

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
December 7, 2011

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community 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.

Also present were: RPO - Dana Stoogenke
NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch - Jamai Alavi
NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch - Reuben Crummy
Raymond Allen - Albemarle City Manager
Michael J. Ferris – Albemarle Assistant City Manager
Jay Almond - Badin Town Manager
Jim Harrison – Badin Mayor
Lindsey Dunevant – Stanly County Commissioner
Calvin Gaddy New London Mayor
Keith Wolf – Albemarle Planning and Community Development Director
Toby Thorpe – Albemarle Parks and Recreation Director

The City Council held a meeting with the towns of Badin and New London, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) to discuss the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Study.

Ms. Dana Stoogenke with the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated there will be an update tonight on the strategic highway corridors and the alignment for NC Hwy 24-27.

Mr. Reuben Crummy NCDOT Project Engineer gave a presentation on the update for the Albemarle Badin New London Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the project is presently in Phase II which is the needs assessment phase

and we are trying to calibrate the model currently. This meeting will help to keep everyone updated through the next year of the project.

Some of the highlights of the presentation included the State Strategic Corridors and the goal to create networks of roads with high speed, safe, and reliable highways.

The State designates Strategic Highway Corridors and assigns a class. The four types of highways involved are:

- 1) Freeways with a minimum of four lanes such as I-40 and I-95
- 2) Expressways such as NC Hwy. 49 and NC Hwy 24-27
- 3) Boulevards such as US Hwy 52
- 4) Thoroughfares with a minimum of 2 lanes.

Mr. Crummy stated that the two strategic corridor highways involved in our comprehensive plan include NC Hwy 24-27 and US Hwy 52. The Board of Transportation adopted the Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) as part of the new Statewide Transportation Plan in September 2004. Since it is part of the SHC system and plan, NC Hwy 24-27 from NC Hwy 740 to the eastern City limits of Albemarle will be brought up to Expressway standards with limited access and designated turn points.

Goals:

To maintain mobility, safety, and capacity along these corridors.
To reduce driveways on the SHC.

Mr. Crummy and Ms. Stoogenke displayed the current map created in 2001 which depicted a proposed loop for NC 24-27 around Albemarle where the existing NC Hwy 27 would become NC Hwy 24-27 business district.

Mr. Crummy and Ms. Stoogenke answered any questions that the panel had and they also received input on several issues at hand.

Ms. Stoogenke displayed a draft map for NC Hwy 24-27 for the panel to come forward and review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.