

Tuesday – July 30, 2002
East Asheville Community Center
906 Tunnel Road

7:05 p.m. – Community Meeting

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

Absent: Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: trees along Crockett Avenue need trimming as they block visibility for drivers; the grounds of the apartment complex on Melton Drive need to be maintained, including picking up trash and debris; emptying more frequently the large dumpster near the Willow Creek complex; to improve traffic flow in the Haw Creek area, a new entrance into the area was recommended via the Chunns Cove Road area; East Hawthorne and Marlboro Drive need repaving; traffic concerns on Crockett Avenue in light of the recently approved Riverbend Marketplace development; synchronize traffic lights on South Tunnel Road; ongoing problems on Avon and Arco Roads with heavy traffic that includes tractor-trailers, motorcycles and speeding; litter problems and the need for “no littering” signs on Avon and Arco Road; missed collection of household trash and tossed trash cans on Beverly Road; Chris Pelly, President of the Haw Creek Community Association reviewed recent accomplishments and projects in the community including the newly created park, the Haw Creek Village development, and plans for improved pedestrian safety via sidewalks; requested support for future opportunities to preserve open spaces in Haw Creek; need for sidewalks and improved safety on Wood Avenue, including keeping cars at 40 Wood Avenue from parking on the street; need to bring more family-oriented entertainment to the area; encouraged development of the water front area; questions regarding annexation, the frequency of annexation and criteria used; concerns about adequate public comment being taken by Council during the Wal-Mart public hearings; need for affordable housing in the region and efforts made by the Chamber of Commerce and the City; questions were asked about the progress of the Water Authority contract renegotiations and non-betterment costs; additional concerns were expressed about pedestrian safety in the Haw Creek community and plans for sidewalks; a question was asked concerning the viability of opening the Bee Tree watershed area for recreation purposes; area water sources were discussed, as well as the long-range possibility of utilizing the French Broad River as a drinking water source; and the future of the Civic Center and potential revenue sources was discussed.

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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MAYOR