

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Mario Benavente (District 3); D.J. Haire (District 4) (arrived at 6:00 p.m.); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6) (arrived at 6:00 p.m.); Brenda McNair (District 7); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Absent: Council Members Malik Davis (District 2); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8)

Others Present: Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief
Todd Joyce, Assistant Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief (via TEAMS)
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Deonte Watson, Airport Deputy Director
Brian McGill, Assistant Public Services Director
David Steinmetz, Assistant Development Services
Director
Sonyé Randolph, Assistant City Attorney
Angelica McDonald, Assistant City Attorney
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Lisa Reid, Public Safety Communications Manager
Dereke Planter, Code Enforcement Administrator
Supervisor
Chester Green, Senior Planner
Craig Harmon, Senior Planner
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
Lisa Shorter, Project Manager, Mission Critical
Partners (via TEAMS)
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved to enter into closed session for 143-318.11(a) (1) (3) (4) for attorney-client privilege regarding *City v. PCH*, economic development, and to prevent disclosure of information

SECOND: Council Member Benavente

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 5:37 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to come out of closed session.

SECOND: Council Member Greene

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the September 22, 2025, meeting.

Ms. Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager, stated on Item 7.0A4 - Approve Ordinances for Uninhabitable Structures: Demolition Recommendations 781 Richardson Avenue, District 7, 820 Zadock Drive, District 8, the property at 781 Richardson can be removed because the property owner completed demolition of the structure on their own.

Mayor Colvin asked if the architect would be delayed if Item 9.01 - Authorize PSAP (911 Center) Architectural Agreement was approved after the October Work Session. The City-County Liaison Committee made a motion last week for the City and County to receive the 911 consolidation presentation from the working group. Council Member Benavente stated the City should signal that we are willing to go it alone through the approval of the architect agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Lisa Shorter, with Mission Critical Partners, stated if approved, there is a 7-day notice of termination clause, which would only require payment for services rendered up to that point. Ms. Shorter stated there is a Civil engineering allowance, which, if Council chooses to, will allow Schrader Group to do a due diligence study on 500 Executive Place, and from Mission Critical's standpoint, the location is one of the biggest concerns due to inadequate space. This is a three-year project, even if it is started now. Ms. Shorter stated the biggest point that needs to be determined if consolidation is the decision is who will hold the liability, stand operating procedures, and staff, and if that cannot be agreed upon, there is no point in moving forward with consolidation. Mayor Colvin asked if the City and County chose to consolidate, could Mission Critical assist with the integration. Ms. Shorter stated, yes, Mission Critical can assist with integration and with the build-out. Council Member Thompson stated consolidation is the way to go, but what if the City cannot convince the County the City needs to run it; how is funding recuperated? Council Member Hondros recommended adding the debt service to the operational expense and if they do not agree with it move forward alone.

Discussion ensued regarding 911 consolidation and who runs it.

Council Member Thompson stated the City should use the Public Safety Bond to complete the building for consolidation and ensure the current level of service, then use 500 Executive Place as a backup location. Mayor Pro Tem Jensen stated ten (10) years ago, Ms. Lisa Reid and her team were in the same place she is today, and we need to move forward.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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Mayor