

**Minutes**  
**Budget Work Session**  
**Aberdeen Board of Commissioners**

March 10, 2009  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Aberdeen Town Hall  
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 to discuss the projected budget expenses for the Planning Department for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Board members present were Commissioners Walter Wright, Jim Thomas, Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon and Mayor Pro-tem Robbie Farrell. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell called the Budget Work Session to order. Town Manager Bill Zell, Planning Director Kathy Liles and Town Clerk Regina Rosy were also in attendance.

Planning Director Liles went over a notable 2007/2008 failure which was the situation with former Building Inspector Richard Caton. She stated 100 out of 300 of the initial re-inspections requested have been conducted. She also stated there is one potential lawsuit. She stated this situation has had a significant impact on her budget. She then went over the 2007/2008 successes which included the multifamily regulations, water and sewer extension policy, annexation projects, implementation of permitting software, planners conference, training requirements met, and stormwater grant project wrapped.

Planning Director Liles then went over her 2009/2010 needs. She stated the computers are in good condition, the vehicles meet minimum requirements for inspectors, staffing levels are adequate, and the terrible copier costs her department \$650 a month. Planning Director Liles then went over her wish list which includes updating the land development plan, adopting the UDO (train for implementation, update all associated maps), revisiting fee schedule and application to commercial projects, promoting Patti Jilson from Deputy Planner to Planner, additional Christmas lighting and banners, implementing the UDO and hazard mitigation plan (state requirement).

Her 2009/2010 Techie Wish List was the following: provide for GIS integration into other departments (acquire GPS units for better data acquisition which a high end accuracy one would cost \$5500); upgrade ESRI (GIS) Software to ArcEditor to allow for creation of map shapes based on metes and bounds descriptions (\$7000); Consider Community Viz and Sketch Up upgrade to be able to show potential projects and Land Development Plan Build Out in 3D (\$2000 + training); Provide training on new permitting software and consider report upgrades (\$1500); and Upgrade aerial photography (this item would be a small contribution to Moore County).

Commissioner Wright requested that all downtown benches need to be maintained so they stay in good condition. He also said some of the flowers in the hanging baskets were dead, and he would like to see the dead ones replaced.

Commissioner Jim Thomas really felt the 3-D software would be beneficial to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to adjourn the budget work session. Motion unanimously carried.

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Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in  
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Walter H. Wright, Presiding Commissioner

Minutes were approved  
on April 13, 2009