

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 12, 2005, 8:00AM
SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: John T. Henley, Jr., Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Billy R. King, Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett
Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Jeannette M. Council
Commissioner Kenneth S. Edge
Commissioner Diane Wheatley
James Martin, County Manager
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Marsha Fogle, Clerk
Other county staff: Nancy Roy, Bob Stanger,
Tom Cooney, Matt Rooney, Tom Lloyd, Sara VanderClute
Marshall Pitts, Mayor, City of Fayetteville
Lois Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem,
D.J. Haire
Jimmy Keefe
Curtis Worthy
Mabel Smith
Johnny Dawkins
Robert Massey
Paul Williams
Roger Stancil, City Manager
Jimmy Teal
Karen, City Attorney
PWC representatives: Mick Noland, Terri Union
Greg Caison, Storm Water Department
Stacy Hansen, Deputy Clerk, City of Fayetteville
Press: Andrew Barksdale, Don Worthington

The respective Boards were called to order.

INVOCATION: Commissioner J. Breeden Blackwell

1. 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Nancy Roy, County Planning/Inspections Director, introduced Mr. Glenn Harbeck of Glenn Harbeck Associates of Wilmington, who has completed several Comprehensive Plans and Growth Vision Plans. She, county management and city management recommend that his firm be used to guide us through this process.

Ms. Roy noted that the 2030 Executive Committee, consisting of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board, the Fayetteville Planning Commission and the Hope Mills Planning Commission has met a number of times and conducted public meetings to gather data in the area of demographics, infrastructure, transportation, the economy, Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, public facilities and city revitalization plans. All of this information will provide a basis for the next step in the 2030 planning process.

The consulting services provided by Glenn Harbeck Associates of Wilmington will supplement the efforts of the existing staff and utilize a locally appointed Task Force.

Mr. Harbeck noted that the purpose of the 2030 Growth Vision Plan is threefold:

- to maximize the value of the decisions made;
- create a positive image to new people and new business;
- once a plan is adopted, new citizens and new businesses know what to expect.

Mr. Harbeck said it is important to understand that cities and counties are different and recognize those differences as the plan is developed.

FIVE STEP PROCESS FOR COMPLETION OF THE PLAN:

Phase 1 – Build a consensus for planning

- Detail the process

- Hold Growth Vision Summit
- Sign Joint Proclamation
- Appoint a Task Force representing the following:

County Commissioners – 2
 Fayetteville City Council – 2
 Hope Mills Commissioners – 2
 County Planning Board – 2
 Fayetteville Planning Commission – 2
 Hope Mills Planning Commission – 2
 Cumberland County School Board – 2
 Falcon, Godwin, Wade – 1
 Linden – 1
 Spring Lake – 1
 Stedman – 1

Phase 2 – Create the vision

- Gear up for 1st round of area meetings
- Citizens I.D. desired and unwanted futures
- Draft vision statements w/photo images

Phase 3 – Identify Policies, Actions, Growth Strategy

- Complete the growth factors analysis
- I.D. proposed policies and actions
- Prepare the growth strategy map

Phase 4 – Evaluate the Plan, positively

- Gear up for 2nd round of meetings
- Citizens evaluate policies, actions, growth strategies
- Task Force reviews results, agrees on changes

Phase 5 – Reach a consensus for adoption

- Consolidated draft plan
- Hold joint round table summit
- Complete review and adoption process
- Prepare final plan for printing

The process will take about 18 months. Cost figures:

Phase 1:	\$8,500	
Phase 2-5:	\$165,000	(to be paid in increments)

Estimated Cost Share Based on Population:

Cumberland County – 53%	\$91,955
City of Fayetteville – 43%	\$74,605
Town of Hope Mills – 4%	\$ 6,940

MOTION: Council member Haire moved to go forward with the project.

SECOND: Council member Dawkins

DISCUSSION: Paul Williams said he would like to hear from some other consultants who specialize in this type of service. John Henley, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, inquired how the Harbeck firm was chosen. Nancy Roy, County Planning/Inspections Director, said city and county staff knew of the firm and its reputation.

VOTE: Favor: Council members, Pitt, Kirby, Massey, Worthy, Dawkins, Smith, Haire, Keefe

Opposed: Council member Paul Williams

Absent: Council member Juanita Gonzalez

MOTION: Commissioner Kenneth Edge moved to approve staff recommendation to move forward with this project.

SECOND: Commissioner King

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Baggett noted that Hope Mills has the same number of people on the Task Force as the County and City of Fayetteville. He suggested the number be reduced or the County and City of Fayetteville

number increase, making the Task Force more representative of the population . Mr. Harbeck indicated that would be no problem.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

John Henley, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, noted that this joint effort brings up another effort that the County is interested in, i.e., joint planning with the City of Fayetteville. He inquired if the City is going to respond to the County's request for a joint planning board. Commissioner Henley noted that once this 2030 Plan is approved, it will be important that joint planning take place. Mayor Pitts said he believes the adoption of this 2030 Planning Process indicates that the City is interested in joint planning. However, at this time, he does not believe the City is ready to identify the vehicle for the joint planning process.

Mr. Harbeck noted that a joint planning board could be one of the outcomes of this whole process.

2. Storm Water

Greg Caison reviewed with the two Boards some options for consideration in order to address storm water services (quality issues, quantity issues, maintenance issues, drainage issues) Mr. Caison noted that drainage issues, especially in the City of Fayetteville, continue to be a problem and there is not enough money in the Storm Water Fund to address the problem.

PROPOSAL:

- Keep storm water fee at \$1.00 per month for FY2006, primarily to fund water quality projects;
- Revise the storm water ordinance to allow each governing body to set its own project rate to fund water quantity projects;
- Provide drainage project needs analysis to each governing body by October 1.

Commissioner Billy King inquired about the balance in the Storm Water Fund. Mr. Caison said it is about \$700,000.

MOTION: City Council member Dawkins moved that the storm water ordinance be revised to allow each governing body to set its own project rate.

REVISED

MOTION: City Council member Dawkins moved that the City Council adopt the proposal as noted above.

SECOND: City Council member Keefe

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the proposal noted above.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Water/Sewer infrastructure

John Henley, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, noted that the County has appropriated funding for infrastructure in the urban and rural areas. Commissioner Baggett noted that cooperation between the County and PWC for water/sewer extension has been wonderful. He also noted that the County is in a position to receive low interest loans and grants for the extension of water and sewer, something that PWC and the City of Fayetteville are not able to do. He said it is his hope that there will be a County-wide water/sewer program, which can be partly funded with these low interest loans and grants.

4. Recycling

John Henley, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, inquired about the status of the County's request to the City to identify some recycling sites. The City Manager noted that he is looking for some sites, but noted the difficulty in siting these types of facilities. Note: The City will provide and prepare the sites. The County will provide the containers and staff the sites.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:30AM

