

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
January 21, 2009

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant. Mayor Elbert L. Whitley presided and the following Councilmembers were present, to wit: Troy E. Alexander, Martha Sue Hall, Jeanette M. Napier, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, Councilmember Judy Holcomb.

The City Council held a dinner meeting with the members of the Planning and Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Nancy Jolly welcomed newly appointed City Councilmember Dexter Townsend and she looks forward to working with him.

Mayor Whitley noted that Councilmember Townsend had attended the Presidential inauguration the previous day and asked him to describe his experience. Councilmember Townsend said it was a wonderful event and he was glad he took the opportunity to attend.

Chairman Jolly said the Planning and Zoning Board continues to monitor the status of the Land Use Plan with interest. Councilmember Hall said the City Council has set a public hearing concerning the Land Use Plan for February 2 at 7:00 p.m. She felt that the local media has not publicized this hearing and the opportunity for the public to comment. She suggested that staff draft a press release and provide it to the local media.

Chairman Jolly said she has received an increasing number of complaints about the intersection of Ridge Street and the Northeast Connector

following the recent accident and fatality at this location. Board of Adjustment alternate Terry Pleasant felt like something needed to be done to improve the safety of this intersection. Councilmember Neel said the City Council has requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit to 45 mph and create a stop intersection at Ridge Street and the Northeast Connector.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.