



C O U N C I L R E T R E A T M I N U T E S

FEBRUARY 5, 2016, 4:30PM, PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Brown; Barnes led the invocation. The following were present:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Mark Brown, Mayor	Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Dena Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem	Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk
Mike Adams	
Dianne Laughlin	Matt Reece, Facilitator
John O'Day	
Reece Walker	

CONSENT AGENDA

By consensus, the 2/23 special called budget planning meeting was changed to 2/29. Barnes motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda and FY2016-17 budget calendar as amended. The motion was seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously.

Facilitator Reece gave an overview of the format, roles of participants, and ground rules, and then led the group in icebreaker and team-building exercises.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND PREPARATION FOR SATURDAY'S PLANNING

Discussion of citizen demographics and population changes: the increase from 1837 in 1996 to 5875 in 1997 was due to annexations; the increase from 8051 in 2009 to 10275 in 2010 was likely due to census recalibration.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- A. **Value and use of by Council and staff:** Whitaker stated the plan was a "living" document that could change and a strategic document that sets direction on where the town is going and how to get there. The core objectives are guiding principles used by Council in decisions such as zoning issues. Other agencies use it to know the town's anticipated direction and developers use it to know the community's wants and needs. It is important for staff and Council to base decisions on the Comprehensive Plan as it is a reflection of Summerfield residents' preferences.
- B. **Town vision statement:** Whitaker read the statement; Council agreed that it is still valid and congruent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- C. **Common objective areas:**
  - 1. Appropriate, Limited Commercial Development: Council and staff are tasked with ensuring that this is achieved via design standards in the Development Ordinance; development will be limited naturally based on water/septic availability.

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Staff: Jeff Goard (P & R Mgr.), Cheryl Gore (Mgr. Asst./Events Coord.), Valarie Halvorsen (Clerk), Julie Reid (Planner), Katrina Whitt (Finance Officer)



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2. Sidewalk, Bikeway and Trail System: Whitaker noted the current relevance of this objective based on development of the A&Y Greenway and other trails. O'Day and Barnes felt horse riding trails are not currently well addressed. Whitaker stated the portion of the A&Y along Summerfield Road will include sidewalk, curb and gutter, which will change the look and dynamic of the area. Discussion centered on the disagreement between low-tax, limited-services government and the pursuit of a high level of connectivity as the Comprehensive Plan dictates; barriers and opposition to high-level connectivity; the need to consider the town as a whole and not just a vocal minority regarding wants/needs; and, agreement that a better fit and description regarding the level of connectivity would be "balanced" or another reductive word.

With no further business for the evening, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Mark Brown, Mayor

Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk