

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
August 22, 2012

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, August 22, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall. Mayor Elbert L. “Whit” Whitley, Jr. presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Troy E. Alexander, Martha Sue Hall, Judy Holcomb, Ronnie Michael, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, none.

Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

The City Council held an adjourned meeting to review applications and discuss the process for appointments to the Economic Development Task Force.

Mayor Whitley stated that Council needs to talk about the Economic Task Force committee to be formed. Also, to determine how many committee members, outside City/inside City members, and making sure to cover the representative categories as outlined by Crystal Morphis with Sanford Holshouser.

The City Council continued discussion with the email from Crystal Morphis with Sanford Holshouser on representative categories to consider for the task force committee.

Councilmember Neel stated that the committee should consist of 8-12 members at the beginning and add members if needed.

Councilmember Alexander stated that he had chosen 11 of the applicants he would like to be considered for the committee.

Councilmember Hall stated that her understanding for tonight is that we should look at the development of the board itself. She said that she would like to see these things accomplished first, such as how many members and representative categories considered.

Councilmember Michael stated that he would like for Council to initially take a look at the applications and determine the candidates Council is most interested in interviewing first.

Councilmember Holcomb agreed that she would like for Council to take a look at the applications Councilmember Alexander has chosen.

Councilmember Alexander named the eleven candidates he would like Council to consider.

After discussion of the candidates the following candidates from Councilmember Alexander's list were chosen to come in for a 3-5 minute presentation.

Gregory Adams, Conrad Carter, John Ekman, Robert Frizal, John Furterer, Tony Ledbetter, Tracy Sells, Russ Sharples.

Council continued discussion of the applications and representative categories they represent.

Mayor Whitley stated that he would like Council to consider Ed Thomas who has just retired from Stanly Community College.

Councilmember Michael stated that he would like for Brian Freeman, Vice-President of Operations at SRMC to also be considered for an interview.

Councilmember Townsend stated that he would like Council to define the goals and objectives of this committee going forward. We need to make sure we have all of the representative categories covered and then choose the candidates for interviewing.

He stated that he had broken down the 12 categories supplied by Crystal Morphis into six major categories as follows:

Education
Industry
Retail
Bank/Finance
Community
General Business

City Manager Raymond Allen handed out to Council a copy of a memo from Crystal Morphis which describes the scope of work developed by Sanford Holshouser.

The memo points out developing a task force to lead the plan as follows:

- 1) Initial meeting with staff to review scope of work and timeline.
- 2) First meeting with the chosen task force as an educational session.
- 3) Second meeting with the task force discussing community goals related to economic development
- 4) Recommended action steps to support these goals will then be presented and recommended
- 5) An economic development update then presented to the task force,
- 6) Final meeting will be presented of the task force's work and recommendations to City Council

Councilmember Hall stated that applicant Judson Dry is from a family owned and operated business which has been in Albemarle for decades. Also, she stated that Blake Martin represents Monarch.

Ms. Hall also stated that her understanding is that the largest employers in Stanly County would be the school system, then Stanly Regional Medical Center.

Councilmember Michael suggested that Council narrow the list down to 15-16 candidates and then interview each one 3-5 minutes. Then narrow down further as needed.

Councilmember Holcomb asked that a letter be sent to all applicants to acknowledge their application and thank them for responding.

Councilmember Michael requested that Judson Dry, Kathy Gardner, and Brian Freeman be added to the list for an interview.

Councilmember Townsend requested that Tim McAuley be added to the list for an interview.

Councilmember Hall requested that Gabe Dimeglio, David Morgan, Jim Lisk and Cavin Holbrook be added to the list also.

The City Manager stated that Council may want to choose a Councilmember as a liaison to the task force committee.

Councilmember Neel asked that the City Manager send a letter with a copy of the Sanford Holshouser letter to the 17 selected applicants asking them to come in for a 3-5 presentation. Also, to send a letter of acknowledgment and thank-you to the remaining applicants.

Mr. Neel asked that all 17 selected applicants be invited to an adjourned session to speak 3-5 minutes.

City Council decided by consensus to meet on Wednesday, August 29 in the Community Room at 5:30 pm and have the 17 applicants chosen come in and give a 3-5 minute presentation to Council.

Council determined by consensus that each applicant will sign in and they will be called up for their presentation in the order that they sign in.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Neel, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, August 29, 2012 in the Community Room at City Hall at 5:30 pm for an adjourned session meeting.