

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2004

TITLE: A Worksession on the Board of Aldermen's Planning Retreat

DEPARTMENT: Manager's Office	PUBLIC HEARING: No
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Strategic Priorities and Goals C. Retreat Notes Excerpt (Areas for Improvement)	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Stewart, 918-7315 Bing Roenigk, 918-7300 Richard White, 918-7314

PURPOSE

Each year, the Board of Aldermen conducts a retreat to develop goals and to set the direction for the Town. This worksession provides the Board with an opportunity to discuss the 2005 Planning Retreat and to appoint a Retreat Planning Committee.

INFORMATION

Last year, the Board held its annual retreat on December 7, 2003 and February 15 and 16, 2004. Aldermen McDuffee and Broun served on the Retreat Planning Committee.

The Retreat Planning Committee will work with the facilitator and staff to develop a proposed agenda for the Board to approve. Staff suggests that the Board consider a two-day retreat in late January or early February. The Board may wish to discuss its vision for the Town through the lens of sustainability and to review and revise the Strategic Priorities and Goals (Attachment B). This focus on vision should negate the need for two retreats. Following the retreat, staff will present an implementation plan for the strategic priorities and major goals as was done after the February 2004 retreat.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approximately \$4,000 is budgeted for retreat costs.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board appoint a Retreat Planning Committee.