

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RETREAT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010
9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Darryl Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Minor, Commissioner Tim Karan, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner John T. Stallings and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson.

City Staff:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, Ms. Sandra Harper, City Clerk, Ms. Korena Weichel, Administrative Services Manager, Mr. Ren Wiles, Finance Officer, Mr. Dave Roesler, Planning Director, Mr. Steve Colenda, City Inspector, Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Business Development & Transportation Project Manager and Mr. Tim Benware, Police Chief

Planning Board Attendees:

Ms. Suzanne Smith, Chairman, Mr. Wayne Cross and Ms. Mildred Goss

Board of Adjustment:

Mr. Jay Rich

TCC:

Mr. John Wilkerson and Mr. Jay Rich

Citizens:

Mr. Deuard Bowden

Mr. Larry Robinson

Media:

Mr. Harry Coleman- Butner Creedmoor News

WELCOME & PURPOSE:

Mayor Moss welcomed everyone. He said that he has been reading a book called “Ready for Anything” and it has fifty-two pro activity principles for getting things done. Mayor Moss read number thirty-nine and noted that it reminds him of Creedmoor. He expressed that if there is not a lot of money or a lot of people there must be good planning.

Mayor Moss said that he plans to focus on the five areas of Finance Administration & Intergovernmental, Public Safety, Transportation Infrastructure, Community & Economic Development and Energy, Environment & Natural Resources. He said that he hopes that this

Board will use today as a good day to have open and honest dialogue. Mayor Moss asked the Commissioners their thoughts of key points they would like to achieve for today.

Commissioner Karan said that he has been looking at planting seeds for the budget process. He is trying to get an idea of the forthcoming projects proposed from the five committees and to prepare to budget. He noted that 2010 is going to be a big year for projects.

Commissioner Minor said that he agrees with Commissioner Karan that the Retreat is the start of the budget process. He said that he would like to see projects prioritized for 2010. Commissioner Minor said that the water/sewer projects will be over nine million dollars. He referenced the projects of the Joe Peed booster station, elevated tank, water lines being placed and the line to run to Hester. The last couple of weeks have shown the weakness in the water system. The finish water pump and the backup pump went down. Commissioner Minor referred to Public Safety and noted that during the ice storm there were 23 accidents at once in Granville County and even with the modern communications extra personnel was called to help. Commissioner Minor said that he wants to see the City concentrate on water/sewer, Public Safety, prioritization of projects and budget.

Commissioner Stallings expressed that he would like to see improvement in the community. He has been looking at a program called SWAP. This is when another community of our size comes in and views our community to document the good points and bad points. This lets us know what we need to do to improve our community. The City of Creedmoor would do the same for that community.

Commissioner Wilkerson said that he wants to know what the City of Creedmoor can do to have a better relationship with the surrounding communities. Commissioner Wilkerson said that he would also like to see a better process in getting answers to the needs of citizens. He said that he wants to see improvement in the relationship between the citizens and the City of Creedmoor.

Commissioner Piper said that he would like to start 2010 with thanking this Board, staff, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment for the accomplishments of last year. He referred to the good audit the City received last year. Commissioner Piper expressed that the Board needs to prioritize and the committees need to be active and work closely with the Manager and Mayor to move forward. He expressed that he agrees with Commissioner Wilkerson that the City needs to have a better working relationship with Butner, Stem and Granville County. Commissioner Piper said that this year the Board should be a better listener to citizens concerns and needs.

Mayor Moss thanked citizens and Planning Board members for their attendance today. He said that everything that staff has prepared for today's meeting relates to the areas of concerns.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager gave a handout and presentation on the past, present, future, strategy plan/implementation, challenges, next steps/priorities in the budgeting process,

policy responsibilities and implementation responsibility for each of the five committees. Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager said that a report will be prepared of the information from this meeting and forwarded to the Board for review and feedback to prepare for the upcoming budget.

Mayor Moss, in closing, thanked Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager and staff for the preparation of this meeting. He expressed that this was a lot of information for everyone to retain at once; however it was a productive day. Mayor Moss said that Ms. Scottie Wilkins; Business Development & Transportation Project Manager will send a report to each Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. He expressed that he would like for each committee to schedule a committee meeting with appropriate staff before the February 8, 2010 Work Session. Mayor Moss asked that each committee be prepared to make a presentation at the February 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting on priorities.

Mayor Moss adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk