

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

The Town of Valdese Town Council met on Monday, October 30, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., to meet with representatives from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments to discuss the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Members of Council met in the Waldensian Room at Old Rock School, 400 Main Street West, Valdese, North Carolina. The following were present: Mayor John F. (Chip) Black, Jr., Councilman Keith Ogle, Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilwoman Susan Stevenson, Councilman Gary L. Delp, and Councilman Roy F. Sweezy. Also present were Town Manager Seth Eckard, Parks and Recreation Director Doug Knight, Deputy Town Clerk Courtney Kennedy, and Executive Director Anthony Starr.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He said this was a Special Called Council Meeting to meet with representatives from Western Piedmont Council of Governments to discuss the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

**PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:** Mayor Black stated that a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is created every five years. Mr. Black introduced Executive Director Anthony Starr of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Mr. Starr provided a presentation of the CEDS report which focuses on economic development, workforce, infrastructure, housing, marketing, and community life.

At 7:15 p.m., Councilman Ogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

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Town Clerk  
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Mayor