Council the 10 kids that have cancer that will ride with their parents on the float. She displayed the gloves they will wear and other components about the float.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bramlett, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved sponsoring the Grand Marshal Float in the 2019 Christmas Parade in the amount of \$500.

Councilmember Aldridge moved to approve allowing candy to be thrown at the 2019 Christmas Parade. Councilmember Townsend seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilmembers Aldridge, Hall, Hughes, Townsend, and Whitley. Voting against the motion were Councilmembers Bramlett and Lowder. The motion carried with a 5-2 vote.

The Mayor stated that Jordan Jones, developer of the Albemarle Historic Hotel may soon come to a meeting to speak with Council.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Whitley, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, November 26 at 4:30 at the City Hall in the Council Chambers.