

DRAFT

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
APRIL 28, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin; Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3); D.J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Todd Joyce, Interim Police Chief
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Brian McGill, Interim Assistant Public Services Director
Kecia Parker, Real Estate Manager
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

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

Council Member Thompson asked if everything was correct for Item 7.0A10 - Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment, Capital Project Ordinance and Special Revenue Ordinance to Appropriate Federal Transit Administration Grant NC-2025-021-00 and the Required Local Match. Mr. Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager, stated that it is.

Discussion ensued regarding Item 8.01 Receive the FY 2025 3rd Quarter Financial Update and Item 8.02 Presentation of Recommended FY2025- 26 through FY2030- 31 Capital Improvement Program.

Council Member Benavente requested more information on Item 7.0A12 - Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Blocking of Streets and Sidewalks. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, stated the proposed ordinance is about blocking streets and sidewalks, such as laying down and impeding the flow of traffic. Council Member Benavente stated he intends to pull the item for discussion.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin asked why the owners did not accept the offer for Item 7.0A6 - Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Permanent and Temporary Easements on Property Needed for the Sessoms Street Drainage Improvement Project. Ms. Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director, provided the background of issues the owner has with an existing easement that may have influenced their decision to decline the offer.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff would like to add an item to the agenda for a resolution of the City Council of the City of Fayetteville in support of preserving Powell Bill funding for municipalities with populations over 150,000. Mr. Hewett stated Fayetteville is the only Tier 1 municipality that would be affected. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, stated Powell Bill funding is the primary source for street resurfacing.

Consensus of City Council was to add the resolution as Item 7.0A14 and include a memo of how it would affect Fayetteville and what it is used for in Fayetteville. Adding the item will require a

DRAFT

supermajority vote of the Council to officially add the item.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Haire moved to go into a closed session for land acquisition and attorney-client privilege.
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session was recessed at 5:54 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin moved to go into open session.
SECOND: Council Member Greene
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

Council Member Hondros requested information on how much was approved and funded for the MacArthur Sports Complex.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
042825

MITCH COLVIN
Mayor