

MINUTES

February 28, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**ALLEN STREET OFFICE BUILDING – 101 E. ALLEN STREET, HENDERSONVILLE NC
8:30 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Barbara G. Volk, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Smith and Council Members: Jeff Miller, Jennifer Hensley and Lyndsey Simpson

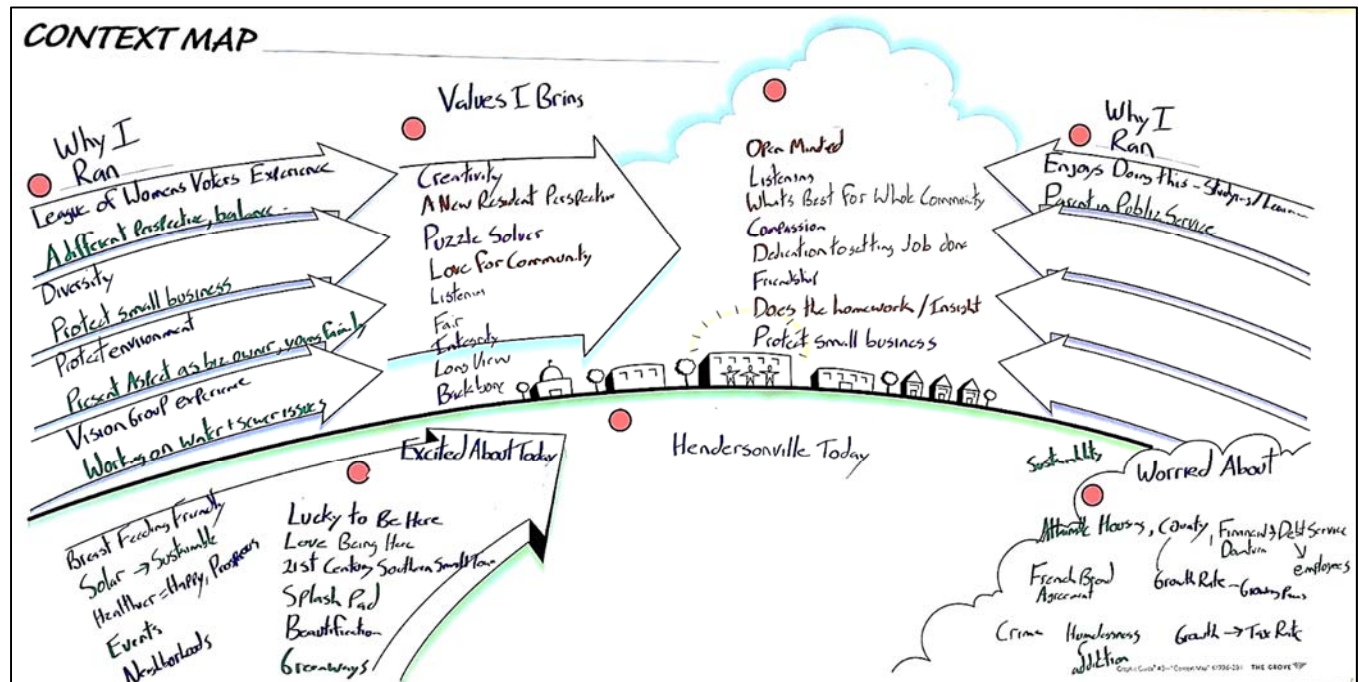
Staff Present: Police Chief Herbert Blake, Finance Director John Buchanan, City Manager John F. Connet, City Engineer Brent Detwiler, City Clerk Tammie Drake, Development Assistance Director Susan Frady, Human Resources Director Jennifer Harrell, Downtown Economic Development Director Lew Holloway, Fire Chief D. James Miller, Budget and Management Analyst Adam Murr, Communications Manager Allison Nock, Assistant City Manager Brian Pahle, Utilities Director Lee Smith, Public Works Director Tom Wooten

Purpose: The purpose of the special meeting is to hold a Council/Staff Retreat to discuss Council priorities and future work plans.

Call to Order: Mayor Volk called the special meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A quorum was established with five members in attendance.

Mr. Connet provided opening remarks and the order for the second day of the retreat.

Council Member Interviews: The Council members participated in this process to learn more about each other, i.e., why they ran for City Council, the values they each bring to the Council and the things that cause concern. Results are shown below.



Pitch Party: A pitch party was held with teams of Council members and staff to pitch their “sale” of why businesses and other professionals should come to Hendersonville.

Visioning: Our Legacy: Envisioning Hendersonville 2030: The following were identified as a result of the visioning exercise:

- Attainable housing: Higher density, Lower unhoused population, strengthening economy, Development assistance (not taxpayer funded)
- Zero hungry children: Access to food
- Public transportation
- Sustainable: Less plastic, Recycling, Solar, Composting, No Styrofoam
- Equalizing Water and Sewer Rates: Supports economic development, Water quality, Promotes growth, Profitable, stable, expanded system
- Greenway system expanded: Businesses along greenway
- Infrastructure: Walkability, Sidewalks throughout, Zero SSOs, Stormwater
- Greater percent tax base: Low tax rate, Compared with county
- Strong fund balance
- Competitive employee benefits
- Two large economic investments like Sierra Nevada
- Downtown: Master plan, expand main street,
- Continued high level service
- Partnership with county

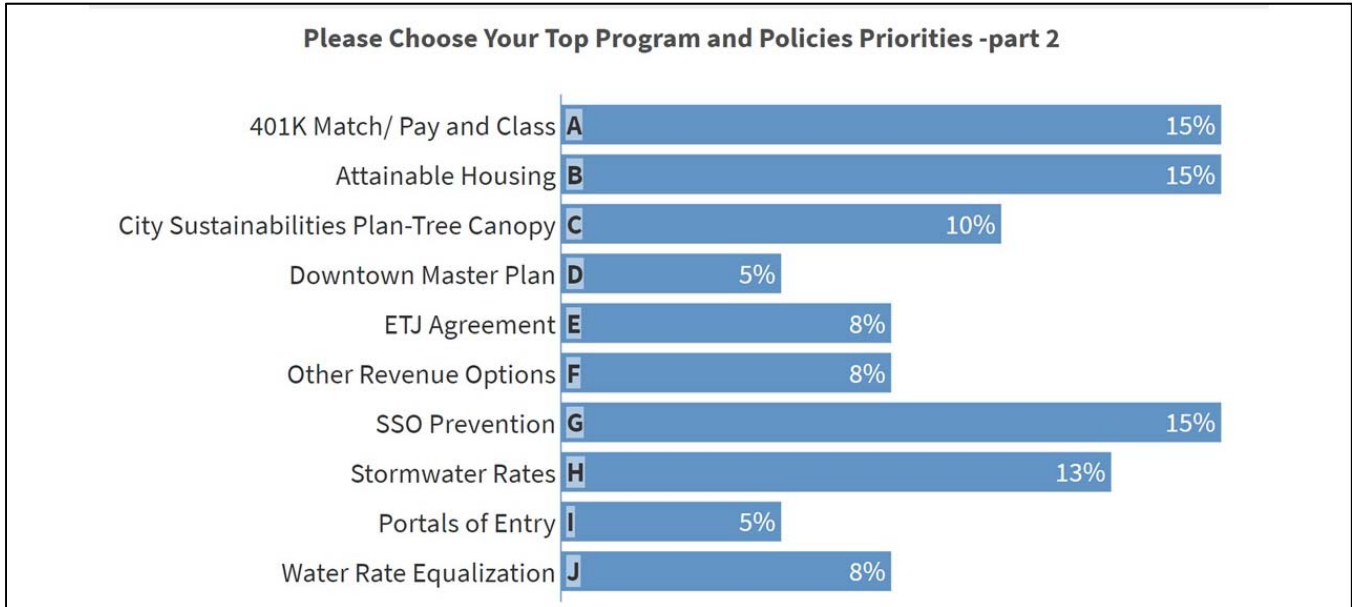
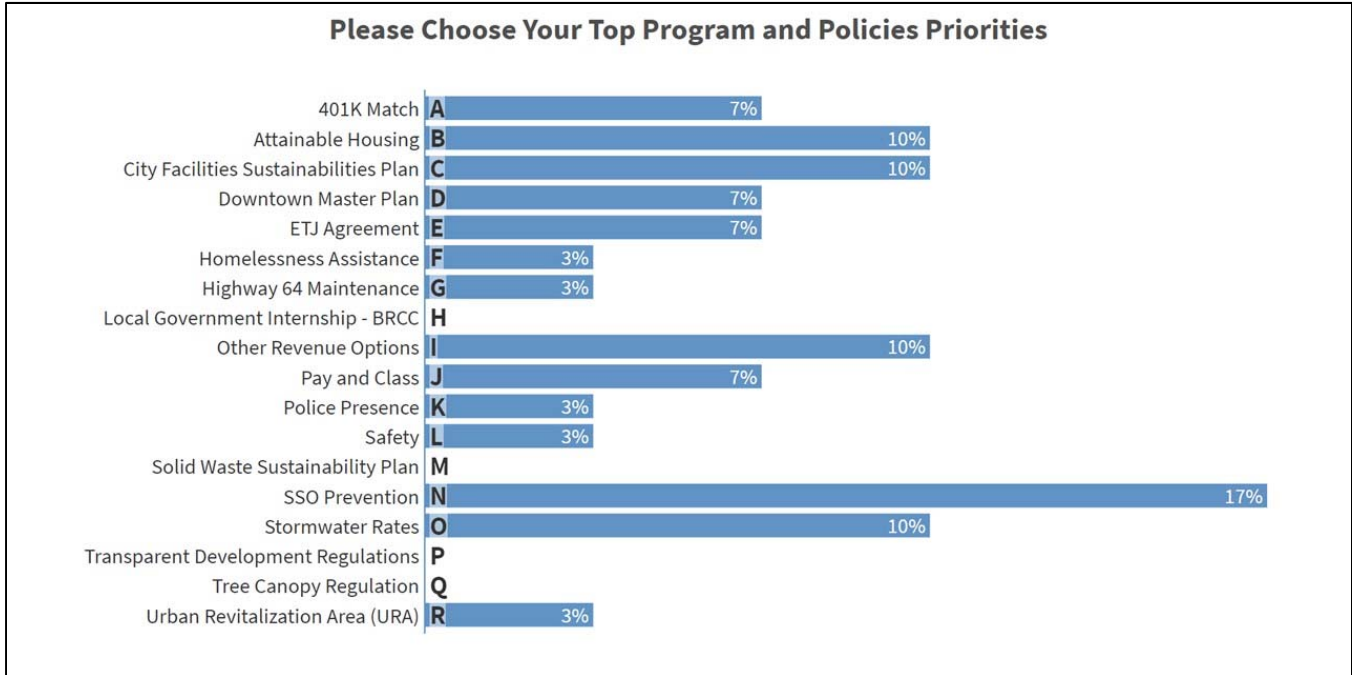
- More recreation opportunities: Berkeley Mills Park
- Cohesive Council
- Increased Community Participation: Communicate what we are doing/better inform, Diversity

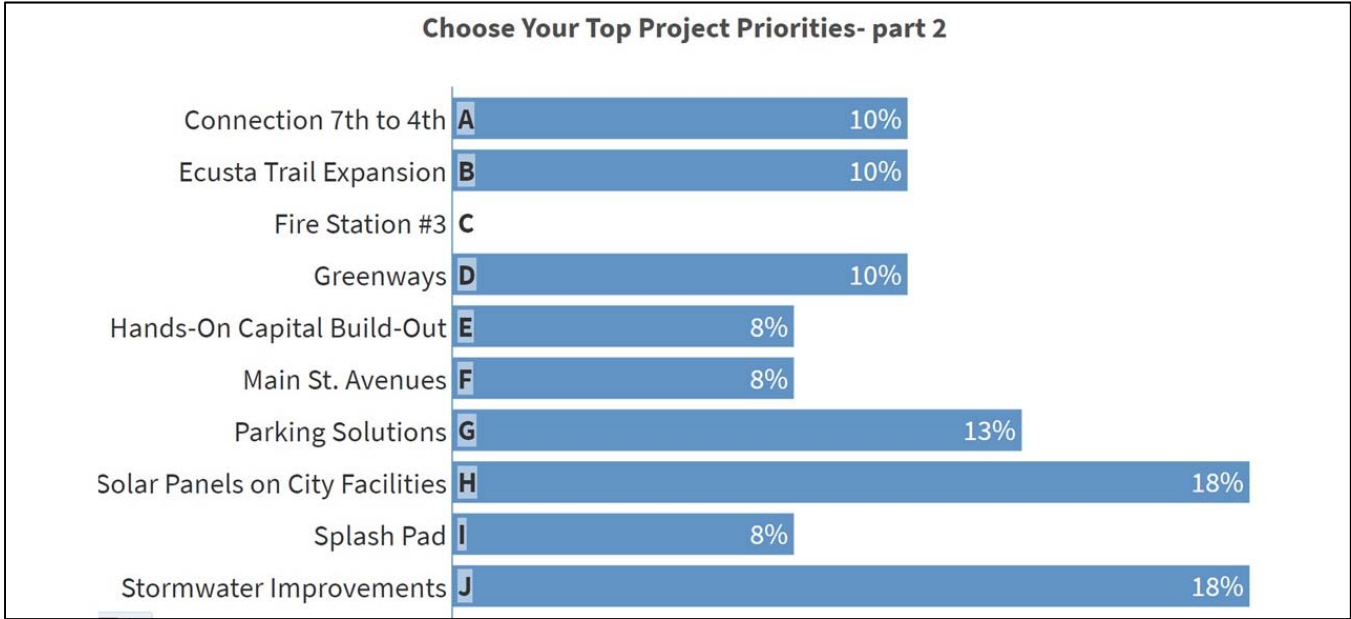
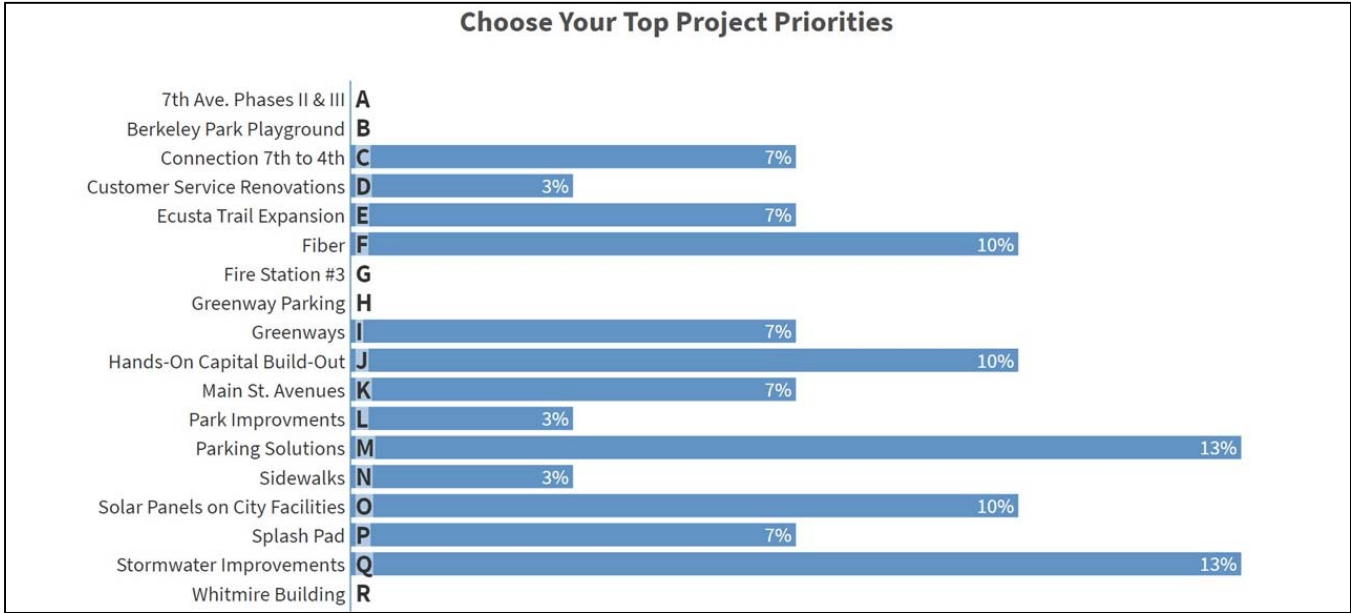
Lunch/Tour: There was a recess for lunch and a tour of the building.

3 Ps (Programs, Policies, Priorities) Review & Ranking: The Council participated in ranking their top programs and policy priorities under:

- Great Public Services
- Financial Sustainability
- Economic Vitality
- Strong Partnerships
- Sound Infrastructure
- Numerous Amenities

Results are shown below:





Closed session: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved Council to enter Closed Session to consult with the City Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the public body and the attorney and to instruct the public body's staff concerning the position to be taken regarding the price and other material terms of proposed contract for the acquisition of real property as provided under NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3)(5). A unanimous vote of the Council followed. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. upon unanimous assent of the Council.

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor

Tammie K. Drake, City Clerk