

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2016

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosebriar Restaurant. Mayor G.R Michael presided and the following Councilmembers were present, to wit: Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Benton Dry, Martha E. Hughes, and Dexter Townsend. Absent, Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall and Chris Whitley.

The City Council held a meeting with the members of the Planning and Zoning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss matters of common interest.

Mayor Michael brought the meeting to order.

Todd Furr, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board called the Planning Board meeting to order.

The Mayor asked Planning and Development Services Director Kevin Robinson to cover the discussion topics for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Robinson stated that he would like to give an update as follows:

Industrial property violations:

- 1) US Hwy. 52, Richard Huneycutt property – almost cleared and in compliance but he still owes fines.
- 2) Old Charlotte Rd. – lot reduction and has until December 31, 2016 to remove vehicles.
- 3) Depot Street – Jim Lowder of Al Too, Inc. – Kevin in touch with owner and sent owner a courtesy letter asking to remove junk, scrap vehicles, etc. within 6 weeks and hoping to see progress in next few weeks.
 - Tenant on the property not the owner

Commercial Maintenance Code

To maybe look at again in the next 6 months
Look at what we want the downtown to be

The floor was open for discussion and Mr. Robinson answered any questions.

It was the consensus of City Council to have the City Manager and Mr. Robinson bring a summary update and recommendations concerning a Commercial Maintenance Code before Council for the November 21 regular meeting.

Outdoor Storage, Display and Screening and Accessory structures Ordinances

Mr. Robinson reviewed different areas and looking into more flexibility in ordinances. He stated that he will be bringing recommendations before the Planning Board in the next 3 months.

Sidewalks, Parking, Landscaping Ordinances

Mr. Robinson stated that staff is working on these ordinances to clean up, make more flexible and be better organized.

The floor was open for discussion and Mr. Robinson answered any questions that came forth. Mr. Robinson handed out a sheet showing Parking, Landscaping and Sidewalk standards in Central NC for 26 Cities and Stanly County.

It was the consensus of Council to have Mr. Robinson proceed with the existing ordinance for Tim Marburger Honda on NC 24-27 and bring recommendations for any possible future changes back to Council.

Signage Ordinance

Senior Planner Nasser Rahimzadeh reviewed a Supreme Court case of Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona in 2015 concerning signage and the content of signage.

Mr. Rahimzadeh stated that the City will have to change the sign ordinance due to the Supreme Court decision last summer. Hopefully the process can be done in three to six months.

More Flexible Zoning Districts

Mr. Robinson stated that most cities are dealing with zoning districts for granny pads/flats and tiny houses, etc.

Mayor asked that Mr. Robinson bring this before the Planning Board for discussion and bring recommendations back before City Council.

Todd Furr, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board adjourned the Planning Board meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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