

Special Meeting
Mount Holly City Council
March 8, 1997

A special meeting was held at the home of the City Attorney located at 5312 Hickory Grove Road, Stanley, North Carolina. The meeting was conducted in the form of a planning retreat and was called to order by Mayor Frank McLean at 1:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Michael Helms, Councilwoman Phyllis Harris, Councilmen Jim Hope, R. L. Duke, David Hostetler, Jr., and Andy Stewart, as well as City Manager Phil Ponder and City Attorney Kemp Michael.

Although unable to take any formal action, Council agreed on the following items:

Zoning/Planning Concerns. The Planning Commission should study the feasibility of developing regulations regarding communications towers, entrance way overlay districts and mini-warehouses for Council consideration. The sign ordinance shall remain as it is currently written.

Travel Policy. A travel policy should be developed for staff and Council with the following parameters: a. the mileage allotment should track IRS guidelines; b. a \$30.00 daily limit on meals; and a \$15.00 threshold should be established for receipts.

Council Meetings. The term "Complaints and Petitions" shall be changed to "Public Comment - Five Minute Limit" on future agendas. Individuals wishing to address the Council shall sign in with the Police Officer on duty and provide their name and address for the Mayor's review.

City Promotions. \$1,500.00 shall be added to the FY 1997/1998 budget for promotional materials to be determined by Council at a later time.

Downtown Fountain. The open area beside City Hall shall be enhanced with the addition of a lighted fountain, brick pavers and drainage improvements. Council acknowledged that it would take more than the \$5,000.00 budgeted to accomplish the improvements.

Sidewalk Bonds. A listing of sidewalk improvements, with cost estimates, to be quickly developed with the intention of having a bond referendum in the FALL for the full implementation of all listed improvements.

Organization/Council/Citizen Relations. Council authorized the City Manager to pursue consulting help from the Jesclon Group to enhance communications/relations between the city organization, Council and the citizens.


City Clerk


Mayor
