

**City Council Action, Excerpts from Folio:  
Adoption of 2030 Vision Plan  
June 22, 2009**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
JUNE 22, 2009  
7:00 P.M.**

**Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne  
Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2);  
Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Bobby Hurst  
(District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7);  
Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)**

**Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager  
Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager  
Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney  
Lisa Smith, Chief Financial Officer  
Jeffrey Brown, Interim Director for Engineering and**

**Infrastructure**

**Benjamin Nichols, Fire Chief  
Terrie Hutaff, Human Resource Development Director  
Ben Major, Fire/Emergency Management Assistant Chief  
Christina Morey, Fire/Emergency Management Assistant**

**Chief**

**Mike Hill, Battalion Commander  
Tom Bergamine, Chief of Police  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Manager  
Rob Anderson, Chief Development Officer  
Jimmy Teal, Planning Director  
Craig Hampton, Special Project Director  
Erica Hoggard, Human Resource Development Assistant**

**Director**

**Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager/Public Information**

**Officer**

**Nathan Walls, Public Information Specialist  
Members of the Press**

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**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**B. Consider adoption of the 2030 Growth Vision Plan.**

**Mr. Jimmy Teal, Planning Director, presented this item and provided background information on the plan. He stated Council had referred this item to the Planning Commission to review the plan with the County Planning Board for**

possible changes. He stated the County had suggested changes and the City Planning Commission recommended endorsement of the changes. He stated the County Commissioners had approved the plan with the changes in April of 2009. He stated Council's options were to adopt the plan as originally submitted by the 2030 Growth Vision Plan Advisory Committee, adopt the plan as amended by the County, or make changes to the plan. He stated the Planning staff recommended approval with the County changes with the exception of policies 10.13 and 11.7 regarding tree protection. He stated this plan would be guidelines to guide Council on developing ordinances. He stated the Planning Commission recommended approval as adopted by the County Commissioners.

This is the advertised public hearing set for this date and time. There being no one present to speak either in favor or opposition, the public hearing opened and closed at 8:37 p.m.

Concerns were expressed on the tree preservation ordinance in regard to clear cutting of trees. Mr. Teal responded the County was taking out the provision of clear cutting of trees from their plan but the City was not removing this provision. He stated the Planning staff would be recommending stronger language to protect the trees.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bates moved to adopt the 2030 Growth Vision Plan to include the changes adopted by the County Commissioners and **adding back policies 10.13 and 11.7 as originally drafted.**

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Haire, Chavonne, and Meredith)

*See the following excerpts from the Staff Report and minutes of the Joint Planning Commission meeting which do not reflect the Council's actions on 10.13 and 11.7 (rejecting the changes recommended by the County).*

## Suggested Changes to the Draft 2030 Growth Vision Plan

March 31, 2009

### 1. Actions for Vision 6. Expanded Parks and Recreation

Action 6.2: Develop and support park and recreation master plans for the Towns of Spring Lake, Hope Mills, and ~~Stedman~~ **Eastover**. Continue to support the Falcon and Wade Master Plan. (Page 24)

Action 6.3: Prepare a greenways and trails **Fayetteville/Cumberland Parks and Greenways Master Plan** for the entire county. Make a Cape Fear River Corridor Conservation and Development Plan a central feature of the master plan, **with all affected municipalities, including the Towns of Eastover, Godwin, Linden and Wade**. Develop major feeders from Rockfish, Locks Creek, Little River, the South River, etc. Develop methods and mechanisms to preserve and protect natural and man-made corridors for future pedestrian and boating use. Develop guidelines and design standards for pedestrian and boating trails. (Page 24)

Action 6.11: Develop new neighborhood parks in the Towns of Godwin and Linden **and Eastover**. These parks to include playground units, swings, benches/trash receptacles, walking trail, and picnic shelter. (Page 24)

### 2. POLICIES FOR VISION 9. COMPATIBLE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Policy 9.1: ~~Taxpayer investment in major roadways shall be protected by prohibiting uncontrolled strip development along the area's important traffic moving arteries.~~ **Promote policies that address the expansion of strip commercial areas with respect to landscaping, access and buffering.** Beyond traffic considerations, the quality of development adjoining the area's travel corridors should have a positive influence on community image, appearance and economic development. (Page 31)

Policy 9.2: Local governments shall ~~should avoid~~ **be cautious of** rezoning residentially zoned land to commercial zoning solely because it adjoins a major highway or street. Proper design and/or buffering has shown that land tracts adjoining major streets can be properly developed for residential use. (Page 32)

### 3. POLICIES FOR VISION 10. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AND IMAGE

Policy 10.13: ~~Clear cutting of trees (except those grown for timber) shall not be permitted without advance notice and just cause.~~ Those proposing the removal of trees shall demonstrate a good faith effort to incorporate existing trees into their site designs. Incentives and disincentives may be used to encourage appropriate site development. (Page 35)

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#### 4. POLICIES FOR VISION 11. A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Policy 11.7: Local governments may employ a combination of incentives and disincentives to protect existing trees and/or require the replacement of trees removed for development. ***in combination with the landscape ordinance.*** (Page 38)

Policy 11.11: Development activities in the 100-year floodplain shall be carefully controlled. ***If development must occur, low intensity uses such as open space, recreation and adequately buffered agricultural activities shall be preferred.*** (Page 38)

#### 5. Actions for Vision 11. A Healthy Sustainable Environment

Action 11.3: Prepare a countywide comprehensive drainage and flood management plan, including public and private actions in support of plan implementation-, ***with all municipalities with environmentally sensitive areas.*** Prepare sub-area plans as a follow-on activity to identify specific actions needed by area of the county-, ***with special attention to and involvement of municipalities with environmentally sensitive areas.*** Seek ways to maintain drainage districts created by past actions. (Page 39)

Action 11.4: Develop ordinances and regulations ***Support policies*** for improving and maintaining the stormwater drainage system throughout the county-, ***with special attention to and involvement of municipalities with environmentally sensitive areas.*** Require newly created drainage systems or drainage districts, whether public or private, to have a permanent mechanism in place for the on-going maintenance of such systems or districts. (Page 39)

#### 6. POLICIES FOR VISION 13. THE CAPE FEAR RIVER, A REGIONAL ASSET

Policy 13.2: A Cape Fear River corridor conservation and development plan shall be prepared and periodically updated setting forth priority goals and objectives as well as development standards. The River Corridor Plan should be developed, adopted and implemented by ***all*** the jurisdictions that are, or could be, geographically connected to the river. (Page 43)

#### 7. Actions for Vision 13. The Cape Fear River, A Regional Asset

Action 13.1: Establish a Cape Fear River Corridor Oversight Group, appointed by ***all*** the local government jurisdictions that are, or could be, geographically connected to the River. Allow for some flexibility in appointing the group. (Page 43)

Action 13.2: Charge the Oversight Group with preparing a Cape Fear River Corridor Conservation and Development Plan, to be adopted and implemented by ***all*** the jurisdictions that are, or could be, geographically connected to the River or its tributaries. (Page 43)

## **8. 2030 Plan Growth Strategy Map Language Change**

Rural Areas - eliminate the following sentence: ~~Generally, public funds should not be used for planning, programming or installing urban services in these areas that would promote more intensive development.~~ (Page 54)

Conservation Areas - Conservation Areas provide for the long-term management and protection of significant, limited, or irreplaceable natural areas. (e.g. ~~400-year floodplain~~, riparian buffers along streams, Natural Heritage Areas...) (Page 54)

### **Note:**

1. Strikeout means to eliminate
2. Bolded Italicized means additional wording