

Tuesday – January 29, 2002

Skyland Volunteer Fire Department

9 Miller Road

7:00 p.m. - Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles R. Worley, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Terry M. Bellamy; Councilman Joseph C. Dunn; Councilman James E. Ellis; Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones; Councilman R. Carl Mumpower; and Councilman Brian L. Peterson; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: request that when the City is involved with lawsuits that the outcome of the lawsuits be published; timing coordination of traffic lights on Hendersonville Road; speed limit on Hendersonville Road should be reduced to 35 miles per hour; need for crosswalks on Hendersonville Road; billboards should continue to be removed; with the new Urban Village District on Hendersonville Road, there needs to be coordination on the City's and State's part regarding safety on Hendersonville Road; demographics of south Asheville; what is the economic future of south Asheville; recognizing there are 97 neighborhoods off Sweeten Creek Road, will the planning of the widening of Sweeten Creek Road tend toward residents needs or businesses needs and how will the two blend; since Sweeten Creek Road is partly in the County, what is the City's relationship with Buncombe County, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization; concern that City hired a Cultural Arts Superintendent at \$48,000 when they could have hired two police officers; concern of Bele Chere accounting each year and that the figures should be published; request for City to make the Regional Water Authority a true authority so Asheville residents do not have to pay N.C. Dept. of Transportation non-betterment costs; Police Department should have new cars and be paid more; concern over the development of the Urban Village with regard to stormwater control; how can the City's stormwater ordinance be changed from a 10-year storm to a 100-year storm; request that the City continue to fund children programs; and concern that N.C. Dept. of Transportation projects frequently extend many months beyond their deadlines and that has major impacts on the businesses along the project area.

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

CITY CLERK MAYOR