

Board of Commissioners Working List of Discussion Items

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Mix of Uses	Diehl	9 JAN 10	23 MAR 10	27 APR 10	25 MAY 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? Ben Hitchings presented examples of mixed use developments and addressed Morrisville’s execution of mixed use development. CM Diehl noted the vision statement, “The Town of Morrisville will be an innovative crossroads where cultural heritage meets the next generation, nurturing vibrant communities of diverse families and businesses, while <u>preserving small-town values</u> .” He also noted the Mission Statement, “The Town of Morrisville is <u>dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by preserving our past</u> and protecting our future through a collective community partnership. By <u>balancing responsible growth with core values</u> , we embrace a sense of membership, communication and support.” CM Diehl stated that he feels that the “preserving small-town values” portion of the vision statement and the “balancing responsible growth with core values” portion of the mission statement are in conflict with high density development patterns being discussed or implemented. MPT Martin asked, “What constitutes a mixed use and what are the allowable uses?” Mayor Holcombe, due to the late hour of the meeting, suggested that further discussion be postponed for a later meeting and that members should be prepared to discuss percentage ranges of residential versus commercial uses (within mixed use development). (27 APR 10) Planning Director Ben Hitchings reported that his research shows that the professional practice is moving away from percentage targets in mixed use regulations across the country but rather consider appropriate uses by area. CM Diehl stated that our mixed use policies don’t provide enough to encourage inclusion of lower density residential housing, specifically single family detached housing, and to him that is an important element of the mix. CM Broadwell requested staff to report how much and what land is available for SFD development in Morrisville. As far as mixed use projects the land use plan calls for SFD in Morrisville. Consensus of the Town Council is to not set percentage goals or limits on either a town-wide basis or in the mixed use ordinance. Discussion will continue next month with presentation of the data requested concerning remaining land available for SFD development.						
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?						
Town Owned Properties – Policy/Disposition	Council	24 MAR 10	25 MAY 10			
Morrisville owns a number of properties throughout the town and in RTP. The properties have been acquired by various means and for various purposes. A number of properties have been acquired for Downtown Development purposes. Town Council desires to discuss the need for these properties, determine which properties might should be declared surplus and sold, and maybe updating the current policy related to property acquisition.						
Branding	Council	9 JAN 10	27 JUL 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	24 AUG 10			
A leadership council to serve as liaison between the Town Council and the HOA’s.						
Committee/Board Attendance Policy	Council	24 MAR 10	28 SEP 10			
Morrisville has an attendance policy applicable to appointed members of the town’s boards and committees. Town Council desires to discuss the policy to determine if the policy should be revised.						
Preparation of “Shovel Ready” plans for major highway and other transportation projects	Council	24 MAR 10	26 OCT 10			
The recent ARRA funding opportunities benefited state and local governments who had approved construction projects that were ready for bid award or near ready for bid award. Morrisville does not prepare projects for stand-by status to await funding opportunities. The Town Council desires to discuss the possibilities of conducting pre-award preparation for public projects.						
Seniors’ Facility	Holcombe	5 APR 10	18 NOV 10			

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Members of the town’s Senior’s Advisory Committee have requested meeting and support space that could be dedicated to their needs enabling seniors programs and events to continue uninterrupted by other users of shared facilities.						
Traffic Warning Signs (Children at Play)	Broadwell	19 APR 10	25 JAN 11			
CM Broadwell requested that the “Slow – Children at Play” sign be reinstalled on Green Drive for motorists to see turning into Green Drive from NC54. Town Staff position is that the requested sign is not an official or authorized sign IAW the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).						
Meeting Audio File Retention Policy	Broadwell	19 APR 10	22 FEB 11			
IAW the town’s records retention policy the Town Council meeting audio file is destroyed once the minutes of the subject meeting are approved. CM Broadwell stated that the audio file should be retained for a longer period and would like to discuss options with the town council.						
C-Tran	Holcombe	29 APR 10	22 MAR 11			
ITEMS BELOW: BOC DISCUSSION COMPLETED - REMOVED FROM THE LIST WITH NEXT PUBLICATION						
Small Town Values	Council	9 JAN 10	27 APR 10			
How do we define ‘small town values’ as stated in the Town Center Plan? (5 APR 10) Reference the 23 MAR 10 discussions concerning mixed use has raised points related to the Vision and Mission Statements related to Small Town Values and responsible growth, maintaining this item on its original schedule may be appropriate and be included in the continuing discussion of Mix of Uses. (27 APR 10) Planning Director Ben Hitchings provided a short presentation that suggested that maybe Small Town Values are related to people, place, proximity, and personality. He noted that the Land Use Plan Goal 2 stated, “Ensure that Morrisville retains a small town atmosphere by integrating attractively designed communities of complementary uses.” He also pointed to page 5 of the Town Center Plan which states, “By working to implement the plan, the Morrisville community has a rare opportunity to enhance its small-town character.” Town Council discussion included comments such as, “Right Nice Place to Live”, “Where you Know People”, “Sense of Place like a Friendly Downtown”, and “Community Spirit.” In summary the town council recognizes that while the Morrisville may not, by definition, be a small town anymore, the values that small towns embrace should continue to be embraced in Morrisville and that many of our services, access to government officials, and recreational activities/events should provide opportunities for individual interactions supporting the concept of “Know your Neighbor.” CM Murry pointed out that due to Morrisville’s size and stage of development we cannot expect to have everything in Morrisville and sense we are a part of a region we can expect that some things will be in, for example, Cary or Raleigh. MPT Martin added that while we likely cannot have everything in Morrisville we need to make sure that we are not overgrowing Morrisville. The discussion was sufficient to give staff a clear understanding of the Town Council desire related to community planning and support. Staff support does not require a specific briefing item to be prepared for town council’s further consideration.						