

November 22, 2010

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A workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held at 8:40 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2010, in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Deputy Mayor Karla M. Bell, R. Mark Goughan, David Martin, John R. Boone, Christopher A. R. Bell and Mary Kate Barbosa.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager.

Item #1: Review of the City Charter in preparation of the December Public Hearing to be held by the Charter Commission.

Charter Commission recommends submitting suggestions before the public hearing. It was decided that the City Manager will present the Councilors' suggestions to the Charter Commission at the December 15th public hearing. The following is a list of suggestions from the Councilors:

- Sec. 2.01 Composition, Eligibility, Election and Terms and Sec. 219 Organization of City Council and Election of Officers: Councilors suggested that the organizational meeting be held the first Monday after election.
- Sec. 2.03 Mayor-Council Chairperson: There was discussion regarding the title of Mayor and whether that individual should be elected by popular vote versus elected by Council. The consensus was to retain Council elected Mayor.
- Sec. 2.06 Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office: Currently forfeiture of office is determined by the individual Councilor. There was discussion concerning the need for a provision to remove someone from office. Councilors suggested the need to have a recall provision.
- Sec. 2.10 Procedure: Currently voting may be done by show of hands or roll call. Council consensus was that secret ballot be added. All three should be acceptable.
- Sec. 2.15 General Information: The Charter refers to a Board of Education which is no longer correct now that the City is part of a RSU. The Commission should correct the language found in this section.
- Sec. 2.14 Authentication and Recording; Codification; Printing: Currently general codification of City ordinances and resolutions must be done at least every ten years. Council recommends that this be updated and changed as necessary.
- Sec. 2.18 General Powers and Duties of the Hospital Board: Councilors discussed the Hospital Board and whether the Board is aware of this section in the Charter and if the Board will submit their own comments on December 15.

- Sec. 4.03 Legal Officer: Currently the legal officer represents only the City and does not include the Schools and Cary Medical Center. At this time attorney Richard Solman is the City's legal officer.
- Sec. 5.02 Money Expended: There was a discussion about strengthening the language of this section. Presently the City Manager is authorized to sign warrants on behalf of the Councilors. This authority was voted at the organizational meeting.
- Sec. 9.02 Prohibitions – #5 There was discussion regarding this section.
- Sec. 5.07 Capital Program and Sec. 5.09 Council Action on Capital Program: Councilors recommend that these sections to be combined.

Item #2: Discussion of the Steering Committee's work to date and recommendations towards providing Chamber, Economic, and Community Development.

- The Steering Committee for the CCC&I re-organization will be meeting again on November 23rd to try and arrive at a final recommendation towards the pending re-organization. The Steering Committee will discuss the relationship and/or combination of community and economic development. Administration is seeking the Council's consensus as to their future acceptance of varying scenarios to address with the Committee on November 23rd. Councilors recommend possibly combine positions to make it the most cost effective method.

Item #3: Discussion of the City's financial support for the Charter Commission.

- The Organizational meeting was held on November 18th and administration attended. The City will be entering \$100 in the General Ledger and Charter Commission then can establish a checking account. Manager Buck did offer administrative assistance when necessary. The Councilors approved as long as does not interfere with normal operations.

Item #4: Adjourn

Kalen Hill, Secretary Pro-Tem