

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
February 12, 2007

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN met in regular monthly session on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Public Safety Building, 106 Montreat Road, Black Mountain, NC.

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PRAYER

Mayor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Carl R. Bartlett
Vice Mayor C. Michael Sobol
Alderman Joan Brown
Alderman Chuck McKeown
Alderman Rosalie Phillips
Alderman Mary Leonard White

The following staff members were present:

Anthony N. Caudle, Town Manager
Bo Ferguson, Assistant Town Manager
Shirley Raines, Town Clerk
Ron Sneed, Town Attorney
David Ballard, Golf Pro/Manager
LuAnn Bryan, Recreation and Parks Director
Kevin Pressley, Police Chief
Tim Rayburn, Fire Chief
John Shaw, Golf Course Superintendent
Elizabeth Teague, Planning Director
Bob Watts, Public Works Director

Representing the media:

Andy Grabel, Black Mountain News
Gary & Sally Biggers, Black Mountain Video Productions

Mayor Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Lavon Lindsay, Deacon, with Mills Chapel Baptist Church.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Travis Childs, 204 Pine Street, spoke on behalf of the Economic Development Committee, in reference to the west Black Mountain project interchange. He said the EDC is not the opposition. Mr. Childs encourages everyone to work together to create a vision and gather facts and make the decision that will be best for the future of Black Mountain.

Jim Buckner, 16 Woodlands Drive, said he wants to express appreciation to the Board for serving in a public office, which brings with it responsibility of making hard decisions, such as the topic of the interchange. He encourages the Board to face the hard decisions without regard to the emotions, personal opinions, or public opinion polls, but to contemplate decisions based on legitimate facts. He said the Board is voting for every citizen in this community, and he asks that the Board look at the big picture for years into the future.

Joe Tyson, 309 N. Dougherty Street, gave a brief history of the interchange issue. He said the challenge now is maintaining the Blue Ridge Road and solving traffic problems. Mr. Tyson suggested keeping the TIP I4409 project alive and tell DOT that Blue Ridge Road is not an acceptable solution. Mr. Tyson encourages the Board to look at a solution, take a stand, and work with DOT.

Ken Pittman, Architect, said he has designed a conceptual design that he would like the Board to present to DOT. He encourages the Board to keep the project on the TIP and work for a community solution that everyone will accept.

Dan Struble, 370 Florida Terrace, Montreat, NC, noted that Montreat College wants to be a corporate citizen with Black Mountain. He said the interchange is important to provide access to the college and the Research and Technology Park, and believes that Montreat College can be a great asset to the Town.

Randy Jamison, with Ingle's Market, said Ingle's has been a very integral part of this community for over 40 years and provides jobs for more than 14,000 people. He said the proposed expansion will provide 25% more jobs, and with the growth comes more truck traffic. Mr. Jamison said Ingle's would like to see an interchange located near the distribution center in order to alleviate the truck traffic on Blue Ridge Road and downtown Black Mountain. He encourages the Board to work with DOT to find the best alternative for the interchange.

Brian Dehler, Engineer, is supportive of the west Black Mountain interchange. Mr. Dehler gave handouts showing traffic volumes and land uses being planned for this area. He urges the Board to work with the community and NCDOT to locate an interchange that would be a win-win situation for everyone.

Jim Coman, Sr. Planner with Buncombe County and chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, said the county is experiencing an exponential growth in housing. He urges the Board to be pro-active in planning for growth and in pursuing a west Black Mountain interchange.

Ray Denning, Executive Director, Economic Development Coalition of Asheville-Buncombe County, read a letter from Bob Roberts, Chairman, asking the Board of Aldermen to support a second I-40 interchange in Black Mountain.

Dawn Wilson, 200 Woodland Court, wants to keep Blue Ridge Road as it is. She encourages the Board to support a west Black Mountain interchange.

Harry Hamil, 15 John Myra Avenue, made several points:

(1) - Numbers in traffic studies are only guesses and asked that the Board use their ability to analyze and make good judgment. (2) In 2004 the Planning Board gave the community a chance to look at a local transportation plan, which the Board of Aldermen had requested from Land-of-Sky Regional Council. He said that opportunity made tonight possible. Mr. Hamil said since that time, nothing has moved forward on the transportation plan. He said the Planning Board has never been asked for input. (3) Is glad that Montreat College wants to be a good corporate citizen and hopes that they will take part in the land use code rewrite. (4) He will not reapply to serve on the Planning Board because he does not believe the Board of Aldermen wants the Planning Board to do planning.

Ben Laframbois, 100 Meadowbrook Lane, said he came from a community with no economic development. He looks forward to growth in Black Mountain and hopes that his children will some day be able to move back here and live. Mr. Laframbois said that sometimes we have to compromise and not pursue one objective, because there can be unintentional consequences. He encourages the Board to look at growth and to encourage high value jobs in this area.

Bob Gunn, 109 Pleasant Drive, said there has been a lot of commentary from the Economic Development Committee, Montreat College, Ingle's Market, but they are not elected bodies and do not speak for the citizen. He feels there has not been enough openness and transparency from public government that is essential. Mr. Gunn said the opinions of the citizens have merit. He hopes the Board will kill the Blue Ridge Road interchange issue completely.

Fran Dionne, 108 N. Blue Ridge Road, supports an interchange closer to Ingle's but not Blue Ridge Road.

Philip Bisesi, Hy View Drive, thinks the interchange should be close to Kearfott, a manufacturing facility, located on U.S. 70 and Ingle's Distribution Center. He said Ingle's has also purchased the old Busmann facility on Old U.S. 70.

Gay Fox, 307 Tomahawk Avenue, said the people in her community do not want the interchange.

Clay Hile, 111 Connolly Street, said he supports the interchange. He said perhaps Blue Ridge Road is not the best choice, but if the Board chooses to close this issue, it closes its eyes on having an active role in planning for positive growth in our Town. Mr. Hile hopes the Board will make a decision that will be best for all of the residents of Black Mountain.

Steve Brown, 57 Fortune Street, said he is concerned about Blue Ridge Road intersection, and adding new lanes and an interchange does not alleviate the problem.

Philip Bisesi, Hy View Drive, said he advocates widening U.S. 70 and make access to interchanges better.

Mayor Bartlett thanked everyone in attendance and expressed appreciation to all those who were attending for the first time and also the viewing audience. The meeting was duly constituted and opened for the transaction of business. The following business was transacted.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of January 4, 2007 - Agenda Workshop, January 8, 2007 – Regular Session, and January 16, 2007 – Special Meeting were approved.

The agenda was amended with the following changes:

Under VI, Consent Agenda, moved item “F”, “Resolution of Support for the Location of a Veterans’ Administration Nursing Home” to “Communications from the Mayor”,

Under VI, Consent Agenda, added new item “F”,

Under VIII, Committee/Board Reports, added items “A” and “B”,

Under IX, Old Business, delete item “A”, “Request from James L. Richter to purchase land on Golf Course”,

Under X, New Business, move items “A” and “B” to Consent,

Under XII, Closed Session, delete item “A”

With these changes the agenda was approved with a 5-0 vote on a motion by Alderman Brown.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

A. Proclamation Honoring LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center – 100th Anniversary – Mayor Bartlett read a proclamation honoring LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center on their 100th anniversary this year.

B. Resolution Supporting “Land for Tomorrow” Conservation – Mayor Bartlett read a Resolution in support of “Land for Tomorrow” Conservation. *Alderman White made a motion to adopt the Resolution in support of “Land for Tomorrow” Conservation. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.*

C. Resolution of Support for the Location of a Veterans’ Administration Nursing Home on Property Currently Occupied by the North Carolina Department of Corrections – Mayor Bartlett read a Resolution of Support for the location of a Veterans’ Administration Nursing Home in Black Mountain. *Alderman White made a motion to pass the Resolution in support of constructing a Veterans’ Administration Nursing Home facility in Black Mountain. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.*

D. Mayor Bartlett announced that Mission Hospitals has a program in place to assist individuals with prescription drugs who do not have prescription drug coverage with their employer. He said that anyone who feels they would qualify should contact Mission Hospitals or call Shirley Raines at Town Hall.

E. Mayor Bartlett recognized Tim Rayburn, Fire Chief, for the outstanding job he is doing and presented him with the first annual Mayor’s “Big Dog” award.

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN ATTORNEY - None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Adoption of the Minutes

Motion: To adopt the minutes of January 4, 2007 - Agenda Workshop, January 8, 2007 – Regular Session, January 16, 2007 – Special Meeting

B. Adoption of Budget Amendment #14

Motion: To adopt Budget Amendment #14 as submitted

C. Black Mountain Health Initiative Request

Motion: To authorize the Health Initiative to apply for a Fit Community Designation for Black Mountain and to seek a grant for support of a community garden, plus nutritional programs

Mike Mayer with the Health Initiative Committee gave a brief update on the programs and initiatives that are underway.

D. Contract with URS to Conduct Utility and Cellular Phone Audits

Motion: To authorize staff to contract with URS to conduct utility and cellular phone audits for the Town, and to provide recommendations for cost savings

E. Endorse Grant Application to Fund Purchase of Recycling Bins

Motion: To authorize staff to apply for funding from the 2007 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program to fund the purchase of recycling bins for Town residents and businesses

F. Request for Proposals for Audit Services

Motion: To seek proposals for audit services for the Town of Black Mountain, covering the audit of FY06-07, with options to continue for FY07-08 and FY08-09

G. **CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING** to Consider the Rezoning Request of Mr. William A. Allan for 104b, Old US70, PIN # 060914438551, from Office Institutional (OI) to General Commercial (C2)

Motion: To call for a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of lot 060914438551, from Office Institutional (OI) to General Commercial (C2) to be held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the meeting room of the Public Safety Building located at 106 Montreat Road, Black Mountain, NC

- H. Review of Equipment Use Policy
Motion: Motion to delete the phrase “unless authorized by the Town Manager” and also the last sentence beginning “Should authorization be granted...” from Section 12 of Article VI of the Town of Black Mountain Personnel Policy Manual
- I. Budget Amendment #13 to Compensate Employees for Previously Earned Overtime
Motion: Motion to adopt Budget Amendment #13 as submitted

VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

A. Review of Consent Agenda

B. Request for Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen – Mr. Caudle requested that the Board of Aldermen schedule a special meeting to receive a report from the Housing Commission regarding potential sites for affordable housing and give direction to the staff in preparation of the annual budget for FY 2007-08. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

C. Consideration of Rescheduling April Board of Aldermen Meeting – Mr. Caudle noted that Easter Monday falls on April 9, 2007 which is the regular meeting date of the Board of Aldermen. After discussion, the Board agreed to move the April meeting to the following Monday, April 16, 2007.

D. Projects Update

1. Sidewalk construction – grant from NCDOT – Mr. Caudle reported that the first phase of U.S. 70 sidewalk construction is nearing completion. He said some delays have been experienced due to inclement weather. Mr. Caudle reported that Greg Shuler, Assistant Division Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, has informed him that funding has been appropriated from NCDOT for Phase II of U.S. 70 sidewalk from the intersection of U.S. 70 and Old U.S. 70 down to Blue Ridge Road.

2. Paving of greenway in Recreation Park – Ms. LuAnn Bryan, Recreation and Parks Director, reported that only one bid of \$8,000 has been received for the paving to connect the bridge at Recreation Park. She said she is waiting to get more bids.

3. Fire Department Report – Tim Rayburn, Fire Chief, gave the Fire Department report for the month of January.

4. Police Department Report – Kevin Pressley, Police Chief, gave the Police Department report for the month of January.

5. Golf Course 19th Hole Snack Shop Lease – David Ballard, Golf Pro/Manager, reported that the 19th Hole Snack Shop is up for bid with the bid opening scheduled for March 12, 2007. He said the new lessee will begin operations on April 1, 2007.

6. Blue Ridge Road water line construction – Bob Watts, Public Works Director, said one of our long-term objectives was to create a hydraulic loop from the end of Cragmont Road where it comes down to Old U.S. 70, and back around to Blue Ridge Road. He said plans have been completed and hopes to bid this work in April.

7. Sewer line construction - Mr. Ferguson, Assistant Town Manager, noted that in the 2006-07 budget, the Board of Aldermen did approve funds for the construction of the

sewer lines on McCoy Cove/Avena Road being one project and Blue Ridge Road as the second project. These are projects from the annexation and is a requirement that the Town construct these lines. Mr. Ferguson said that staff and the contract engineer have been obtaining and acquiring easements on the McCoy Cove/Avena Road project which is substantially on private property. He said once those easements are acquired, staff will go to bid and hope to have both projects bid within 90 days.

8. Land Use Code Update – Elizabeth Teague, Planning Director, said that because of the complexity of the Land Use Code Update, she would like to bring forth sections to the Board for their review and approval beginning in April. Ms. Teague said that the Stormwater Regulations have to be adopted by June for the Town to be in compliance with the NPDES requirements. *After discussion, Vice Mayor Sobol made a motion to allow the Planning Director to bring sections of the Land Use Code Update (Zoning Ordinances, Sub-Division Ordinance, Flood Regulations, and Stormwater Regulations) to the Board of Aldermen for approval and also allow the Planning Director to break down and bring forth the Zoning Ordinance in sections and present a timeline for these updates to the Board at the March meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.*

9. Sutton Avenue traffic study – Elizabeth Teague, Planning Director, said staff is working with consultants Mattern & Craig on the traffic study for Sutton Avenue. She will present the results of the study to the Board of Aldermen at the March meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Land-of-Sky Report (Family Caregiver Program) – Alderman Brown reported that the Land-of-Sky Regional Council and the CareGivers Board has conducted a study on dementia and how it affects people in the Land-of-Sky region. She said they also did a study on dementia within the African-American population. Alderman Brown said a meeting will be held on March 15 at the Tristone Missionary Baptist Church to make the public more aware of the services available for individuals who are caregivers. She said there is financial assistance as well as in-home assistance provided through this agency. Alderman Brown urges anyone who is a caregiver to contact the Land-of-Sky Regional Council for more information.

B. Highland Farms Report – Alderman Brown reported that Highland Farms Retirement Community has formed a committee “Going Green”. The committee will recognize and encourage residents to conserve energy and will partner with groups who are energy conscious.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Request from James L. Richter to Purchase Land on Golf Course – Delete this item from agenda.

B. Fluorescent Light Bulb Handout and Education Campaign – Bo Ferguson, Assistant Town Manager, explained that this is an item that came forward from Vice Mayor Sobol and Alderman White who wanted to emphasize energy savings by switching to fluorescent light bulbs. Mr. Ferguson introduced a representative from the WNC Green Building Council

who reviewed the “Change a Light Bulb, Change the World” campaign. Mr. Ferguson said that a number of light bulbs would be distributed tonight from the Town of Black Mountain and WNC Green Building Council. He said forms are available to sign up with “Energy Star” to take part in the campaign to save energy.

C. Discussion of Potential Water Customer Acquisition from City of Asheville

Bo Ferguson, Assistant Town Manager, explained that the Town has discussed for some time the potential acquisition of water customers who are served by the City of Asheville but live in the town limits of Black Mountain. He said that staff needs direction from the Board of Aldermen as to whether or not to approach Asheville with an offer to acquire these customers. Mr. Ferguson said the City of Asheville has indicated its willingness to continue discussion once resolution of the Sullivan Act legal proceedings is reached. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to continue discussion with the City of Asheville on acquisition of those water customers.

D. Review of North Carolina Department of Transportation Report of Preliminary Findings of Feasibility Study Re-Evaluation of West Black Mountain Interchange

Alderman McKeown reported that in 2000 when the North Carolina Department of Transportation conducted a feasibility study for an interchange on Blue Ridge Road, he said the reasons given were to alleviate traffic in Black Mountain and reduce truck traffic. Alderman McKeown said he has met with Greg Shuler, Assistant Division Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). He said that Mr. Shuler is here and will help answer any questions. Alderman McKeown explained that since 2000, the criteria for an interchange has changed. Alderman McKeown asked Mr. Shuler how long would it take to get back on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) once this project is dropped. Mr. Shuler said if the Town does not have the same problem, we need to define what the problem is so we will have a better chance to solve it. He said DOT is here to help the Town, but we have to know what the needs are. Alderman McKeown asked how do we get to another project and not get back to Blue Ridge Road?

Mr. Shuler said that DOT would look at different alternatives, evaluate each location and compare them, but it will come down to the least environmentally damaging alternative. He said there is a merger process, and it takes a number of years. DOT will be spending federal money and is required to follow the merger process. DOT has very little input on a lot of the decisions that are made throughout the process. Environmental regulatory agencies, i.e., DEHNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have a lot to say about the project. Mr. Shuler said the practical portion deals with the environment and, of course, dollars.

Alderman McKeown stated that if we leave the project alone and say we do not want anything at Blue Ridge Road, there is no guarantee that it will not come back to DOT. We have to be concerned about what we ask for and ask specifically in a way that Blue Ridge Road will not be considered. He said he knows there are people who are in support of an interchange and if we do not come to a consensus, the project will never be built. Alderman McKeown asked Mr. Shuler how long would it take to get back in the same position as we are now? Mr. Shuler said if

you drop this project and request another project, it could be a quick turnaround, maybe two years or less to get back on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He explained the TIP process.

Alderman McKeown said he thinks this project should be dropped and start over with a new project that would eliminate Blue Ridge Road entirely and asked Mr. Shuler how can that be accomplished? Mr. Shuler said DOT deals with problems first, not solutions.

Vice Mayor Sobol asked could we reach the end result quicker if we bring back a specific project, for example Lytle Cove, as opposed to dropping the original request, and get everyone behind the new project. Mr. Shuler asked are we really solving the problem that was originally stated? Can we make better time on coming to a solution to the problem with interested parties behind it? He said yes, and Buncombe County should be included if you are looking at Lytle Cove.

Alderman Phillips asked Mr. Shuler if the Board asked DOT to take TIP I-4409 off the TIP, would DOT find it confusing if we immediately came back and asked for another interchange, and what would alleviate the confusion by asking tonight or in one or two months? Mr. Shuler does not think there is a time period. The MPO would be the avenue to pursue. Mr. Shuler said if the problem is different than what has been stated, then the Town needs to identify it.

Alderman Brown said as a community we have to become unified and support west Black Mountain interchange at a mid-point location.

Vice Mayor Sobol made a motion that the Town notify the North Carolina Department of Transportation that TIP I-4409 should be terminated and removed from the TIP. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1 with Alderman Brown opposed.

Mr. Caudle said the best way to get a feasibility study accomplished is for the community to define the problems. He said once those problems are defined, the Board would adopt a Resolution, which would be sent to the MPO asking for a feasibility study to be done by NC DOT around those problems. Mr. Caudle suggested that the Board hold a meeting and invite interested parties and go through a process to define the problems needing to be resolved. Vice Mayor Sobol would like to have a meeting before the next Board meeting.

Alderman White made a motion to continue to pursue an interchange west of Black Mountain excluding Blue Ridge Road. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Bartlett called for a five-minute break at 8:55 p.m.

E. PUBLIC HEARING on the Annexation of Phase III of the Property Known as The Settings

Tony Caudle, Town Manager, said the request is to pass the annexation ordinance for The Settings for Phase III which provides vested rights that allows the developer to build under the requirements that are put forth on the plans that have been submitted, with one exception. The

fire hydrant placement had not been detailed on the plans that were submitted so the annexation ordinance stipulates that the annexation will require approval of the Fire Department on the location of the fire hydrants. He said street slopes and other items have been submitted to the staff and reviewed and found to be in compliance with our recommendations.

Alderman Brown made a motion to approve an Ordinance annexing Phase Three of The Settings as shown on those plats recorded in Plat Book 108 at pages 169, 170, 171, and 172; and lots 155, 156, 158, and 159, Plat Book 100 at page 21, plat book 102 at page 91, plat book 100 at page 153, and plat book 123 at page 76; and additional lots which are additions to Phase 2 shown on plat book 108 at page 36 (deed book 4336, page 1270), plat book 104 at page 177 (deed book 4331, page 1739 and deed book 4331 at page 1742) into the Town of Black Mountain.

Mayor Bartlett opened the public hearing at 9:05 p.m.

Harry Hamil, 15 John Myra Avenue, said that the Planning Board sent a letter to the Board of Aldermen pertaining to cut and fill slopes with Goodson Cove. He said it seems there is a similar issue with The Settings. Mr. Hamil said there is an instrument (konometer) that will give a rough measure for slopes. He feels this is a serious issue, and we should have some information so that the current ordinance will be fulfilled. Mr. Hamil said there may be some vested property rights whereby they could build some roads that would have a filled slope that would not comply because they might have vested rights to build the roads. He said it is the side of the road that would be the problem. Chip Knight with The Settings said the plans meet all the requirements of the Town for cut and fill slopes. Vice Mayor Sobol asked for an update on the development of The Settings. Mr. Knight said one house is complete, five houses have poured footings, eleven owners are ready to apply for permits. He said the build out is about 5-7 years; 2/3 of the lots are sold out.

Lisa Milton, 406 W. State Street, said she owns property that is subject to the runoff from The Settings. She said when the stream runs red, is this a violation and who should she call. Mr. Caudle said she can call the Division of Water Quality or call the Town Hall and staff will assist her.

With no further public comments, Mayor Bartlett closed the public hearing at 9:25 p.m.

With no further comments, the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Requests from Rainbow Recycling

Bo Ferguson, Assistant Town Manager, reported that Marilyn Sobanski, representative with Rainbow Recycling, brought forward five requests at the January meeting to be considered for the FY 2007-08 budget. He said the Board asked staff to research these requests and to bring back recommendations. Mr. Ferguson said staff has researched these requests and recommend the following: (1) Recycling bins in public places – Public recycling containers are frequently contaminated with trash. Staff does not feel it is practical to implement public recycling

containers. (2) Weekly recycling for residents and eligible businesses – To switch to weekly recycling would cost an additional \$30,000 annually. Staff believes the benefits of weekly recycling are tangible, but would increase the budget by \$30,000. (3) Annual mailing of recycling information – Funds are included in this year’s budget for educational mailings and will be included in next year’s budget. (4) Electronics/computer recycling event – Most of the electronic equipment is accepted by the Buncombe County landfill for recycling for free every Friday. The Town could sponsor a collection event for approximately \$400-\$500. Staff believes it would be more efficient to educate the public of the free service. (5) Leaf shredding event – Staff suggests that a small area be made available on a trial basis for dumping of leaves for citizens to pick up. After a specified time, staff would evaluate the demand from the community. Approximate cost: \$100. Mr. Ferguson asked for direction from the Board on these items.

XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS – (At 9:40 p.m. Mayor Bartlett asked for Citizen Comments.)

Marilyn Sobanski, with Rainbow Recycling, noted that she only asked for a leaf pile, not a compost site. She feels the community gardens would benefit from this. Ms. Sobanski pointed out the convenience to the citizens if the Town would sponsor an electronics/computer recycling event. Vice Mayor Sobol asked staff to look into electronic recycling.

Harry Hamil, 15 John Myra Avenue, said there are businesses that would be willing to pick up the leaves if the Board decides to provide this service. Mr. Hamil said if the Board would complete the transportation plan, it would provide information on many issues. He said the Town owns equipment that can monitor car counts, etc. Mr. Hamil said the draft flood maps and flood insurance study should be available by June or July. Reviewed possible ETJ areas and requested discussion with Buncombe County.

Mr. Caudle asked for direction in regard to the recycling requests. The Board agreed to discuss this at the meeting on February 20, 2007.

X. NEW BUSINESS (contd.)

B. Design and Construction of a Bus Shelter on US 70 (Budget Amendment #12)

Vice Mayor Sobol made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #12 as submitted, and direct the Town to work with Appalachian Planning and Design to design and construct a bus shelter at the intersection of US 70 and Old 70. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

C. Formation and Appointment of the Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee and a Board of Aldermen Representative

Vice Mayor Sobol made a motion to form a Steering Committee to guide the development of the Comprehensive Pedestrian Master Plan and to appoint the following citizen and staff representatives to that Committee. Recreation Commission – Terry McElrath, Health Initiative – Mike Mayer, Planning Board – Ryan Stone, Greenways Commission – Anne Lutz, Police Department – Jessica Howard, Recreation and Parks Department – LuAnn Bryan, Planning Department – Elizabeth Teague. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Alderman Brown made

a motion to appoint Vice Mayor Sobol to serve as Board representative on the Steering Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - *With no further business, Alderman McKeown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.*

Carl R. Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST

Anthony N. Caudle, Town Manager

Shirley J. Raines, CMC, Town Clerk