

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
MAY 18, 2023  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin (departed at 5:52 p.m.)

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4) (departed at 5:52 p.m.); Johnny Dawkins (District 5) (departed at 6:13 p.m.); Derrick Thompson (District 6) (departed at 5:38 p.m.); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

Absent: Council Member Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Kelly Olivera, Assistant City Manager  
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager  
Jodi Phelps, Chief of Staff  
Jody Picarella, Chief Financial Officer  
Loren Bymer, Marketing/Communication Director  
Lachelle Pulliam, Assistant City Attorney  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Byron Reeves, Assistant Public Services Director  
Daniel Edwards, Assistant Public Services Director  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Council Member Ingram.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Dawkins moved to approve the agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Benavente

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (9-0)

**5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5.1 Cape Fear Regional Theatre Presentation**

Ms. Mary Kate Burke, Artistic Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated the Cape Fear Regional Theatre (CFRT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, it has 14 full-time employees and an operating budget of \$2 million.

Ms. Burke provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan and stated Phase 1 included upgrading the interior of the theatre, including wider seats, deeper rows, new HVAC system, custom sound system, this was completed in December 2021 and has been paid for. Phase 2 will be a large scale renovation and reimaging. Ms. Burke also provided an overview of the proposed parking plan.

The request is for a total of \$2.5 million over five fiscal years; \$500,000.00 for five years.

## **5.2 Budget Discussion of Enterprise Funds and Other Budget Items**

Mr. Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Yates provided an overview of the following: Budget Calendar, Employer of Choice, Solid Waste Service Dialogue, Solid Waste Rate Projection, Solid Waste Rate History, Stormwater Service Dialogue, Stormwater Rate Projection, Stormwater Capital Plan, Stormwater Rate History, HEART Model Dialogue, General Obligation Bond Project Plan, and Items in the Parking Lot.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Yates asked if there are any additional items to add to the Parking Lot. Council Member Benavente requested funding for the Phoenix Center - a Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter.

## **6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.