

## **Home Builders Assoc of Fayetteville, Inc Forum Questions**

Question 1 – Answer: The home building industry is the future of Fayetteville. People are the most important part of this community and they MUST have places to live, work and shop. As Fayetteville grows (partly because of BRAC) I know the home builders have and will continue to assess community housing needs and build affordable housing for this “blue-collar” city and county. This will have tremendous favorable impact on our tax base and our economy.

Question 2 – Answer: I am an advocate for orderly growth and development. Home builders must have a voice in the planning and development of Fayetteville’s future. Where to build is as important as what to build. As we, city leaders, discuss and plan the future we must consult the experts—the home builders.

Question 3 – Answer: Simply stated, I would like to see PWC as a department of the city. I believe the current status gives PWC far too much power and authority.

Question 3b – Answer: I would prefer rebates to citizens and NO assessments for water and sewer extensions. I believe PWC could absorb the cost of water and sewer extensions within seven years without the city assessing citizens. I believe if water and sewer rates were much lower, the city could then raise taxes slightly and not be dependent upon PWC for budget monies.

Question 4 – Answer: I believe 12 to 16 years is far too long to wait for water and sewers. However, I understand some of the construction problems and how putting in these lines is disruptive to neighborhoods and how PWC must carefully select contractors who are good. As a matter of priorities we must focus on adequate police and fire services. I am greatly concerned about response times for EMS. These are first responders and we must provide these services adequately and timely. Then we must focus on roads and streets.

Question 5 – Answer: I am somewhat opposed to a metro government. Having listened to the briefings from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, I did not clearly see where combining will save money but it would in the long run cut jobs. I do not want to cut jobs unless we can appreciate real savings. I would like to hear more and examine data from those areas that have embraced metro government.

Question 6 – Answer: If we are to build a city for the future then we should require concrete curbs and gutter for all future projects. Presently we have approximately 8 unpaved streets remaining that are scheduled to be paved. We need curbs, sidewalks and gutters. I believe the city should allow builders to waive sidewalks in some areas and build them in other badly needed areas such as around schools. Hopefully the UDO will clarify and bring us to one set of standards and building codes for all.

Question 7 – Answer: I do not know that there are any three more important than others. What is important is that the development and design standards must be realistic for four categories of development—community, single family, multifamily and commercial. We need codes and

standards which will enhance building and not hinder building projects. This means we MUST have serious input for the UDO from stake-holders.

Question 8 – Answer: Obviously the city must play a major role in formulating strategy and plans to assimilate BRAC growth. As the largest city in the surrounding counties that will be affected by BRAC, we can anticipate Fayetteville will be the “hub and shopping mecca” or center of attraction for persons moving to this area because of BRAC. For this reason, our Mayor is actively involved in the BRAC Regional Task Force.

Question 9 – Answer: I do not think we need term limits for elected city officials. I believe when an official has been in the job too long and has become complacent and ineffective, the voters will provide the remedy. Personally for me, six years is probably long enough.

Question 10 – Answer: I have vast military experience in preparing budgets, and more importantly, spending within those budgets. I have learned that budgets, whether household or city, require prioritizing.

Question 11 – Answer: Police and Fire protection, lowest possible tax rate, a Raeford Road corridor study to facilitate orderly growth and development in the western part of our city, FAST service in the West, eliminate water and sewer assessments and build our own Material Sorting Facility (MSF) and handle our own recycling program—a little more than two, but the list of needs is long.

Question 12 – Answer: Happily married to the same woman for forty-nine years—four adult children who are doing well, in other words success as a husband and father. I have been involved in extensive charitable work while in Europe and I am an accomplished public speaker. I have spoken on Armed Forces Radio Network throughout Europe and the Middle East as well as in numerous churches abroad and in the United States. I am a very high-level official within my Masonic fraternity which compels me to be absent from your forum.

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