

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
MAY 8, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Chief of Staff
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Lachelle Pulliam, Assistant City Attorney
Loren Bymer, Marketing and Communication Director
Brook Redding, Special Projects Manager
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Dawkins called the meeting to order.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Pastor Stan Hyon, Korean Baptist Church.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem and City Council.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Council Member Thompson stated the Fayetteville VA Healthcare System is holding the 2023 Veterans Homelessness Stand Down on May 11, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Festival Park.

Council Member Thompson announced the National Association of Letter Carriers are hosting the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Place non-perishables inside or beside your mailbox for pick up by your mail carrier. This event is being sponsored by Second Harvest Food Bank, Two Men and a Truck, and United Way.

Council Member Thompson announced Simon AME Zion Temple will have a food truck giveaway on May 18, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. behind the church at 441 Donray Road.

Council Member Jensen presented a proclamation for National Police Week to members of the Fayetteville Police Foundation proclaiming May 15-20, 2023, as City of Fayetteville Police Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Dawkins presented a proclamation to Ms. Vatrice Williams with the Cape Fear Regional Tennis Foundation proclaiming May 2023 as National Tennis Month.

Mayor Pro Tem Dawkins presented a proclamation to Dr. Dennis Corbin, Associate Professor for the Fayetteville State University School of Social Work, proclaiming May 8, 2023, as the Cape Fear/Fayetteville National Association of Black Social Workers.

Council Member Benavente presented a Certificate of Excellence to Ms. Brittney Reeves for being the youngest law graduate from North Carolina Central University at the age of 22.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

There was no report for this meeting.

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Hondros moved to approve the consent agenda.
SECOND: Council Member Jensen
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

7.01 Approval of Meeting Minutes:
April 18, 2023 - Special Budget
April 24, 2023 - Discussion of Agenda Items
April 24, 2023 - Regular
May 1, 2023 - Work Session

7.02 Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council to request the Cliffdale Recreation Center as an additional One Stop Early Voting Site

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO REQUEST CLIFFDALE RECREATION CENTER AS AN ADDITIONAL ONE STOP EARLY VOTING SITE. RESOLUTION NO. R2023-017

7.03 City Council Policies Review Committee Recommendations

Council accepted all recommended revisions and rescissions as presented.

7.04 Accelerated Public Works Commissioner Appointment Schedule Proposal

Council accepted the proposed accelerated Public Works Commissioner appointment schedule.

7.05 Sole Source Recommendation - Purchase of Relay and Associated Equipment Manufactured by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.

Approval of sole source purchase for relay and associated equipment manufactured by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) for PWC's overcurrent protection system from Atlantic Power Sales, LLC, of Mount Holly, NC.

7.06 Resolution Authorizing a Quitclaim Deed of the City's Title to the County in Order to Expedite the Sale of Land located at 508 Scarborough Street

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO DECLARE CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND QUITCLAIM CITY'S INTEREST IN JOINTLY HELD PROPERTY TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY. RESOLUTION NO. R2023-018

7.07 Assessment Appeal for Vacant Land (3.39 acres McGill Land); PIN 9496-55-7124

As part of Phase 5 Annexation Project Area 23.1, property owners Robert and Mary Owens requested a review of the assessment. Upon reviewing the request, the assessment was based on the Vara Drive

frontage area and not where the sewer is accessible on Crossway Drive. PWC staff agrees with the appeal based on this clerical error and requests that the assessment be reduced from \$21,666.00 to \$7,653.00.

7.08 Phase 5 Annexation Area 23 Section 2 and Area 24A - Resolutions Confirming Assessment Roll and Levying Assessments

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT ROLL AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS.
RESOLUTION NO. R2023-019**

7.09 Phase 5 Annexation Area 28 and Area 33 North Preliminary Assessment Resolutions to be Adopted and Public Hearings

**PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE
SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM IN ALL OR A PORTION OF THE
STREETS WITHIN AREA 28 OF THE PHASE 5 ANNEXATION LISTED ON
EXHIBIT "A". RESOLUTION NO. R2023-020**

8.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Lisette Rodriguez, 1701 Cherokee Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the need for an Office of Community Safety and the Camping Ordinance.

Mr. George Baus, 256 Ramona Drive, Fayetteville NC, expressed concerns regarding red light cameras.

Ms. Lindsey Wofford, 345 Desmond Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the homeless community.

Mr. Christopher Tober, 1520 Cashiers Lane, Fayetteville, expressed concerns regarding the homeless.

Ms. Michele Ornelas, 3514 MacCumber Court, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the homeless.

Mr. Shaun McMillian, 6024 Goldenrain Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the homeless.

9.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

9.01 Policy 120.9 - Public Forum - City Council Policies Review Committee Recommendation

Council Member Jensen presented this item and stated Mayor Colvin appointed Council Members Jensen, Haire, and Thompson to serve as the City Council Policies Review Committee, Council Member Jensen, to serve as Chair. The Committee has met every two weeks since January 25, 2023. The Committee has consulted with several Directors and Department Heads on various technical Council Policies. It is from those meetings and discussions that the Committee put forth recommendations for many policies to be revised or rescinded.

The recommendations were sent to full Council each time the Committee had voted to approve the recommendations. The recommendations were again sent to full Council on April 19, 2023, with a request to contact the Committee members if they have any questions or concerns.

This item was discussed at the May 1, 2023, work session. This is the only policy in the first tranche of policies that drew debate; Policy 120.9 - Public Forum.

Consensus of Council was to place all policies of the first tranche on the next regular consent agenda meeting, with the exception of Policy 120.9; to be discussed and voted on separately.

Council Member Jensen stated she is in favor of shutting off the sign-up period at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Council Members

Haire and Thompson also stated they are in favor of the 5:00 p.m. cut off time.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to accept the Council Policies Review Committee recommended revisions to Policy 120.9 - Public Forum.

SECOND: Council Member Jensen

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 5 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Ingram, Benavente, Banks-McLaughlin, and Hondros)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.