

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Planning Session
Saturday, January 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Smith Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Arnold, Cuttle, Kruger, Sanders, Mayor Pro-Tem Baker, Mayor Smith

ABSENT: Councilmember Weissenborn

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Guetschow, Fire Chief Fullerton, DPW Director Schoonover, Police Chief Callahan, City Clerk King, Assessor Jewell, and Finance Director Mossner

City Manager Guetschow began the session with some opening comments. Staff gave brief presentations about the functions, current projects and goals of their departments.

Recessed at 10:36 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

City Manager Guetschow gave a brief explanation the purpose of the planning session as identifying requests made by citizens, staff and one another and making commitments to fulfill those council believes they can accomplish. He asked Council to answer the following Question, "What promise(s) would I like to make to the citizens of Charlotte that can be fulfilled in the next two years?" Following are some of the goals identified:

- Place(s) to walk along the river
- Increased public safety
- Gateway enhancements
- Pave gravel streets
- Beautify public parking lots
- Complete Meijer Drive to Island highway

- Become more "green"
- Continuation/advancement of street/sidewalk improvement program
- Position community to take advantage of economic recovery
- Increase recreation opportunities, including those for adults
- Continue technology enhancements
- Consolidate service between departments (eliminate duplication of services)
- Make parks and recreation improvements consistent with those identified in the citizens symposium
- Increase volunteerism in community
- Operate on a balanced budget
- Continue to provide and improve open access/good communication
- Continue/increase collaboration
- Create an equipment maintenance/upgrade/replacement plan

City Manager Guetschow indicated that the next step in this process is to transform these promises into goal statements, or statements of principals, bring them back to council for refining and acceptance then create a 2-year plan for accomplishing these promises. He expects the process to take at least two more discussions at Council meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Deleski R. Smith, Mayor

Michelle M. King, City Clerk