

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES
ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin;

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Malik Davis (District 2); Mario Benavente (District 3) (arrived at 5:38 p.m.); D.J. Haire (District 4); Lynne Greene (District 5); Derrick Thompson (District 6); Brenda McNair (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (arrived at 5:36 p.m.); Deno Hondros (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Jeffery Yates, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Strickland, Assistant City Manager
Lisa Harper, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief
Todd Joyce, Assistant Police Chief
Kevin Dove, Fire Chief
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation & Maintenance
Director
Kimberly Toon, Purchasing Manager
Loren Bymer, Marketing & Communications Director
Craig Harmon, Senior Planner
Joshua Hall, Police Attorney
Erin Swinney, Police Attorney
Brook Redding, Senior Assistant to the City Manager
John Jones, Office of Community Safety Director
Robert Van Geons, FCEDC President & CEO
Jennifer Ayre, City Clerk

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

Mayor Colvin asked the Council to review the regular agenda for the September 8, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Colvin stated there are twenty-six speakers for the public forum. Mayor Colvin stated it will be at Council's discretion whether to hear all speakers or not. Council Member Thompson stated the Policy Committee will be bringing recommendations for the public forum to the October Work Session.

Council Member Hondros stated he represents the applicant of Item 8.0A2 - Approve P25-41: Conditional Rezoning Request from MR-5 and NC to CC/CZ, NC, and AR for approximately 19.02 Acres Located at 0 Morganton Road (REID #0408149306000) and asked if he needs to recuse himself. Ms. Lachelle Pulliam, City Attorney, recommended he be recused and that the item be pulled for a separate vote to recuse Council Member Hondros from the item first.

Council Member Greene asked who made up the selection committee and were there other people besides staff for Item 8.0A5 - Approve Fire Station No. 16 Construction Manager at Risk Selection. Mr. Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager, stated in addition to staff, the Owner's Advisor - the Cummings Group, and the Project Manager - Freese & Nichols were also involved. Barr & Barr is the recommendation for the Construction Manager at Risk for the pre-construction phase of the project and will come up with a guaranteed maximum price. Council Member Greene stated she would like the public to know the steps Council took before approval and plans to pull the item for presentation and a separate vote. Mr. Jonathan Best of Barr & Barr introduced himself and stated they are committed to monthly communications to the community and opportunities to meet the team.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Haire stated he will present Item 9.01 - Approve Appointment Committee Recommendations for Boards and Commissions Recommendations.

Council Member Benavente stated for Item 8.0A4 - Authorization of a One Year Contract Renewal for SoundThinking Gunshot Detection Technology Services (ShotSpotter) at a Cost of \$220,500, he asked how to better spend the \$220,000.00, and will any changes be made to the way ShotSpotter is currently being deployed. Mr. Roberto Bryan, Jr., Police Chief, stated he would prefer to have ShotSpotter for one more year to determine its effectiveness. Dr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated if there was data that was missing, staff plans to work on identifying how to make the adjustments to ensure the data is available and will have staff implement the adjustments. Discussion ensued. Council Member Benavente recommended going to a month-to-month contract instead of a one-year contract.

MOTION: Council Member Davis moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)(4) for Attorney-Client Privilege and Economic Development.
SECOND: Council Member Thompson
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular meeting recessed at 6:01 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Benavente moved to come out of closed session.
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The meeting reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

Council Member Benavente stated he will be making a motion to allow everyone on the public forum to speak.

Mayor Colvin requested Item 10.01 - Receive Administrative Report on Special Event Security at Festival Park be moved to the October Work Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. AYRE
City Clerk
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Mayor