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**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
AUGUST 11, 2025
6:30 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
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Jeffrey Yates, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Todd Joyce, Assistant Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
David Steinmetz, Development Services Assistant Director
Albert Baker, Assistant Economic and Community Development Director
Willie Henry, Chief Information Officer
Loren Bymer, Marketing and Communications Director
Chris Lowery, Strategic Performance and Analytics Manager
Andrew Brayboy, Senior Corporate Performance Analyst
Joshua Hall, Police Department Attorney
John Jones, OCS Director
Andrew LaGala, Airport Director
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Senior Pastor Reginald Johnston, with My Father's House.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the New Life Boy Scout Troop. The Troop Leader stated this is their third year as a Pack from the New Life Christian Academy.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Council Member Thompson stated August in National Psoriasis Month.

Council Member Davis announced the Fayetteville NEXT Advisory Commission will host their annual Adult Field Day on August 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. located at 5572 Shenandoah Drive.

Council Member Haire announced the 33rd annual Umoja Festival will be on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Seabrook Park, 702 Langdon St. and Smith Recreation Center at 1520 Slater Ave., Fayetteville, NC. This is a unity festival. Cape Fear Valley will also be present to do health checks.

Mayor Colvin presented the Certificates of Excellence to ICON Interns. The City of Fayetteville hired sixteen high school interns through the ICON program to work in different departments for six weeks over the summer.

Mayor Colvin presented a proclamation in honor of the late Zion Gibbs to his mother Ms. Myra Gibbs.

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Mayor Colvin presented the Key to the City to Mr. Tony Brown, in recognition of his devoted interest and unwavering commitment to the Community.

Mayor Colvin recognized retired Cumberland County Sheriff Ennis Wright, for his devoted interest and unwavering commitment for 31 years of service and to the Community while serving as the Cumberland County Sheriff.

Council Member Benavente stated on Saturday, August 16, 2025, the NAACP is having a family fun day at Smith Lake Recreation Area, 5144 Smith Lake Road from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and a NAACP Veterans Town Hall at the Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers St., at 3:00 p.m.

5.0 CITY MANAGER REPORT

No Report provided.

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 8.0A28 – PWC Resolution for Carvers Falls Annexation.

SECOND: Council Member Benavente

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

7.0 PUBLIC FORUM

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to extend the public forum for nine minutes to allow all speakers to be heard

SECOND: Council Member Davis

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

Ms. Carmela McKeller, 6840 Thames Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding her non-profit Region 6 Inc which is to be a resource to the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color community and request support and see the space.

Ms. Camille Little, 420 Bubble Creek Court, Fayetteville, NC, spoke regarding the Outlaw's Educational Outreach Program appreciation for being awarded a microgrant.

Mr. Shaun McMillan, 6024 Goldenrain Drive, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding authoritarianism and the Fayetteville Youth Protection Ordinance.

Dr. Deon Faillace, 720 Emeline Avenue, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the need for a new YMCA.

Mr. Bernard McKoy, 1220 Cullen Drive, Fayetteville, NC, presented information regarding the HEAR Program to get high energy appliances in low-income homes and the funding from the State will be going out to and educate installers about the program.

Ms. Keosha McKoy Brown, 150 Andrews Road., Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the need for affordable housing.

Ms. Mary Balogun, 2929 Bakers Mills Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding police discrimination and negligence and request the City reopen her civil case.

Mr. Justin Chase, 2682 Rivercliff Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the need for a new YMCA.

Ms. Arleen Fields, 5318 Hampton Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the rezoning on Stacey Weaver for a 7-Eleven.

Ms. Donna Johnson, 5059 Hampshire Drive, Fayetteville NC, expressed concerns regarding the rezoning on Stacey Weaver for a 7-Eleven.

Mr. Clifton Goodwin, 817 Ethelored Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns commercial activities in his neighborhood.

Mr. Jacob Davis, 1113 West Rowan Street, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding removing mandatory parking minimums.

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Pastor Bernard Hayes, 3504 Rolls Avenue, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the need for a new YMCA.

Ms. Katherine Goldblatt, 1707 Fort Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC, expressed concerns regarding the Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan.

8.0A CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 8.0A5 - Approve P25-37: A request to rezone from SF-10 to Limited Commercial Conditional Zoning (LC/CZ) at 549 Stacy Weaver Drive (READ #0530028255000, and a portion of 0530120415) owned by Paul Thompson Development Corp.

SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

8.0A1 Approval of Meeting Minutes:
June 18, 2025 – Agenda Brief
June 23, 2025 – Discussion of Agenda Items
June 23, 2025 – Regular
October 28, 2024 - Regular

8.0A2 Approve City Council Policies Review Committee Recommendation

City Council approved the recommended edits to City Council Policy # 115.15, Protocol 9 and 11. Under Protocol 9 add “C. It is recommended for Council Member Requests, that Council Members reach out to one another in advance of the Work Session”. Under Protocol 11 “The Council Member making the request will be given 5 minutes at the end of the Work Session to make a presentation in support of their request and 5 minutes will be allotted for questions for a total of 10 minutes.”

8.0A3 Approve P25-35: A rezoning request from MR-5 to OI at 815 Washington Drive (0437188863000) and 7801 Blue Street (0437187555000), owned by Endowment Fund of Fayetteville State University and represented by Wesley Fountain of FSU

City Council approved Fayetteville State University’s rezoning request of two vacant parcels totaling 5.94 acres at 815 Washington Drive and 780 Blue Street from MR-5 (Mixed Residential 5) to OI (Office and Institutional) to support long-term campus expansion. The proposed rezoning would enable future development of university-related facilities such as academic buildings, administrative offices, and student support services, in alignment with FSU’s recently adopted Master Plan. Surrounded by a mix of residential and commercial zoning districts, the site provides a strategic transition area for institutional growth that complements the surrounding neighborhood. The request aligns with several goals of the City’s Strategic Plan, including support for infill development, strategic land use, institutional partnerships, and neighborhood revitalization. Staff finds the request consistent with adopted policies and supportive of coordinated, community-minded growth.

8.0A4 Approve P25-36: A request to rezoning property from Residential MR-5 to Industrial & Conservation LI & CD at Unaddressed Country Club & Distribution Dr. (REID #0429534492000) owned by PELICAN PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC; CJR PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC; K&JS PROPERTIES LLC.

City Council approved the rezoning request of a 123.48-acre parcel located at the intersection of Country Club Drive and Distribution Drive from Mixed Residential 5 (MR-5) to Light Industrial (LI) and Conservation District (CD). The proposed rezoning would facilitate appropriate industrial development in accordance with the Future Land Use Plan, while also preserving environmentally sensitive areas by designating floodplain portions of the site as Conservation District.

8.0A5 PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE

8.0A6 Approval of Speed Ordinance Revision on Seabrook Road

City Council approved the speed ordinance revision of Seabrook Road. The current speed limit on Seabrook Road is 35 miles per hour (mph), matching the City-wide statutory speed limit. Seabrook Road is a two-lane, City-owned and maintained, approximately 0.75-mile-long road. The speed limit reduction would apply for the entirety of the road, from its intersection with Jasper Street/Topeka Street to Langdon Street. Seabrook Road is the only road that would

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have its speed limit revised; Jasper Street, Topeka Street, Langdon Street, any road that forms an intersection with Seabrook Road on the Fayetteville State University campus, and all neighborhood roadways that branch off from Seabrook Road would remain their respective speed limits.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES – SEABROOK ROAD. ORDINANCE NO. NS2025-020

8.0A7 Approval of Speed Ordinance Revision on West Rowan Street

City Council approved the speed ordinance revision of West Rowan Street. The current speed limit on West Rowan Street is 35 mph, matching the City-wide statutory speed limit. West Rowan Street is a two-lane, City-owned and maintained, approximately 0.68-mile-long road. The speed limit reduction will apply for the entirety of the road, from its intersection with NC 24 (Bragg Boulevard) to Oakridge Avenue. West Rowan Street is the only road that would have its speed limit revised; NC 24 (Bragg Boulevard), Oakridge Avenue, and all neighborhood roadways that branch off from West Rowan Street would remain their respective speed limits.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES – WEST ROWAN STREET. ORDINANCE NO. NS2025-021

8.0A8 Adopt CPO 2026-29 and amend CPOA 2026-40 (CPO 2020-1) to Re-Appropriate \$534,050 of available funds from the FY20 Stormwater Improvement Project to the Cross Creek Channel Improvements Project and to Approve City Manager to execute the contract for the Cross Creek Channel Improvements Preliminary Design

City Council approved the adoption of Capital Project Ordinance (CPO) 2026-29 and amend Capital Project Ordinance Amendment (CPOA) 2026-40 to re-appropriate \$534,050.00 from the FY20 Stormwater Improvements project for the new Cross Creek Channel Improvements project. These funds are restricted to the Stormwater Enterprise Fund and have no impact on the General Fund. The firm Hazen and Sawyer have been engaged to provide the scope of work. The proposed scope includes supplemental survey and data collection, development of alternative channel improvement concepts, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, benefit-cost analysis, and a preliminary engineering report with fifteen (15) percent design plans. Additionally, a key element of this phase will be the development of a strategic communications framework, including project branding, briefing materials for City staff and Council, and a public engagement plan.

8.0A9 Authorization to Accept Grant Funding from The Arts Council of Fayetteville & Cumberland County for Independence Concert and Fireworks and Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Funds

City Council approved the authorization to accept a \$15,000.00 Cultural Tourism grant from The Arts Council of Fayetteville and Cumberland County and adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2026-1 to appropriate the funding for the use at the 2025 Independence Concert and Fireworks.

8.0A10 Authorization to Accept Grant Funding for Orange Street School Music Lab from The Arts Council of Fayetteville & Cumberland County and Adoption of Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Funds

City Council approved the authorization to accept a \$8,500.00 Arts Education grant from The Arts Council of Fayetteville and Cumberland County and adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment 2026-2 to appropriate the funding for use at the Orange Street School Music Lab.

8.0A11 Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Revised Subrecipient Agreement with Mid-Carolina Council of Governments to Provide Pass Through Federal Transit Administration Grant Funding

City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute a revised subrecipient grant agreement with Mid-Carolina Council of Governments (MCCOG). The agreement provides pass through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant funding of \$386,351.00 for Cumberland County's Community Transportation Program. The required local match of \$102,607.00 will be provided by Cumberland County. The revised agreement changes the original period of performance end date from June 30, 2025, to June

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30, 2026. Due to timing issues related to grant award notification and the contract routing process, the original period of performance did not permit for the execution of the previously approved agreement. MCCOG's requested reimbursement would have only included expenses incurred during fiscal year 2025 (the original period of performance), however the contract would have been executed and payments to MCCOG made in fiscal year 2026.

8.0A12 Accept and Authorize the Execution of an ICMA Economic Mobility and Opportunity Special Assistants Grant

City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute a grant award from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for its Economic Mobility and Opportunity Special Assistants (EMO SA) Program for a total of \$250,000.00 in salary support over 30 months, as well as \$104,000.00 in supplemental program and engagement resources. The grant will support the creation of a senior-level Special Projects Manager who will lead, coordinate, and accelerate cross-departmental and cross-sector strategies that advance economic mobility for Fayetteville residents.

8.0A13 Authorize West Cumberland Apartments, Phase 2, Affordable Housing Loan Commitment

City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the issuance of a Loan Commitment Letter in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the development known as West Cumberland Apartments, Phase 2. This commitment will be good until August 11, 2026, with a six-month extension allowed at the City Manager's discretion. The loan carries a one (1) percent interest rate and will be fully amortized over twenty years.

West Cumberland Apartments, Phase 2 is a 72-unit affordable housing community, which will include five (5) HOME-assisted rental units.

8.0A14 Acceptance of Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Grant Offer

City Council accepted the 2025 Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation (NCDOT) and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. The grant will provide reimbursement of up to \$5,000.00 for supplies and vendor costs and no local match is required.

The NCDOT ACE Academy Grant Program provides grants to public airports that host aerospace and aviation career-focused summer academies for middle and high school students. The academy will cover the following topics; Aviation/aerospace history, including N.C.'s legacy as "first in flight", principles of flight, career discovery and planning, post-secondary aviation education programs, and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS, or drones).

8.0A15 Appropriate NCDOT Division of Aviation grant funds to the Fayetteville Regional Airport Master Plan Update

City Council approved the adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendments (CPOA) 2026-41 and 2026-42 to move \$800,000.00 of North Carolina Department Of Transportation (NCDOT) Division of Aviation - North Carolina Airport Improvement Program (NCAIP) grant funds from the General Aviation Hangar project to the Airport Master Plan Update project.

CPOA 2026-41 will reduce \$800,000.00 of NCAIP grant funds from the General Aviation Hangar project, changing the total project appropriation from \$1,235,922.00 to \$435,922.00.

CPOA 2026-42 will appropriate \$800,000.00 of NCAIP grant funds for the Airport Master Plan Update, changing the total project appropriation from \$476,891.00 to \$1,276,891.00

8.0A16 Approve Bid Recommendation – Resurface Various Streets GO Bond FY 26

City Council approved the award and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract for the resurfacing of various streets to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Barnhill Contracting Company in the amount of \$3,627,323.60. The project will consist of: Resurfacing (17) streets (approximately 3.83 miles) and milling and resurfacing (11) streets (approximately 6.25 miles). The work includes, but is not limited to, removing and replacing curb and gutter, installing and retrofitting handicap ramps, utility adjustments, milling, cutting out and patching areas, placing leveling and overlay courses, thermoplastic pavement markings. Funding for this contract will be provided by the Public Infrastructure General Obligation Bond with funds appropriated as part of the FY26 budget.

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8.0A17 Accept the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Award and Adopt the Special Revenue Fund Project

City Council approved the authorization to accept the North Carolina Department of Transportation under the Governor's Highway Safety Program for a total of \$25,000.00 and adopt Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2026-6 to appropriate the funds for personnel overtime costs for fiscal year 2025-2026. The Fayetteville Police Department will utilize the \$25,000 of grant funding to conduct high visibility enforcement on main highways and thoroughfares throughout the City. Additionally, patrols in neighborhoods and school zones will be increased to enhance enforcement of speed limits. The Fayetteville Police Department will schedule a minimum of forty (40) hours of overtime throughout the month for this increased activity. Officers will work 4–6-hour shifts of directed traffic patrol, conducting focused enforcement.

8.0A18 Approve the Contract for the Purchase of Fire Apparatus Replacement, Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance and the Issuance of Future Installment Financing as outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan

City Council approved the adoption of Capital Project Ordinance (CPO) 2026-30, contract, and issuance of future installment financing for purchase for the purchase of two (2) fire pumpers and one (1) heavy rescue in the amount of \$3,975,522.00 from Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks, LLC. The replacement of these fire apparatus is included in the City Capital Improvement Plan and are essential to continuing to provide services to the community.

8.0A19 Adopt Resolution Calling for Public Hearing Regarding the Permanent Closing of Lowe Street

City Council adopted a resolution declaring its intent to close Lowe Street and call a public hearing on the question. The City of Fayetteville received a petition from Helen R. Sykes to permanently close Lowe Street which has never been constructed or opened. The street to be closed was dedicated on a plat dated July 11, 1960, entitled "Property of Charles Rodgers Owen & wife, Hazel Smith Owen". Permanently closing the street will not deny access to any property owners.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PERMANENT CLOSING OF LOWE STREET. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-027

8.0A20 Adopt Resolution of the City of Fayetteville City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Acquire a 1.38 Acre Parcel of Real Property Located at 1013 Person Street for the Cape Fear River Park

City Council adopted the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all related documents necessary to acquiring the 1.38-acre parcel of real property located at 1013 Person Street. Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation identified the need to purchase the property for the Cape Fear River Park parking lot. The parcel was identified as part of the \$35 million bond referendum passed in 2016. The Parks and Recreation General Obligation Bond will be utilized to cover total costs of \$146,087.00 for the purchase.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACQUIRE 1.38 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1013 PERSON STREET FOR THE CAPE FEAR RIVER PARK. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-028

8.0A21 PWC – Adopt Resolution of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina to Accept an Amended State Loan Offer under the NC Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987

City Council adopted the resolution to accept the amended state loan offer under the NC Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987. In May 2025, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) offered PWC an amendment to increase the State Loan for the Big Rockfish Sanitary Sewer Outfall Lift Station Elimination Project by \$11,695,071.00 for a total loan value of \$18,380,176.00 to the terms of twenty (20) years, zero (0) percent interest and two (2) percent closing fee.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO APPROVE AN AMENDED STATE LOAN OFFER UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA WATER REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT ACT OF 1987. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-029

8.0A22 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – First and Second Stage Bucket Sets for GE5001P Gas Turbine

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for the First and Second Stage Bucket Sets for GE5001P Gas Turbine to Turbine Services LTD., Saratoga Springs, NY, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$626,000.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0A23 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – AFT Compressor Casing For Frame 5 Gas Turbine

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for the AFT Compressor Casing for Frame 5 Gas Turbine to Turbine Services LTD., Saratoga Springs, NY, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$195,500.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0A24 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – First and Second Stage Shroud Block Sets

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for the First and Second Stage Shroud Block Sets to Turbine Services LTD., Saratoga Springs, NY, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$93,600.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0A25 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – 27 KV Class 1200 Amp Outdoor Circuit Breakers

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for the 27 KV Class 1200 Amp Outdoor Circuit Breakers to Siemens Industry, Inc., Wendell, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$942,786.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase, instead of awarding the contract to ABB, Inc. as previously approved by Council on March 13, 2025.

8.0A26 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – Re-Advertisement Coating Repairs to the 1 MG Clinton Road Elevated Water Storage Tank

City Council approved the bid recommendation award for Coating Repairs to the 1 MG Clinton Road Elevated Water Storage Tank to Saffo Contractors, Wilmington, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$795,500.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0A27 PWC – Approve Bid Recommendation – Approve award for the Jasper to Langdon Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Realignment

City Council approved the bid recommendation purchase award for the First and Second Stage Bucket Sets for GE5001P Gas Turbine to Turbine Services LTD., Saratoga Springs, NY, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$626,000.00 and authorize the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to execute for that purpose the contract for its purchase.

8.0A28 PWC Resolution for Carvers Falls Annexation

City Council adopted a resolution stating its intent to annex contiguous properties in lieu of filing a petition. The City of Fayetteville is the owner of the four contiguous tracts of land that have now been combined into one parcel consisting of approximately 40.54-acres located on Carver's Falls Road.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA OF ITS INTENT TO ANNEX CITY-OWNED PROPERTY WITHIN

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE. RESOLUTION NO. R2025-030

8.0B ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

8.0B1 Approve P25-37: A request to rezone from SF-10 to Limited Commercial Conditional Zoning (LC/CZ) at 549 Stacy Weaver Drive (READ #0530028255000, and a portion of 0530120415) owned by Paul Thompson Development Corp.

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to request a public hearing for the Monday, August 25, 2025, Council Meeting

SECOND: Council Member Thompson

VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 9 in favor to 1 in opposition (Council Member Hondros)

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

9.01 Receive the FY 2025 Year-end Strategic Performance Report 7:47

Mr. Chris Lowery, Strategic Planning and Analytics Manager and Mr. Andrew Brayboy, Senior Corporate Performance Analyst presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated as Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 has closed, staff are making strong progress towards all five of the Council's strategic priorities work was guided by the FY25 priorities. Departments have been intentional about aligning resources, building community partnerships, and delivering results. There has been clear upward trends, which is exactly what is wanted going into FY 2026. The priorities focused on Violence Reduction and mental health response, revitalization efforts emphasizing affordable housing needs, increased opportunities for youth engagement and interaction, use of city-owned property to enhance economic growth opportunities, and city branding and communication. The priorities have provided clear focus, helping to decide where to invest time, funding, and partnerships to get the greatest impact for the residents.

Mr. Brayboy provided an overview of Priority 1: Integrating a comprehensive approach to violence reduction and mental health response. The Police Department continued to collaborate with community partners for a total of 67 collaborations, a decrease of 14 percent in reported incidents of violent crime, assessed 261 individuals for mental health services, and remains consistent with 20-minute response times for the crisis intervention team.

Mr. Lowery provided an overview of Priority 2: City's commitment to revitalization efforts, emphasizing affordable housing needs and stated it continues to be one of the strongest areas of progress. Staff have completed the citizen participation process and finalized the 5-year consolidated plan and the annual action plans. It sets eight clear departmental priorities for HUD funding, all directly tied to our local needs, engaged a consultant to enhance the Choice Neighborhoods Grant Application, and a contractor has been onboarded for the Broadell historic preservation grant. Development Services has strategically used funding for removing dangerous or blighted structures.

Mr. Brayboy provided an overview of Priority 3: Parks & Recreation opportunities for youth engagement and interaction. Staff have sustained and strengthened the Orange Street School partnership, promoted diverse youth engagement and interactive programming, and pursue STEM opportunities for the youth. The junior officials training continues to focus on life skills training and athletic officiating philosophies.

Mr. Lowery provided an overview of Priority 4: Use City-owned property to enhance economic growth opportunities throughout the City and stated staff have engaged with consultants to conduct a housing market analysis and needs assessment for the redevelopment of property on Blount Street and Gillespie Street, are working with Fayetteville State University to align priorities with educational partnerships on Catalyst Site 1, continues to improve access to City property listings through online database access. Economic and Community Development oversees the larger City listed available properties and the City Attorney's Office oversees the single lot available properties.

Mr. Brayboy provided an overview of Priority 5: Articulate and define who we are as a City to tell our story in Fayetteville and beyond and stated Marketing and Communications continues to increase positive media narratives and social media engagement. There is strengthened communication by collaborating with key partners and leveraging FayTV, social

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media, and print media. Next steps will be to continue data analysis, refine approaches, and further engage stakeholders through surveys and community meetings.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to accept the FY 2025 Year-End Strategic Performance Report
SECOND: Council Member Banks-McLaughlin
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Consensus of Council was to move the administrative reports to the September Work Session.

10.01 Administrative Report – Catalyst Site 1 – Six-Month Update on Memorandum of Understanding with Fayetteville State University

This item was for information only and was not presented.

10.02 Acceptance of the Downtown Municipal Service District Fourth Quarter Report from Cool Spring Downtown District, Inc.

This item was for information only and was not presented.

10.03 City Manager’s Update – City Council Agenda item Requests

This item was for information only and was not presented.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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JENNIFER L. AYRE	MITCH COLVIN
City Clerk	Mayor
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