

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
CUMBERLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
LAFAYETTE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
7:30 A.M.**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Bobby Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Wade Fowler (District 8); James W. Arp (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Keith Bates, Sr. (District 1); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3)

Delegation Present: Representatives Rick Glazier (45th District); Elmer Floyd (43rd District); Marvin W. Lucas (42nd District)

Others Present:

Ted Voorhees, City Manager

Kristoff Bauer, Assistant City Manager

Karen McDonald, City Attorney

Katherine Bryant, Interim Police Chief

Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Management Services Manager

Pamela Megill, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. and welcomed the Legislative Delegation.

Representative Rick Glazier expressed appreciation on behalf of the delegation for the invitation to participate in this meeting.

Ms. Katherine Bryant, Interim Police Chief, provided a report with the aid of a power point presentation regarding advocacy for the City of Fayetteville Citizen Review Board. She stated as a result of the study conducted by NOBLE, a recommendation was made for the implementation of a Citizen Review Board. She stated the establishment of the board would require special legislation for the City of Fayetteville to permit members of the board to have access to the citizen complaint file. She also stated other cities had established Citizen Review Boards once the special legislation was adopted. She stated the workgroup was formed to develop a procedural manual/City ordinance for a Citizen Review Board (CRB) to support the request for the legislative change in early 2013. She stated the working group was comprised of the City Attorney, City Communications, Police Attorney, Office of Professional Standards, and the Interim Chief/Assistant Chiefs. She stated the CRB Procedure Manual would contain the board mission, membership composition, membership eligibility, terms of office, and confidentiality and training requirements. She stated there were four cities in North Carolina that had citizens review boards for police complaints.

Representative Glazier stated the City was making the right decisions and the bill would very likely pass.

Representative Lucas stated he was not aware of any lawmakers who were hesitant to pass such a bill.

Representative Floyd warned the issue of confidentiality would be the most important concern. Mayor Chavonne stated the intent was to build trust and confidence through transparency.

Ms. Rebecca Rogers-Carter, Management Services Manager, provided an overview of the City of Fayetteville State Legislative Agenda. She stated Fayetteville's legislative delegation's support and advocacy was instrumental in assisting the City with establishing the authority to create local programs and secure community assets. She stated the following list was a preview of the City's draft State Legislative Agenda. She stated the list was based on the City's submission to the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) and was intended to guide the City's advocacy efforts.

1. Oppose legislation impacting municipal services while balancing the State budget using state collected local government revenues and creating unfunded mandates.
2. Support legislation that enhances the community and protects municipal programs, resources, and revenues.
3. Support legislation for the preservation of local municipalities' ability to grow, in a reasonable manner while providing quality municipal services.
4. Advocate for special legislation to allow the City of Fayetteville to disclose limited personnel information to the members of the Citizen Complaint Review Board to facilitate its review of police disciplinary cases.
5. Endorse the 2013-14 North Carolina League of Municipalities Advocacy Goals.

Representative Glazier commented that many of the items included in the draft require funding and cautioned that additional revenue was not in the forecast.

Mr. Kristoff Bauer, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the City of Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum with the aid of a video film. He stated in 2006, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation established a Master Plan. He stated the planning process included public input. He also stated the Master Plan represented the creation of a vibrant City with places to play, walk, exercise, gather and enjoy. He stated in order to realize the vision for the community, elected officials asked for a strategy to fund the Master Plan. He stated the Capital Projects Bond Package was created based on the 2006 Master Plan and the current needs of the City. He stated the package totals \$54.6 million in construction costs for a multipurpose aquatic center with senior center, a tennis center and sports complex, neighborhood aquatic center, Cape Fear River Park, Skateboard parks, neighborhood parks and greenways and Improvements to existing parks and facilities.

Mayor Chavonne stated the City was in the process of finalizing the locations for the proposed new facilities.

A discussion period ensued regarding the possibility of servicing the proposed debt through a sales tax increase as opposed to a property tax increase.

Representative Glazier stated the General Assembly had not been sensitive to local government sales tax increases, and advised the City Council would need to be in total unanimity.

Mayor Pro Tem Arp stated the City of Fayetteville was unique from the aspect that the majority of residents do not pay property taxes and therefore imposing a sales tax increase rather than a property tax increase would be a fairer way to service the proposed debt.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.