



Kannapolis City Council

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Obviously, downtown revitalization is important because of the infrastructure improvements and potential growth but my concern is if we have truly looked at all pros and cons of building a downtown baseball stadium.

How we manage our economic growth is going to be the most important issue.

I think that if we look at other cities that have seen significant growth and use a data-driven approach to create smart growth.



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I sincerely believe that transforming our downtown into a shopping, entertainment and dining venue will spur economic growth, generate opportunities for small businesses and help us become a destination.

The epidemic of opioid overdoses. City Council needs to stay informed and ensure our police and fire personnel have adequate staffing. We also need to work closely with Cabarrus County to ensure those who need help can get it.

We need to do our best to manage economic growth. We take each protect, look for the best option that are the best fit economically and move on.



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It's going to be great for the city of Kannapolis because of the growth and jobs it will bring to our city. It will stimulate the economy and make Kannapolis a great place for families.

Growth and bringing jobs to all areas of the city.

I think our growth should be managed and as we're dealing with contractors and developers we may want to think about incentives to make sure they hire people who live in Kannapolis.



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It is, without a doubt, the right move. In order for our city to move forward, it requires growth. Downtown redevelopment is going to bring retail, dining, entertainment venues, jobs and a new tax revenue source to the city.

Public safety because as the region and city continues to grow it will be imperative that we maintain the character and livability of the community. We can do that by ensuring police, fire and utility department have resources they need.

All current growth needs to fit into our long-term plans. We want to ensure that any commercial enterprise coming into Kannapolis is a good fit. Just because it brings tax revenue doesn't mean they will be a good neighbor.



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People think I'm against revitalization, but I understand that we have a ghost town in downtown. My opinion is that we need to offer small business owners the chance to open small businesses within the downtown, too, not just big business.

The biggest issue is jobs and the lack of them, and we should be focused on having businesses come to this area.

As more people come to the area, the influx is going to require more fire, police and infrastructure and we need to be handling that foremost.

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I think in the revitalization it has to be done or else downtown is going to fall apart, particularly the infrastructure that's down there. It's also going to bring shopping and dining options to Kannapolis.

Question #2:
What's the most important issue for Kannapolis to address?

The biggest, single issue for most municipalities is how to properly direct or manage growth that's going to occur so it's sustainable for the citizens.

Question #3:
How should Kannapolis handle its growth?

We should make sure we have a plan on how to manage the growth so it's sustainable. Growth is one of the areas that you need to plan for. Growth is going to happen and we need to make sure it happens in the way that's most beneficial.



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I think it's important, and I'm the one who first brought the possibility to the council. When we do revitalization, I think it's important that we preserve the town's heritage and traditions as best we can within reason.

I think we've got to be focused on economic development and at the same time make sure we're taking care of the town we've got and everything that involves, including our employees.

If it complies with our ordinances and is between two other parties, then we can't do a whole lot. I don't think anybody is going to approve something that's detrimental, but if it increases the tax base and provides jobs, we want it.