

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
LAFAYETTE CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 21, 2015  
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Nat Robertson

Council Members Kathy Jensen (District 1); Kady-Ann Davy (District 2); H. Mitchell Colvin, Jr. (District 3) (arrived at 5:15 p.m.); Chalmers McDougald (District 4); Robert T. Hurst, Jr. (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6) (arrived at 5:50 p.m.); Theodore Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7)

Others Present: Theodore Voorhees, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Rochelle Small-Toney, Deputy City Manager  
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager  
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance  
Director  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order.

**2.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**2.1 Proposed Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum**

Mr. Theodore Voorhees, City Manager, introduced this item and referred Council to a Parks and Recreation Bond Issues City Debt Analysis handout and a list of each proposed project with estimated cost.

Council Member Arp offered that we have 11 projects and we should collectively agree to a reasonable amount a bond would be and then use screening criteria and based on that number use a process of how we want to fit what would fit into that number.

Council Member Mohn stated we should have a target amount of what not to exceed, even if we do not finalize all the projects tonight.

Discussion ensued.

**Consensus of Council was to approve of not to exceed \$45 million.**

Council Member Arp suggested the following screening criteria: cost, return on investment, revenue generating, security, competing with private facilities, economic development, direct impact on wellness/quality of life, how much time will it take to implement, and operational and maintenance costs.

Council Member Mohn suggested some of the projects could be included as part of the Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Voorhees stated the estimated cost of each project could change depending on the location for the project/facility.

Council Member Crisp stated there are 16 projects; for each project every Council member needs to go down the list and rank in order of importance.

Council Member Colvin stated the figures need to be hashed out (cost figures and measurement of the facilities).

Council Member Crisp stated we need to find our priorities first.

Council Member McDougald stated we should look at the project first and then debate the cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Davy stated we should vote on the project first, and then discuss the dollar amount.

Council Member Jensen commented that there is nothing listed for her district, and turf fields are becoming a priority for her.

Council Member Hurst asked that Council consider the information from the survey as to what the citizens want.

Council Member Colvin asked if clay tennis courts are more expensive than concrete. Mr. Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director, responded they are more expensive and the clay courts were a request from seniors.

Council Member Mohn tabulated the scoring for each of the 16 projects from all elected officials present. The results were as follows:

| Project                          |    | Mayor | Jensen | Davy | Colvin | McDougald | Hurst | Crisp | Wright | Mohn | Arp | Sums | Cost         |
|----------------------------------|----|-------|--------|------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|------|-----|------|--------------|
| Senior Centers (2)               | 3  | 3     | 6      | 3    | 2      | 13        | 1     | 1     |        | 4    | 6   | 39   | \$17,000,000 |
| Existing Parks                   | 15 | 4     | 2      | 6    | 5      | 5         | 6     | 5     |        | 5    | 5   | 43   | \$800,000    |
| Cape Fear River Park             | 9  | 8     | 1      | 8    | 1      | 10        | 8     | 7     |        | 3    | 3   | 49   | \$5,300,000  |
| Splash Pads                      | 12 | 1     | 3      | 9    | 11     | 9         | 7     | 4     |        | 1    | 4   | 49   | \$3,500,000  |
| Skateboard                       | 13 | 6     | 4      | 7    | 3      | 7         | 12    | 3     |        | 9    | 12  | 63   | \$1,966,708  |
| Aquatic Center - Bragg Boulevard | 2  | 11    | 5      | 2    | 4      | 12        | 2     | 11    |        | 7    | 13  | 67   | \$13,750,000 |
| 49 Field Complexes               | 5  | 10    | 15     | 1    | 13     | 11        | 3     | 10    |        | 2    | 10  | 75   | \$9,082,513  |
| Cape Fear River Aquarium         | 10 | 13    | 12     | 5    | 6      | 3         | 9     | 8     |        | 12   | 9   | 77   | \$4,500,000  |
| Greenways                        | 16 | 5     | 9      | 12   | 7      | 6         | 13    | 6     |        | 10   | 14  | 82   | \$700,000    |
| City Pools                       | 11 | 14    | 10     | 14   | 10     | 14        | 4     | 2     |        | 8    | 8   | 84   | \$5,000,000  |
| High School Stadiums (City)      | 7  | 2     | 7      | 15   | 12     | 15        | 15    | 15    |        | 6    | 1   | 88   | \$9,494,005  |
| Tennis Center - Mazerick         | 6  | 9     | 14     | 11   | 9      | 2         | 11    | 12    |        | 11   | 11  | 90   | \$12,135,678 |

| Project                       |    | Mayor | Jensen | Davy | Colvin | McDougald | Hurst | Crisp | Wright | Mohn | Arp | Sums | Cost         |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|--------|------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|------|-----|------|--------------|
| Neighborhood Parks            | 14 | 7     | 16     | 13   | 8      | 4         | 5     | 9     |        | 13   | 16  | 91   | \$1,387,500  |
| Multi-Purpose Aquatic         | 1  | 16    | 13     | 4    | 16     | 1         | 10    | 13    |        | 15   | 15  | 103  | \$36,020,694 |
| Field Complex - Shaw Heights  | 4  | 12    | 11     | 10   | 15     | 8         | 14    | 14    |        | 16   | 7   | 107  | \$29,433,843 |
| High School Stadiums (County) | 8  | 15    | 8      | 16   | 14     | 16        | 16    | 16    |        | 14   | 2   | 117  | \$9,649,520  |

Discussion ensued.

### 3.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.