

Board of Commissioners Working List of Discussion Items

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Mix of Uses	Diehl	9 JAN 10	23 MAR 10			
Review recently adopted Land Use plan to see how 'mix' is defined in <i>Goal One: A mix of land uses that is environmentally sensitive and sustains livability in a changing community</i> . Do we want to make changes to this definition?						
Small Town Values	Council	9 JAN 10	27 APR 10			
How do we define 'small town values' as stated in the Town Center Plan?						
Town Center Public-Private Partnerships	Holcombe	9 JAN 10	25 MAY 10			
What is the currently defined role of public-private partnerships in the Town Center development? Do we want to adjust that role in any way?						
Branding	Council	9 JAN 10	22 JUN 10			
What makes Morrisville unique? i.e., what do we suggest be featured in an upcoming issue of <i>Our State</i> magazine?						
HOA Leadership Council	Murry	23 FEB 10	27 JUL 10			
A leadership council to serve as liaison between the Town Council and the HOA's.						
ITEMS BELOW: BOC DISCUSSION COMPLETED - REMOVED FROM THE LIST WITH NEXT PUBLICATION						
Transparency	Murry	2 SEP 09	23 FEB 10			
Thanks for taking a look at this and for your efforts to improve public access to information. I would like to see enhanced transparency placed on the discussion list for the Town Council. In the short term, where on the Town website can a citizen find how many employees work at the Town of Morrisville? I get that question a lot and Council Members also routinely ask that question. My hope is that through web-based transparency, the Town staff would save time by putting frequently requested items on the Town website. The Columbus, NC website is a good model. (23 FEB 10) After discussion the staff and Town Council agreed to expand use the Frequently Asked Questions section of the town's website. Staff reported that we will continue to work to improve our transparency grade developed by the John Locke Society's Local Government Transparency initiative.						
Town Clerk's Organizational Assignment	Council	9 JAN 10	23 FEB 10			

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<p>During the January 9-10 retreat the town council asked to discuss the organizational alignment of the Town Clerk's position, directly subordinate to the Town Manager or directly subordinate to the Town Council on a basis equal to the Town Manager and Town Attorney. Background: In the Mayor-Council form of government the Town Council and/or the Mayor serves as the chief administrator of the town in addition to being the legislative or policy making body of local government. However, in the Council-Manager form of local government the chief administrator is the Town Manager and by statute is granted the power to hire and dismiss all employees except for elected positions or positions otherwise designated by statute to be hired by the Town Council. Morrisville evolved from the Mayor-Council form of government to the Council-Manager form of government. In the not-too-distant past many Morrisville employees reported directly to the Town Council or designated council members, including the Town Clerk. However, in the Council-Manager form of government all employees report to the Town Manager or his/her designated chain-of-command structure and therefore the only employee reporting directly to the Town Council is the Town Manager.</p>						
<p>On 22 APR 02 the town council appointed a new town clerk and directed that the town clerk will work under the supervision of the town manager and that the town manager will, from time to time, evaluate the town clerk's performance with input from the town council (Resolution 02-08)</p>						
<p>On 24 NOV 03 the town council approved expanding the town clerk's position to include responsibility for public information and further authorized the town clerk to supervise an assistant designated to assist with the public information function (Resolution 2003-57).</p>						
<p>On 22 MAR 06 the town manager selected and appointed the current town clerk to the town clerk's position.</p>						
<p>GS 160A-147 (a) In cities whose charters provide for the council-manager form of government, the council shall appoint a city manager to serve at it pleasure. GS 160A-148 (1) The manager shall appoint and suspend or remove all city officers and employees not elected by the people, and whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for by law, except the city attorney, in accordance with the general personnel rules, regulations, policies, or ordinances as the council may adopt. GS 160A-171 There shall be a city clerk who shall give notice of meetings of the council, keep a journal of the proceedings of the council, be the custodian of all city records, and shall perform any other duties that may be required by law or the council. GS 160A-173 The council shall appoint a city attorney to serve at its pleasure and to be its legal adviser.</p>						
<p>Of note is the statutory language wherein the council is required to appoint a town manager and a town attorney. There is no statutory provision providing authority for the town council to appoint a town clerk, only that there shall be a town clerk.</p>						
<p>(23 FEB 10) After discussion the town manager and the town council agreed to leave the town clerk organizationally assigned as is without change. Concerning Town Council input (feedback) related to town clerk performance the manager offered to advise the town council when he prepares the town clerks performance evaluation support form. During the time at the beginning of the performance period the town council will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback concerning the objectives plan for the year. At mid-year and yearend the town council will be afforded the opportunity to provide the town manager with their observations and interests related to the town clerks' annual performance.</p>						