

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
September 17, 2008

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 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, Judy Holcomb, Jeanette M. Napier, Jack F. Neel, T. Ed Underwood and T.E. White. Absent, none.

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.

Director of Planning and Community Development Bob Sasser said he would like to discuss allowing granny flats on residential lots. He said he is receiving more frequent inquiries about allowing these, which our current Ordinance does not. He described granny flats as being primarily for family members, though they can be utilized by non-family members. He asked for input concerning whether these should be pursued further. It was the consensus of the Board to draft proposed language for such uses.

Mr. Sasser indicated staff has been reviewing the request of Councilmember Neel to study when more than one entrance to an apartment complex should be required. Mr. Sasser suggested using North Carolina Department of Transportation existing standards for this. This would keep the City from having to create completely new standards and would allow the City to be consistent with State standards.

Planning Board Member Emeritus Ell Wilson said he has received several complaints about the new stop intersections on Pee Dee Avenue. He asked who on Council supported the change. It was noted the posting of the new stop intersections was done by unanimous vote of the City Council. Councilmember

Holcomb said the stop intersections were done at the request of the residents. Councilmember Hall said it has had the desired result of moving traffic off Pee Dee Avenue on to East Main Street. Mayor Whitley said the North Carolina Department of Transportation is going to be repainting the travel lanes at the eastern intersection of Pee Dee Avenue and East Main Street to discourage through traffic from using Pee Dee Avenue.

Mr. Sasser said the City has the opportunity to gain NC Rural Center assistance in reviewing possible Brownfield sites in Albemarle. The City's share of this is estimated at \$1,000 and asked if Council would like the City to participate.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember White and unanimously carried, the City Council approved seeking NC Rural Center assistance in reviewing possible Brownfield sites in Albemarle.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.